

Over-Flow Crowd At Junior Women's Benefit

Medford Junior Women's club, organized about a year ago, had hoped for an attendance of 80 persons at the club's first attempt at a general interest benefit event. The project, a "tasting tea" and preview of holiday fashions held Monday at Mon Desir, attracted almost twice that many women.

Funds earned at the party will be used to help operate a clothing pool which the organization is sponsoring this winter. Clothing, particularly clothing for school age children, is assembled at Lincoln school, is cleaned, pressed, mended and otherwise put into wearable condition, and is then given to children who are in need, with public school

nurses making the distribution.

Money is needed for repair supplies, and to buy such articles as shoes and underwear which are seldom available except when purchased new.

Mrs. Julie Tummers of the inn served a variety of rice, meat, vegetable and egg dishes not often found at benefit luncheons. Mrs. Tummers is an authority on the use of herbs and spices, and copies of some of the dishes served were available to guests.

Mrs. Gene Chamberlain served as commentator for the fashion show which followed. She opened the show by pointing out that in the past few seasons women had seen the relaxed look come into fashion by way of the sack and chemise dress, had watched the development of the blouson and trapeze styles and that at present the empire or "Josephine" style is the most fashionable of all.



Mrs. Gordon Mekvold (Classic photo)

Chapter Honors Young Woman In Central Point

Mrs. Gordon Mekvold, the former Vicki Noel and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Noel, has been selected as "young woman of the year" in Central Point.

The honor was conferred on Mrs. Mekvold last night by Alpha Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority in Medford, during a chapter meeting held at the Medford hotel. Mrs. Clinton Neeley, chapter president, made the presentation. Mrs. Mekvold received a certificate of award during a pledge ceremony, and was pledged by the group.

Mrs. Mekvold is a past queen of the Central Point Bethel, International Order of Job's Daughters, and was an honor student while attending Crater High school. She is pianist for Central Point Presbyterian church, and teaches a Sunday school class. The honored woman is known for her interest in the patient's at McCue's Rest home, the chapter reported; she visits the home regularly to play for patients and provides home baked delicacies for them.

Mrs. Neeley reports that Central Point residents nominated five young women for the chapter, and chapter members made the final selection.

Beta Sigma Phi is an international group with chapters in 15 nations.

St. Mary's Girls To Give Reports

"Summer School of Catholic Action" will be the subject of reports to be given by four seniors girls of St. Mary's High school tonight. The reports will be presented to St. Mary's High School Parents' club at a meeting set for 8 o'clock in the Activities room of the school.

Miss Mary Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Austin; Miss Carol Depner, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arnold M. Depner; Miss Karen Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Dunn, and Miss Sharon Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd O. Roberts, attended the summer school June 30 to July 6 of this year. They will give the highlights of their trip and evaluate their experiences.

A social hour will follow the business meeting which, according to Anthony R. Manno, president, will be short.

Public Health Role Explained For Assistants

The role of public health services in the modern American society was the topic presented by Dr. A. Erin Merkel, head of the Jackson County Public Health department, at a meeting of Jackson County Medical Assistants' association last Thursday. It was held in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel.

Dr. Merkel defined public health as a community service available to everyone. He told of the history and creation of public health services, and described the operation of the service on a county, state, national and international level.

The speaker described the work carried on by the various branches of the Jackson County Public Health department and local service clubs which work closely with the health department.

He stated that the two main functions of the department of special concern to the physician's office were vital statistics and communicable diseases.

Coffee and dessert were served to the 31 members and their guests.

Mrs. Shirley Stevens, president, conducted the business meeting.

The forthcoming meeting of the Multnomah, Lane and Jackson county medical assistants, to be held in Eugene November 23, was discussed. Transportation is being arranged by Mrs. Cecile Hamill.

Next meeting of the Jackson county group will be held Thursday, December 11. Topic will be the registration of medical assistants for civil defense. Guest speakers will be Gen. Joseph Hicks and Miss Laura York.

Speaker Announced

William Jess, Eagle Point, will speak at a general meeting of Medford League of Women Voters to be held Saturday, November 22, at Rogue Valley Country club. Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. will be followed by the program.

Mr. Jess is chairman of the Rogue River Valley Flood Control and Water Resources association. He will discuss the findings and recommendations of the sub-committee which made a study of the Rogue basin in the fall of 1957, and bring the league up to date on the progress of the survey being made by the U. S. Army Engineer corps.

Mrs. Ogden Kellogg, Gold Hill, chairman of the water resources committee of the league, will take charge of the program. The chairman states that the coming program is the result of a three-year study made by the league at the national level.

Mrs. Kellogg invites all league members and anyone interested in the program to attend. Reservations are to be made by calling Mrs. Homer Marx, SPring 2-6854.

Doctor to Speak At PTA Meeting

Central Point—The Central Point Elementary, Jewett Elementary and Junior High Parents Teacher association will meet Thursday, November 20, in the Jewett cafeteria at 8 p.m.

Dr. James C. Luce will speak on "Information Please, About Civil Defense."

Refreshments will be served by the mothers of first grade students.

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Sorority Holds Annual Dinner And Initiation

Kappa Gamma, international honorary education sorority held its annual formal initiation Saturday afternoon at the Medford hotel. Miss Marie Prescott, elementary school teacher in Ashland, became Epsilon's newest member.

Miss Anna Laura Honts, chapter president, conducted the ceremony, assisted by other officers. Miss Dorothy Dymock spoke briefly on the meaning of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Following a business meeting, dinner was served in the Rogue room. The tables were decorated with Delta Kappa Gamma's colors, red and gold. The committee arranging the tables was Mrs. Georgiana Beier, Mrs. Blanche Canode, Mrs. Elsie Turner, Mrs. Bertha Haskins and Miss Annette Gray.

Highlight of the dinner was a talk given by Miss Gladys Durrand, elementary supervisor of Medford public schools. Miss Durrand challenged her audience to better fulfill the task of good teaching every day for every child.

Meeting Announced For Wenonah Club

Wenonah club will meet at the home of Mrs. Henry Doores, 156 Van Ness avenue, Ashland, Thursday, November 20 at 1 p.m. for dessert. Cards will follow.

Concert Proceeds To Go To Festival Building Fund

Net proceeds of the first fall concert of the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon will be donated to the building fund of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association. The donation was unanimously voted at the November meeting of the board of directors of the society.

The concert is set for Sunday, November 30, at 3 p.m. in the Medford High school auditorium. It is hoped that there will be a capacity audience in order that the sum for the festival building fund may be a sizable one.

Mrs. Stanley Brown, Gold Hill, president of the Philharmonic guild, and Mrs. Philip Gates, Ashland, president of the Tudor guild, both have enthusiastically endorsed the board action and will support the sale of tickets through the membership of the two groups, it is stated.

On the concert program will be the "Anakreon Overture" by Cherubini; "Symphonia Concertante" by Mozart; Debussy's "Petit Suite" and "Symphonic Tale for Children," popularly known as "Peter and the Wolf" by

the Russian composer, Prokofiev. Angus Bowmer, Ashland, will be narrator.

The Mozart number is written for violin and viola and will be played by Richard D. Werner, conductor, and Mrs. Audrey Brist Bartlett, concertmistress of the orchestra. Bruno Pellegrini will conduct the Mozart composition, and Mr. Werner the remainder of the program.

Topics Announced For Howard PTA

Foster homes in Jackson county and the Kiwanis club's dental clinic will be discussed at a meeting of Howard Parent-Teacher association to be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, November 20 in the Multi-purpose room at the school.

The guest speakers are to be Mrs. Winnifred Ardel, Jackson county welfare worker, who will speak about "Foster Homes" and Dr. John Dickson, who will speak on the Kiwanis club's dental clinic for children.

Refreshments will be served by room-mothers for the second grade and child care will be provided in Mrs. Klocker's room.

Griffin Creek Club Changes Meeting

The Griffin Creek Home Economics club will meet Thursday, November 20, at the home of Mrs. Iva Harper, 16 Laurel street. The location for the meeting has been changed due to illness, it was reported.

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