

Televised Nursery School Has Small Fry for Cast

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New York - (UPI) - Almost anything can happen when six lively small children are before the television cameras.

And usually does, says Nancy Caster, who helps run what she called "the world's largest kindergarten."

Mrs. Caster and her husband Bert, parents of three children now past the kindergarten stage, seven years ago thought up "Romper Room," a televised "nursery school" with a "class" of six. They first aired it on WJZ-TV in her native Baltimore.

Mrs. Caster, "Miss Nancy" to her pupils - still "teaches" on the Baltimore show. And today, the program is carried in 70 other cities with the couple running a training program for other "teachers," selected locally, and just in general seeing that all goes well with a show reaching an estimated 4 million children in the pre-school group.

Had Real Nursery
A graduate of Goucher College, with a major in education, Mrs. Caster once ran a real nursery school. Before "Romper Room," she had worked for her producer-husband as script writer.

She said, during a business trip to New York, that the format of the shows is worked out with educators and boards of education. The children are selected from write-in applications.

"We have a waiting list a mile long in Baltimore," she said. "Some of the applicants never get on the air; they grow out of the age bracket before we can get to them."

"Each teacher must be a college graduate, but not necessarily have had real classroom experience."

The program stresses the usual nursery school routine - games, story-telling, children marching to their own rhythm band, let's pretend, and a milk and cookies break. One of the standard segments of the show puts to use a new type of easy-to-wash-away finger paint - thick soapsuds. Children use them for creating a variety of things - from Christmas angels - the suds harden into a frothy white decoration, to the new 49-star American flag "painted" on red cardboard.

Could Write Book
Two standard characters are "Do-Bee," a happy looking insect, and "Don't Bee," a sad type. "We use them for training," said Mrs. Caster. "Do Be a face washer, Don't Be a dirty face; Do Be a toothbrusher, Don't Be a tooth neglecter; Do Be a sidewalk player, Don't Be a street player."

"I could write a book . . . someday probably will . . . about the things that happen on the show," she said. Once in a story making-up segment, the subject of operations came up and one small boy announced he had one.

"With that," she said, "he started pulling down his pants to show . . . he's had a hernia operation all right. We quickly switched cameras."

Another time the children were pretending to make

cookies, and beating the batter vigorously - except for one small boy who just stood there. Said Mrs. Caster, "I finally asked him, 'Don't you want to help, Jimmy?'"

"He said, 'Oh, I am . . . but I'm using an electric mixer.'"

One portion of the show is devoted to the pledge of allegiance. Mrs. Caster recalled one small boy who pledged allegiance "to the flag and to the Republicans for which it stands."

Group Attends Lodge Ceremony; Sessions Planned
A group of Pythian Sisters and Knights of Pythias from Medford and Ashland attended the recent installation of officers held by Thermopylae lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Thermopylae temple in Grants Pass.

Attending from Medford were Mrs. Harry Bryant, Medford, a past grand chief; Mrs. Layton Schell and Mrs. Margaret Cochran, Ashland; Chancellor Commander and Mrs. Daniel Kadin; Grand Master at Arms Edward Bostwick and Mrs. Bostwick, and Past Chancellor Joe W. Fritsch.

Installing officers for the Knights were Grand Chancellor Thomas C. Hartfield, Roseburg and Mr. Bostwick, Raymond J. Newman was installed chancellor commander of the Grants Pass lodge. Mrs. Maxine Welsh was installed as most excellent chief of the Grants Pass Pythian Sisters.

Medford Knights of Pythias will meet tonight at the Pythian building, and Pythian Sisters will meet Tuesday, January 21.

Past Chiefs' club will meet at the home of Mrs. Harry Barneburg, 1297 Sunset avenue, Wednesday, January 21, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Don Anderson will be co-hostess and initiation is planned.

The last meeting of Pythian club was held at the home of Mrs. George Bryant with Mrs. W. L. Michael as co-hostess. A gavel was presented to the new president, Mrs. Ray Jack, by Mrs. Bryant. The members are reminded to start putting donations in the "Christmas stockings."

Pinocchio was played with prizes going to Mrs. Emilie Conrad, Mrs. John Russell, Mrs. P. M. Aldredge, Mrs. Edward Bostwick and Mrs. Carl Fichtner.

Next club meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Harry Bryant with Mrs. W. A. Grochokki assisting.

Zion Lutheran Circles Plan Tuesday Sessions
Three women's groups of Zion Lutheran church will meet Tuesday night, January 20, at 8 p.m.

Mary circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Dale Davis, 929 West Thirteenth street; Miriam circle at the home of Mrs. Telmond Hassman, 1709 Woodlawn drive and Lydia circle at the home of Mrs. Owen Kunkel, 1411 East McAndrews road.

Roxy Ann Court Announces Date Of Smorgasbord

Past royal matrons and patrons were honored and final plans were made for the eighth annual smorgasbord at the last meeting of Roxy Ann court, Order of Amaranth.

Mrs. L. G. Frink and Glen Linn, first royal matron and patron of the court, were welcomed as well as Mrs. Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoppe, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Canfield, Clarence Harwood, Mrs. John White, Mrs. George Rehart, Olaf Skoog and Mrs. Vernon Turpin of Roxy Ann court, and Mrs. Roy Miller from Tacoma and Mrs. Frank Harrison of Seattle.

Edward Root, accompanied by Mrs. Frink, entertained with violin solos. Mrs. Frink and Mr. and Mrs. Harwood showed pictures of Long Beach, San Diego and the Hawaiian Islands. Refreshments were served by Fred Purdin and Mrs. Marshall Day and their officers.

The annual smorgasbord will be served from 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday, January 25, in the dining room of the Masonic Temple. Tickets may be obtained from Carl Oestreich or Merritt Swing, chairmen of ticket sales, or any member of the court.

Mrs. Frank Little and Stanley Jones, association matron and patron, are the general chairmen, assisted by Mrs. Frank Salyers, chairman of the kitchen, Mrs. Fred Graten, chairman of the dining room and Mrs. Stanley Jones, table chairman.

All members of the court are asked to bring molded or tossed salads ready to be served.

Party Announced By Young Adults

Young Adult's group has planned a box social and square dance Saturday, January 24, in Room B at the YMCA. The organization provides social, educational and athletic activities for young adults and endeavors to promote friendships among valley residents of this age group.

Entertainment is being planned, including a "calf show" for which prizes will be given.

Women are to bring decorated lunch boxes which will be auctioned to the men. Half of the auction money will be used to provide a coat of paint for Room B.

New members of the planning committee of the group are Miss Kathy Oppelt, Miss Irene Barclay, Miss Patricia Lull, Byron Puhler, Tom Roberts and Jim Tizekker.

Director Speaks For PTA Session

Dr. Alvin Fellers, director of student affairs and professor of English at Southern Oregon college was moderator for a discussion at a meeting of Jackson Parent-Teacher Association January 16.

The meeting was opened by Cub Scout Den 10 leading the flag salute, and the third grade chorus sang a group of winter songs under the direction of Mrs. Louella Schneider.

After a business meeting, the film "Social Six to Noisy Nines" was shown and a general discussion presided over by Dr. Fellers concluded the meeting.

Refreshments were served by the mothers of children in the fourth grade and Mrs. Edith Baker's room provided the decorations.

Showers Given In Central Point

Central Point - Mrs. W. A. Johnson Sr and Mrs. Donald W. Johnson were hostesses for a shower honoring Mrs. William Johnson on January 5. The gift table was decorated with a tall stork. Refreshments were served and games were played.

Guests were Mrs. Dale Parker, Mrs. Eva Hill, Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. Eugene Donahoo, Mrs. Charles Rosecrans, Carol and Susan, Mrs. Dick Palley, Mrs. Donald Young, Mrs. Stanley Snyder, and Mrs. Clyde McDaniel.

Intermediate Class In Square Dancing To Begin on Tuesday

A class in intermediate square dancing will start at Kershaw Square on Cory road at 8 p.m. Tuesday, according to Kenneth Hood, Medford caller and instructor for the course.

Two-hour sessions will be held each Tuesday night for six weeks, he said. Persons interested in the course may contact either Mr. or Mrs. Hood after 5 p.m. by telephoning SPring 2-6971.

Mistletoe Club Holds Ceremony

Installation of officers for 1959 took place at the last meeting of Mistletoe club. It was held at Girls Community club, with dessert served by Mrs. Carl Pearson, Mrs. Ora Lawrence, Mrs. Nora Glasscock and Mrs. Delbert Ross.

The new officers are Mrs. Thomas Mee, president; Mrs. Arthur Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Ira Lawrence, secretary; Mrs. Ruby Mallory, treasurer; refreshment committee chairman, Mrs. Harvey Rowden.

The ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Randy Huggdahl, with Michael Bashaw and Kay Johnson assisting.

Following installation, Mrs. Mee outlined her projects for the year. It was announced that in the future the club will meet at 10 a.m. for sewing, with luncheon to be served at 12:30 p.m., and business meetings in the afternoon.

Teachers Present Demonstration For Hoover PTA

Mrs. Robert Lawrence and Mrs. J. F. Fliegel demonstrated arithmetic teaching techniques used in the Medford school system at the last meeting of Hoover School Parent-Teacher association. Mrs. Emerson Anderson, president, conducted the business meeting.

Cub Scout Pack 5 presented the flag ceremony. Hoover PTA will sponsor Cub Scout Pack 100, and R. Ren Taylor presented the charter to the unit.

Room count was won by Mrs. Fliegel's room.

Mrs. Myers Jones, membership chairman, announced that the group has 199 members representing 121 families.

Mothers of children in the fifth grades served refreshments.

Supper Announced By Derby Group

Derby Extension unit plans a turkey and ham supper for February 14 at the Derby gymnasium. Tickets will be sold in advance, the committee states.

Women interested in a shirtmaking class are asked to attend a kaffeeklatsch Tuesday, January 27, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Anthony Huckaba.

The last meeting of the unit was held at the home of Mrs. Irvin McKeen. Mrs. McKeen and Mrs. Porter Allen conducted a lesson on "Exercise and Obesity."

Guests were Mrs. Don Jolliffe, Mrs. Velma McKeen and Mrs. Virgil Conley, Butte Falls.

Next meeting of the unit will be held February 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Porter Allen with Mrs. George Burg and Mrs. H. Laird as project leaders.

Auxiliary Hears Project Report

Reports on the American Legion auxiliary's Christmas charity projects were made at the January meeting. The baskets were given to 14 families, a total of 22 adults and 50 children, it was stated. The baskets contained food provided by the auxiliary and toys provided by the Lady Lions.

New Equipment Demonstrated By Neurosurgeon

Dr. Mario Campagna, neurosurgeon, was a guest speaker at the monthly meeting of Oregon Nurses association, District 4, Tuesday, January 13, at Sacred Heart hospital.

Dr. Campagna demonstrated the hypothermic blanket. This equipment is used principally to lower the body temperature in specific cases following brain surgery. The blanket can also be used on extremities prior to amputation and other conditions in which similar results are desired with success. Precautions to be taken with the machine and important symptoms to be alert for in the patient were stressed by Dr. Campagna. This hypothermic blanket is the first such equipment available in this area.

Miss Gertrude Molloy reported on the meeting of the executive board of American Nurses association in New York City in December.

Mrs. Stella Demo, president of District 4, appointed the committees for the coming year.

A gift was presented to Mrs. Christine Bates, past president.

Washington PTA To Hold Dinner

Washington School Parent-Teacher association will sponsor a potluck dinner Thursday, January 22, at the school cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. The monthly meeting of the PTA will follow in the gymnasium at 8:30 p.m.

Samuel Poirier of the United States Forest service will show two wildlife films entitled "Realms of the Wild" and "Rainbow Valley."

The executive board of the unit met Friday at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Blair, 1200 Murray street, to plan the meeting and dinner.

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 5 a.m. of the day for publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Monday:
7:30 p.m. - Ruth Esther Service Guild, First Methodist church, fireplace room.
8 p.m. - Olive Rebekah lodge, Odd Fellows hall.
8 p.m. - Susannah Wesley unit, Wesleyan Service guild.
8 p.m. - VFW auxiliary, dance at Camp White theater.

Tuesday:
9:30 a.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service, circle 1, with Mrs. Preston Hobbs, 1709 Stratford Way.
10 a.m. - Rogue Valley Navy Mothers club, home of Mrs. Lorne McCay, 2617 Howard ave.
10:30 a.m. - Sams Valley Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Milton Sanderson.
12:15 p.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service, circle 3, potluck luncheon at church.
12:30 p.m. - Lady Elks, Elks Temple party lounge.
12:30 p.m. - Esther circle of Eastwood Baptist church, home of Mrs. Lyle Heidemann, 1806 Thomas rd.

1 p.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service, circle 5, with Mrs. Charles Fields, 2757 Sylvania dr.
1:15 p.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service, circle 4, with Mrs. George Distell, 156 Vashit Way.
1:30 p.m. - Oak Grove Neighborhood club, home of Mrs. E. G. Trowbridge, 3237 Jacksonville highway.
1:30 p.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service, circle 6, with Mrs. George G. Roseberry, 3310 Hollywood ave., circle 7, with Mrs. Robert Rae, 819 Bennett st., circle 8, at church.

School Planned In Beef Cooking

Jackson County Cow Belles will sponsor a beef cooking school Tuesday, January 20, at the Phoenix Grange hall on South Pacific highway in Phoenix. The school will be conducted by Mrs. Beverley Lyons, home economist for The California-Oregon Power company, and will begin at 1 p.m. No charge will be made.

Mrs. Lyons will feature cooking of economy cuts of beef during the class, and anyone interested is invited to attend. Business houses are providing meat and electrical appliances for the demonstrations and prizes will be awarded.

Mrs. Elga Abbott Conducts Meeting Of Grange Club

Butte Falls - The January meeting of the Home Economics club of the Butte Falls Grange was presided over by the newly installed chairman, Mrs. Elga Abbott.

Committees appointed were hospitality, Mrs. Henry Wright; program, Mrs. Robert Wells; publicity, Mrs. James Arnold; needlecraft, Mrs. Roy Green; historian, Mrs. L. L. Casey and Mrs. Abbott; relief, Mrs. Ross Arent.

The December bazaar was considered a great success and materials for this year's sale will soon be available for necessary hand work.

A surprise skit, "An Accident" was enacted by two members and the rest then were asked to give their versions as 'witnesses' as to what they saw and heard. The skit proved to be very amusing.

The February meeting will be a potluck noon dinner at the home of Mrs. Ross Arent. The meeting was held at the new trailer house home of Mrs. Robert Wells. Mrs. Oliver Boyd was a guest. Refreshments were served by the hostess at the close of the meeting.

Variety Program Planned for Club

A variety program will be given at a meeting of Townsend Harmony auxiliary Wednesday, January 21.

Townsend club met last week.

Four new club members were reported by the membership committee. Five visitors were present. Mrs. Joseph (Wanda) Jackson played a piano recital. Some of the younger group members exhibited athletic skill by twirling hoola hoops.

The meeting closed with readings and dancing. Visitors are always welcome.

Central Point Group To Meet Wednesday

Central Point-Central Point Home Extension unit will meet at 10:30, Wednesday, January 21, at the home of Mrs. Don Lacy, Scenic avenue. The lesson will be on posture and exercises.

Mrs. Frank Bruce and Mrs. Maynard McKay will give the demonstration, and remind members to wear slacks or pedal pushers. Child care will be available at the home. Mrs. Eunice Jones, 235 Laurel street. Mrs. Lacy is the luncheon chairman for this meeting.

Dinner Meeting Held in Phoenix

Phoenix - Donald M. Frost of Delta Pet Ranch and Nursery provided the program for a dinner meeting of Phoenix Garden club held recently at the Grange hall. Mr. Frost spoke on "Origin of Flowers in Our Gardens."

The event was for club members and their families.

Meeting Planned For Phoenix HEC

Phoenix - Phoenix Grange Home Economics club will meet Wednesday, January 21, at the home of Mrs. S. E. Cox, Fern Valley road. Dessert will be served at 1 p.m. Mrs. Dee Hendrickson will be co-hostess.

Statistics Given By Health Service

There were 619 deaths in Jackson county during 1958 and 1,376 live births, according to statistics released by the county health department. These figures show 12 less deaths than in 1957 and an increase of 5 births.

Leading causes of death were heart and circulation diseases, 395; accident and violence, 61; cancer and tumors, 56; respiratory system, 34; and early infancy, 23. There were 15 fewer deaths last year than the previous year from these five causes, it was reported.

Live birth statistics show 711 boys and 665 girls of which 1,156 were born in the Medford area and 220 in the Ashland registration district. The death rate for 1958 was 8.65 per 1000 population as compared with 8.9 in 1957.

Accidental Deaths

The accidental deaths continue to increase from year to year. Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health officer, reported. During 1958 there were 61 such deaths, an increase of 7 over the previous year. In 1955 there were only 33 accidental deaths in the county.

Deaths due to cancer took

Nevita Past Matrons To Meet at Holt Home

Central Point-Nevita Past Matrons' club will meet at the home of Mrs. Hensley Holt, 3295 Forrest street, Medford, Wednesday, January 21. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Elizabeth Faber and Mrs. Mary Note.

Secretaries Make Convention Plans

Division convention plans were discussed at the last meeting of Medford chapter, National Secretaries' association, held at Ping's Gardens January 15.

MEYERS CELEBRATE

Princeton, N. J. - (UPI) - Gov. and Mrs. Robert B. Meyner celebrate their second wedding anniversary today.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Flying Stitches
Phoenix - The Phoenix Flying Stitches held their meeting Saturday at the Phoenix High school in the home economics room. We discussed and planned a program for the monthly meeting.

Penny Simmonds and Laura Griffith are to give a demonstration at the next meeting Feb. 14. Mrs. Campbell was a guest at the meeting. Allene Harris, Reporter

Phoenix Herdsmen
Phoenix - The Phoenix Herdsmen held their meeting Monday night at the home of Allen Harris. Chip Buffington gave a talk on how to choose a good calf, mentioning the good and bad points. The next meeting will be at the home of John Hughes Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Guests will be Mr. Buffington, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Compton. Kenny Harris, Reporter.

Bobbing Bobbins

The meeting was called to order by President Colleen Frank Saturday, Jan. 10. The flag salutes were led by Judy Frink. The minutes were read and approved. Roll call was answered by naming a material. Mothers present were introduced.


There was a demonstration given by Carole Kuest on how to lay out a pattern correctly. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 and refreshments were served by Carole Kuest and Colleen Franek. Kathleen Frederick, Secretary.

OPPOSE RECOGNITION

New York - (UPI) - The Committee of One Million reported Sunday that a poll of 8,572 Protestant clergymen across the nation indicated that 7,437 were opposed to the recognition of Red China by the United States.

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