

Fashion Shows

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Fashion shows have been unusually entertaining and novel this spring and have attracted large audiences.

Medford Junior Service league had a record attendance for three shows—two afternoon and one evening, and netted a substantial sum for the group's kindergarten for deaf children. Paris in the spring was the theme of the league shows and those attending found this year's production the most colorful and glamorous of any given by this group.

Since the league hires a full-time instructor for the kindergarten—one specially trained in the work of teaching the deaf child to speak and to lip read, the members must give three or four large benefit events every year to keep the school in operation.

A capacity audience also attended the style show which Tudor guild gave at Tally Ho restaurant on Highway 99 as a benefit for the actor's scholarship fund of the Oregon Shakespearean festival. This was an evening show, and H. Paul Kliss, festival actor and director, and Rod Barrows, came from Portland to do the commentation and mid-time entertainment.

The guild cleared enough money on the show to provide a full scholarship for an actor for the coming summer and has already started plans for next year's show. (Brainerd photos).



Adding color and excitement to the Junior Service League fashion show were the organ grinder and Leta, the monkey. Mrs. James Keeble, costumed as the organ grinder, and Leta were on stage as a part of the French sidewalk cafe scene which provided a background for the parading models. Leta is a pet in the household of Mrs. Ethel McGraw, hostess at Rogue Valley Country club, and seemed to enjoy her part in the show.



Mrs. William Dawkins, Ashland, was co-chairman with Mrs. B. A. Cope, also Ashland, for the Tudor guild show. She is shown here wearing a brown and white checked gingham dress of two-piece design for her first appearance in the show. Mrs. Dawkins' small sons, Michael and Christopher, also were models for the show, and Mrs. Dawkins, an artist, drew the design for the front page of the style show program.



George Harrington, a minor sensation at both shows, modeled the newest in evening wear for men, black tuxedo shorts with white evening jacket.



First on the stage for the service league show were several children in the care of a "French nurse," this role being played by Mrs. John Collins. Pictured here with Mrs. Collins are (left to right) Christine Bartels, Karen Morgan, Alan Collins and Connie Herman. Mrs. Berwick Wood, costumed for her role of a French gendarme, is at back right.



Mrs. Myron Root, Medford, is shown here wearing an Elizabethan costume for the Tudor guild show. Mrs. Root was one of several guild members who served as hostesses and ushers for the show. The large audience taxed the capacity of the cafe.



Many from Ashland attended the Tudor guild show, since it was a benefit for the Oregon Shakespearean festival actor's fund, and the festival is Ashland's most outstanding civic accomplishment. At one table were seated (at left) Mrs. Herbert Lewis and Mrs. Ben Lombard; (at right) Mrs. Drew Lamb and Mrs. Jim Busch.



Among the guests at the Junior Service league show on opening day were (left to right) Mrs. William K. McLaren, Mrs. Dorothy Dowson, Mrs. Victor Sether, Mrs. Charles Stafford and Mrs. L. G. McLaren. Providing atmosphere for the show were big striped umbrellas, and French poodle cutouts were used as table decorations.