

Plans Completed For Queens' Ball

Final arrangements are being made this week for the annual Queens' Ball of International Order of Job's Daughters to be held Saturday, December 22, at Rogue Valley Country club. The ball is being given by members of Bethel 14 and 25 to honor the retiring queens of both Bethels and the newly elected queens, and the master councilor of Medford chapter, Order of DeMolay.

The retiring queen of Bethel 14 is Miss Bernice Skoog and the newly elected queen is Miss Ann Garner. Retiring queen of Bethel 25 is Miss Judy Lobdell, and the newly elected queen is Miss Margaret Selby. Dick Swinney is master councilor of DeMolay.

Hours for the ball will be from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Sons in Medford For Holiday Visit

Pfc. Bernard Kelly has arrived in Medford from Ft. Jackson, S.C., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Kelly, 906 West Fourth street. Private Kelly, an attorney, is in the legal department of the Army. He will return south after January 1.

The Kelly's younger son, Jim, will arrive home tomorrow from Santa Clara, Calif., where he is a senior at the University of Santa Clara.

A recent guest of the Kellys was First Lt. Roger Rose. The young man had just been released from the United States Air Force and was en route to his home in Portland. He was a classmate of Private Kelly in the University of Oregon law school.

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Mrs. Frank Perl To Be Hostess

Phoenix—The Home Economics club of Phoenix Grange will meet Wednesday, December 19, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Frank Perl, 136 North Oakdale avenue. A covered dish luncheon will be served. Mrs. Chester Parker and Mrs. Barney Lewin are cohostesses.

This will be the annual Christmas party and gift exchange of the club.

Improvement in Spelling Predicted by Book Publisher

By MARY PRIME
United Press Correspondent
New York—U.P.—One spelling expert says that today's youngest generation, when grown, will have little need for a dictionary to check the spelling of words.

W. MacLean Johnson, president of Webster Publishing company, St. Louis, predicts that high school graduates will be telling parents how to spell, instead of parents moaning about what poor spellers young people are.

Johnson based his forecast on a new method of teaching. Schools began a new spelling program last year. So far, Johnson said, 5,000,000 children are learning by this new method. And in five years, Johnson expects most of the nation's schools will be using it, from the second grade through the eighth.

Phonetics Base
This new technique—set down in a book called "New Goals in Spelling"—combines sight and sound. A pupil is taught to think of the word in terms of sound, then of the letter that produces these sounds.

Two educators wrote the book.

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.

Tuesday
6:30 p.m.—Rogue Valley Handweavers' guild, home of Mr. and Mrs. William Clegg, 2235 Oakwood dr.

7:30 p.m.—Crater Garden club, home of Mrs. Charles Taylor, Old Stage rd.
8 p.m.—Chapter BE, PEO, home of Mrs. A. A. Lausmann, 200 Medford heights.
8 p.m.—Pythian Sisters, Pythian bldg.

Wednesday
10:30 a.m.—Central Point Extension unit, home of Mrs. E. H. Degarum, Route 1, Box 47.
12 noon—Reames Social club, Medford Masonic hall.

12:30 p.m.—Chapter CP, PEO, at home of Mrs. John Graff, 31 Geneva.
12:30 p.m.—Townsend Auxiliary, Carpenters Union hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.
1 p.m.—Getogther club, Moose hall.

1 p.m.—Howard Garden club, home of Mrs. Don Elliot, 2705 Howard avenue.
2 p.m.—Wednesday Study club, Church of the Brethren.

—Dr. William Kottmeyer, assistant school superintendent in St. Louis, and May Lambador, a Kansas City school teacher and principal for 30 years. Dr. Kottmeyer said spelling actually is easy, because English comes near being phonetically perfect.

That is why the new method is based on phonetics, instead of the old rote-memory system.

Publisher Johnson said educators discovered in the 1940's that spelling generally was taught less well than two generations earlier. An Illinois county recently dug out records of standard tests given to school children 40 and 50 years ago. Officials found that spelling was the only subject in which today's students were not doing better than their parents had done.

Johnson became aware of the importance of spelling through his father, Waldo, who is credited with developing the workbook method of teaching. The publisher said he had an eye-opening experience in World War II, when he was a military censor. "Much of the spelling was homemade; many times so bad I couldn't figure out what the writer meant," said Johnson.

One word frequently wrong was "where."

"It came out spelled w-h-a-r, w-h-e-r, w-e-r, and even w-e-h-r-e," said the publisher.

Is Johnson a good speller?
"Well," he said, "I have a good secretary."

Club Holds Party At Grigsby Home; Gifts Prepared

Zonta club members combined gift wrapping and a business meeting at their annual Christmas party held Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Ireen Grigsby, Jacksonville.

This year for its Christmas service the club will help a family of ten with gifts of clothing, toys and food. The clothing and toys were gift-wrapped at the meeting. Mrs. Oletha Olson is chairman of the service committee in charge of the gift collection and distribution.

The members directed the treasurer to send money at once to the Zonta club in Vienna, Austria to be distributed by them for Hungarian relief. This is in conjunction with many other clubs in this country.

Miss Josephine Kirtley explained the new changes in the by-laws which the club approved.

Dinner was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Florene Bolton.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Oscar F.—My wife's pets are driving me crazy.
Karen F.—Animals are better friends than people.

Oscar F.—My wife is just crazy about pets and she is driving me out of the house.

We have four cats and two dogs and birds, fish, turtles—plus any stray animals my wife picks up for a couple of days or weeks. She loves to take care of sick animals, and the neighbors bring her their pets for treatment. Once every few weeks we have a tragedy. Some animal has died or the cat has gotten at a bird. Then my wife is in hysterics and gets depressed for days.

I like animals too, but I don't believe in cluttering up your whole life with them. It's gotten so I can't find a place to sit in the evening because the animals take up the best chairs.

Karen F.—Animals are better friends than people. They appreciate you. They're grateful for everything you do for them. Sometimes I think my fish know me better than my husband.

My husband is just as much of a bug on sports as I am on animals. I hate sports, but he'll spend hours and hours watching different games and matches on TV. He goes out to watch matches a couple of nights a week and is always reading about sports.

When we were first married, my husband used to just go out to his sports events without even asking me what I was going to do for the evening. Of course, I wouldn't go with him anyway, but it used to be lonely. Now I wish he'd go out more and leave me with my pets.

The Council: These two people have grown so far apart that they are no longer even really living together. They are living with their separate interests and barely tolerate one another's existence.

Karen feels she was driven to find companionship with animals because of her husband's overwhelming interest in sports. But did she ever ask herself whether she didn't drive her husband to a greater and greater absorption in sports by withdrawing her own companionship from him?

Interests can draw people together. They are also a means of separation from other people. When Karen showed disinterest and even hostility toward her husband's interest in sports, she forced him to use sports as a means of separation. The wall between the two grew bigger and stronger.

The situation can probably still be saved if both Karen and Oscar acknowledge that they need one another. Instead of showing anger and hostility toward the animals, Oscar should show his wife that he wants her companionship and would be even more grateful for it than the dumb animals. Karen should realize that interests must be developed. She ought to go to some of the sports events with her husband. She'll find that any person can enjoy sports if she understands what is going on. Oscar would enjoy explaining things to her.

When these two are brought closer together, Karen will have less need of animals—and Oscar will probably like them better. (Copyright 1955 General Features Corp.)



A new and exciting way of using Christmas Seals to decorate gift packages is shown by Nanette Fabray, star of television and musical comedy. This new idea supplements the old established custom of using Seals primarily on envelopes. The novel glitter-dusted Seals, and the quaint shutter effect are just two of the many new ideas presented on these packages, designed expressly for the National Tuberculosis Association by Tie-Tie Gift Wrappings Div. of Chicago Printed String Co.

Shady Cove Group Announces Events; Three Parties Set

Shady Cove—Christmas activities were reviewed at the last meeting of the auxiliary to Steelhead post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mrs. Harry Birch, department hospital chairman, gave the report in the absence of Mrs. Jim Cassal.

The group helped to decorate wards at Camp White and wrapped packages December 14. The department sponsored a formal dance at the camp Monday night, and December 21 auxiliary members will wrap fruit baskets to be given to the men at camp.

Other coming events are the annual "secret pal" party to be held in VFW hall Thursday, December 20 at 1:30 p.m.; the annual Christmas party December 21 with a potluck dinner set for 7 p.m. and the children's Christmas party December 22 at 1:30 p.m.

A letter from Mrs. Viola Mansfield, department chairman in charge of the annual Buddy Poppy sale, called attention to that annual event. School children will be asked to submit posters. Poppy chairman for the Shady Cove auxiliary is Mrs. Cassal.

Mrs. Kenneth Mills was appointed secretary to replace Mrs. Frank Bush, who has resigned. The meeting closed with refreshments served by Mrs. Ed Leaming and Mrs. Stella King. Next meeting will be January 4.

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