

Reading Habits Surveyed

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New York—(U.P.)—The reading habits of children are under scrutiny here in an eight-month experiment with 450 fifth graders as test cases.

The goal is to prove the truth or falsehood of the frequent cry that, "kids don't read any more." If curling up with a good book has been replaced by constant television watching, the educators wanted to know why.

So far the experiment has reached the halfway point and the future of books among children seems secure. The response from fifth graders in the three Lower East Side public schools chosen for the experiment has astonished their teachers.

They all read the required four books and wrote reports to win the first certificate and merit button in the Library of America, which sponsors the reading program. Then they went right on reading.

"The IQ level seemed to have little to do with the number of books read," one man connected with the study reported.

"They didn't read for the buttons," an assistant principal at one of the schools said, "They read because the books were there and they were encouraged to read them."

One of the theories behind the reduced number of books read by children is that they are neither exposed to books at home nor encouraged to read by their parents, who do not themselves read many books.

"There are 11 million children in our country who never see anything but their textbooks," Sidney Satenstein, president of the Library club said, "They include children who have no library service in their communities or bookstores in their towns."

Medford Lodge Awarded Trophy In Jacksonville

Jacksonville—Card games followed the last meeting of Jacksonville IOOF hall, with members of the Medford lodge winning the local lodge's cribbage trophy.

Each lodge in this district has a trophy for several activities. Any visiting lodge must win three out of five games to get possession of any trophy. The trophies are taken by the winning lodge and the losing lodge must then visit the lodge in possession of their trophy in order to regain it.

All members in District 10 are eligible to play in the contests. A large trophy is to be provided and any IOOF lodge must win this for three years to insure permanent possession. Points are determined on an over all high point basis for one year. Each year the high point lodge will have their lodge number engraved on the trophy.

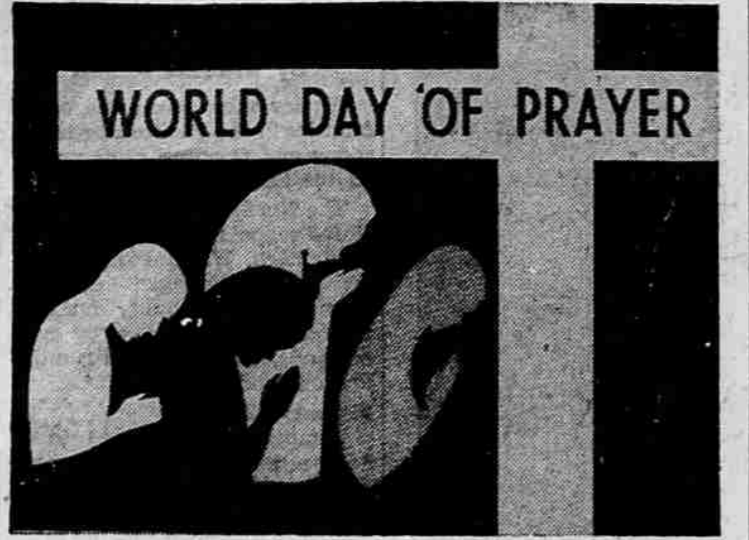
March 2, W. Robert Massey, grand master, will pay an official visit to the Jacksonville lodge.

Mrs. Gilbert Knips Honored at Shower

Mrs. Gilbert Knips was guest of honor at a shower given by Mrs. Charles Ward at her home, 405 Oak Grove road, February 12.

After Mrs. Knips opened her gifts, refreshments were served. Present were Mrs. Karl Johnson, Mrs. Aubrey Norris and son, John, Mrs. Harley Dressler, Mrs. Carl Norris, Mrs. Leo Surlis, Mrs. Fred Sander, Mrs. Hattie Knips, Mrs. Fred Woodruff and daughter, Judy, Mrs. Harold Sander, Mrs. Lee Franks, Mrs. William Knips and daughter, Lynda, the guest of honor, her son, Jon Knips, the hostess and her children, Jane and Tommy Ward.

Women's Page



Medford Council of Church Women will gather at Church of the Nazarene Friday, February 17, at 1 p.m. to observe the annual World Day of Prayer. All church women of the valley are invited to attend.

Officials, Civic Leaders To Attend League Session

City and county officials and civic leaders have been invited by Medford League of Women Voters to attend a public meeting Saturday, February 18, to discuss problems of local government. The session will be held at 1 p.m. at the Jackson hotel, and is open to anyone interested.

The meeting is in preparation for a hearing to be held in Medford March 1 by members of the legislature's interim committee on local government, and members of the committee are also to be here for Saturday's session.

Mrs. Robert Hiatt, president of the voters' league, states that 200 letters have gone out to officials and others in the city and county, concerning Saturday's session. This includes city and county officials, members of city and county planning commissions, grange masters, presidents of service clubs, chairmen of fire, water, sanitary and school districts.

Among those planning to attend are County Judge Rodney Keating, John Pletsch, president of Medford Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the new county planning commission, Mayor Earl Miller of Medford and Robert Duff, Medford city manager.

Members of the state interim committee expected here for the meeting are Judge Raymond Lathrop, Grants Pass; State Senator Paul Geddes, Roseburg; Representative V. E. Johnson, Eugene, and Kenneth Tollenaar, executive secretary of the committee.

Mrs. Hiatt points out that citizens and civic leaders who attend the Saturday session will be better prepared for understanding the problems which will be discussed at the interim committee's official public hearing to be held here later.

Luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock, with the meeting to follow at 1 p.m. Those who wish to make luncheon reservations are asked to call Mrs. Homer Marx, 2-6845, by noon Friday, February 17.

Washington PTA To Hold Program On Founders' Day

Washington Parent-Teacher association will observe Founders' day with a silver tea at a meeting to be held Friday, February 17, at 2:15 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Washington school orchestra will present a program under the direction of Miss Audrey Brist.

There will be open discussion for the planning of the unit's program for next year. During the business meeting a committee to nominate next year's officers will be elected.

Hostesses for the tea will be the mothers of pupils in the third grade. Child care will be provided.

Meeting Planned By Jackson PTA

Jackson Parent-Teachers association will meet Friday, February 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the school. Mrs. R. E. Wicker, chairman of the Founders' day committee, will be in charge of the program. Parents of children in the third grade will serve refreshments.

All Jackson school parents are invited, to attend this special meeting of the year.

Sojourners Plan Birthday Party

Medford Sojourners will celebrate the sixteenth anniversary of founding of the organization with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at the Medford hotel Thursday, February 23. Reservations for the event are to be made not later than Monday, February 20, by calling Mrs. Wilson Bjorge, 2-9855; Mrs. Carl Borg, 2-6876 or Mrs. George Lovenborg, 2-4781.

Newcomers to Medford and vicinity who have lived here not more than two years are invited to attend and become members. An invitation is extended to inactive members. After luncheon, bridge, pinocle and canasta will be played.

Comedienne Martha Raye, who likes to cook in her Connecticut home, does an odd thing with Irish mulligan stew. She adds some stale ale to the mixture. Gives it a helpful tart taste, she says.

Sorority Holds Model Meeting At Tycer Home

Prospective members of Alpha Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi attended a model meeting at the home of Mrs. William Tycer, 1100 Mount Pitt avenue, on Monday evening. The program for the evening was given by Mrs. Curt Butterfield and was a short resume of the history of Beta Sigma Phi to acquaint the new girls with the aims, ideals and purposes of the sorority.

Attending the friendship meeting as prospective members were Mrs. Robert McIntyre, Mrs. Jerry True, Mrs. Richard Riggs, Mrs. James Tengesdal and Miss Shirley Bowlin.

Following the business meeting and cultural program, the hostess, Mrs. Tycer, was assisted by Mrs. Butterfield and Mrs. George Johnson in serving refreshments. The Valentine theme was used by Mrs. Tycer, and she presented a gift to the guest drawing a certain Valentine from a basket. Mrs. J. R. Sullivan won the prize.

Many projects were discussed and it was unanimously voted to contribute with the other four chapters of Beta Sigma Phi in Medford to the new Rogue Valley Memorial hospital.

The next regular meeting will be held February 20 at the home of Mrs. K. L. Denton, 805 West Second street, and will be a festive party and potluck supper celebrating the chapter's birthday. Members will exchange gifts and reveal the names of their secret sisters, whom they have had for the past year.

Valentine Dance Planned at Club

Dancing will begin at 9 p.m., Saturday, February 18 for a valentine formal dance to be held at the Rogue Valley Country club for members and houseguests. Music will be furnished in the dining room by Abbey Green, Glenn Parker and Randy Huggahl, while the lower lounge also will be used by Bob Anderson and Leo Vilarino playing for the dancers there.

Parking service will be furnished and those who attend may drive to the entrance and cars will be parked for them.

Among committee members who have worked on plans for the event are Mr. and Mrs. William Prentice, who had charge of invitations.

Cocktails will be served beginning at 8 p.m., followed by hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

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CALENDAR

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Thursday
6:30 p.m.—BPWC, Roxy Ann Grange hall.
6:30 p.m.—Adare chapter, OES, Jacksonville Masonic temple.

7:30 p.m.—Royal Neighbors of America lodge, public card party Pythian hall.
7:30 p.m.—Crater Garden club, home of Mrs. Charles Taylor.

8 p.m.—Senior class play, Senior High school auditorium.
8 p.m.—Roxy Ann court, Order of the Amaranth, Medford Masonic temple, 214 West Main st.

8 p.m.—Talent PTA, Talent High school library.
Friday
11 a.m.—Medford Truth Center, "Utility," Room 203 Holly Theater bldg.

1 p.m.—Annual World Day of Prayer program, Church of Nazarene.
2:30 p.m.—Jefferson PTA, at school cafeteria.

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Club to Meet

Jolly Stitches will meet at the home of Mrs. Don Ross, Ross lane, Friday, February 17. Dessert will be served at 1:30 p.m.

Eggs Said Good Buy In February

Corvallis—Oregon food shoppers should plan more meals around eggs during February to take advantage of low egg prices, says Miss Dorothy Sherrill, consumer education specialist at Oregon State college. Normal price drops have come in January and February four times in the past six years.

Size and grade are good guides in selecting eggs for family needs, the OSC specialist points out. Grade refers to inner quality of the egg. This "quality," measured in terms of grade, depends on size of air cell and positions and appearance of the yolk in the white.

Eggs are candied, according to Oregon law, by graders who examine unbroken eggs before strong lights.

"However, grade has nothing to do with size," says Miss Sherrill. "For instance you can buy large eggs that are Grade A and large eggs that are not Grade A." Food shoppers are reminded to read information printed on cartons.

Weight of the egg determines its size. Eggs are available in extra-large, large, medium and small sizes. During late summer and fall months, small eggs are usually most plentiful and less expensive. But it's during winter and spring months that large size eggs are such excellent buys," reports Miss Sherrill.

Color of egg shell indicates only the breed of chicken that laid the egg, she points out. Neither flavor, nutritive value, yolk color or cooking performance is affected by shell color.

Food shoppers may question whether to buy eggs at the grocery or at the farm. "No matter where you buy them," says Miss Sherrill, "be sure that the eggs have been cared for properly." Eggs that are not cooled properly will drop in quality in a few days compared to those that are refrigerated.

A bulletin, "Know the Eggs You Buy," is available from local county extension offices.

Meat loaf is less likely to stick to the bottom of the baking pan if you first lay strips of bacon in the pan. The bacon adds flavor too.

Past Presidents Club Has All-Day Meeting; Demonstration Given

Past presidents of Elta Duel Hubbs tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, held an all day meeting last week at the home of their president, Mrs. William Milnes, on Narregan street. The morning hours were spent in rug making, and after luncheon a business session was held. Plans were made to support the tent's policy of helping financially at the department convention in June, with articles for a bazaar. A brief period of instruction was given by Mrs. Milnes on the construction of reversible shag rugs. A sample rug was on display.

The next regular meeting will be at the home of Mrs. W. C. Kindred, 1911 Grand View ave., who will entertain with a birthday dessert luncheon.

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