

Ashland Woman Is Queen of Festive Ball

Mrs. William Dawkins of Ashland was named Queen of the Ball last night during Medford Junior Service league's annual Christmas charity party at Rogue Valley Country club. The title of queen goes to the woman whose Christmas headdress is judged the most outstanding, and Mrs. Dawkins wore a graceful set of real deer antlers painted silver and decked with strings of silver beads and other glittering objects.

Dr. M. Donald McGeary, Phoenix, presented the queen to the assemblage. The petite Mrs. Dawkins wore a white chiffon gown, Mrs. Dawkins, an artist, had decorated the antlers herself.

Although no second prize was awarded, the judges might well have chosen another guest who also wore antlers. Mrs. Ronald Ricketts was costumed as "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer." Her gown was gold colored and on her head she wore a small set of "forked horns" painted gold and held by a cluster of golden Christmas balls. The end of her nose was painted bright red with lipstick.

No Sputniks
Last year satellites, sputniks and other electronic devices won prizes. This year there were none to be seen.

Mrs. N. J. Wilson, wearing a green satin gown, had devised a headdress of a long green and white woolen Christmas sock. A huge cartwheel hat of white feathers trimmed with a big red satin bow and red Christmas balls was worn by Mrs. Parker Woods. Last year Mrs. Aubrey Hill of Ashland earned comment by wearing a brown and gold creation which had originally been the table centerpiece for a Thanksgiving dinner. This year her headdress was covered with a score of tiny black and white ermine tails; Mrs. Hill wore a black gown and carried the little white fur muff from which she took the ermine tails to make the headdress.

Many women matched their evening gowns and their headdresses. Mrs. Lee Mellish wore a blue gown and her headdress was a fluff of blue angel hair sprinkled with silver stars. Mrs. L. W. Bates wore a headdress contrived from small red candles and Christmas balls with her white jersey and rhinestone dress.

Wreath Worn
Mrs. Jack Lewis had made a headdress from red glass balls topped with a toy trumpet which matched her red gown and red satin slippers. Mrs. Frank Hopewell, Eagle Point, wore a white cotton hat covered with small angels, and Mrs. Frank Bash was gowned in red and her headdress was a wreath of holly and candy canes in keeping with the candy cane theme of the ball.

Also considered outstanding was the creation which Mrs. Richard Schwahn had made by winding starched white wool over a form to achieve a tall, peaked hat covered with little stars and other glitter. Mrs. Stuart McQueen solved the problem of a headdress for the ball by adjusting a toy white poodle on her head; her gown was a close-fitting sheath of red with a wide ruffle at the bottom of the skirt.

Among the many Ashland guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dom Provost Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Skerry Jr., and Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Cope. Mrs. Provost's headdress was a white plastic platform on which tiny ballerinas danced. Mrs. Skerry wore a miniature sleigh with Santa Claus, and Mrs. Cope's headdress featured little grey doves.

Crown of Canes
Mrs. C. H. Buffington also themed her headdress to candy canes, wearing a crown of these with her floor length red silk sheath.

Men often make headdresses for their wives to wear to the ball, and this year Roger Sterton designed and made one which caused much comment. It was a snow man made from pop corn and gum drops; the snow man wore a little straw hat and had a pipe in his mouth. Mrs. Ster-

ton's gown was a floral silk. Mrs. Brian Mullen, a newcomer to Medford, wore a beautiful billowing ball gown of cream-colored silk splashed with butterflies, and a matching butterfly on her dark hair. Mrs. Malcolm Beyers wore on her black hair a tower of white cotton covered with scores of little candy canes and other Christmas objects.

Mrs. Murray Gardiner wore a black gown with white lace trim on the bodice and a headdress devised from three white plastic balls trimmed with silver beads and other silver baubles.

Last year Thomas McFadden made a headdress for his wife which featured a revolving sputnik which beeped and which won a prize; this year

the two made a creation which featured a lake, a miniature boat and away out on the end of a tow, two tiny water skiers.

Mrs. M. Donald McGeary wore a black and silver gown and a golden sunburst on her hair. Mrs. Charles Mickelson, chairman for the ball, wore a blue gown with billowing skirt and a matching blue headdress.

Red and white candy canes of all sizes decorated the club walls and the tables. The evergreens near the entrance were hung with red satin bows and the ivy on the walls was strung with red balls.

The ball given each year to earn funds for the Junior Service league's kindergarten for deaf children, attracted about 250 members and guests.

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"One Christmas tree bubbling-fluid decoration contains enough methylene chloride to constitute a lethal dose," he said. He urged parents to keep the decorations out of reach of small children and to warn older children of the poisonous nature of the fluid. Children who drink the bubbling fluid should be taken to a private physician immediately to have their stomachs emptied. Further treatment may be necessary, he added.

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Fireplace colors made from metallic salts are also poisonous when ingested, he warned. The burning of different metallic compounds, which brings forth varicolored flames when the salts are thrown on a blazing fire, is harmless. However, children who eat the fireplace colors are in danger of moderate to extreme poisoning, depending on the metallic compound ingested. In case of ingestion of the fireplace colors the stomach must be emptied as soon as possible and further treatment, if necessary, be directed toward the specific compound ingested.

Dr. Erickson also urged parents to select safe Christmas toys suited to the age of the child.

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given small beads, flammable or electrical toys and toys with sharp edges. Four-to-six-year-old children should not be given shooting or target toys which endanger eyes, or ill-balanced mobile toys that may overturn.

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Lunch hostesses are Mesdames C. A. Stothers, Clyde Knight and A. N. Consruck. Each woman is asked to bring a covered dish and table service.

The bazaar held at the church December 5th was a success, and the bazaar committee extends thanks to all who donated and worked.

Stuffed tomatoes make an easy lunch dish. Fill scooped-out tomatoes with chopped hard-cooked eggs, diced green peppers, sliced celery, seasonings and sour cream.

Speakers' Group Elects Officers

Mrs. Clarence Rolls was elected president of the Medford Toastmistress club at the meeting December 10 at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Nielson, 2130 East Jackson street.

Others elected were Mrs. Mary Sands, vice-president; and Mrs. Ellen Lynner, secretary.

Dessert was followed by a business meeting. Topicmistress for the evening was Mrs. Lynner, and toastmistress was Mrs. Thomas Ball. Mrs. Elmer Ness spoke on reindeer and Mrs. Effie Kurtz directed a choral speaking group.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 14, at 7:45 p.m. at the Girls Community club.

Club Holds Election

Mrs. Dwight Crosier was elected president of the Medford Sojourners at the Christmas party Thursday.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Carl Borg, first vice-president; Mrs. Gerry Gastineau, secretary; and Mrs. Elmer Ness, treasurer.

The officers will be installed at the January 8 meeting.

A wrought iron reindeer and sleigh filled with holly and red candles decorated the serving table at the party. Colorful candles decorated the other tables for the event.

Mrs. T. E. Juniper played Christmas music while refreshments were served. Candies, Christmas cookies, nut breads and fruit cake were prepared and served by the

board. Members include Mrs. James Winslow, Mrs. Eugene Ingram, Mrs. Dwight Crosier, Mrs. Gastineau, Mrs. Carl Borg, Mrs. Walter Marquess, Mrs. Richard Penneman, Mrs. Wesley Forler, and Mrs. Dee Wood.

Prospective members introduced were Mrs. Duane Bever, Mrs. J. A. Dickey, Mrs. William Cousineau, Mrs. Harold Melsted, and Mrs. Arnold Jensen. New member is Mrs. Glen Tuttle. Mrs. M. J. Larson of Yreka, Calif., was a guest.

Prizes were received by Mrs. Fred Cate, Mrs. F. J. Cook, Mrs. Gene Chamberlain, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Thomas W. Reid, and Mrs. Katherine Cate.

Persons new to the Medford

Christmas Programs Planned by Chapters

Chapter C.P., PEO sisterhood will hold a Christmas party Wednesday, December 17, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. J. A. Graff, 31 Geneva street. Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. D. A. Gardner and Mrs. R. A. Elliott. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Everett Faber.

Chapter BE of the sisterhood will meet Tuesday, December 15, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. A. Lausmann, 200 Medford heights. Mrs. M. M. Morris is assisting hostess. Miss Annette Gray is in charge of the Christmas program.

The area and vicinity during the past two years are invited to attend.

Golden Link Class Schedules Dinner

Golden Link class of First Baptist church will hold a Christmas dinner Monday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m., at the church.

Persons with last names between A and M are to take salad and pie; N through Z, fried chicken and vegetable. A gift exchange will be held and members will donate food gifts for Christmas baskets. Members are to take their own table service.

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