

**Motel Operators
Guests at Party
Monday Evening**

Mrs. Julie Tummers of Mon Desir inn gave an annual dinner party Monday evening for motel operators of Jackson county. Mrs. Gretchen Wade assisted Mrs. Tummers and greeted the guests.

During the program which followed dinner, Harry A. Skerry Jr., spoke of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association's plans for a new theater in Ashland, and gave figures on the number of visitors who come to the valley each summer because of the festival plays. Mr. Skerry said about 20,000 visitors were in the valley for the 1958 season, and that the advertising value of the event is extensive. About 80,000 brochures describing the season's plays and with information about recreation facilities and scenic attractions are mailed throughout the United States and other countries each spring, and in addition, about 15,000 copies of a news letter go out periodically.

Mr. Skerry explained that the new theater is designed similar to the Fortune of Shakespeare's time, and said that because of the design, and the elaborate lighting system which the theater requires, the estimated \$275,000 cost is not excessive.

Earl Hausman, owner of the Ashland Motel, responded on behalf of the motel operators.

Angus Bowmer, founder, and producing director of the theater, read "How Come Christmas" by Bradford Roark.

Dennis Clark, Salem, travel representative of the Oregon Highway commission, showed a color film of state parks, camping facilities and roadside parks and rest areas of the state. Mrs. Clark accompanied her husband.

**Auxiliary Gives
Costume Party**

A pre-holiday costume party was held December 6 by members of the National Association of Letter Carriers auxiliary and their husbands.

The event was held at the Girls Community club and guests included the postal clerks and their wives.

In charge were Mrs. Larry Rose, Mrs. S. J. Fagone, Mrs. Kendal Watson, and Mrs. John B. Lynch. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Singler were honored as having the best costume. All costumes worn to the party were homemade.

**High Schools Too Easy
American Teen-Agers Say**

New York—American high schools are too easy, teen-agers say. According to a readers' poll conducted by Compact, the teen digest, the youngsters claim that too many elective courses and too much emphasis on extra-curricular activities are partly to blame.

Other reasons the teens gave for finding high school a "snap" are that classes are geared to the abilities of the slow learners, and that poor students are given passing grades because the schools are too crowded to hold them back.

The teen-agers were asked to express their opinion of American education when the magazine recently published an article, "Going to School in the U.S.S.R.," which pointed out the compulsory science, mathematics, and foreign language requirements for Soviet youth from the ages of seven to seventeen. Comments from the American youngsters appear in the December issue of the magazine.

Courses Too Easy
Not enough demands are made upon them by either parents or teachers, the students say. According to one

**Election Slated
By Foods Group**

Election of officers will be held at a meeting of Natural Foods Associates Tuesday, December 16 at Medford High school in Room 30 at 8 p.m.

Club members will report on articles selected from "The National Health Federation," "Today's Health," "Let's Live," and "Organic Gardening and Farming." The public is invited to attend.

Sputnik Sandwich

New York—A one-dish meal to delight the small fry is this Sputnik sandwich, a prize winner in the National Restaurant Association's annual sandwich contest.

Split and toast 4 large English muffins. Spread each half with butter or margarine. Spread 4 halves with honey. Top each with 2 slices crisp bacon, two 1/4-inch slices peeled orange, and crisp lettuce. Close with muffin halves and insert wooden picks to make a "V." Place pimiento-stuffed olives at top of each pick.

Add flavor to swordfish or other broiled fish steaks with a sprinkling of chili powder.

**Answer To 'Why' Questions
Must Be Good, Says Expert**

BY SHERI GILES
United Press International
Champaign, Ill.—(UPI)—The way a parent answers a child's "why?" molds the child-parent relationship, says a guidance expert.

Parents are faced with this question more than any other, but few adults have a ready answer. Yet a parent's hesitancy can lead to loss of respect, said Mrs. Marguerite Lynch, a child development specialist at the University of Illinois.

Children's questions often pertain to the color of the sky or to George Washington, but when the concern behavior policy, the parent must be firm, Mrs. Lynch said.

Rules and regulations should be prompt and based on three principles which are sound and easy to understand, she added.

These principles are: Health and safety, rights and privileges of other persons, and social customs.

The first principle is especially logical to a child, said Mrs. Lynch.

Learn Early
She also believes that children should learn early basic social customs such as manners, respect for churches and religious beliefs, and respect for education.

This is important because a child suffers from being "different" early in life, the expert said. When he is young, he usually is happier conforming to the values of society.

As for answering the

"why?" when it pertains to the mysteries of the world, Mrs. Lynch believes parents should have the courage to admit not knowing the answer.

A parent should never lose the ability to wonder about the world with his child, Mrs. Lynch added.

"When your child next asks you about the world, swallow your pride and say, 'Let's find out together,'" she said.

"He can see that he should not cross the street by himself, that he must sleep and rest so much in order to feel well, and that he must wash and bathe regularly to keep clean and healthy. Personal safety rules are the easiest to accept."

"But parents must step in to set a solid example when it comes to the rights of others," she added. "Rules under this principle include playing fair, taking turns, and respecting other people and their belongings."

**Zontians To Aid
Medford Family**

Zonta club members braved the bad fog Thursday night to attend the annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Bonnie Wilson, president, in Talent.

Gifts for a family were wrapped. Clothing, bedding, toys and food from the club will be delivered to a family which the club has chosen to aid and cheer at this holiday time. This is an annual project for Zonta.

**Soviet Educators Find
Math, Science Teaching
In America 'Inadequate'**

Washington—(UPI)—Visiting Russian educators were expected to tell U. S. Education Commissioner Lawrence G. Derick yesterday that American mathematics and science teaching is "inadequate."

The Russians reached that conclusion during a one-month tour of U. S. schools and universities.

Inadequate was the description applied by Dr. Aleksei Ivanovich Markushevich, the head of the nine-man delegation, during a news conference Friday.

He said that by Russian standards, U. S. students would get failing marks in math and science.

But the Russians praised the general interest shown by Americans in the school system as well as their desire to "provide a better education for a larger number of children."

Markushevich said U. S. high school students apparently were given "easier" problems and exercises than those on the same level in the Soviet Union.

Pace 'Rather Slow'
He said Russian high school students take four years of math, four years of chemistry and five years of physics. American students, he said, generally have one or two years of math, one year of chemistry and one year of physics.

The Soviet educator also said the pace of instruction is "rather slow." American

classrooms sometimes reminded him of "a slow motion film," he said.

The Russian said American high school libraries are lacking in great works of literature, particularly the French classics. On another subject, he said I.Q. and psychological tests are not a "fair" measure of achievement.

Acquired Much Information
Speaking through an interpreter Markushevich said the Soviet educators had picked up "much valuable information" about the American system. But he added in reply to a question that he saw no need to "effect basic changes" in education in Russia as a result.

He said Russia was plan-

ning to bring school instruction more in line with practical work.

"We consider the school of work contributes as much to education," he said, "as the theory learned in a classroom."

Serve cabbage slaw in hollowed green peppers. Add a tangy touch with a few drops of fresh lemon juice.

Soup Supreme
Mix 1 can condensed pea soup, 1 can condensed mushroom soup, 1 1/2 cups rich milk, 1 teaspoon grated onion and 1/4 teaspoon curry powder; heat just to simmering. Stir in 1/3 cup sherry. Pour into heated soup bowls or cups and garnish with minced parsley or chives. Serves 4 or 5.

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