

### Keep Toys Simple Says Expert

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New York—(U.P.)—Talk about toys in the springtime? Certainly, said Warren Gochenour, a toy selection expert. Children's playthings should be a year-around thing for dotting parents and other relatives to consider.

Gochenour, who runs an unusual toy organization in St. Paul, Minn., said that's one of the troubles in the child's world of play today. Everybody "gorges" the kids with toys at Christmas. Period. But children need play material the year round.

One way to keep this latter method from becoming costly, Gochenour said, is to choose the toy not by its price tag but by its interest to the child.

"Take the stick horse," he said. "Doesn't cost much...but is an all-time favorite."

Gochenour pronounced "gopher" said another mistake is the selection of toys too fancy. That's why the child plays with the box or plastic bag in which the toy was packaged, rather than with the toy itself.

"Very parent thinks his child is precocious," said Gochenour. "A toy can be tested, and suggested for the three-to-five age group, but the parent of the four-year-old inevitably will choose the five-to-eight bracket."

Gochenour, in New York to look over some new toys, said his own overestimating of the play interest of his daughter, Paul, led to his being in the toy testing business.

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### Antique Show Announced

Stressing the idea of "world heritage," members of Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association, have planned a lecture and show on antiques to be held May 2 in St. Mark's guild hall. Funds from the event will be used to finance the state UN convention to be held here later in May.

Mrs. Johanna Domaschidtz of Ashland will lecture and will display antique glass, silver, brass, rugs and other articles. Mrs. Domaschidtz and her husband have collected and have been dealers in antiques for many years and both are authorities in this field.

Mrs. Domaschidtz will lecture twice during the afternoon, at 2:30 p.m. and again at 4 p.m., and tea will be served between and after the last lecture. The public is invited.

### Society



Carnival colors show up in a bloused shirtwaist beach top of cotton chiffon. By Mary Blair of Cabana, it goes over an awning-striped cotton satin swimsuit.

### Beach, Patio Styles Feature Bright Cottons

The smartest fashions are often born on the beach—and designers of beach wear make a point of interpreting some of their most exciting ideas in gay, colorful cottons, reports the National Cotton Council.

Cotton beach and patio clothes for 1937 take two new directions: the bareback look and the covered-up silhouette. Breezy floral-printed sheers, giant frosted plaids and woven cottons made to resemble applique lace—all make playclothes that are absolutely backless, and often strapless.

Patio dresses in pale prints and cotton jerseys have new sleeves cut out from the shoulder blade. Necklines cut high and square in front—V-cut in back—are seen in foamy pink and white lace prints and cotton satins applied in white eyelet.

New low-curved horseshoe necklines are featured in longer-length floral cotton chiffons and wide-spaced plaids with colorful piping. A long, full-flowing dress in Spanish gold cotton twill has a horseshoe neckline piped in lilac to match a wrap-around string sash.

Fashion says bare your back to the sun—and resort cottons go along with fashion.

The halter bareback beach dress is a case in point. Cut high in front with a tiny collar and a row of buttons, it has a shirtwaist look which contrasts with its bare back. One designer does this in window-pane checked gingham with its back cut bare to a wide belt which encircles the waist. The same top appears on a companion pastel playsuit which has little girl bloomers.

### Nurse Education Needs Explained At Meeting Here

Twenty-three members and three guests attended the last monthly meeting of District 4, Oregon State Nurses' association, held at Sacred Heart hospital. During the business meeting it was stated that the Civil Defense unit, a complete hospital contained in one truck, may be kept longer in this area if enough persons are interested in seeing it. It is now at Camp White. The hospital at Camp White, a Sacred Heart will also be visited by the Future Nurses' club, an active group at Medford High School.

Dr. Martin L. Vorhes, speaker of the evening, presented an informative discussion on "Arthritis," stressing the fact that it is difficult to diagnose because there are so many types, and it is a mimic of other diseases.

The anticipated visit of Mrs. Bertha Byrnes, state executive secretary, was postponed due to illness, and her assistant, Miss Nora Marko, came in her stead. Miss Marko had a full day before speaking to the group about the need for continuing nurse education at all levels, to keep abreast of changing techniques in the profession. In addition to a tour of the pear orchards, she had been escorted through the Camp White domiciliary, moderated and office nurses section attended by representatives from Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and Ashland, and been the dinner guest of the executive board at Hotel Medford.

**Class to Meet**

Builders' class of Eastwood Baptist church will hold the monthly social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tuttle, 3074 Bellingham lane, Friday, April 26, at 8 p.m. Officers will be elected.

A potluck supper will be served, with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wood as co-hosts with the Tuttle.

**Bible Class Thursday**

The Golden Link Bible class of First Baptist church will meet Thursday, April 25, at 1 p.m. for a dessert luncheon in the church annex.

Hostess for the luncheon will be Mrs. J. E. Lester with her committee Mrs. Frank Stinson, Miss Goldie Wilson, and Mrs. A. B. Culy.

### Flower Show Set In Eagle Point

Eagle Point—Eagle Point Garden club will hold a spring flower show Thursday, April 25, from 1 to 8 p.m. at Eagle Point Grange hall. Theme of the show will be "Garden Beauty the Year Round."

A program will be presented in the afternoon and again in the evening. A plant sale will be held in conjunction with the show, prizes awarded and a silver tea held.

Anyone interested is invited to take an arrangement to the show. All must be entered by noon, and labeled as to variety whenever possible. Exhibits are not to be removed before 8 p.m.

The four classifications for the arrangements are to be spring, summer, fall and winter. The first is entitled "Spring Forecast," the summer is entitled "Field and Stream," the autumn arrangements section is entitled "Fall Harvest" and winter, "Just Winter." Baskets may be used for the "Field and Stream" and under each two classifications will be two divisions, one with accessories and one without.

### Demonstration On PTA Program

Washington Parent-Teacher association will meet Thursday, April 25, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Students will give a physical education demonstration and the school band will play.

Mothers of students in the fifth grade will serve refreshments in the school cafeteria after the meeting.

### Return Home

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Brophy have returned to their home at Fourteenth street after a trip to Portland and to Bellingham, Wash. In the latter city they were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Squires. They were present for a confirmation service at the Bellingham Episcopal church when their granddaughter, Stephanie, was confirmed.

### Three Hundred Attend Party Given Easter Monday at Club

More than 300 women attended the 27th annual Easter Monday luncheon and card party of St. Anne's Altar society of Sacred Heart Catholic church, held at Rogue Valley Country club.

Decorations were in the Easter bonnet theme. Walls of the club entrance-way, both indoors and out, were decorated with hats contrived from wallpaper and fresh flowers, and branches sprayed pink and hung with artificial birds and orchids stood in the room corners. The luncheon tables were centered with small bouquets of apple blossoms and table favors were tiny hats matching those on the clubhouse walls.

Mrs. Vincent Nicoletti, general chairman, welcomed guests and introduced Mrs. B. L. Hunter. It was Mrs. Hunter who had first suggested the idea of holding a benefit luncheon and card party on Easter Monday, the first one having been given to raise funds for the present church edifice, constructed in 1929. Later Mrs. Hunter stated that then, as now, a large number of women worked on the annual event and that credit for the continued success of the project could not be given to any one individual.

During the afternoon a number of prizes donated by Medford merchants were given away.

Mrs. James Finegan and Mrs. Clifford Metz were chairmen of

Other committee chairmen for the party were Mrs. Frank Dorgan and Mrs. Oscar J. Halboth, prizes; Mrs. John Welch, reservations; Mrs. J. C. Miller Jr., publicity; Mrs. Fred Burich, program; Mrs. Berg L. Marten, cashier; Mrs. John Jensen, hostess; Mrs. Earl Nelson, supplies.

During luncheon the Charaltes from St. Mary's school sang three numbers.

### Camp Fire Girls In Eagle Point To Have Library

A leaders training and reference library has been started for the Camp Fire Leaders Sponsors association in Eagle Point. Mrs. Tom Gerety, executive director of the Rogue Council, explained the importance of accessible resources for leaders in each district at a recent meeting. Material include songbooks and handicraft books for Blue Bird leaders and books used in Camp Fire programming.

Mrs. Gerety showed a sample Easter hat for Blue Birds made from paper plates. Various ways of using paper plates in seasonal handicrafts were explained.

Dates for Blue Bird leaders training will be announced in a few days. All Blue Bird leaders and assistants or those wishing to lead a Blue Bird group next fall should plan to take this series of training sessions now.

Mrs. Ed Gray of the district committee of awards, announced that all leaders having girls planning to fly-up or take rank at the grand council fire, should make appointments with her no later than May 10 for examinations.

All leaders are asked to contact parents of girls in their groups and determine how many plan to use day-camping facilities with the Medford districts in June. This information should be brought to the May Leaders meeting.

The annual candy and peanut sale is in the process of completion. Girls are finishing their sales with the units they have on hand.

### To Hold Meeting

The Y Knot Twirlers Square Dance club will hold a business meeting and dance at the Medford YMCA Thursday night.

The business meeting will start at 7:30 o'clock. The club is in the process of reorganizing, and any square dancers interested in joining have been invited, according to Kenneth Hood, president.

Square dancing will start immediately after the meeting, with Doug Fosbury calling.

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