



These officers and other members of Southern Oregon Mushroom club have been busy gathering specimens for the exhibit which the club will have during the annual Chin-Up club hobby carnival Friday and Saturday, November 14-15, at Girls' Community club. Mrs. Clyde Minger is secretary-treasurer of the club. Fred Lawrence (center) is show chairman and Marvin Trautman is club president. The large clumps of mushrooms are both of the honey variety, and the four tubular shaped specimens are commonly called "shaggy manes." Mr. Trautman holds a smooth lepiota naucina. Club members discourage the untended from picking this variety, since they closely resemble one of the poisonous types. Fields and wooded sections of Jackson county abound in dozens of edible varieties which are both delicious and nutritious. Mr. Lawrence, an authority on the subject, works with both Dr. Alexander Smith of the University of Michigan and Dr. Stuntz, University of Washington, noted mycologists in preparing material for publication.

Christmas Party Plans Announced By Women's Club

Plans for a Christmas party were made Monday night at the Scottish Rite Women's club meeting in the Masonic temple. Date for the party is December 15 and it will start at 6:30 p.m. with a pot-luck dinner. The husbands of the members will be guests. In charge of the arrangements are Mrs. Fred Graten, chairman, and assisting her will be Mrs. Ira Canfield, Mrs. E. L. Klein, Mrs. J. A. Grigsby, Mrs. Marshall Day. A gift exchange for both men and women is planned. The club is in charge of a reunion dinner for the Scottish Rite men December 6. Mrs. George Osler is chairman of the dinner, with Mrs. H. L. Alford assisting.

Council Official To Visit Lodge

Plans have been completed for the visit here of Miss Dolly Fulgham, great keeper of records of the Great Council of California, Pocatontas lodge. Miss Fulgham will visit Westonka council Friday, November 14, at Redmond hall on Apple street, at 8 p.m. Miss Fulgham is on the advisory board and will answer questions pertaining to the local lodge affiliating with the California council. Officers ask a full attendance of members. Members are asked to take pies. **Cancel Meeting** Past Presidents of the Ladies' auxiliary to Crater Lake aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, has cancelled a meeting scheduled for Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Steele, 525 Pearl street. The cancellation is due to illness, it was announced.

Sunshine Girls Plan Installation At Pythian Hall

Newly elected officers of Talisman Rosebud council, Pythian Sunshine Girls; junior auxiliary of the Pythian Sisters temple in Medford, will be installed at a ceremony in the Pythian building starting at 8 o'clock this evening. Members of Knights of Pythias lodges, Pythian Sisters, their friends and interested persons are invited. This is to be the first open installation of the group. Mrs. Edward Bostwick is head of the girls order, which meets each Thursday in the Pythian building. A reception will follow. Don't plant bulbs in a single line. Clumps of five or more give a better effect, especially if all the bulbs in a clump are the same color.



Is it really low salaries that drive teachers into other professions? Should the United States reorganize secondary education? Is the military gaining more control of education budgets than is healthy? Are there good ideas to be borrowed from the Soviet Union about free, public education?

These were some of the problems discussed at meetings in Eugene and Salem last week which were attended by a number of Medford educators and laymen. One was the governor's conference on secondary education, and the second was a meeting of the Oregon School Boards association.

Mrs. Moore Hamilton, member of the Oregon State Board of Education and a former school board member in Medford, attended the governor's conference and part of the association sessions, and came home with a head buzzing with information and ideas. Potpourri urged her to pass them along and since she is a trained reporter, Mrs. H. put them into news stories which we are happy to print.

"I am convinced we can have satisfactory education without any radical change in the basic, comprehensive high school, including a wide variety of vocational programs," Dr. James B. Conant, former president of Harvard university, who is heading a national study of high schools, told audiences in Eugene and Salem during the Oregon School Boards association and the Governor's Conference on Secondary Education.

The former U. S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany frowned upon any move to copy European systems in the United States, maintaining that to follow the European pattern would necessitate a complete change of the whole American philosophy.

"Local control of our public schools is a permanent system," Dr. Conant declared, then cautioned that "Boards must know the difference between policy making and administration."

Specific recommendations for improving the secondary (or high) schools in the American manner were made by the speaker, who listed the elimination of the small high school as the number one problem.

"Unless a high school has a graduating class of at least 100, that school is too small to offer a sufficiently diversified curriculum to meet the needs of all its pupils and the needs of our nation," Dr. Conant stated. "In this country," he noted, "about one third of the students are attending high schools that are too small. Just under 35 per cent in this state are attending high schools that are too small."

Dr. Conant listed as "false" the criticism in America, pertaining to "frills" and "building costs." The criticism, he maintained, can be reasonably answered only by examination school by school but he told his audiences that he had seen only a few extravagant buildings in his tour of the states. He urged taxpayers to realize that only a fraction of school cost is going toward the amortization of construction.

In his recommendations, Dr. Conant asked that students be grouped according to ability, subject by subject, except in the 12th grade social studies, where he advised a mingling of all groups. He urged the adoption of four years of English in the high school with a top load of 100 pupils for each English teacher and half the time devoted to English composition, or one theme per week.

A full-time counsellor for every 250 students, four years of one foreign language for the top 15 per cent, no matter how few enroll; four years of mathematics and three years of science for the same group with the required English and social studies, including 15 to 20 hours a week of homework, were advised in the visitor's program.

Dr. Conant emphatically opposed the common practice of teaching two years of one foreign language and two years of another. He also disapproved of a four-year required physical education program but avoided setting the amount of PE to be taken.

Dr. Willard B. Spalding, chairman, division of education, Portland State college, at Governor's conference, warned of the dangers lurking in the production of "captive scientists."

"If people decide schools should be used as a tool of national policy we are on our way to dictatorship," he stated. "We must continue to oppose restriction and seduction whether it is in the name of education or something else."

"Contrary to the basic tenets of our society, the military is gaining more control of budgets and we are threatened with ascendancy of the military control of civilian life."

"If we are to have peace in our time we must teach pupils to seek ways in which man can be safe with himself — how to crowd and still be kind. The dangers come from man himself, can he learn to control the machines he devises?"

"How to become safe from each other is our greatest challenge. If war comes, the dark ages of the future will make the dark ages of the past seem like a pleasant interlude. When man decides to kill man, there are no pleasant methods."

The idea of public education is being challenged today, Dr. Spalding said, urging his audience "not to let professional educators decide whether your children be educated."

Work at all levels is oriented in terms of service to the state and learning is tied directly into service in Russia. Dr. John R. Ludington, director, aid to state and local schools branch, U. S. Office of Education, told the Governor's conference in making his report of his recent examination of schools in the U.S.S.R.

Dr. Ludington pointed out that an evaluation of the schools in Russia was difficult in view of the fact that a Soviet leader may push a button and change the course of

Jefferson PTA Slates Meeting

Jefferson Parent-Teacher association will hold its second meeting of the school year Friday, November 14, in the cafeteria of Jefferson school. The meeting will consist of safety rules and regulations and will be presented by Kenneth Hulbert, principal of the school, and Chief of Police Charles P. Champ-lin, Jr. A question-and-answer period will follow which will allow parents to become acquainted with the safety laws and precautions which are necessary with regards to the school program. The meeting will start at 2:30 p.m. with a conference period with the teachers beginning at 2 p.m.



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To help provide children's clothing for families in need, the new Medford Junior Women's club has started a "clothing pool." The club members work with the school nurses, who distribute the clothing where it is most needed. Shown here at the project headquarters at Lincoln school are (left to right) Mrs. John L. Holmes, chairman of the project, Mrs. Martha Donahue and Mrs. Betty Love, school nurses. The club members repair and put the donated clothing in order, and to finance the cost of repair supplies, the club is giving a benefit "food and fashion" show Monday, November 17, at Mon Desir inn, Central Point. A buffet luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. and in addition Mrs. Julie Tummers of the inn will prepare a number of Hawaiian and other foods for sampling. Town and Country shop, Eagle Point, will show holiday fashions. Reservations for the event are to be made with Mrs. Holmes, SPring 2-8519, or Mrs. Larry McConnell, SPring 2-9130.

USSR education within a few weeks.

The educational aim in the USSR now is to produce versatile, conscientious builders of the Communist society, the American educator stated. This is being done, he maintained, with a curriculum which is uniform for boys and girls in physical education and everything else. School is held six days each week, schools are well staffed with teachers, 109 instructors in a school of 900 pupils, and equipment. Each pupil in a geography class, for example, is supplied with a 14-inch globe.

Dr. Ludington described the Russians as apparently happy, well fed and well clothed but commented that "good education itself produces differences," adding that there are no differences in Russia.

"Our faith was renewed in the principles of American education" after viewing the Russian educational system, the speaker declared.

"I could tell you much more," Mrs. H. added in a note. "For instance, that more teachers are leaving their jobs because of behaviour problems in school that because of lack of money" to quote Dr. Raymond Lowe, University of Oregon.—O.S.

Down To Earth New York—(UPI)—Plant bulbs for flowers next spring. Dutch bulb importers recommend planting bulbs until the end of November, or until frost hardens the ground. Follow planting rules on the package or booklet which comes with the bulbs. For example, place tulips six inches deep and six inches apart.

New PTA Unit To Be Formed

A meeting to organize a parent-teacher association for Hoover school will be held Friday, November 14, at 2:30 p.m. at the school. Since the cafeteria and gymnasium are still under construction, the meeting will be held in the library. No program is planned and the entire time will be given over to organizational details. Coffee will be served, and baby sitting will be provided.

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 for publication and for week day news is 2 p.m. the day before publication. **Thursday:** 7 p.m. — Medford Altrusa club, Ping's Gardens. 7 p.m. — Back to School Night, McLoughlin, Junior High school. 7:30 p.m. — AAUW Interior Decoration Study group, home of Mrs. A. A. Johansson, 2133 Dellwood avenue. 8 p.m. — Past Noble Grands' club, Olive Rebekah lodge, Girls Community club. 8 p.m. — Hammond Organ society, Purucker Music house. 8 p.m. — Phoenix Thursday club, home of Mrs. Michael Popow, 3744 Calhoun road. 8 p.m. — Reames chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Medford Masonic temple. **Friday:** 12:30 p.m. — Medford Fifty Plus club, Pythian hall. New York—(UPI)—It's pie time again. For a 2-crust, 9-inch pie, you'll need 3 1/2 cups sliced, peeled, cored pears. Mix pears with 1 tablespoon lemon juice, grated rind of 1 lemon, 3 tablespoons flour, 3/4 cup sugar, 1/2 teaspoon of nutmeg and a few grains of salt. Spoon pear mixture into lower crust, dot with 1 tablespoon butter, cover with vented upper crust and seal edges. Bake in 425 degree over 40 to 50 minutes.

Enrollment Open For Dance Class

Couples interested in a beginner's square dance class may still enroll in a class sponsored by the Bellview Grange in Ashland, Floyd Workman, Medford caller, has announced. The class will be held each Friday between 8 and 10 p.m., and will be completed in time that dancers may attend the second annual Southern Oregon Square Up at Southern Oregon college January 31 and February 1, he said.

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