

Concert Number Sunday Features Ballet Group

Students of the Colleen Hope Dance studio will be featured in the "Carnival of the Animals" during a concert Sunday, January 26, presented by the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon at Medford High school auditorium. The number, which will close the afternoon concert, will have Director Richard D. Werner conducting the Philharmonic orchestra and



COLLEEN HOPE

Angus Bowmer, Southern Oregon college faculty member and producing director of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, as narrator.

Appearing in the ballet will be Sylvia Smith as the lion; Page Meyerding, Judy Andersen, Sandra Gannon, Terry Pitts, Carolyn Poulos, Lynn Eilers, Janet Gifford and Joan Sexton as gazelles; Joyce Leon as the cock, Katherine Watson, Edie Reinking, Tamara Wright, Carolyn Knolls, Nicolee Ober and Michele Niehaus, hens.

Also in the ballet cast will be Pat Hilton as a wild donkey; Louise Lull, a turtle; Sidney Yarnell, Jerry Chenault and Fletcher Fish Jr., as elephants; Rosemary Tokar, kangaroo; Sharon Laing, a mermaid; Linda Rentz, Kimmie Williams, Cynda Williams, Linda Stephensen, Teresa Wilkens and Michele McCalvey, fish; Coralee Sickles, Kathy Rentz, Judy Morris, Dorothy Minshall, Lynn Makris and Janice Williams, sea horses; Paulette Kime,

Panel Discussion Held at Meeting Of Roosevelt PTA

John Childers, Roosevelt school principal, was moderator for a panel discussion at the January meeting of Roosevelt Parent-Teacher association. The topic "How Are Your Guide Lines—Too Loose, Too Tight?" was discussed by Mrs. Roland Mayer, Mrs. Hugh Collins, Mrs. Robert Sleeter, Mrs. Wright Scoville, Mrs. Sam Richardson and Mrs. Brandt Bartels.

The fund raising project for the year was the carnival held in December. This project realized a net profit of \$542. It was announced that Roosevelt PTA has a membership of 620 and has subscribed to 55 parent-teacher magazines.

Mt. Pitt Rebekahs Plan Drill Practice

Central Point—Forrest Thomason, drill captain for Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge, has called a practice for Wednesday, January 29, at the Central Point IOOF hall. Mr. Thomason states that the practice will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

Weather Bureau Work Explained For Jackson PTA

"People talk about the weather but nobody does anything about it." With this opening, the program chairman of Jackson Parent-Teacher association, Mrs. John Denyer, introduced the guest speaker, Stanley Lacy, of the Medford Weather Bureau.

The meeting was held Friday, January 17, in the school gymnasium. Mr. Lacy spoke on "The Weather Bureau at Work," saying the National Weather service was first organized in 1870. The bureau's job was to take meteorological observations and forecasts and check the rivers in times of flood. Mr. Lacy said the bureau now has many projects which serve agriculture, industry and air travel.

There are some 600 weather stations throughout the country. The Medford station is one of the largest observing stations on the West Coast, the speaker said. Mr. Lacy told the group that weather progress is observed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and that information is exchanged four times daily with other weather stations throughout the country. A weather balloon with a radio transmitter is sent up twice daily from the station here to observe the conditions in our locality.

Mr. Lacy said that the fog which everyone grumbled about really has served as a "blanket" or "insulator" overhead, keeping out the extreme cold air above. This makes a much milder winter than if there was no fog at all.

Six Educators Attend Session

A group of six Jackson county educators left yesterday for Portland to attend a regional conference of the National Education association on the preparation of teachers to teach.

Attending are Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college; Dr. Bill Sampson and Miss Florence Allen, SOC faculty members; James McDonald, national president of Student National Education association and audio-visual director for the office of county school superintendent; Mrs. Maxine Smith, Medford High school faculty member and former president of the Department of Classroom Teachers, Oregon Education association; and Mrs. Elsie Turner, Eagle Point teacher and a member of the OEA committee on teacher education and professional standards.

Dr. T. M. Stinnett of NEA will be key speaker and director of the two-day conference, sponsored by the Teacher Education and Professional Standards commission of NEA. Theme of the program is "the teacher education program, basic principles and issues."

Three purposes of the conference have been outlined, according to Dr. Dave Darland, Oregon Education association state director for TEPS. They are to examine critically the teacher education program; consider the role of the total profession in bringing about improvement in programs for the education of its members and to contribute to the planning of the 1958 national TEPS conference.

Educators and laymen from Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Washington and Oregon are attending.

Plan Dinner

The auxiliary to Fraternal Order of Eagles will hold the monthly dinner Sunday, January 23, at 5:30 p.m. in the Eagles hall. Members are to take a hot dish or salad sufficient for their own family.

Metropolitan Enjoying Great Year; Being Praised

By FRED DANZIG
United Press Correspondent
New York—In running an opera, as in betting on horses, the idea is to keep your losses to a minimum.

With that in mind, the Metropolitan Opera is having a great year—perhaps its greatest.

Opera goers and critics tell us "the Met's" 73rd season is tops.

This season's deficit is expected to be smaller than last year's \$95,377 loss, which was the smallest in many a year.

Attendance at the 3,612-seat horseshoe auditorium is at a record level, about 95 per cent of capacity.

The singers are chirping away like happy birds.

The sets and costumes are as eye-catching as the music is ear-catching.

When you ask opera buffs what brought on this boom, the answer you get is simply: "Bing."

Rudolf Bing, now 56, was unknown to the American public in 1950 when he was brought over from England to be general manager of the Metropolitan. The \$230,000 deficit didn't worry him. "In our field," he has said, "money must be the servant of art and not the other way around. Opera always will be and will be subsidized art."

Since then, the energetic, charming Austrian-born impresario has hauled the Met onward and upward through a combination of hard-headed business acumen, artistic taste, brilliance and stubbornness.

He made a pledge in 1950 that he has kept and, in so doing, spawned a number of enemies. Said Bing: "I will attempt to run this house—unmoved by threats or promises—on the principle of quality alone. I am moved only by artistic, not by racial or political considerations. We want," he added, "an ensemble of stars—not of comets."

Bing's way has prevailed. His bosses recently tore up his latest three-year contract and gave him a five-year contract with options.

Associates of the impressive tell of his utter devotion to his job. "He's always here, always working to improve things," said one stage hand. In striving to make the theatrical aspect of opera match the musical, Bing has brought in many noted Broadway talents, including Margaret

Officer to Speak For Crater PTA

Gold Hill—Mrs. Leigh Gustison, Medford, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Crater High Parent-Teacher association Monday, January 27. Mrs. Gustison is an officer of Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Singing is planned as a portion of the evening's program. Clinton Charley, Central Point, vice-president of the unit will be in charge of the final membership drive at this time.

Junior class parents will serve.

All parents in the Gold Hill area are invited to attend the PTA meetings. Those interested in forming a car pool are requested to contact Mrs. Floyd Taylor, president of Gold Hill Parent-Teacher association, according to Mrs. Lewis Kilborn, president of the Crater High unit.

Social Meeting Planned by Club

Scottish Rite Women's club will meet Monday, January 27, at 8 p.m. in the Masonic temple. This is a social night, and bridge, pinochle, and canasta will be played.

Committee for the evening will be Mrs. Fred W. Scheffel, Mrs. W. Morris Boughner, Mrs. Cole Holmes and Mrs. Basil H. Lindley.

The Scottish Rite Masons will hold a stated meeting in the Council, and a stated meeting in the Consistory.

After this Roy W. McNeal and cast, under the direction of Menno S. Bachmann, will present the fourth degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry to a class of candidates. After the presentation, the men will join the ladies for the coffee hour.

All wives, widows, mothers, daughters and sisters of Scottish Rite Masons are welcome.

The next meeting of Women of the Moose will be held February 12 at Moose hall.

Meeting Set

Medford Grade Teachers' association will meet at Washington school Monday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.—Medford chapters of PEO, Rogue Valley Country club.

2 p.m.—DAR, home of Mrs. A. V. Hardy, 1414 Crown ave.

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