

Suitable Centennial Song Sought by State Committee

Portland - A widespread search for a talented tunesmith capable of producing a suitable Oregon Centennial song has failed so far to turn up a composer who can fill the bill.

This was announced by R. W. Hocks, publicity chairman for the Portland Rainmakers, who are leading the hunt. Hocks said members of the civic group are convinced that somewhere in the country there is a potential Irving Berlin or Cole Porter who can do the job.

"Our problem is to find him," Hocks added. "The Oregon Centennial must have a song. We urge everybody who can write music to enter the current song contest. We are hoping somebody will come up with a song like 'Beautiful Ohio' or the 'Missouri Waltz.' We need a song that will have a popular appeal—one that the people will be humming and singing long after the centennial celebration is over."

Dr. James Hart, chairman of the Centennial fine arts committee, pointed out that the deadline for entries in the song contest has been extended to March 1.

Films Shown For Junior Red Cross

Mrs. Frank Fairweather, volunteer field consultant for this area for the American Red Cross, spoke for the last meeting of the Junior Red Cross council. It was held at the chapter house Tuesday, with Grant Quinney Jr., presiding.

Fourteen schools were represented.

Mrs. Fairweather showed slides taken on a tour of Europe.

In addition to the students attending, adult members of the committee present were Mrs. John S. Day, chairman; Mrs. Myers Jones; Mrs. Paul Lea and Mrs. Reese Alexander.

"Song writers have been responding," he declared. "But the material we have received so far does not meet the standards set for the official centennial song."

"We have returned a large number of manuscripts to the composers," Dr. Hart continued. "It has been suggested to some of these persons that they revise and resubmit their entries."

Entries can be mailed to the Song Committee, Oregon Centennial Commission, 511 Jackson Tower, Portland, Oregon.

Officers Named By Trailblazers

Officers were elected at a meeting of Trailblazers Horse club held at the home of Mrs. Tom Whittle, leader, January 14.

The new officers are Bob Olson, president; Gary Whittle, vice-president; Karen Holley, secretary-treasurer; and Carole Crenshaw, reporter. Vicki Caldwell and Carolyn Sidener were appointed as the telephone committee.

Demonstrations were given on the parts of a horse and on the parts of a saddle.

The club's ride for this month will take place Saturday, January 24. Vicki Caldwell will assist Mrs. Whittle on the ride. The members will meet at Mrs. Whittle's home at 12 noon.

Newlywed Pair To Be Honored

A reception will be held Saturday, January 24, at 8 p.m. at the Friends church in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Von Smith who were married last Saturday at Newberg, Ore. The bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, will be hosts, assisted by the young people of the church.

Graduation Party Planned Tonight By Dance Class

A square dance class sponsored by the Bellview Grange in Ashland will hold a graduation party starting at 8 o'clock tonight in the Grange hall.

All square dancers in southern Oregon and callers are invited. Floyd Workman, Medford, instructor for the beginners course, will call. Potluck refreshments will be served.

Winners Named By Bridge Club

Bartlett Duplicate Bridge club, a group for new players, met Monday at the home of Mrs. W. W. Stevenson.

Winning first place were Mrs. Joe Clark and Mrs. William Duhaime. Other winners were Mrs. R. A. Naumes and Mrs. Lawrence Buonocore, second; Mrs. A. B. Davis and Mrs. Roy Stein, third; Mrs. Thomas Eslinger and Mrs. Frank Benesh, fourth.

Winners for play held January 12 were Mrs. Richard Finch and Mrs. Naumes, first; Mrs. F. E. Bowman and Mrs. Sherman Feiss, second; Mrs. Fed Buich and Ms. Russell Barnes, third; Mrs. David Lowry and Mrs. R. R. Parsons, fourth.

Party Announced By Promenaders

Star Promenaders Square Dance club will observe its first anniversary with a birthday dance Saturday, January 24, at Kershaw square, according to Kenneth Hood, caller.

The dance will start at 8:30 p.m., with potluck refreshments served later in the evening. All square dancers are invited.

Neighbors Plan Social Meeting

Medford Neighbors of Woodcraft will hold a social meeting Monday, January 26, at 8 p.m. in Eagles hall. Cards and other games will be played, and refreshments will be served. Visitors are welcome.

Traviata On Program Saturday

Verdi's tragic opera, "La Traviata," will be presented on the ninth Metropolitan Opera broadcast of the season, on KYJC-CBS radio Saturday, January 24, at 11 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. (PST).

The performance will be conducted by Kurt Adler, with soprano Licia Albanese as Violetta, a courtesan; tenor Cesare Valletti as her lover, Alfredo Germont, and baritone Mario Sereni as his father, Giorgio Cermont.

"La Traviata" is the story of the tragic romance of Violetta Valery, a beautiful courtesan of Paris, and Alfredo Germont, a young man of a respectable provincial family, and of Violetta's sacrifice for the sake of her lover. Verdi wrote "La Traviata" in 1853, and actually completed the opera in four weeks. Although it had little success at first, the opera was restaged the next year and settings as well as costumes were changed from those of 1850 to 1700. Since then, "La Traviata" has been a favorite of opera lovers all over the world. It was first sung at the Metropolitan Opera in its opening season, in 1883, with Marcella Sembrich in the title role.

Bidu Sayao and Jan Peerce will appear as special guests during the first intermission of the "La Traviata" broadcast.

Mme. Sayao, the South American lyric soprano, who was called the "Brazilian Nightingale" early in her career and Mr. Peerce, tenor, will join Pulitzer prize-winning composer Norman Delo Joio in a musical analysis of "La Traviata."

On the Opera's second intermission, two noted stage directors will take seats on the panel of "Texaco's Opera Quiz." Facing quizmaster Edward Downes for the first time this season will be Hans Busch, a stage director for the Met, and Ross Allen, stage director of Indiana University's School of Music. Other members of the panel will be Walter Ducloux, head of the Opera department of the University of Southern California, and Jay Harrison, music critic of the New York Herald-Tribune.

During the Opera's third intermission, Anthony A. Boiss, president of the Metropolitan Opera association, and architect Wallace K. Harrison will discuss with Clifton Fadiman plans for the new Metropolitan Opera House which will be located in the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Chapter Observes Brothers' Night

Cave Junction - Brothers' night was observed Tuesday by Western Star chapter, Order of Eastern Star, at a meeting in the Masonic temple in Kerby.

Visitors introduced were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Ruxton chapter, Manitou Springs, Colo.; and William Weingart, Victory chapter, Portland.

The associate patron's chair was declared vacant and election for the post will be held at the February meeting.

Work on the Masonic tree farm in O'Brien was discussed and a committee was appointed to meet with a similar committee from each of the four Masonic organizations to plan work days at the project. The fourth Sunday of each month has been designated as "tree farm day." Mrs. Homer Snider was named chairman with Mrs. George Blue, Mrs. E. W. Morris and Mrs. Harry Floyd as committee members.

The refreshment committee was headed by George Mulvey with Harry Floyd, Carroll Banks, George Blue and Frank Amer assisting. Carroll Banks and Harry Floyd were responsible for the decorations.

The February 17 meeting will be past matron and past patron night.

Sorority Hears Review of Book

Miss Annette Gray reviewed the book, "Bitter Lemons" by Lawrence Durrell at the last meeting of Epsilon chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma. The session was held at the home of Mrs. Maxine Smith, Madrona lane.

Miss Anna Laura Honts presided.

The book reviewed deals with the experiences of an Englishman on the island of Cyprus in the years just previous to the revolt. The change in the islanders' attitude toward Englishmen—even their friends, is portrayed in the book.

The hostesses, Mrs. Clara Fader, Miss Eugenia Carson, Mrs. Alice Willits and Miss Gladys Owen, served refreshments from an attractive tea table arranged in red and white. Miss Dorothy Wilson and Miss Owen poured.

DINNER SCHEDULE

Cave Junction - The Annual Ladies Night dinner dance sponsored by the Illinois Valley Lion's club will be held at the Zotola Country club in Grants Pass Saturday Jan. 24. Initiation ceremony will be conducted for new member, Clyde Knight.

NEW PLANE SERVICE

London - UFP - Turkey will open a new Istanbul - London airline service in the spring, officials said today.

EYE SPECIALIST DIES

New York - UFP - Dr. Manuel U. Troncoso, 91, a noted eye specialist, died Wednesday.

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Adm. John V. McElduff, 60, U.S.N. (Ret.), composer of "Eyes of the Fleet," died Wednesday.



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