

Potpourri

This year there were no fountains, artificial flowers, bright butterflies or silver stars hanging from a sky of synthetic blue at the annual Junior Prom of Medford High school. This is the space age, when man not only dreams of flying to the moon, but is building instruments and machines designed to do just that. Theme of the Junior Prom was "Things to Come" and in the high school gymnasium last Saturday night the symbol of the nuclear age hung from the ceiling, instead of tinsel stars. Launching towers replaced romance, and the 1958 Junior Prom queen walked up a modernistic ramp to a "throne" which was a canvas chair slung from slender metal supports and filled with gaily colored cushions.

The queen, too, was quite in keeping with "Things to Come." For this year's Junior Prom queen isn't even a citizen of the United States — she was Margareta Larsdotter-Aulin, a tall, slim, pretty and charming girl from a little town in Sweden. Margareta's fellow students at Medford High school like her and admire her — enough to nominate her as a senior princess and then to elect her queen, by secret ballot.

Their choice met with hearty approval from their elders, too. On every hand Saturday night could be heard words of approval from teachers, parents and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bash, Medford couple with whom Margareta has lived during her year here as an exchange student, were as pleased over her selection as they would have been over such an honor for one of their own daughters. They have a deep affection for Margareta, and will be sorry to see her leave for home the latter part of June.

In return, Margareta has come to understand and like her new friends in the United States, and when she returns to Sweden, she will be one more link in the chain of friendship between this nation and her native land.

When Lena Conard was 15 years old, and a carefree girl back in Kansas, a young man gave her a little bottle of maple syrup as a present. "I won't use it now," Lena told the young man. "I'll save it for our golden wedding anniversary."

Perhaps Fred Ryde didn't know then he would marry Lena. But he did—and Lena kept her promise. The Rydes moved from Kansas to Colorado to New Mexico to California to Oregon—everywhere they went Lena took the little bottle of syrup. She carefully packed it, and took care that the bottle wasn't broken.

On the morning of May 6 Mr. and Mrs. Ryde, now enjoying the golden year of their marriage, prepared pancakes for breakfast and on them they poured syrup from the little bottle which Fred had given Lena 53 years ago. The syrup was still clear and sweet—a symbol, perhaps — and the couple enjoyed every drop as they ate their golden wedding breakfast, deeply contented.

Albert Huntemann, band director at McLoughlin Junior High school, appeared with the Ashland High school band last week as a guest conductor. Mr. Huntemann directed the band while it played a number he had written. His friend, Kenneth Waldroff, director of the Ashland group, had extended the courtesy and Mr. H., wondering what the composition would sound like when played, gladly accepted.

Mr. Huntemann, too, is not one to look to the past for inspiration. His song is entitled "Satellite."—O.S.

Meeting Reports On Agenda for Episcopal Women

Reports from delegates who attended the recent Diocesan convention will be given at the Friday, May 23, meeting of the Women's auxiliary of St. Mark's Episcopal church.

Communion will be celebrated at 11 a.m. with luncheon served at 12 noon.

A panel discussion will be held and a short business meeting. This will be the final meeting of the season with the next scheduled in September.

YMCA Swim Classes To Begin Tuesday

Women's swim classes will start at the YMCA Tuesday, May 20. A beginner's class will be held at 8:30 p.m. with an intermediate class at 7 p.m.

The classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evening with August Farfan as instructor. For further information contact the YMCA at SPing 2-6295.

The parents of Gen. William T. Sherman were natives of England.

Branch To Honor Officers

Retiring officers of the Medford branch, American Association of University Women, will be honored at the president's dinner to be held Wednesday evening, May 21, at the Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne street at 6:30 p.m. The retiring officers are Mrs. A. J. Johansson, president; Mrs. Harry Chipman, first vice-president; Mrs. Roy Elmgren, second vice-president; Mrs. John Carnegie, treasurer, and Mrs. Lester Stinson, secretary.

Co-chairman making arrangements for the dinner are Mrs. Robert Keeney and

Mrs. Fletcher Fish. The dinner is to be potluck furnished by the members.

Installation of new officers for the forthcoming year will also be held. The incoming officers will be Mrs. John Stong, president; Mrs. Roy Elmgren, first vice-president; Mrs. LeRoy Smith, second vice-president; Mrs. Jeffrey Shute, treasurer, and Mrs. George Johns, secretary.

The president's dinner is the final meeting for the current year and will end an active year for the group. During the year AAUW sponsored two performances of the

children's play "Cinderella" presented by the Southern Oregon College Players, sponsored the children's story hour broadcast each week day by radio station KYJC and also sponsored the art show at the Medford hotel during National Art week. The branch gave two \$500 named fellowship grants, one of the grants to be used to provide graduate study in the United States for a foreign woman scholar and the other to be used to provide graduate study for a United States woman scholar. The Medford branch also participated in the state convention in April held in Grants Pass.

Program Planned On Anniversary

Chapter BE of the PEO sisterhood will celebrate the 22nd anniversary of organization at a meeting set for 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, at the home of Mrs. Fletcher Fish, Phoenix. Mrs. J. D. McPherson is the assisting hostess.

Chapter CP of the sisterhood will hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Dolph Phipps, 4502 Crater Lake highway, Wednesday, May 21. Mrs. C. H. Paske will be assistant hostess. The program will be presented by Mrs. D. R. Gardner.

Electa Social Club To Meet on Friday

Electa Social club will meet Friday, May 23 at 1 p.m. at Girl Community club for a dessert luncheon. Mrs. Elizabeth Drummond, Mrs. Jennie Thompson, Mrs. Frances Taylor and Mrs. E. D. Scripser will be hostesses.

A business meeting is set at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Allen Curry to preside. Cards will follow. All unaffiliated Eastern Star women in the Valley are invited to meet with the club.

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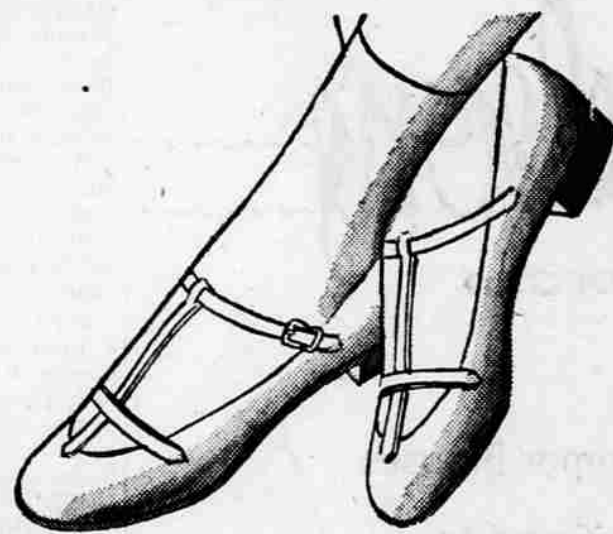
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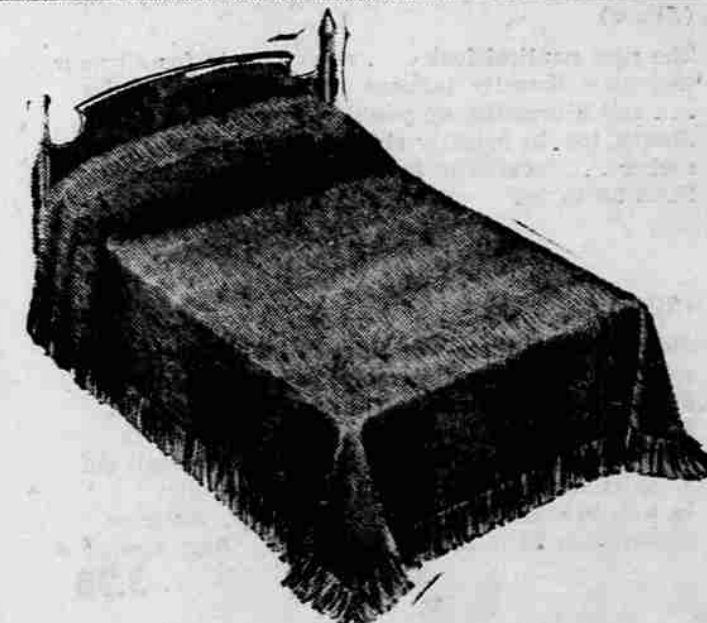
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