

Mrs. Jack Kennett Honored at Party On Friday Evening

Mrs. Jack Kennett, the former Kaye Crawford, was honored at a bridal shower given Friday evening by Miss Joan Dean and Miss Marlene Smith at Miss Dean's home, 1006 South Oakdale avenue. Mrs. Kennett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crawford, Cargill court, and Mr. Kennett's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennett, 25 South Orange street.

Appointments for the party were in green and white. During the refreshment hour Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Kennett served coffee and Miss Dean served the cake.

Mrs. Kennett, who is a senior in Los Angeles General Hospital school of nursing, was in Medford to visit her parents and her husband, who is a junior at Southern Oregon college.

Attending the shower were Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Kennett, Mrs. Robert Shores, Mrs. George Green, Miss Leora Andrews, Mrs. Rollin Watson, Mrs. Jack Crawford, Mrs. Joe Crawford, Miss Martha Stevenson, Mrs. Robert Gaines, Miss Jean Runtz, Mrs. H. G. Thompson, Mrs. William Neely, Mrs. T. J. Hight, Mrs. Blair Crosby, Mrs. Dick Bottjer, Mrs. Robert DeVoe, Mrs. Jim Milhoan, all of Medford, and Mrs. Ronnie Wilkinson, Mrs. James Foster, Mrs. Howard Hietz, Mrs. Charles Petri, Mrs. Ralph Stuart and Mrs. Tom Newton, all of Ashland, and the guest of honor.

Society and Clubs

Reginald Hall Players To Present Civic Music Concert on Thursday

An extraordinary concert will be given for Jackson County Civic Music association members December 2 by four young artists known as the Reginald Kell players.

The concert will be at Medford Senior high school, with piano, violin, cello and clarinet, they can present music written for any one of fifteen different instruments: four different solo instruments, six duo combinations, four trios, and the quartet. Their program will feature music of well-known composers, from Corelli, Handel and Mozart to Beethoven, Ravel, Brahms, or Alec Templeton.

The leader of this unique group is the vigorous and attractive Britisher, Reginald Kell, known here abroad as the world's greatest living clarinetist. Mr. Kell started his career with violin lessons at the age of seven. He abandoned the violin, however, as a "darned uncomfortable instrument to play," and at fourteen quit school to work as a machinist making dust guards for train axles. "I felt there must be an easier way of making a living," he says, "so I took up the clarinet."

Some time later he became first clarinetist with Sir Thomas Beecham and the London Philharmonic orchestra, played under Toscanini in Switzerland, became distinguished as soloist with such major chamber groups as the Lener, Albeneri, and Fine Arts Quartets. At twenty-five he became a teacher, and later a fellow, at the Royal Academy of Music. "This was a fate," he says modestly, "which I thought reserved for only respectable musicians like an organist at St. Paul's Cathedral."

New York music critics voted Mr. Kell's recording of the Mozart Clarinet quintet with the London Philharmonic quartet as the best chamber record of the year. The New York Times has commented, "Kell must be reckoned among the great Mozart interpreters of the time on any instrument."

Since his American debut in 1948, Mr. Kell has become increasingly enthusiastic about audiences in the United States and Canada, and has applied for American citizenship. "What the jazz boys have done with clarinet in the United States is colossal," he says. "They've made Americans clarinet-conscious." Many jazz players, including the great Benny Goodman, for whom Kell has high admiration, have taken lessons of Mr. Kell for improving their technique with the classics.

Associated with Mr. Kell are Joan Rowland, Canadian pianist, Melvin Ritter, violinist, and Aaron Shapinsky, cellist. Miss Rowland has been appearing with symphony orchestras as soloist since she was nine, and toured two seasons throughout Canada and the United States with the Columbia Canadian trio. She has also given recitals in many places including New York's Town hall, where her recent performance was critically appraised as "remarkable for refinement and sensitivity," "exquisitely performed," and "extremely musical."

Melvin Ritter, who made his debut at fifteen as soloist with the Cleveland Civic orchestra, toured Europe for 18 months with a Special Service entertainment unit in the U. S. Army, and has appeared as soloist in the National Gallery, the New York's Town hall and elsewhere. His rare violin was made by Nicolo Gagliano of Naples in 1772, maker of the violin with which Kreisler first established his concert career. This is Mr. Ritter's third season with the Kell Players.

Aaron Shapinsky comes from a family of painters and musicians, and plays a Guadagnini cello of 1734, a fine instrument which has been in the Shapinsky family for three generations. Mr. Shapinsky has appeared with orchestras and chamber groups from New York to Pittsburgh, New Orleans to Dallas.

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Rehearsals Begin For Play at SOC

Ashland — Rehearsals for "A Member of the Wedding" are well under way at Southern Oregon college according to Director Mildred Peck, instructor in English. The play is to be presented December 9, 10 and 11.

The cast includes Berenice Sadie Brown, played by Mrs. Cressa Grubb, Ashland; Mr. Adams by James Holloway, Medford; Frankie Adams, Janet Salatus, Ashland; Jarvis Norman, May Blachly, Janie, Jo Ann Norton, Coos Bay; Mrs. West, Dorothy Richardson, Glendale; John Henry West by Richard Salts, Ashland; Honey Camden Brown by Ruedi Vest, Ashland; T. T. Williams by Corky Ellis, Klamath Falls; Barney MacKean, Chuck Plummer, Roseburg; Helen Fletcher by Roberta Wade, Klamath Falls; and Doris by Carolyn Doyle, Coos Bay.

Assistant director for the production is Mr. Vest. Other members of the production staff are Carolyn Doyle, stage manager; Larry Alberts, Grants Pass, lights; Marilyn Guss, Medford, sound; and Roberta Wade, prompter. Otto Wilda of the art department is the stage designer.

"A Member of the Wedding" is a southern play with the setting in Georgia. The play has overtones of adolescent psychology and racial prejudice. As a Broadway play it received awards for being the best American play of 1950.

Committee Named For Herb Society

A nominating committee was named at the November meeting of Rogue Valley Herb society held at Girls Community club Nov. 23. Mrs. J. D. Holst, Gold Hill, president, conducted the meeting.

Named to the committee were Mrs. L. R. Thomas, chairman, Mrs. Otto Nagel and Mrs. R. A. McKay. This committee is to report at the December meeting and officers for the coming year will be elected at that time. Mrs. Leroy Cline presented interesting information on the "Herb of the Month—the pot marigold. Mrs. J. D. Holst reported on the book "Cooking with an Accent" by Isabella Gaylord.

Guests at the meeting were Mrs. L. E. Hansen and Miss Mary Hansen, Medford.

Bazaar Announced By Phoenix Women

Phoenix — Women of Phoenix Presbyterian church are sponsoring a bazaar and cafeteria supper to be held at the church Saturday afternoon, December 4. The bazaar, which will feature a varied display of Christmas gifts will begin at 1:00 o'clock.

A cafeteria supper will be served from 5 o'clock through the evening. These suppers in the past have received much favorable comment, and those attending will find they can obtain an entire meal for a nominal charge. The public is invited to attend.

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Christmas Party Planned by Unit

West Side Extension unit will hold its Christmas meeting December 2 at 10:45 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Henry Conger, Ross lane. The project will be on preparing appetizing meals from canned, frozen and stored food. Members are asked to take a gift for a grab bag exchange.

CALENDAR

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication, and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Monday
7:30 p. m.—Mistletoe club of RNA, public card party, Girls Community club.

7:30 p. m.—Jackson county chapter, Oregon Licensed Practical Nurses association, Community hospital.

Tuesday
12:30 p. m.—Kiwanian Dames, Mrs. Lawrence Buonocore, 433 West Eighth st.

Riverside Bridge Club Names Week's Winners

Winners for the weekly meeting of Riverside Bridge club have been announced. North-south winners were headed by Mrs. Lloyd Johnson and John Solheim, who scored 71 1/2 points for first place. Second was taken by Mrs. Edna Miller and Asa Kimball, who scored 66 1/2 points, and third went to Mrs. Richard Milestone and T. J. Fuson for 63 points. Mrs. C. E. Kunz and Mrs. C. L. Howard took fourth with 61 1/2 points.

East-west winners were Mrs. George Choate and Mrs. Al Gilhouse, first, 70 1/2 points; Mrs. T. J. Fuson and Mrs. William J. Miller, second, 67 points; Mrs. R. J. Conroy and Roy Pruitt, third, 62 1/2; Mrs. Fred Rehling and Tommy Munds, fourth, 61 1/2 points.

Crocheting Mailman Wins National Title

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland's crocheting mailman, Anthony S. White, has won his third national crocheting title.

White, who won the 1950 and 1952 nationwide contests, has received word from New York that a group of needlework experts had judged his tablecloth the No. 1 entry.

The hefty, 53-year-old letter carrier said he has been crocheting for 16 years. He said he had his wife teach him how one Thanksgiving day when he ate too much turkey and couldn't get out of his chair.

White's tablecloth was a prizewinner at this year's Multnomah county fair.

Bazaar Planned By Three Guilds

Members of the three women's guilds of St. Mark's Episcopal church will be busy this week with final details of the annual bazaar which will be held Friday, December 3, in the guild hall. Mrs. Lewis Wayburn is general chairman.

Cooked food and bazaar articles will be sold during the day, and dinner will be served by men of the church between 5 and 8 o'clock. Members of St. Mark's Evening guild will serve luncheon from 11:30 until 2 p.m.

Children of the church will stage puppet shows in the parish house at 4 p. m. Mrs. S. E. Phillips is director.

Mrs. L. G. Miles and Mrs. J. D. Wood are in charge of decorations.

Jacksonville Club Meets at Station

Jacksonville — Jacksonville Garden club held the November meeting at the home of Mrs. Loren Cooper, Star Ranger station.

Raymond Mische of Monarch Feed and Seed company, Medford, showed film on garden pests and their control. Mrs. Ernest McIntyre talked on outdoor living.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Cooper, Miss Molly Ray and Mrs. Lee Port.

The Christmas meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Paul Godward.

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