

## Association Season Closed In Concert by Maurice Wilk

By RICHARD WERNER

The final concert of the Jackson County chapter of the Civic Music association's 1955-56 season took place last night at the high school auditorium with Maurice Wilk, violinist as soloist. Still a young man, Mr. Wilk has a long concert career behind him, beginning when he was fifteen. These eighteen years of appearing before an audience have given him a stage presence of ease and assurance.

**Manifested**  
This assurance was manifested not only in his playing but in his choice of program material. Beginning with Kreisler's arrangement of "Variations on a Theme of Corelli" by Tartini he set the tone of the concert—it was to be brilliant. The rondo by Mozart, the chaconne by Bach and the Mendelssohn concerto were all brilliantly executed. His left hand has all that may be desired. However, in the slow movement of the concerto his bow technique showed weaknesses. This movement so full of sentiment can and often is marred with sentimentality along with a dragging tempo.

**Like Barcarolle**  
Mr. Wilk erred in the other direction. His tempo was more like a barcarolle which bordered almost on a slow waltz. And there was no lyrical phrasing. The bow changes were often too many. There never were any long lines, mostly short phrases. The only violinist who ever differentiated between sentiment and sentimentality in this movement was Zimbalist.

Short phrases, gasps of tone are very well in modern music and in the "Nigun" by Bloch and the "Sonatina" by Bartok, Mr. Wilk displayed this type of playing. "La Chasse" by Kreisler and the "Polonaise in D" by Wieniawski were of course played brilliantly.

There are two schools of thought regarding instrumentalists. One is that playing all the notes in time and in tune is an accomplishment, namely, an end in itself; the other is that one is expected to play all the notes in time and in tune so as to interpret the music, that is, a means to an end. The one produces an executant, the other an artist.

**To Portray**  
We are not impressed by an actor who knows his lines letter perfect and recites them but one who does so and then portrays the character involved excites our admiration.

This may be because his medium, words, are very understandable to us and we can probe beneath the surface. Music is the language of the musician and is not mysterious to him and his function is not just to recite but also portray.

Although now a very fine executive, Mr. Wilk can become an artist of the first rank if he can learn to sing. Listening to great singers will teach him to phrase because they breathe where the music needs the breath and not they. We have a great many violinists, and cellists and pianists who can play brilliantly but precious few who can melt us down rather than galvanize us. The time is

## Society

### Upper Rogue Grange Home Economics Club Plans Potluck Dinner

Home Economics club of Upper Rogue grange completed plans at the March 8 meeting for a birthday potluck dinner to be held Thursday, March 15.

All members were asked to bring extra food for their families and guests. A penny collection will be taken from members whose birthdays are during January, February or March.

Readings were given by Mrs. Vic Chapman and Mrs. Walter Crenshaw. A luncheon was served by Mrs. Hattie Salter and Mrs. Crenshaw. Mrs. Carl Richardson conducted the business meeting.

## 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.

### Wednesday

6:30 p.m.—VFW dinner honoring auxiliary. VFW hall, 42 North Front st.

12 noon — Jackson County Public Health association, Pioneer room, Jackson hotel.

1:30 p.m.—Blue Star Mothers, Carpenters hall.

7:30 p.m.—Roxy Ann Gem and Mineral club, Apple and Fourth sts.

8 p.m.—Roxy Ann HEC, Mrs. Glen L. Rader, 1428 Crown ave.

**Thursday**  
12 noon — DAV Sewing club, Mrs. Pat Graham, 175 Jeanette st.

1 p.m.—Just Folks club, Mrs. F. F. Burk, Stevens and Wash avenues.

7:30 p.m.— Jackson county chapter OMHO, Carpenters' hall 123½ West Main.

Celebrating a wedding anniversary? Helpful suggestions for planning anniversary parties is available in books at the Medford Public Library.

ripe for another Mischa Elman, he of the voluptuous tone of silky sensuousness.

His accompanist played with great fervor and attention. He had a little trouble with his page turner. As he accompanies more he will find a page turner unnecessary.



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED**—Margaret Truman, daughter of former President Harry S. Truman, arrives in New York from North Carolina with her fiance E. C. Daniel Jr. (right), a New York Times newsman. Accompanying the couple are Jonathan Daniels, editor of The Raleigh News and Observer and his wife. Her engagement to Daniel was announced by Mr. Truman in Kansas City.

## Topic Told For Speaker; Luncheon Set

"Chronic Illness — Prevention and Detection" will be the topic discussed by Dr. J. Corwin Hinshaw, guest speaker at the annual luncheon of the Jackson County Public Health association.

The luncheon will be held in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel, Thursday, March 15, at 12 noon.

Dr. Hinshaw, who is one of the foremost chest experts in the United States, will stress the importance of the role of the volunteer health worker. Educating the public to the necessity of regular physical check-ups is a major step forward in controlling chronic illnesses. These diseases, which are usually curable in their earlier stages are one of our largest health problems today.

Because of Dr. Hinshaw's eminence in his profession, a large turnout of interested listeners, both from the general public and professional groups, is expected.

**Reservations**  
Reservations for the luncheon can be made by calling Mrs. Richard Knight, telephone 3-3298, Mrs. L. C. Burt, telephone 2-8143 or Mrs. S. L. Gilbert, telephone 2-1863. If anyone is unable to attend the luncheon, but would like to hear the program, they are invited to come at 12:30 p.m. when the program will start.

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## Grange News

### Butte Falls Grange

The Butte Falls Grange met in regular session with 21 members present. Bob Elson and Mrs. Brittain Ash were obligated in the third and fourth degrees.

The HEC furnished the display table. On display was some of the handwork that is being done by the members.

All members participated in the lecturer's program. Brit Ash led the group singing several Irish songs.

The HEC will meet March 21 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Elga Abbott.

There is a change of place for the social night. There will be a box social to which everyone is welcome, at the Kincaid hall, instead of the usual meeting place. Ladies are asked to bring a box lunch for two. Cards and dancing will provide entertainment for the evening.

The serving committee for the next regular Grange meeting will be Mr. and Mrs. Everett Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith.

### Lake Creek Grange

The April meeting of Lake Creek Grange is our anniversary month. A potluck supper will be held at 7 p.m. We extend an invitation to all of our members to be present and help with the celebration.

Lloyd George, educational com-

### Sewing Club

The Sewing club of the auxiliary to Disabled American Veterans will be held Thursday, March 15, at noon in the home of Mrs. Pat Graham, 175 Jeanette street. A potluck luncheon will be served.

mittee, reported that the USDA has announced a new method to treat seeds and young plants to eradicate aphid and thrip. The name of the new preventive is "Thimet".

Home Economics Chairman Nora Bradshaw has asked members to bring antique items for the display table at the April meeting.

Faye Burrell and Neli Webb had a display of woven baskets at the March meeting.

All members that have not paid their dues are reminded to do so before the end of March, for our Grange to be eligible to receive a pennant again this year. It is mandatory to pay dues, according to the State Grange, at the beginning of the year.

The next meeting of Grange will be April 12 at 8 p.m. Elynn Charley, Secy.

Helpful hints and new ideas about flower arranging are outlined in the many excellent books on this subject at the Medford Public Library.

What makes the teen-ager tick? Helpful advice for parents or growing boys and girls is given in the many practical books at the Medford Public Library about teen-agers.

### Jolly Stitches Announce Dinner

Jolly Stitches club will meet at the Jackson hotel at 7 p.m. Friday, March 16, for a no-host dinner.

Following the dinner, the group will go to the home of Mrs. Homer Bringle at 100 South Orange street for an evening of cards.

### Rosalie Boley Joins Mail Tribune Staff

Miss Rosalie Boley this week joined the staff of the Medford Mail Tribune as a general assignment reporter.

She comes here from Astoria where she was copy editor of the Astorian-Budget. She has also worked as reporter for the Washington County News-Times in Forest Grove and for the Parkers-East County Enterprise near Portland. Miss Boley is a 1954 graduate of Pacific university and has lived in Oregon since 1952.

### County Disease Total Reaches 105 Last Week

Fifty-three cases of influenza in Ashland and 14 cases of measles in Medford boosted the total of reported communicable disease last week to 105, the highest in several months.

Phoenix had eight cases of flu, and Medford five. Ashland had five cases of measles.

Other disease cases listed included eight cases of trench mouth in Ashland, three of scarlet fever in Medford, two of mumps, two of pneumonia, and

one each of tuberculosis, chicken pox and trichonosis.

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