

## Valuable van Gogh Show Planned in Portland Soon

Portland - According to an announcement by Dr. Max W. Sullivan, director, one of the most valuable art collections in the world will open to the public at the Portland Art Museum on January 28. The 153 paintings and drawings by Vincent van Gogh, valued at nine million dollars, were flown to San Francisco from the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam for opening at the de Young Museum in October, where attendance broke all records. The exhibition, now in Los Angeles, was assembled especially for the four west coast museums and will return to Holland after the Seattle showing in April.

The wide appeal of the painter whose genius flowered in a scant decade which ended with his death in 1890, remains unexplained. Neither the novels nor the movie on his tragic life can be responsible for the capacity crowds which fill the galleries wherever the paintings are shown, and who return again and again to see the marvelously exhilarating and vivid works whose subjects are commonplace: trees, fields, people and places in the artist's daily life, his room, his house, flowers, still life.

While the subjects, which reflect his permanent preoccupation with the land, with workers and peasants, never change, his style makes the most amazing leap in a few short years from the powerful but tense and dark works of the first years to full fruition of his enormous talent in the works done at Arles, in Southern France.

**Work Unsurpassed**

It is in this brief period of little more than a year that such unsurpassed masterpieces as the Sun Flowers, the many beautiful orchards, the Drawbridge, the Yellow House, the Harvest, the Zouave and many others were produced in a release of creative energy which has no parallel. His last work, the tormented Wheatfield with Crows, is included in the exhibition.

His life as a painter began at 37, when after failures as a clerk in the Goupil firm of art dealers with which his family had connections, and as a lay-preacher among the poverty stricken miners of the Borinage in Belgium, he became aware of his calling as an artist. The religious intensity with which he under-

took his mission to the miners is absorbed by his painting to which he devotes his tremendous creative powers unwaveringly and entirely without financial success.

At his death, following the brief but widely publicized period of mental disturbance, he had produced approximately 800 paintings and 800 drawings. He had sold only one painting and received only one favorable critical notice. He was supported almost entirely during his creative years by his devoted brother Theo, to whom he wrote the hundreds of letters characterized by such deep feeling and vivid poetic imagery that they would have won him distinction even if the paintings had not survived.

### Shaw Cost High

The works being shown in the west coast museums, valued at very little at his death, are with only four exceptions, from the collection of V. W. van Gogh, nephew of the great Vincent and son of Theo. They were preserved by the widow of Theo, who died not long after his brother and are on permanent loan at the Stedelijk Museum (Municipal Museum) of Amsterdam.

The exhibition will be on view at the Portland Art Museum until March 1. Open hours have been extended as follows: Open daily, Monday included, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday from 12 noon to 10 p.m. To cover the considerable cost of bringing the works to Portland, an admission of .75 will be charged adults, .25 for children under 14, and high school students with student body card. Free guided tours for school children during closed morning hours are being arranged.

**ECONOMY PARKING RATE**

Miami Beach, Fla. -UPI- The city has decided to change its parking meters. Police discovered a trick by which motorists can get 18 hours for a nickel on the 24-hour meters. Officials refuse to disclose the trick.

### SEWS UNION LABEL

New York -UPI-Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, wife of New York's governor, sewed the first union dress label in a cotton dress Friday marking the opening of the ladies garment workers campaign for recognition of union labels in dresses.



We've decided to plant more winter jasmine. It not only blooms when the weather is cold, dark and dreary, but it is yellow. Yellow is the color of spring, and the yellow flowers somehow make up for the lack of sunshine in January.

Potpourri cut several branches a few days before we took the little Christmas tree down. It quickly burst into bloom in the warm kitchen, and the minute the tree was gone, we replaced it with the jasmine fronds with the cheerful flowers. Since we cut so much, and yet enjoy seeing the bright blossoms on the driveway fence, another clump will come in handy.

While cutting up the little Shasta fir in pieces small enough to burn in the fireplace without setting the house on fire, Potpourri also came to another decision. This year we're going to buy, or plant ourselves, a little evergreen tree in a tub. Somehow, this business of cutting down so many beautiful little evergreens for Christmas trees makes us unhappy. Potpourri would enjoy having a living tree which, when too large to bring in the house, could be planted outdoors and continue its life, instead of having to be destroyed.

Many fathers dread escorting their daughters down the aisle on their wedding day. We hope John Bailey didn't mind, for he had to make two trips. The Bailey's daughters, Marilyn and Carol, were married January 1 in a double ceremony. The etiquette books say that the father of sisters being married in the same ceremony should escort them at once, one on either arm. But alas, the aisle in Central Point Presbyterian church was too narrow. So Mr. Bailey walked down the aisle first with daughter Marilyn, returned and came down a second time with Carol on his arm.

Society writers dread double weddings - the wording often becomes so complicated. The matter was simplified for the Bailey's story because each couple served as attendants for the others.

When bride Carol came in with the wedding questionnaires, she was still smiling over a honeymoon incident. Carol and her fiance, Terry Breton, told everyone they were driving south for a honeymoon, but secretly decided to go north. They made reservations at a motel near Eugene, motored up after the reception and registered. About 20 minutes later another couple moved in next door. And guess what - it was sister Marilyn and husband Eugene Wright.

The Ralph Thompkins and three daughters, Holly, Cassie and Pat, had great fun at Sun Valley during the holidays, even though there was almost no snow at the famous resort. The Thompkins enjoyed ice skating, and a sleigh ride into the hills.

At the resort during the Thompkins stay were Ernest Hemingway, the noted novelist, and actor Robert Cummings, Mrs. C. and their five children. Holly and one of the Cummings' brood struck up an acquaintance, and Holly reported one day that the resort photographer had taken the Cummings family picture, including herself. Now the Thompkins are wondering if puzzled society reporters will find themselves confronted with a Cummings picture in which the actor and his wife seem to have acquired another daughter.

## 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 of publication and for week days is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

**Today:**  
2 p.m. - Pythian Sisters, Pythian building.  
**Monday:**  
11 a.m. - Home Economics club of Upper Applegate grange, Grange hall.  
12:30 p.m. - Adare Past Matrons club, home of Mrs. Wallace B. Brill, 75 Lozier lane.  
1:30 p.m. - Jackson County Retired Teachers association, Girls Community club.  
7:20 p.m. - Medford Squadron Civil Air Patrol, CAP building, airport.  
7:30 p.m. - Pythian Sisters and Knights of Pythias, Pythian building.  
8 p.m. - Alpha Lambda chapter, Epsilon Sigma Alpha International sorority, home of Mrs. Lyman Smith.  
8 p.m. - Degree of Honor Lodge, Girls Community club.  
8 p.m. - St. Mary's Grade School Parents club, at school.

**Tuesday:**  
10:30 a.m. - Oak Grove Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. G. S. Munden, 480 Clover lane.  
12:30 p.m. - First Presbyterian church Women's association circles: Bethany, with Miss Elizabeth Burr, 1012 Queen Anne ave.; Charity, with Mrs. Leonard Mayfield, 1 Black Oak dr.; Faith, at church; Grace, with Mrs. Rex Nicodemus, 1112 West Fourth st.; Hope, with Mrs. John Henson, 2000 Westerlund dr.; Mercy, with Mrs. Glenn Harrison, 1382 Kings highway; Temple, with Mrs. Glenn Besonette, 2607 Hillcrest Dd.; Trinity, with Mrs. H. D. Christenson, 29 Richmond ave.

12:45 p.m. - Women's Association, Central Point First Presbyterian church, at church.  
4 p.m. - Jackson County Association of School Librarians, Children's Literature Library, Southern Oregon college.  
7:30 p.m. - First Presbyterian church Women's association circles: Candlelight, with Mrs. Jack Edson, 108 Geneva ave.; Vesper, with Mrs. Herbert Roberts, 1006 South Oakdale ave.

7:30 p.m. - Lone Pine Parent Teachers association, school gymnasium.  
8 p.m. - American Legion auxiliary, Legion hall, 533 Edwards st.  
8 p.m. - Central Point Neva chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Masonic Temple.  
8 p.m. - Oregon Nurses Association, District 4, doctor's lounge, Sacred Heart hospital.  
8 p.m. - Pythian club, home of Mrs. George Bryant, 3384 Forrest ave.  
8 p.m. - Roguette circle, Military Order of Lady Bugs, Veterans hall.  
**Wednesday:**  
10-12 noon - Kiwanian Dames coffee, home of Mrs.

John Dellenback, 257 Windsor ave.  
11 a.m. - Medford Townsend club, Carpenters hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.  
12 noon - Reames Social club, Medford Masonic hall.  
12:30 p.m. - Women of Rotary, home of Mrs. Leonard B. Mayfield, 1 Black Oak dr.  
1 p.m. - Book Review Group, American Association of University Women, home of Mrs. Neil Davidson, 1708 Lenora dr.  
7:30 p.m. - Medford Lady Lions home of Mrs. Ray Barnett, 1208 Fortune dr.  
7:45 p.m. - Medford Toast-mistress, Girls Community club.  
7:45 p.m. - West Side Mother's club, West Side school.  
8 p.m. - Medford Junior Women's club, home of Mrs.

## Pythian Orders Plan Ceremony

Joint installation of officers for Medford Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters will be held Monday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pythian building. Mrs. P. M. Aldredge will be installing officer for the Sisters, and District Deputy Grand Chancellor Rolland Beach will act as installing officer for the Knights.

Practice for installation will be held today, Sunday, at 2 o'clock at the Pythian building.

At the Sisters meeting last Tuesday evening the past chiefs assumed the various offices, with Mrs. Aldredge acting as most excellent chief.

Mrs. W. L. Walden reported on the purchase of silverware, and also advised members to continue saving coupons.

Mrs. Don Anderson reported for the auditing committee, and Mrs. W. A. Grochacki, Mrs. John Russell and Mrs. Polly Offutt were appointed the refreshment committee for installation. Mrs. Harry Bryant and Mrs. Leroy Cline are in charge of decorations.

Mrs. Rene Grosh presented all the attending past chiefs with a gift of appreciation. The refreshment committee was Mrs. Grosh and Mrs. Jack Hall.

Members are reminded of the invitation to the installation of Grants Pass officers Wednesday evening, and those desiring transportation may contact either Mrs. Harry Bryant or Mrs. Ed Bostwick.

Pythian club will meet Tuesday, January 13, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. George Bryant, 3384 Forrest avenue, with Mrs. W. L. Michael assisting.

Past Chief's club of Pythian Sisters met last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Bryant with Mrs.

Gene Chamberlain, 46 Windsor dr.

8 p.m. - Xi Mu chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, home of Mrs. R. A. Hubbard, 3562 Jacksonville highway.

**Thursday:**  
12:30 p.m. - Chapter AA of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. Meyers Jones, 49 South Modoc dr.

1 p.m. - Women's circle of Christian Service, Central Point First Presbyterian church, home of Mrs. Homer Jeffries.

1:30 p.m. - Jacksonville Garden club, Community hall.  
2 p.m. - WCTU, Girls Community club.

7:30 p.m. - Lively Rogues dance club, Rogue Valley Country club.

8 p.m. - Adare chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Jacksonville Masonic temple.

8 p.m. - Roxy Ann court, Order of Amaranth, Masonic temple.

**Friday:**  
1 p.m. - Gettogether club, Girls Community club.  
8 p.m. - Scottish Rite Women's club, Medford Masonic temple.

**Saturday:**  
2 p.m. - Epsilon chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, home of Mrs. Paul R. Smith, 3412 Madrona lane.

## Originality Recommended In Furnishings For Home

By GAY PAULEY  
UPI Women's Editor

New York -UPI- If you let your home wait in '58, make it shine in '59, says Paul McCobb, the furniture and industrial designer.

McCobb said this should be the homemaker's top resolution for prettifying up the place. He blamed procrastination and indecision for making a "shambles" out of many homes. He explained that "The family hesitates to buy a few new things, as they're needed, so the pieces get shabbier and shabbier. Pretty soon they pull the whole room down; even the good pieces take on a shabby look."

McCobb's second resolution: Remember that style is all-encompassing. Apply your taste not here and there but everywhere. "Some women spend

all their time and money on the living room," said McCobb, discussing his list. "That is the room visitors see. But good taste can apply to the whole house... good looking utensils for the kitchen cost no more than ugly ones. Good design is not necessarily expensive design."

Other resolutions: Pretend you live in a glass house. Look at your own home with a critical eye before you cast a critical eye on your neighbor's home.

Un-decorate as you re-decorate. Said McCobb, "You have twice as much furniture and furnishing in your home as you need. Most home-owners' eyes are bigger than their rooms. Don't overcrowd and don't clutter."

Be original, if you would get ahead of the Joneses. Furnish your home so tastefully that the Joneses will want to keep up with you. It's more fun than trying to keep up with them.

Hang your head in shame if you haven't some original art in your home. No matter what you can afford, good art is within your means and can be the greatest touch of taste in the home. "Comb the local art galleries," he said. "Often you'll find an original work which costs far less than a reproduction of some famous painting."

Stick close to the family, but don't let family life get sticky. Cultivate individualism. "This togetherness is overdone," McCobb said in an interview. "It's like the casual trend which eventually came to mean sloppy."

Resolve to give Johnny a

place to study; children need some privacy and comfort for doing a good job with the homework.

Also, give some thought to an "adult room," where Mom and Dad can entertain or get away from the kids. "Don't try," said the designer, "for something besides a playroom with pine paneling and cheap linoleum."

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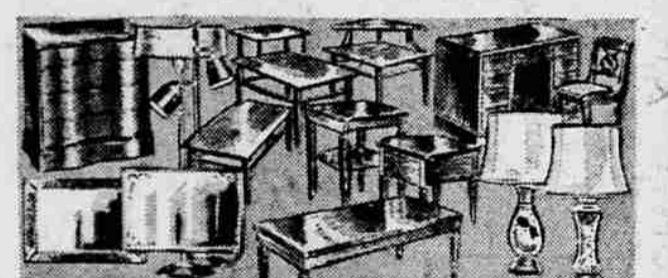
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