

Eagle Point Mother of Year Candidates Named by Group

Eagle Point — Six entries for the "mother of the year" contest which is being sponsored by Eagle Point Jayettes have been submitted to the chairman, Mrs. Donald Kimmel and Mrs. Harry Hanscom.

The candidates and their sponsors are Mrs. Lottie Van Scoy, Eagle Point Garden club; Mrs. James C. Lusk, Missionary Society of Community Bible church; Mrs. Edward Chamberlain, Eagle Point Home Extension unit; Mrs. Raymond Briggs, Bethel 56, International Order of Job's Daughters, Shady Cove; Mrs. Glenn D. Hale, Eagle Point Lions auxiliary and Mrs. Lester Wert, Eagle Point Home Economics club.

Three out-of-town judges of the contest are Mrs. Ann Gorb, First Methodist church, Medford; Mrs. Mabel Winston, registrar and dean of women, Southern Oregon college, Ashland, and Mrs. Olive Starcher, women's editor of the Medford Mail Tribune.

Moose to Hold First Jamboree

Medford Moose Lodge plans a Moose jamboree night for Saturday, December 6. The event is for Moose members and guests.

The evening will start with a steak dinner served from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Music will be by Bill Glomb and His Thunderbirds, a 5-piece band.

This is the first Moose jamboree night, but it is planned to make it an annual event, according to lodge officers.

Pathfinders Help Needy

Medford Pathfinders met last night to distribute about 20 Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families in the Medford area.

The youngsters, who collected cans of food in place of a treat for themselves during the Halloween season, were able to make the baskets large enough to give substantial aid for several days due to the generosity of donors throughout the community.

The boys and girls prepared and delivered the baskets themselves, obtaining names of families in need of assistance through the local welfare agency, personal contacts, and the Seventh-day Adventist church's welfare society. Names were carefully checked by unit leaders before distribution of the baskets.

CALENDAR

Friday: 12 noon—Fifty Plus club, Pythian hall. 1 p.m.—Electa Social club, Order of Eastern Star, Girls Community club.

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at a tasting tea and style show to be given by the Jayettes Friday, December 5, at the Grange hall, and the winner will be announced.

Fashions from Town and Country will be modeled by Shady Cove Job's Daughters, and women of the community. A musical program is planned.

Baby sitting will be provided without charge, and women attending are asked to take their children to the side entrance of the hall.

Concert Changed To Hedrick

The first concert this season of the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon will be given at Hedrick Junior High school instead of Medford High school it was announced today by Richard D. Werner, conductor. The concert is set for Sunday, November 30, at 3 p.m.

Tickets are being sold by both Philharmonic guild members, and members of Tudor guild, since the net proceeds of the concert will go to the building fund of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association. In addition they are available at Purucker's Music house, the Music Mart and Swem's Gift shop.

The program will feature Conductor Werner and Mrs. Audrey Bartlett, concertmaster, in the "Symphonia Concertante" for solo violin, viola and orchestra. Bruno Pellegrini, assistant director, will conduct this number.

Another feature will be the widely known number, "Peter and the Wolf" with Angus Bowmer, Shakespearean actor, as narrator. This was written by Prokofiev in order to teach children how to recognize the various instruments in an orchestra.

Talent School Status is Topic Of PTA Session

Talent—A panel discussion on the present and future status of the Talent school district was held at the last meeting of the Talent Parent-Teacher association. Many factors regarding the proposed consolidation of the Talent and Phoenix school districts were explained.

Lynn Newbury, moderator of the panel and a member of Talent school board, introduced the members of the panel. They were Keith Hockersmith, chairman of the Jackson County reorganization committee, Allen Harris, chairman of Phoenix school board, Roy Parr, superintendent of Talent school, Mrs. P. J. McAbee, chairman of Talent school board, Mrs. V. L. Goodrich and Bill Gleim, members of Talent school board.

Mr. Newbury invited anyone with questions or suggestions regarding the situation of the school, to attend meetings of the Talent school board or call Mr. Parr, or a member of the school board.

Mrs. Neil Stockebrand, PTA president, presided at the meeting. The opening ceremony was conducted by the Brownies. A report on the Halloween party was given by Mrs. Ray Burnett, PTA representative. The party, sponsored by all of the civic and service organizations in Talent, was held at the Talent city hall.

Following the meeting refreshments were served by mothers of children in the second grade. Child-car was provided.

Sams Valley Unit To Hold Workshop

Sams Valley — A toy workshop will be held by Sams Valley Home Extension unit December 1 at the home of Mrs. Milton Sanderson. The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and those planning to attend are asked to take a sack lunch and a cup for coffee. Mrs. Sanderson may be called for a list of equipment needed for the workshop.

Staple food items and a child's toy, or both, may be taken to a meeting of the unit set for December 16. The contributions will be given to a needy family at Christmas. Traditional family observances, favorite cookie recipes (with a sample) or other holiday ideas, will be shared at the meeting. It will be held at the home of Mrs. Jerome Fitzgerald, and no project lesson is scheduled.

The last meeting of the unit was held at the home of Mrs. Edgar Pleasant. Mrs. Dalton Straus and Mrs. Jerome Fitzgerald presented the lesson, "Improving Ourselves as Hostesses." Mrs. George Bush was a guest.



Yesterday as we worked our way through the aisles of the grocery store, which were jammed with shoppers all bent on buying the makings for a Thanksgiving dinner, Potpourri wondered what a Pilgrim would think of the scene. In autumn of 1621, the Pilgrims had only what food they had raised, or could garner from the country-side and near-by forests. Frankly, we're thankful that this is November, 1958, and not 1621.

The turkey we bought was all ready for the oven — we didn't kill it, dress it or do anything but stuff it and put it in the oven. The cranberries and celery came in colophane bags, the yams we picked out of a bin, (they could have come from a can), the broccoli was in a package in the freezer cabinet and so was the pie for dessert. Even the rolls were packaged.

Sounds wonderful. But is it? Many a dietician, dentist and doctor believes that for all the "good" food we have in the United States, that we are still undernourished, and such groups as the Natural Foods Associates are so sure of it that members have gone back to the practice of growing their own food whenever possible, grinding their own flour, baking their own bread, etc.

Food habits acquired while young are hard to break. We've read many times that the soy bean is almost a perfect food — that it is easy to grow in almost any part of the world and that it is a better food than rice or wheat. But a home economics teacher from Korea once told us that a campaign in that country to start the Koreans eating soy beans had failed almost completely and she had decided the only way would be to introduce soy bean foods into the diets of infants and small children.

At any rate, the problem of foods for the world's growing population is rapidly becoming one of the most pressing. And every time Potpourri attends a banquet or dinner and sees the great quantity of food which is wasted, as well as eaten, we uneasily and guiltily think of the millions who go hungry daily. So far as we know, there is no good reason other than one person is more entitled to sufficient food than another. Why does a family in the United States sit down today to a table loaded with an abundance of food, while one in India or Greece goes hungry?

There's one delicacy Potpourri isn't eating today — and that is wild rice. A conscientious checker, bless her soul, asked if we knew the price of the package of wild rice which was among the food we had collected. We'd looked, but didn't find it — even with our bifocals on. "The price is on the bottom of the package," she said, "and it's \$2.49." We thanked the good woman warmly, and hastened off to pick up stuffing bread. Anyhow, we love good, old-fashioned bread stuffing with oodles of sage, rosemary, onion and celery in it.

But to get back to the Pilgrims — some doubt that they actually ate turkey for the first Thanksgiving, and some writers even say that the early colonists brought turkeys with them from England. The November issue of the Aramco World, publication of the Arabian-American Oil company, says that "some of the turkeys that adorned colonial tables may have come not from American woods, but from English barnyard stock."

The English, it seems, were raising turkeys as early as 1500. Aramco World says that the English raise two kinds of turkey, the Norfolk, a small, black turkey, and the Cambridge, a more colorful type. The Norfolk turkeys look like the wild turkeys which still are to be found in remote sections of the Central United States, and the Cambridge resembles the "peacock" turkeys found in the American tropics. "Early tropic explorers took these toothsome birds to England; and some other voyager, possibly John Cabot, is thought to have taken the northern variety there about the same time — just before 1500 A.D. (The latter tropical turkeys had long been domesticated in Mexico).

However, the Aramco writer concludes that the first Thanksgiving dinner menu did include what has become the national holiday bird, and quotes from an early writing which said that the Pilgrims had "four wild turkeys, shot in the nearby woods," for the first Thanksgiving dinner.

The pumpkin pie, a traditional dessert for Thanksgiving, probably was added to the menu later. The early settlers learned about pumpkins from the Indians and also picked up from them the habit of planting pumpkins between the corn rows. Aramco notes that "after the first frost, when the cornstalks have been cut and stacked, the golden yellow pumpkins match the sun's color, a last light of the growing season before the white snows and long nights of winter close in."

The pumpkin, which is a fruit and not a vegetable, got its name from the Greek word, "pepon" which means "mellow." A single pumpkin seed in 24½ weeks of growing time puts out nearly 2,000 feet of vine and 20 pumpkins, enough for 500 pies.

Ever use the expression, "some punkins" or call anyone a pumpkin head? Aramco's writer says that New Englanders are called "pumpkin heads" because of an early blue law that required men to have their hair bobbed to the edge of a cap. It is said that instead of a cap, a half pumpkin was often used. New Yorkers of the 1880's thought it clever to express admiration for a leading citizen by acknowledging, "He's a pumpkin" and Henry Ward Beecher is credited with coining the phrase "It's some punkins" in order to denote excellence.

The Eleventh Commandment (from the pen of Dr. Walter Lowdermilk) — "Thou shalt inherit the holy earth as a faithful steward, conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt safeguard thy fruitful fields from erosion, thy living waters from drying up, thy forests from destruction and protect thy hills from over-grazing by the herds, that thy descendants may have abundance forever. If any shall fail in this stewardship of the land, thy fruitful fields shall become sterile stony ground or wasting gullies, and thy descendants shall decrease and live in poverty or perish from off the face of the earth." — O.S.

Hilltoppers Plan Dance Saturday
Hilltoppers Square Dance club will be hosts for a square dance Saturday night, November 29, at the Old Wagner Creek school. Dancing will begin at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free and all square dancers and guest callers are invited. Potluck refreshments will be served and coffee is available all evening.

The school is reached by turning on to Wagner avenue in downtown Talent and driving for two miles on paved road. The school will be floodlighted.

Pocahontas Lodge Cancels Dinner
Pocahontas lodge has canceled a potluck dinner planned for Friday, November 28. The lodge will hold the usual business session at 8 p.m.

Woman's Auxiliary Cancels Meeting
The meeting of the St. Mark's Episcopal church auxiliary previously announced for Friday afternoon has been cancelled. The meeting will be held December 19.

Average annual rainfall in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas is 27.62 inches.

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Tickets On Sale For Brigadoon

Tickets for the musical play, "Brigadoon," to be given by Medford High school December 4-6, are now on sale. They may be obtained from the high school office, from members of the choir and cast, or from members of the school's Future Business Leaders' club.

"Brigadoon" is a haunting musical fantasy about a Scottish town that has gone to sleep and awakes for a single day once each hundred years. John Frohnmayer, George Koch and Rosemary Doolen play the leading roles which were sung in the movie version by Gene Kelly, Van Johnson and Cyd Charisse.

Written by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, who also wrote the greatest success of the century, "My Fair Lady," "Brigadoon" won the New York Critics' circle prize as the best musical of its first season, 1946-47, and has grown in popularity throughout the years.

It is a wistful tale of two Americans whose plane lands near a Scottish village, a quaint place that appears on no maps. It is a community of idyllic peace where the inhabitants know no strife; it is an oasis of dreams which appears once in a century.

The large cast includes Marianne Samuelson, Paul Moore, Dennis Barr, Susan Baker and the school choir. The scenery and costumes have been designed by Warren Wolf and Mrs. Ruth Hockersmith; Mrs. Lenore Zappell is dramatic director and Lynn Sjolund is musical director for the production.

Special Election Held by Court

Roxy Ann court, Order of Amaranth, held a special election for an associate conductress on November 20, and honored supreme and grand officers.

Mrs. Fred Graten was elected and installed associate conductress. Appointive officers installed to fill vacancies were Mrs. Lawrence Messal, marshal in the east and Mrs. Clarence Milotta, wisdom.

Jack Kennedy, deputy supreme royal patron of the Supreme council, Order of Amaranth; Mrs. Ira D. Canfield, grand representative to New York, and Clarence Harwood, member of a grand committee, were escorted and honored.

Carl Gilbert, assistant grand lecturer of California, was also escorted and introduced.

The royal matron, Mrs. Marshall Day, and royal patron, Fred Purdin, announced a Christmas dinner will be served to all members of the court before the December meeting. Reservations are to be made by calling Mrs. Frank Little, SPring 2-4225.

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