

PTA Unit Observes Founding

Phoenix—In observance of Founders' day, past presidents were honored and a silver offering taken at the last meeting of Phoenix Parent-Teacher association. This offering is sent to the national PTA headquarters to assist in furthering parent-teacher association work. Past presidents are Mrs. Andrew Stevens, Mrs. D. N. Christie, Mrs. M. A. Epper-

Sons, Mrs. Elvin Inman, Mrs. John Eldswick, Mrs. C. A. Stothers, Mrs. M. O. Grove, Mrs. Della Reeder, Mrs. Curtis Stockstill, Mrs. W. B. Smith, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Grove, Mrs. Stockstill and Mrs. Smith attended and were presented corsages. Mrs. Warren Kelsone decorated the Founders' day table.

Mrs. E. E. Rasmussen, vice-president, introduced Dr. Alva Graham of Southern Oregon college who led the discussion following the Footlighter play "Point of Beginning" Dr. Graham introduced the cast, Mr. and Mrs. Thayer Tarvin, their son Terry and Dick Corum. Jerry Jerome was bookholder.

Mrs. David Holmes, treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$354. Mrs. William Short, membership chairman, reported that the unit has 261 paid members.

Mrs. B. F. Sparks, hospitality chairman, reported that 82 were present and that there was a four way tie for room count prize. A check of \$2 is given to the room with the most parents attending. Mrs. Jane Gerner, first grade, Miss Mabel Moore, fifth grade, Miss Mary Lou Neville, sophomore, and Mrs. Charles Wilson, eighth grade, all received corsages.

Mrs. Carl Kliever and Mrs. W. B. Smith were named to serve on the nominating committee, and John Myers was selected to serve on the nominating committee as a representative of the executive board. At the March meeting this committee will report a slate of nominees.

Mrs. Orva Taylor announced that volunteers were needed to mend library books. Anyone interested may phone the grade school at 2-4074 or Mrs. Chester Keene Jr. at 3-5096.

The committee making grade school band caps reported they are coming along on schedule. Anyone wishing to sew a cape may call Mrs. Keene at 3-5096 or Mrs. August Zundel at 3-3367.

The PTA is saving MJB coffee can metal strip unwinders toward obtaining a new 40-cup percolator. Strips may be taken to the PTA meetings or sent to school.

Mothers of fifth grade students serving refreshments in the cafeteria after the meeting were Mrs. Paul Sparks, Mrs. John Dube, Mrs. James Vencil, Mrs. Charles Marrs and Mrs. Warren Kelsone.

The PTA has purchased 96 hostess place settings to be used for serving refreshments at the meetings.

The next meeting of the executive board will be February 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the home economics room of the high school.

A study discussion group is being planned for February 19 from 10-11:30. The film "He Acts His Age" will be shown. Topics for future study groups will be planned. Mrs. August Zundel will lead the group, assisted by Mrs. Keene and Mrs. Walter Bish. The place of meeting will be announced later.

Mrs. Keene presided and the

Society

Silver Tea Held By Roosevelt PTA

Roosevelt Parent-Teacher association observed Founder's day with a silver tea at a meeting held Friday in the school auditorium. Girl Scout Troop 185 presented colors.

Mrs. Ross A. Minnici, vice-president, introduced past presidents of the unit and presented a corsage to each. Past presidents attending the meeting were Mrs. H. B. James Barnard, Mrs. John Carter, Mrs. Wilbur Arnold, Mrs. Richard Alley, Mrs. H. D. Christensen, Mrs. Robert Dames, Mrs. William Ardry and Mrs. Warren Lessig. Mrs. Minnici also gave a short history of the PTA.

"Parental Responsibility" was the topic of Mrs. Kay Crowell, guest speaker of the afternoon. Mrs. Crowell is director of the juvenile department of Jackson County.

Hostesses for the meeting were mothers of children in the third grades. The room count was won by Mrs. Kenneth Hulbert in the lower grades and Mrs. Eleanor Hamilton in the upper grades.

Sisters Entertain Laurel Gardeners

Rogue River—Three sisters, Miss Louise and Miss Sophia Thiesen, and Mrs. Greta Simeon, were hostesses for the last meeting of Laurel Garden club at their home. Dessert was served.

Mrs. Clarence Woodard, a guest, became a member of the club during the meeting, and invited the club to her home for the next meeting March 6.

A letter telling of plans to beautify Camp White was read, and the club has offered to donate enough plants to fill two window boxes.

Mrs. William White offered to decorate the chapel at Camp White for the Sunday service February 10.

Final plans were made for a Valentine party to be held at the Women's Civic club February 14.

Alden Hatch Book Reviewed for Club

Mrs. N. T. Hodges and Mrs. A. C. Leighton gave the program at the last meeting of Wednesday Study Club.

Mrs. Hodges reviewed the book "Embassador Extraordinary," by Alden Hatch, with Clare Booth Luce as the central figure. Mrs. Luce served as congresswoman from Connecticut and was later appointed by President Eisenhower as ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the Republic of Italy, a position which she held for three years.

Mrs. Leighton chose articles in Time magazine and the Coronet for her part of the program.

Mrs. Wilma Krebs was a guest of Mrs. R. T. Nichol.

To Meet

Southern Oregon Mushroom club will meet Wednesday, February 13, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawrence, 1422 Euclid avenue. It is stated that business of unusual importance is to come before the members.

Rev. Ernest Volkman of the Presbyterian church led the group in the invocation.

Ballet Troupe To Finish Tour

San Francisco—(UP)—The San Francisco Ballet troupe appeared likely today to dance its way around the world yet.

The troupe, now in Singapore, was informed last weekend that it might reach the end of its tour in Ceylon because it would cost too much to send the 30 dancers all the way around the world, as originally planned.

But Monday Harold F. Christensen, director of the San Francisco Ballet School, received word of new plans from Robert C. Schnitzer of the American National Theater and Academy in New York.

The ANTA is cosponsoring the tour with the State Department. "We are trying to plan a revised tour to include Ceylon, Bombay and Karachi, plus the latent possibility of side trips to Lahore and Tehran," Schnitzer said.

"Great efforts are being made to salvage the major portions of the balance of the tour," Christensen understood this to mean that two weeks instead of five would be lopped off the original itinerary.

The troupe left here January 6 and has played to packed houses from Tokyo to Penang.

The State Department had provided the original grant of \$200,000 for the tour under its cultural exchange program. It felt it could not come up with the \$60,000 extra the tour cost.

State Department officials in Washington informed San Francisco officials the ballet had an extended tour of several nations.

The trip south will be made by way of Hawaii and the Fiji islands. In New Zealand they plan an automobile tour of several days, and from there the Pierces will go to Australia.

They plan stops in Java, Singapore, Ceylon and in several cities of India, including Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

Arrangements have been made for high-ranking state officials to greet and entertain the family in India.

In Burma the family will meet two Burmese men who spent several months in Medford two years ago, and will visit Burma under the guidance of these friends. They will visit Thailand, and Hong Kong, and in Formosa are to be the guests of Army officers.

Stops in Japan and Hawaii are also planned before the Pierces return to Medford in May.

The trip from New Zealand will be entirely by air.

Society to Hold Valentine Event

A Valentine tea will be given Thursday by the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society of Advent Christian church. The event will be a benefit to raise money for the society's missionary projects, and anyone interested is invited to attend.

Tea will be served in the basement recreation room of the church, 704 Welch street, between 1 and 3 o'clock. Mrs. Sam Babb is chairman.

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High School Play Production Brings Interesting Problems

It takes more than just a cast to stage a play. Bill Frake, "prop" manager for "Mrs. McThing," comedy-fantasy being produced by the senior class of Medford Senior High school, has discovered this.

One problem which confronted the student was finding a way to produce smoke and a blast without creating an odor or fire. Finally he took the matter to Ryder Berg, chemistry teacher.

The need for a smoke-making, noise-making instrument occurs in the last scene of the play when Mimi, the adopted daughter of the witch, Mrs. McThing, decides to do away with two "sticks," otherwise known as Mrs. Larue and Howay, with firecrackers. Since firecrackers are too dangerous, some other device was needed.

After conducting several unsuccessful experiments, the prop manager and Mr. Berg found the solution to the problem in titanium tetrachloride. The two con-

structed an apparatus in which a long rubber tube was placed in one hole of a two-holed bottle. When air is blown into the tube on the titanium tetrachloride—presto—the necessary smoke.

Another problem arose when the opaque projector broke down. This apparatus is used to make replicas of paintings. Since a large picture of Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" was needed to adorn the wall of the sitting room of Mrs. Howard V. Larue III, the services of Warren Wolf, art teacher of Medford High school, were called upon.

Mr. Wolf worked late Monday on the drawing. All of the portrait was done in chalk. Even though Mr. Wolf was disappointed in the result of his efforts, Wolf's "Blue Boy" does resemble Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" and will be used in the play. The play will be given at Medford High school Thursday and Friday of this week, with curtain time at 8:15 p.m. each night.

Family Leaves For New Zealand

Mrs. A. C. Pierce, her son and daughter, John and Mary Elizabeth, left last night by plane for San Francisco from where they will sail for New Zealand.

There they will be joined by Mr. Pierce, who is now in Antarctica with the United States Navy expedition at the South Pole as an observer for the Tucker Snot-Cat corporation of Medford, and the family will continue on an extended tour of several nations.

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Rangers Announce Membership Drive

Plans for a membership drive were made at a meeting of Rogue Rangers held February 7 at the home of Gail Prentice. A television program is to be given.

Each member is asked to take a prospective member to the next meeting. A chili feed followed by square dancing is planned for March 2.

Dr. S. E. Phillips of the Rogue Animal hospital answered questions concerning diseases of horses and how to detect them.

Women Purchase Most Valentines; Millions Sold

By GAY PAULEY United Press Correspondent New York—(UP)—Women, traditionally the pursued instead of the pursuers, will send 80 per cent of all valentines sold this year.

Which indicates that the female of the species may be reversing the tradition of the chase.

These days, we women outnumber the men. And our numbers are increasing more rapidly than theirs.

Could this be the reason the girls now mail most of the love missives?

"Could be," said Steve Shannon, executive director of the Greeting Card association. "Certainly Valentine's day gives a girl an excuse she might not otherwise have."

Of course, sentiment has something to do with the association's 80 per cent statistic. Women are more thoughtful than men, who have trouble remembering anniversaries, birthdays and the like, said Shannon.

Lace Means Noose Incidentally, Shannon pointed out that the word "lace," the material used in many valentines, comes from a Latin word meaning "snare" or "noose."

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Dr. Ruth Beeber To Be Speaker For Lincoln PTA

Dr. Ruth Beeber will speak for the monthly meeting of Lincoln Parent-Teacher association Thursday, February 14. Dr. Beeber is assistant professor of physical education at Southern Oregon college. Her topic concerns the muscular development of children and what the parent can do about it.

As this is Founders' day month, past presidents will be honored.

School rooms will be open at 7:30 p.m. for those who wish to take advantage of parent-teacher conferences.

Journal of Opinion At San Francisco Sold

San Francisco—(UP)—The Argonaut, San Francisco's 80-year-old weekly journal of opinion, was sold Monday to Harry H. Nasburg of Denver for an undisclosed sum.

Sale of the magazine was announced by William Wallace Chapin, publisher since 1929. Chapin is retiring after a journalistic career spanning more than half a century.

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Social Club

Adarel Social club will meet Thursday, February 14, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Winghamam, 105 Perrydale avenue. Mrs. Ed Gould and Mrs. James Morrow will be assisting hostesses. Dessert will be served.

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