

Music, Humor and Ballet Attract Large Audience

The combination of music, humor and dancing children attracted a large audience to Medford High school auditorium yesterday afternoon for the January concert of the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon. Because of the programming of "The Carnival of Animals" there were many children in the audience and on the stage, something unusual for a Philharmonic concert.

Saint-Saens, French composer, wrote his "zoological fantasy" in 1886 for two pianos and orchestra. With engaging humor he used the piano and orchestral instruments to portray the elephant, swan, lion, cuckoo, kangaroo and other birds and animals. For yesterday's concert a group of Miss Colleen Hope's young dance pupils interpreted the various creatures of sea and land, the Philharmonic orchestra played the charming nonsense music under the direction of Richard D. Werner, and Angus Bowers read the delightful jokes-in-verse which Ogden Nash, well-known American humorist, wrote some years ago to be read with the music. Bruno Pellegrini and Almus Pruitt were at the pianos. Mr. Pruitt having kindly consented to substitute.

Laughter from both adults and children filled the auditorium as the fantasy unfolded and the applause was hearty, not only at the conclusion of the performance, but for each solo and group.

Much Preparation
A great deal of preparation

Music Announced For Club Session

The Blue Notes from Alexander's String band will provide entertainment for a meeting of the Townsend Harmony club auxiliary to be held Wednesday, January 29, at Carpenters' hall. The entertainment will begin about 2 p.m. and continue until 4 p.m., it is announced.

A "white elephant" sale will also be held during the afternoon. A potluck luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m.

At last week's club meeting five members were honored in observance of their birthday anniversaries. They were Mr. and Mrs. John Purdue, Mrs. J. R. Burgess, Mrs. Lydia Spradley and Robert Montgomery.

One new club member was reported. David Wilson sang a solo and the social hour closed with readings and music.

Visitors are welcome to attend any of the club meetings.

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Reunion Planned

A reunion is being planned for the 1943 graduating class from Medford High school to be held June 14 at the Rogue Valley Country club.

The planning committee expects to contact all graduates of the school fifteen years ago but have been unable to locate addresses on some of the class members. Persons having information of the following persons are asked to contact Mrs. Don Minear, SP-3 5-5444 or Mrs. William Seibert, SP-3 3-4138.

Members include Norman Abell, Dillon Arnold, Verene Bishop, Pat Ballantyne, Cecil Bishop, Eileen Buchanan, Jim Carbiener, Celeste Cate, Joanna Chinn, Donna Chinn, Donald Dean Davis, David Dawson, Essie Dunn, Nancy Elliott, Duane Fairchild, Lois Fish, Juanita Haddock, Isabelle Hawkins, Earl Higgins, Paul Horsley, Bill Houston, Arnold Johnson, Wallace Johnson, Odie Odell Whitefield, Olive Wohlschlaeger, Helen Wilson.

Also Inez Kendall, Jack Kresse, Phyllis Lillie, Don Lockman, Vivian Lukens, Jean Moran, Francis Nordquist, Lloyd Nordquist, Germaine Perry, Bob Pittinger, Charlene Porter, Bob Rice, Wallace Rice, William Scheu-man, Meredith Shields, Claire Sherman, Elizabeth Smith, Bill Stout, Margaret Thompson, Harry Vander Mark, Margaret Wallin, Constance Warren, Alan Weir, and Ward Williamson.

The committee also needs a copy of the 1943 Crater yearbook that the owner does not wish to keep.

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Rapid Increase Noted In Health Insurance

New York — Voluntary health insurance in the United States took another big forward step in 1957, the Health Insurance Institute reported today.

Americans covered by some form of health insurance numbered a record 123 million persons, the highest point in history. Protection against the cost of hospital and doctor bills by the end of the year just past was extended to include some 75 per cent of the nation's population, rising at a faster rate than the growth in population itself, said the Institute.

To help the public meet the cost of accident and sickness, the Institute further reported, an estimated \$42 billion were paid in health cost benefits during the 12-month period. In 1956, the benefit figure was \$3.6 billion.

Insurance company growth during the year was particularly rapid, the institute announced. Within the last six years, the number of people covered by hospital expense plans, as offered by insurance companies, has risen by 99 per cent, and regular medical plans by 281 per cent. Major medical expense insurance, covering catastrophic accidents and sickness, and offered only by insurance companies, rose 1188 per cent during the same period.

Reports from the 700 insurance companies handling health insurance policies in the U.S. last year showed that of the 123 million estimated total, 70 million persons had such coverage under policies written by insurance companies for hospital expenses. In addition, 67 million were covered for surgical expenses, 35 million for regular medical expenses, and loss of income insurance policies covered 32 million persons. Some 13 million persons were estimated to have protection against major medical expenses.

Benefit payments by insurance companies to policyholders by October, 1957, were more than 15 per cent higher than the same time the year before, the institute noted. Over \$2 billion had been received by Americans to help defray the cost of health care at the end of the first ten months. It was estimated that the total amount of benefits paid by December 31 rose to an unprecedented \$2.4 billion — a rate of \$7 million per day for the entire year.

The year 1957 also saw expansion of health insurance to include protection for more and more of the population, the Institute said. Policies designed to afford coverage for retired workers and for those over age 65 continued to increase in number. A recent nationwide survey indicated that the number of group insurance plans offering the retired worker the option to either continue his insurance under the group or to convert his health insurance coverage to an individual policy was more than doubled within the last four years alone. Recently introduced health insurance with paid-up premiums at age 65 are also becoming increasingly popular, the Institute found, while significant advances were noted in the number of policies in force which guarantee renewal by the insurance company.

Plans Announced For Mardi Gras In Shady Cove

Shady Cove — Bethel 56, International Order of the Job's Daughters, is planning Mardi Gras February 8. Members and guests will dress to represent a melody.

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New York Woman Is Stylist For Men's Clothing

By PAT HERMAN
United Press Correspondent
London—A New Yorker, Victor Lebow, may wear the pants in his family, but his good-looking, brunette wife styles and picks them for him—and for men throughout America.

Francesca is the distaff member of Lebow Bros., a New York clothing firm. As such, she accompanies her husband twice a year on global hunts for fabrics and fashion ideas that will make American men "the best dressed in the world."

Before she married the boss and became vice president of the firm, she worked for Marshall Field in Chicago, Ben Reig in New York and for Vogue magazine, where she made her mark as the first men's wear editor in the high fashion field.

Money To Be Made
"Women," she said, on her stopover here, "have taken the curse off fashion for men."

The only answer to this is yes—if you happen to look like Francesca who, at 44, could hold her own with many a svelte, sloop-eyed high fashion model.

The Lebow fashion theory is that there's as much money to be made in men's wear as in women's, and Francesca and spouse are out to prove it.

They will hunt for woollens and worsteds in England, and silks in Italy, sweaters in Austria, and accessories in Switzerland and France.

"Last trip I spotted a silk striped cuff on a man in Florence," said Francesca, "and that gave us the idea for one of our most handsome shirts."

Tweed for Variety
She continued: "The Englishman's umbrella and bowler look dashing and, oh, so English. The Italian's silk shirt and pointed shoes are very attractive. But they always look English and Italian—not completely well dressed. The American men are the best dressed in the world."

But this pronouncement does not satisfy Francesca, who is out to broaden the American man's fashion horizons.

"If they insist on a grey flannel suit—all right, let them have it, but have them buy a tweed for variety as well."

She also is sure that the only way to sartorially "finish off" the American man is with the help of his wife.

"Our men must be told how to dress," she said matter-of-factly, "so my job is to tell their wives on the new ideas I discover abroad."

Toss bits of crumbled bacon or chopped salted peanuts into a green salad before serving.



Lawrence E. Butler

Butler Elected New President Of Audio Group

Lawrence E. Butler, associate professor of education and director of audio-visual aids at Southern Oregon college, assumed presidency of Oregon Audio-Visual association Saturday, Jan. 25, at a noon luncheon at Oregon State college in Corvallis.

The annual winter conference began Friday evening with Saturday's program featuring discussion groups on selling the audio-visual program, a demonstration of a tape recorder in action, and an educational film festival at which four film companies will present their best educational films of the year, according to a release from the Oregon State Department of Education.

Friday, Mr. Butler attended the meeting of Oregon Teachers of Audio Visual Aids.

Butler has served as president of Higher Education in Oregon for two years and is a member of the Oregon Education association and is on the Jackson County Executive board of the group. Fraternal affiliations include Phi Chi and Phi Delta Kappa. He is also a member of the National Education association, American Association of University Professors and the Coaches association.

He has been at Southern Oregon college since 1947 teaching science and education courses.

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