

## Committee To Appraise Schools

Appraisal of Oregon's schools and suggestions for their improvement will be sought in a series of county and town conferences on education which will be held throughout Oregon next February and March, according to announcement this week of a joint planning committee.

The committee is made up of representatives of three groups sponsoring the statewide conference series—the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Oregon State Boards association and the Oregon Education association. Parents and other interested citizens will be invited to participate in the meetings in their areas.

With such tremendous current pressure for more science and mathematics teaching the public generally should be more aware of what their schools are teaching, according to Mrs. Russell Case, Portland, committee member and state president of the Oregon Congress. "It is hoped these conferences will give them such an opportunity," she said.

Four major questions are being posed for the discussions. (1) As parents and taxpayers what do we expect our schools to do for our children? (2) What are our schools doing for our children now? (3) What is being done to improve our school program? (4) What can we as parents and taxpayers do in our own area to have better schools for our children?

The state planning committee members from the three organizations are as follows: Mrs. Case, Portland; Mrs. Larry Marchant, Salem; Mrs. Joseph Edmiston, Milwaukie; Mrs. David McCarty, Portland; Oregon Congress Parents and Teachers: James Yeomans, Portland (state school boards president); Bert Tousey, Tigard; Gardner Knapp, Salem; Eugene Fisher, Oakland; Oregon School Boards association: Mrs. Sidney Mosner, Hillsboro; Mrs. Opal Chapman, La Grande; William C. Jones, Eugene; Douglas V. Olds, Forest Grove; Willson T. Maynard, Portland; Oregon Education association.

Local county and area committees will be appointed in January to organize the meetings.

## Speak for Group

A Christmas program was given for the last meeting of the Congregational Women's fellowship, held at Pilgrim house. Mrs. Ivan Burton and Mrs. Richard Schuchard sang a medley of carols from other lands.

Miss Hieke Schneider from Germany and Shuji Yamamoto from Japan were guests and told of Christmas customs in their countries.

## Chiropodist and Dancer Speak for Charm School

Dr. Arnold Depner and Mrs. Margeen Thurston were the special consultants at the second session of Rogue Valley area charm school for Intermediate Girl Scouts. Dr. Depner, Medford chiropodist, opened the session by stating that at birth 95 per cent of babies are born with good feet, but by the time they start to school 50 per cent have foot trouble of some kind, and by the time they become adults almost 95 per cent have some kind of foot trouble. He also stated that the main factor in these troubles are foot gear, the shoes and stockings or socks worn.

Dr. Depner told the girls they should always try to wear the right shoes for each occasion, stating that an oxford tie was the best for those on their feet a lot, because of the support given; it also prevents the feet from spreading. He suggested

## Bread Loaves Make Decoration For Christmas

Denver—Decorating the home at Christmas time need not be an additional expense, if you heed the advice of Mrs. Lorraine Quarve, who serves as foods instructor at Emily Griffith Opportunity School.

Her favorite decoration is a winter scene made of bread loaves. The birds get it after the family tires of the scenery.

Mrs. Quarve said the project goes over big in her home where her husband and young son and daughter serve as builders. Here's how to make the houses: Remove crusts from unsliced bread loaves, making each loaf rectangular in shape. Use another loaf to carve the slanted rooms and chimney and then put them together with toothpicks and attach to a base. If you want to make a church, follow the same procedure except shape a steeple from the second loaf and attach to the rectangular loaf.

Mrs. Quarve frosts the house with icing made from one egg white and two cups of powdered sugar, and uses a pastry tube to decorate the roof. She says the chimney should be frosted red, with the doors and windows outlined with the same color as the roof. Christmas trees or wreaths can be drawn in the windows with icing.

To make a popcorn tree, Mrs. Quarve advises pouring a popcorn ball mixture into two tree molds. When it is hard, one of the trees is cut in half and the three pieces are stuck together to form a four-sided tree. Crushed candy can be used for paths, and hedges can be made from marshmallows, toothpicks and gumdrops.

## Colored Gloves Replacing White In High Society

Colored gloves replace white gloves in high society. Fashion experts say the gloves let women keep up with color trends, even if they can't wear the shade in large amounts. Most important color for spring is blue, from deep to pastel.

Small-fry in Salt Lake City have adopted slim skirts as a club symbol. Sixth-graders formed a club and voted to wear the skirts on Thursdays.

The chemise look comes to maternity clothes. Several manufacturers show the chemise falling in straight lines or in pleated folds from the shoulders.

A coat from the House of Maximilian can go a fur piece in the rain. The water-repellent coat, designed for evening wear, is completely lined with Russian crown sables.

Woodcraft Neighbors Cancel Meeting  
Phoenix—The social meeting of Neighbor of Woodcraft lodge scheduled for the home of Mrs. E. R. Claffin Thursday, December 19, has been cancelled.

the girls avoid sandals and loafers as that type of shoes does not give adequate support. He also advocated that the girls avoid bedroom slippers or gym shoes for every day wear because of lack of support; also the rubber soles on the gym shoes generate heat that causes excessive sweating. The shoes are good for gym wear but not general wear.

**Warnings Given**  
Feet grow and the bones lengthen for most people until they are almost 20 years of age, according to the doctor, and short or ill-fitted shoes can cause serious malformation. Especially he warned the girls to avoid pointed toes for daily wear, and to be sure that shoes be at least one half to three-quarter inches longer than the longest toe (which is not always the great toe); it is better to have shoes too large than too small, he said. When buying shoes they should allow for growth and for the weight to be placed on the foot. Stockings or socks should be at least an inch longer than the foot; natural materials are best, cotton, wool or mixture of these with nylon.

The doctor also gave the girls some suggestions for making the best use of their shoes. This included changing shoes and stockings often, and not wearing shoes with bare feet, avoiding wrinkles or folds in stockings and use a good foot powder daily. He then spoke briefly of the major foot trouble. The girls were then shown a film, "Shake Hands With Your Feet".

After the girls sang a few carols, led by Senior Girl Scouts, Mrs. Thurston of the Thurston School of the Dance spoke to the girls on good posture and how to attain and maintain it. Mrs. Thurston stated that with good posture even a plain girl can look beautiful, and can wear clothes beautifully. She gave the girls some exercises to do that will help them attain good posture; one exercise was stretching—standing tall, by putting the vertebrae in the right position. Mrs. Thurston had Stephanie Hertager, one of her ballet students, demonstrate each exercise.

**Hundreds Attend**  
Some of the points emphasized in the posture session was sitting correctly, walking correctly, deep breathing, and healthy feet. Mrs. Thurston warned the girls to avoid carrying school books on one side all the time, as this can cause a curvature of the spine. She also told the girls that certain ballet exercises helped toward good posture.

Troops attended from as far away as Cave Junction and Yreka, Calif. Approximately 500 girls were present. Each troop was judged on good grooming and troop 25, Jefferson school, was given custody of the traveling trophy for good grooming until the January meeting. Leader of Troop 25 is Mrs. R. P. Knight.

Next session of the charm school will be January 11, and Mrs. A. O. Eden will be in charge, with the program being on hospitality and etiquette.

## Phoenix Women To Hold Meeting And Work Session

Phoenix—Women's association of Phoenix Presbyterian church will meet at the church Thursday, December 19, at 10:30 a.m. A business meeting in the morning will be followed by a covered dish luncheon at noon.

The program in the afternoon will be followed by a social time and work period. Pop corn balls will be made and candy bags filled for the Sunday School children. These will be distributed at the program Sunday, December 22 at the church at 7:30 p.m. Parents of the children are invited to attend.

Practice will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the junior and intermediate and high school departments. All children of these departments are asked to be present.

Parachutes would be useless on the moon, because it has no atmosphere.

## Students To Present Comedy

Central Point — "Finders Creepers," a three act mystery-comedy by Donald Payton, will be presented by the Curtain Callers, Crater High school dramatic group, in the high school cafeteria, Friday and Saturday, December 20 and 21 at 8 p.m.

A cast of 14, including five with previous Curtain Callers experience, has been working for five weeks on the play and will be supported by a production staff of more than fifty.

The play revolves around Wilbur Maxwell and Hercules Nelson, two teenage buddies of dynamite, played by Charlie Warren and Richard Hammersley. The boys arrive at the home of Hercules' Uncle Bob and Aunt Mary (Ricard Evans and Carolyn Edwards) and find that Uncle Bob has a new job as an undertaker. Then rich old Mr. Quigley, (played by James Hayes) who has "run out of gas" arrives on a stretcher. Wilbur and Hercules want to leave but are convinced they should stay when they became acquainted with Celeste Nelson (Sharllette Hale) and Nina Quigley, (Lynn Malot).

Things really begin to move when the deceased Mr. Quigley suddenly becomes very much alive. The boys decide to solve the mystery of an attempted poisoning. The antics of Claude, the caretaker (David Mack) and Dafne, the maid (Gayle Hagen), kindly Dr. Brown (George Gilman), suspicious Lawyer Schuster (Leighton Skov), and Mourning Madeline Quigley (Nance Dillon) all contribute to the zany plot.

"Finders Creepers" is being directed by Jim Backen, advisor to the dramatic group. A large production staff is headed by Jim Daniels, assistant director. Other staff chairmen are Jim White, stage manager; Dennis Bailey, ticket sales; Sandra Smith, house manager; Bill Laton, publicity director; Byron Sewell, properties chairman and Joan Dobrot, make-up chairman.

## Upper Rogue HEC Has Holiday Party

The annual Christmas party of Upper Rogue Grange Home Economics club was held at the Eastin home. The living room and tables were decorated by the hostesses in the holiday theme and gifts were exchanged.

The names of Pollyana were revealed. Plans for a Grange dinner Friday, December 20, were made. The potluck meal is set for 7 p.m. and Grange members are asked to take table service as well as gifts for their own children.

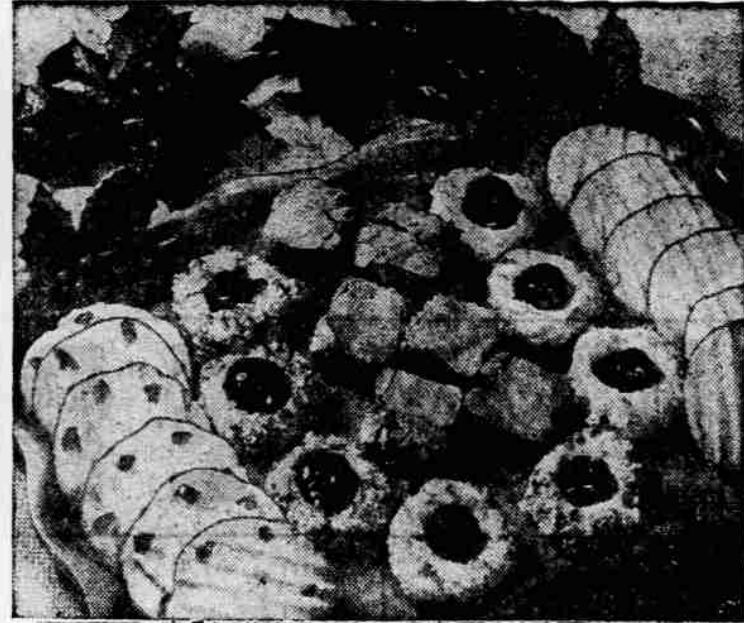
Members are asked to meet at the hall, Thursday, December 19, at 10:30 a.m. to decorate the hall and trim the Christmas tree. Those attending are to take a sack lunch.

## Cranberry Skillet Pie Good Holiday Dessert

New York — Cranberry skillet pie comes as a boon to the busy holiday hostess. It's a company dish, easy to prepare ahead.

Have ready:  
1 recipe of favorite biscuit or shortcake dough; a mixture of 1 tablespoon (1 envelope) plain gelatin softened in 1/2 cup cold water and dissolved in 1/2 cup hot honey; and 4 cups (1 lb.) cranberries mixed with 1 1/2 cups sifted confectioners sugar mixed with 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon.

Roll out dough to form a circle 4 to 6 inches larger than pan. Scallop edge with crescent cutter or knife. Fit dough into pan, letting extra dough hang evenly over the edge. Pile in sugared berries and fold dough toward center. Pinch and shape edge to form flat petals. Bake in hot (450-degree) oven 10 minutes. Reduce heat to moderate (350 degrees) and bake 15 minutes. Pour hot honey mixture over filling, stir to coat berries and bake another 10 minutes. Chill until set. Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.



## Christmas Calls for Cookies

No gift is more appreciated than the gift you make yourself, and a baked gift from your own kitchen is sure to find a glad reception. Here is a recipe for Holiday Sparklers that will please everyone.

For Holiday Sparklers, a crisp cookie with filled center, use 1 stick (1/2) cup margarine; 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed; 1 egg separated; 1 cup sifted flour, 1 cup chopped nuts or coconut, red jelly or candied cherries.

Cream margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Mix in egg yolk. Add flour. Form into small balls. Place on fork, and dip into egg white, then into nuts or coconut. Place on cookie sheet. Press hole in center. Bake in a slow oven (300 degrees F). After 8 minutes of baking, press in center again and continue baking 10 minutes more. Cool slightly. Remove from sheet. Fill center with jelly or candied cherry.

## Master, Marshal Visit Lodge Here; Annual Party Set

Grand Master Ray Terney, Pendleton, Ore., and Stanley Oldham, grand marshal, from Forest Lake, Ore., were guests at the last meeting of Medford Odd Fellow lodge, Mrs. Terney and Mrs. Oldham also attended.

Deputy District Grand Master John Black, Jacksonville, and Ellsworth Robinson, special district deputy grand master from Central Point, were also present. All spoke briefly at the meeting which followed the annual homecoming dinner at IOOF hall.

Earl Scripser and Homer Vincent, aided by Rebekah members, were chairmen for the dinner. Theta Rho members assisted with serving and decorated the tables.

A number of "old timers" were introduced. These included Homer H. Harvey, who was initiated in 1895, Earl Gaddis, who became a member of the lodge in 1902, and George Swinney, 1905.

A Christmas party will be given jointly by the Rebekahs, Theta Rho members and Odd Fellows December 23 in the lodge hall.

## Laurel Gardeners Attend Workshop

Rogue River — Nine members of Laurel Gardeners club of Rogue River went to Camp White December 10, to make swags and wreaths for Christmas decorations for all buildings there. The work was under the direction of the Siskiyou district director, Mrs. Ira D. Fitzgerald.

Those attending were the president, Mrs. Wm. White, Mrs. Andrew J. Guffin, E. W. Shock, Loyd Smith, Henry L. Bonney, Jerusha Moore, James Whipple, Wm. Paterson and Victor Friden.

The luncheon furnished by the Camp White chef was enjoyed as well as a tour of the hobby shops.

## Officers Elected By Trail Riders; Party Announced

Lloyd Hanscom, Central Point, was elected president of Medford Trail Riders at the monthly meeting held December 14 at the Willow Springs school house, Central Point.

Other officers elected are Clarence Harrison, Central Point, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Jacks, Gold Hill, treasurer; Miss Jean Estremado, Gold Hill, secretary.

A Christmas party and dinner were planned for Sunday, December 22, at the schoolhouse. The event is for members and their families.

New York — Dr. Helene Eliasberg, 67, who discovered epithermal tuberculosis in 1920, died at New York hospital Monday after a long illness. She was a pediatrician.

## Sonja Peterson Gives Recital

Salem—Miss Sonja Peterson, Medford sophomore in the College of Music, Willamette university, presented a piano recital today in the College of Music recital hall.

Miss Peterson achieved recognition both in high school and at Willamette. Among her honors are included being chosen by the College of Music faculty from more than 30 candidates to receive the Nancy Black-Wallace four year scholarship in music at Willamette. She is concert mistress of the University orchestra and a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, professional music society and Alpha Lambda Delta, National Honorary Society for Freshmen women.

Included in her program were numbers from Mendelssohn, Bach, Scarlatti and Ravel. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Peterson of 2574 Jacksonville highway in Medford and is majoring in piano and music education.

## Zontians to Aid Medford Family

Zonta club members held the annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Ethel Tennant Thursday evening. The small tables and chairs of the nursery school served as excellent places for the wrapping of toys and clothing and the assembling of food which will be given to a family of seven for Christmas.

The service committee, headed by Mrs. Elsie Butler, was in charge of the arrangements for the evening. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

## Club Party

Wenonah club will hold its annual Christmas party for members and guests at Redman hall Thursday, December 19, at 1 p.m. A gift exchange will be followed by cards.

## 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.

6:30 p.m. — Pythian Christmas party, Pythian building.

7:30 p.m. — Crater Garden club, with Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Taylor, route 1, box 233, Old Stage rd.

7:30 p.m. — Gladamson unit of the Wesleyan Service guild, First Methodist church, with Mrs. Clifford Proctor, 2540 Jacksonville highway.

8 p.m. — Chapter BE, PEO, Mrs. A. A. Lausmann, 200 Medford heights.

8 p.m. — Talent Parent Teacher association, Talent High school.

8 p.m. — Talent PTA, at school.

8 p.m. — 8 and 40, home of Mrs. H. J. Meiring, 2460 Hillcrest road.

Wednesdays:  
10:30 a.m. — Central Point Home Extension unit, Central Point Grange hall, Pine st.

10:30 a.m. — Medford Home Extension unit, courthouse auditorium.

12 noon — Reames Social club, Medford Masonic hall.

12 noon — Townsend club, Carpenters hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.

12:30 p.m. — Nevita Past Matrons club, with Mrs. M. W. McGrew, Jacksonville highway.

12:30 p.m. — Chapter CP, PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. John A. Graff Jr., 31 Geneva st.

2 p.m. — Wednesday Study club, Girls Community club.

## This Man Now Walks To Call on Girl Friend

Buffalo, N. Y. — Joseph A. Bodhorn Sr. got off with a suspended sentence Monday when he agreed to sell his car. Charged with driving after his license was revoked, Bodhorn said he used the auto only "to call on my girl friend." Bodhorn is 80. His girl friend is 76.

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