

Sorority Holds Annual Ball; Valentine Queen Is Crowned

Mrs. Russell Budreau, Xi Mu chapter, was crowned queen of the annual Valentine ball given by the city's Beta Sigma Phi sorority chapters last Saturday evening at the Jackson hotel's Pioneer room.

Her princesses were Mrs. Herbert Haglund, Alpha Beta chapter; Mrs. Jonathan Middleton, Alpha Rho; Mrs. R. L. Palmer, Beta Upsilon; and Miss Norma Granger, Nu Phi Mu, "little sister" group of the sorority. Mrs. Nick DeWitt, president of Beta Sigma Phi City council, crowned the new queen.

The ballroom was decorated in the valentine theme with colors ranging from pale pinks to bright reds. Huge candy boxes and cupid covers the walls and at the front of the room was a large manzanita tree colored a deep pink and hung with pale pink lights and glittering hearts. The entrance-way was made into a big heart through which the members and their guests entered.

Tables were decorated with pale pink candles in deep red heart holders. A huge shadow box heart decorated with red foil roses held pictures of the queen candidates.

Following the coronation, a buffet supper was served. Music was by Barney Beaton's orchestra.

Mrs. K. A. Hayes was general chairman of the dance. Her co-chairmen for decorations were Mrs. Ray Morton and Mrs. William Tyler. Mrs. Austin Murray and Mrs. Irving Thompson took charge of tickets and ballots.

City council members made final plans for the ball at a meeting February 11, and first plans were made for the annual Founders' day dinner to be held in early spring. Next council meeting will be March 11 at the home of Mrs. Thompson, 410 North Ivy street.

Alpha Rho chapter will hold a birthday party Thursday, February 28, at 7 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Kurt Denton, 805 West Second street. Dinner will be served and each member is asked to take a small gift for exchange.

Mrs. Marcus McKenzie presented a program on "Nature's Landscape" at the last meeting of the chapter, held in the home of Mrs. John Lynch, 2148 Woodlawn drive. Mrs. McKenzie showed colored slides made in several countries in all parts of the world. They were from the collection of her aunt, Mrs. Charles E. Barnhardt of Charlotte, N.C., who has made three world cruises.

Guests for the evening were Mrs. Paul Dix, former member of Alpha Rho and now in Exemplar chapter, and Mrs. Lee Minkler, Los Angeles, former member of the chapter. Mrs. William Werner, Mrs. Richard Riggs and Mrs. James Tengesdal were co-hostesses.

Upsilon chapter held its second February meeting at the home of Mrs. Jack Canon on Plum street with Mrs. Howard Blew presiding.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. DeVon Wray, reported all the international cook books sold and displayed the shield insignia for the chapter's tablecloth.

Mrs. Carl Christenson, city council representative announced the chapter would be in charge

general for the maintenance of high standards of education. Study groups have been organized to which anyone may belong by contacting the chairman. Legislative chairman have presented panels to discuss issues on the ballots. Each year an art show is presented in which artists of the valley participate and for the past three years AAUW has sponsored the "Children's Hour" on KYJC during which time stories are read for children.

One of the policies of AAUW is to advance the interests of women in education. Mrs. Fynn was the first fellowship chairman and the film, "The Last of the Mohicans," was sponsored to raise money for the branch's first fellowship grant. Several stage shows have been presented to raise money for the grants and to bring live theater for the children of Medford.

A slate of officers was announced by the nominating committee during the luncheon. Nominated were Mrs. A. J. Johansson, president; Mrs. Harry Chipman, first vice-president; Mrs. Roy C. Elmgren, second vice-president; Mrs. Lester Stinson, secretary and Mr. John Carnegie, treasurer.



Sorority Queen

of table and wall decorations for the Founders' day party.

The ways and means chairman, Mrs. Marsh Ramsby, held an auction of aprons and cooked foods.

Plans were made by the social chairman, Mrs. Canon, for a potluck supper March 15. Husbands of members will be guests.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ramsby.

Next meeting will be March 5 at Mrs. Gerald Von Ting's home, 1853 Delta Waters road.

Club Started Singing Star On Career

Club women planning to hear Claramae Turner of Medford High school Monday evening may be interested to learn that the contralto owes the start of her career to a sister organization. Miss Turner is sponsored by Jackson County Civic Music association, and curtain time is 8 p.m. The first lines of the Claramae Turner success story, recently climaxed by her role in the 20th Century-Fox film version of "Carousel," were written by the Eureka, Calif., chapter of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Claramae was barely into her teens at the time, but the program chairwomen of the local NDOGW knew that she could sing as well as accompany herself on the guitar. Accordingly, she was asked to provide entertainment for one of the chapter's meetings.

The fee was a dinner plus three dollars in cash. This represented Miss Turner's first professional income, and it seemed so nice to be paid for enjoying herself that she decided then and there to make singing her life.

Up to then Claramae had not taken a single singing lesson, but she immediately signed up for every music subject at Eureka High school. She even dared hope to sing with its delegation to the forthcoming Golden Gate Exposition. Just as insurance, she also sought out a voice coach.

It was the good fortune of this teacher, Maude Homan Riley, to precise moment when she was ready for basic training. Everything worked out as the eager youngster dreamed it would. She not only went to the big show won individual first prizes in every classification for which she qualified.

In the face of this, Claramae's parents hardly could find fault with her determination to pursue music beyond the town limits. Mrs. Riley warmly concurred. With their blessings, the teenager set out for San Francisco. Again the timing was right. Nine Cornel, her next teacher, remembers that the Turner voice in those days was like "a beautiful little tree not quite fit for the garden"—but the sprout soon enough bloomed and flowered to his satisfaction.

By 1942, when she made her formal debut in a church, Miss Turner was a chorister at the San Francisco opera and also a staff vocalist at the NBC west coast network — meaning that she appeared almost daily on one of several network programs.

By 1945 she was musically ready for bigger assignments, but her dramatic experience had been woefully little. Miss Turner joined a local Gilbert and Sullivan troupe. One evening the audience included impresario Gaetano Merola of the Opera. The very next season Merola gave leading roles to the new-found portagee—who had been in his employ all along.

These past ten years have been a saga of endless success for his hardest-working and most sternly self-critical of artists. Soon after she created the title role in Gian-Carlo Menotti's "The

Hungarian Writes 1937 Service for World Prayer Day

Mrs. Serena Vassady of Budapest, Hungary, wrote and arranged the service which will be used for the annual World Day of Prayer this year. The observance is sponsored here by Medford Council of Church Women.

Council leaders state that the writer, born during World War I, has seen many devastating changes in her country and it is because of her abiding faith through all the trying years that Mrs. Vassady was chosen to prepare this prayer service. The writer stated "My thoughts were written in agony and prayer as I considered the unjust slaughter of my countrymen."

Brigadier James Fooker, Portland, will be the speaker.

Mrs. William Ricken, newly arrived Salvation Army leader, will serve as chairman for the day's observance. Mrs. Joe Johnson will direct musical numbers. Mrs. James Morrow, Council president, will open the service and other members of the council assisting will include Mrs. Jessie Minear, Mrs. William Moore and Mrs. Glen Harrison. Ministers who will assist include the Rev. John Reynolds, the Rev. Ernest Volkman, the Rev. Robert Cull, Clynton Crisman, Dr. Raymond Balcomb and the Rev. Raymond Hurn.

The service will be held in Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly street, Friday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m. All interested are invited to attend.

Churches of the Valley will, as in former years, observe the Chain day of Prayer the day preceding in the small chapel of St. Mark's Episcopal church.

Auxiliary to Host District Session

Prospect — At the last meeting of the Prospect Lions auxiliary plans were made for a district meeting to be held in Prospect April 17. Letters from the officers of the Oregon School for the Blind in Salem were read thanking the group for the valentines and treats sent.

At the meeting a dinner was served by the Ladies' guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

The birthdays of Mrs. Joan Rochester, Mrs. Vic Chapman, Mrs. Ralph Goode and Mrs. Harry Harding were observed with cutting of two birthday cakes. A valentine party was held after a business meeting.

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which will be open to the public. The next meeting will be held March 13.

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AAUW Establishes Educational Grant

Establishment of an educational grant, to be known as the Medford Branch Twentieth Anniversary grant, has been announced by Medford branch, American Association of University Women. It is the fourth grant to be established since the Medford branch was founded in 1916.

Mrs. Robert Hart was organizer of the local branch which held a 20th anniversary luncheon February 16. Officers for the first year were Miss Carin Degermark, president; Mrs. F. Wilson, vice president; Mrs. Kenneth Denman, secretary and Mrs. Angus Bowmen, now of Ashland, treasurer.

Charter national members were Miss Winifred Andrews, Mrs. William A. Barker, Miss Myrna Barrett, Mrs. O. H. Bengtson, Mrs. Golda Boone Grossman, Miss Emily Frazer Brown, Miss Mary C. Brown, Mrs. Angus Bowmen, Miss Maurine Carroll, Miss Carin Degermark, Mrs. Kenneth G. Denman, Mrs. L. A. Farly, Mrs. Frances Fynn, Mrs. D. H. Ferry, Mrs. William Fo-

ley, Miss Mary Louise Foster, Mrs. Horatio Gates, Miss Marjorie Goff, Miss Annette Gray, Miss Aletha Gray, Mrs. F. H. Gray, Mrs. Moore Hamilton, Mrs. Robert C. Hart, Miss Vera Humphrey, Mrs. Darrel F. Huson, Miss Josephine Kirtley, Mrs. Frank Roberts, Mrs. Mabel C. Mack, Mrs. Harley Miller, Miss Helen Parish, Miss Mildred E. Patterson, Mrs. A. Render, Mrs. E. A. Rostell, Miss Lois Beth Scofferin, Mrs. Justin B. Smith, Mrs. Lyle Van Scoy, Miss Alice L. Spurgeon, Mrs. F. Wilson, Miss Helen Winter, Mrs. Kenneth S. Wood, and Mrs. A. J. Wurts.

Associate charter members were Mrs. H. D. Byington, Mrs. C. L. Drummond, Mrs. Everett A. Faber, Mrs. Kenneth A. Hulbert, Mrs. Paul A. Menegat, Mrs. T. R. Merryweather, Mrs. H. F. Padgham, Mrs. Richard E. Payne, Mrs. A. F. Perry, Mrs. John Conner, Mrs. C. L. Tunnell and Miss Delia M. Whisenant.

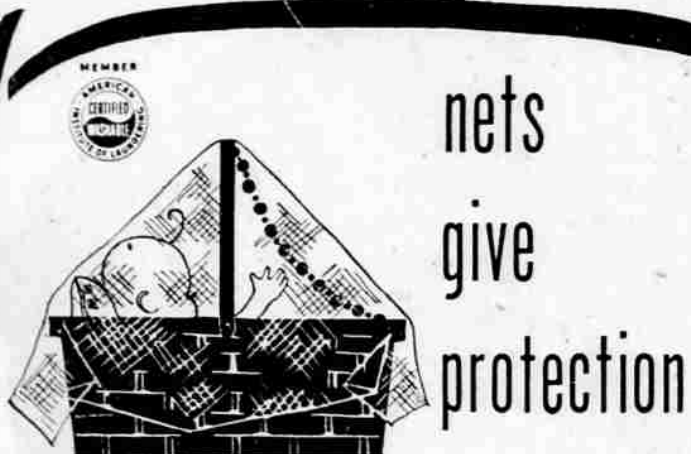
Members still active are Mrs. Fynn, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Smith,

Mrs. Wait and Miss Whisenant. Past presidents of the local branch include Miss Degermark, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. David Yale, Miss Elizabeth McGalliard, Mrs. Robert Shepherd, Mrs. Arthur M. Canon, Miss Parish, Miss Whisenant, Mrs. Don Lane, Mrs. Dorothy Dowson, Mrs. C. B. Collins, Mrs. Jerry Tobin, Mrs. James Cummings, Mrs. Herbert Seitz and Mrs. Emerson Anderson.

Three of the Medford women have had state offices. They are Mrs. Smith, chairman of international relations; Mrs. Shepherd as secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Tobin, chairman of status of women. This year Mrs. Robert J. Keeney will serve on the state legislative committee.

In 1940 the 16th AAUW state conference was held in Medford with Mrs. Smith in charge.

The purpose of the organization is the uniting of the alumnae of various institutions for practical educational work, for collection and publication of statistical and other information concerning education, and in



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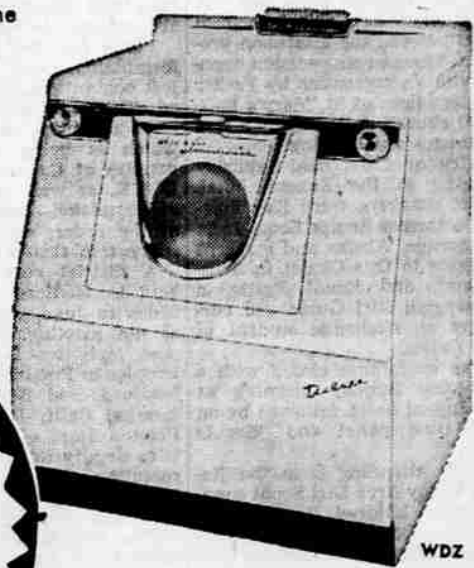
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