

Reception Held Saturday For Lodge Grand Officers

One of the large social events of last week-end was the reception given by Medford Odd Fellow lodge and Olive Rebekah lodge June 7 in honor of Lynn Cram, newly elected grand master of the IOOF in Oregon, A. J. Hanby, newly elected grand chaplain and Mrs. Lewis Thompson, new grand inside guardian for the Oregon Rebekah assembly. Mr. Cram's wife, Rebekah member, was also honored.

The reception, held in the auditorium of Medford Junior High school, was attended by more than 300 Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and members of other branches of the order from all parts of Oregon. Grand Master Cram and Grand Chaplain Hanby are members of the Medford IOOF lodge and Mrs. Thompson is a member of Olive Rebekah lodge.

Frank Heller, noble grand of the Medford IOOF lodge, gave the address of welcome after the honored guests and visiting grand officers had been escorted to the stage by members of the Patriarchs Militant of Medford and Grants Pass. They also presented the nation's flag and the program opened with the national anthem, flag salute and invocation by Mr. Hanby.

Mr. Heller introduced Walter Craig, vice-grand; E. D. Perkins, treasurer; John P. Daniel, secretary, Medford IOOF officers, who had cooperated on planning the reception, and also introduced Mrs. A. H. Gregory, chairman, Mrs. Heller, Mrs. O. S. Walden and Mrs. Alfred Schroeder, the Rebekah committee. Mrs. Schroeder, Rebekah noble grand, introduced her officers.

Mayor Diamond Flynn also welcomed the visitors and Past Grand Master A. J. Lenon, Portland, was master of ceremonies. Roy Gibbs, Taft, Ore., past grand master, was speaker of the evening. Mr. Gibbs reviewed the 100 years of Oddfellowship in Oregon.

Mr. Heller presented Grand Master Cram with a check and gift, and Mr. Hanby with a gift from the Medford lodge. Mrs. Thompson was presented a corsage from Olive Rebekahs.

Grand and past grand officers present were Earl Shank, Portland, grand secretary; Roy H. Gibbs, Ocean Lake, grand treasurer; Harry Looney, grand warden, Lake Grove; George E. Lyons, past grand master, Portland; Howard Collins, Lebanon, grand conductor; Arthur Kellert, O'Brien, marshal; Hugh Lewis, Yamhill, grand patriarch of the Patriarchs Militant; Abel Olson, Astoria; Major Gen. Jesse Jones, Portland, who substituted for Department Commander Roy V. Terney, Pendleton, of the patriarchs; George V. Naderman, Salem, grand senior warden; Herbert M. Munsell, Klamath Falls, grand junior warden, and Herbert Walker, Eugene, past grand patriarch.

Grand Master Cram introduced his father, Henry S. Cram, Ashland; his brother, James A. Cram, Portland, member of the IOOF home board and another brother, Hazen, Medford, and Mrs. Hazen Cram. It was thought to be probably the only time that an IOOF grand master had so many family members present for such a function.

Others introduced included Mrs. Olive Ramey, Hillsboro, president of Oregon Rebekah assembly; Mrs. Lola F. Osborne, Portland, assembly vice-president; Mrs. Walter Drury, Coburg, warden; Mrs. Mary Moss, Medford, and Mrs. Ethel Bailey, Roseburg, past state presidents; Mrs. Cleona Applegate, Medford, the war.

POTPOURRI...

Bright and early Monday we had a call from Mrs. H. B. Jones who said she thought someone should set us right about who was the first woman ever to hand out diplomas for Medford Senior High school graduations. It wasn't Mrs. Stephen G. Nye, as per last Sunday's issue, Mrs. Jones said, but Mrs. E. E. Gore.

What's more, Mrs. Jones' sister-in-law, Mrs. Milton Jones, later served on the school board and she also was chairman and presented diplomas.

Chagrined, but philosophical, because our source for the information is almost always absolutely correct, we called Mrs. Gore who said yes, she had been a member of the school board many years ago and had given out the diplomas. Mrs. Gore wasn't at all excited over the fact that we had ignored her prior service on the school board, and later when we called to have a cup of tea, talked about her work on the board.

Mrs. Gore said she thought she was elected in 1912, but the files of the Tribune for that year said Mrs. E. S. Parsons ran for the office, but was defeated by Dr. E. R. Seeley. Mrs. Gore then recalled that Dr. Seeley and J. H. Cochran were on the board when she was elected, and added that after she had served her three years, she was replaced by Mrs. Jones.

The senior high school building was on Bartlett street in those days, about where the Safeway store now stands, and there was no junior high school. Mrs. Gore recalled that the superintendent of schools had proposed dividing the students of Lincoln school between Jackson and Roosevelt, and making Lincoln into a junior high school, and had promptly brought on a vigorous city-wide fight among school patrons.

When Mrs. Gore served on the board there was no medical or dental examinations for children, no hot lunch program, no school nurses or any teaching of music except a little singing taught by the regular teachers. Mrs. Gore said there was agitation during her term for these innovations, although they were vigorously opposed by many who thought the school system was trying to usurp the right of parents in the life of a child.

"Just think of all the progress that has been made," she said. "I think it's wonderful how public schools serve the community nowadays."

Mrs. Gore, who was also president of the Greater Medford club while on the school board, recalled how she was once asked to drill a chorus to sing for commencement, and reminded us that in those days there was no high school band or orchestra to furnish music. She said that Harriet Baldwin, one time music supervisor of the school system, asked permission to buy the first musical instruments to be used for school groups.

Mrs. Gore said when she handed out the diplomas she was secretly a little nervous, and had made sure in advance that the school staff was going to pile them correctly so each student would be handed the right one.

A few years before her school board term, Mrs. Gore first began writing articles to be used in Medford publications. She has kept a copy of the first issue of "Medford's Magazine," dated April 1909 and published by A. Brown. Mrs. Gore had contributed an article on the city's schools for the issue.

In those early days, Mrs. Gore also sometimes reported lectures for the old Medford Mail, and later began to write the musical reviews which she continues to write for The Mail Tribune.

Potpourri dashed away from the office long enough last Saturday afternoon to look in on the wedding of Mary Anne Miksche to Peter Trim. This was a wedding to make the "older girls" sigh and perhaps weep a little, for the bride was truly beautiful, and looked statuesque in her white satin gown, while the bridegroom was both tall and handsome.

Peonies were used both for decorating the church and for attendants' bouquets, and we thought the effect remarkably pretty. Mrs. Lester Adams and Mrs. Martin Sands, family friends of the Miksches who had decorated the church, achieved an unusually effective decor for the altar by using pink peony heads in planters, and masses of leaves back of the altar.

The bride's sister and two brothers were all here for the wedding, one brother, Leo, coming all the way from New York City.

If Leo went to New York to seek the proverbial "fame and fortune," he seems to be doing all right on the former. An artist with bright new ideas, Leo, who calls himself Michael Miksche for the sake of his work, has attracted much attention for both his very sophisticated window effects designed for the city's smart shops, and for his drawings and paintings.

Not long ago the young man broke into print in a New York magazine called "Park East." Headed "The Least He'd Take," the writer told how Artist Miksche markets his wares. According to the article, "he recently 'sold' a drawing to a man who paid for it by arranging for Miksche to browse around among the medieval oddities in the attic of Charles Addams, the macabre cartoonist. He traded a dog sketch for the privilege of sitting a game through on the Yankees 'bench this summer.'"

It seems the strange way of "selling" pictures began when Mrs. Eleanor Ward, manager of The Stable, combination gift shop and studio, offered to hang some of Leo's, excuse please, Michael's pictures. He had offers for some of them and not considering himself enough of a fine artist to charge gallery prices, the young man decided he would part with them for nothing if he could be sure the people truly wanted them. To prove they were sincere, the would-be purchasers were asked to provide the artist with virtually unpurchasable entertainment.

The scheme worked out, according to the magazine, and one painting went to a woman who arranged for Saul Steinberg

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to swap portrait sketches with Artist Miksche. (The woman just went to the phone booth and arranged a date.) Another was sold to a woman for two fifth-row on-the-aisle seats for "The King and I" and a third for seats for "Pal Joey." A whiskey salesman swapped the use of a Fire Island house for five days this summer for one of the pictures, and another went for a trip over the city in a police helicopter, this having been arranged by a member of Grover Whalen's office force.

"Unsold" are paintings for which Michael is asking tea with Bernard Baruch, a summer week end in Nantucket, a trip on a commercial fishing boat and lunch with Tallulah Bankhead.

The writer further said that when an assistant of Stanley Marcus, Dallas merchandiser, admired a Miksche painting, her boss arranged to purchase it for a gallon of European lemon ice, flown to the artist from Los Angeles, and another customer got a Miksche work by arranging to have him appear as a "super" in a Metropolitan Opera production of "Die Meistersinger."

The artist, by the way, likes

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to sing and was soloist for his sister's wedding.

Way back in 1912, according to the files of the MT, it was quite a feat to visit Crater lake in June. Under an item date of June 10 we read:

"The first party of tourists this season to reach Crater lake returned to Klamath Falls Saturday after four hard days. In the party were two women, probably the first of their sex to visit the lake this early in the season."

"The tourists were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Neighbor and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trower of Oakland, Calif. The party reports 10 feet of snow yet at Arant's camp. The sight of the lake well repaid us for the hardships of the trip, said Mr. Neighbor, and although we expected a grand sight, we were hardly prepared for the sight that met our eyes. I have seen the Grand canyon, Yosemite park, Lake Tahoe, the Selkirk mountains, the Canadian Rockies and other American scenes of wonder, but in my mind, none of these compare with our view of Crater lake."

"Mrs. Trower and Mrs. Neighbor displayed remarkable pluck during the strenuous trip, and enjoyed every moment of the outing," said Mr. Neighbor in conclusion. "Still this is a trip that I would not advise other women to make so early in the season, especially those who are not used to continuous riding."

O. S.

Auxiliary To Meet Tuesday Evening

Crater Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary will meet Tuesday, June 17 at 8 p.m. in the VFW hall, 42 North Front street.

Reames Social Club Postpones Meeting

Reames Social club has postponed a luncheon meeting originally set for June 18 to June 25. It will be held at the Masonic temple at 12:30 p.m.

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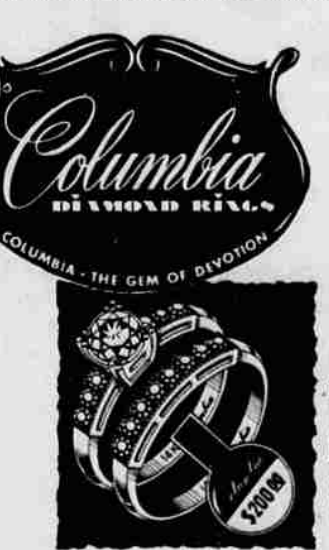
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