

Pre-Lenten Time Said Gay Period for Vienna

By MARGARET SCHULER
Vienna - January and February are gay months for the Austrians. It is "fasching" which is the German word for carnival.

VFW Auxiliary Has Space Age As Contest Title

"Space Age, Challenge to America" is the 1939 title of the annual essay contest sponsored each year by the auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars. Locally the contest is sponsored by Crater Lake auxiliary. Seniors of Medford High school and St. Mary's High school are invited to take part.

Local awards go to three top winners. The best essays are sent on for regional and national judging.

Medford judges for the 1939 contest are Mrs. Ivan D. Murray, Mrs. Marie Diney and Mrs. Bernice Kuzman. They are all members of Jackson County Retired Teachers association.

Mrs. Frank Taylor is the auxiliary's contest chairman.

Lodge Conducts Annual Ceremony

Mrs. Frank Gleaves was installed president of the Degree of Honor lodge in ceremonies held February 9 at the Girls Community club. Others installed were Mrs. Irl Groves, past president; Mrs. Elliott Lester, vice president; Mrs. Esten Krause, second vice president; Mrs. Katherine Pitts, treasurer; Mrs. Eugene Bennett, financial secretary; Mrs. Ina Pearl Phillips, pianist; Mrs. George Barker, usher; Mrs. Clyde Hillier, assistant usher; Mrs. Arthur Webster, color bearer.

Nutrition, Food Topic for Unit

Mrs. John Niles and Mrs. Paul Blair gave a demonstration on nutrition and food values for Wilson Park Home Extension unit when it met Tuesday, February 3 at the home of Mrs. Niles, 829 South Peach street.

Pamphlets, charts and actual food demonstrations were used by the project leaders. Assisting Mrs. Niles and Mrs. Blair was Mrs. Ronald Harding and Mrs. John Sellers.

A guest of the unit was Mrs. Rollin Jones, chairman of the county home extension committee.

Club and Auxiliary To Honor Washington

Townsend club and auxiliary will observe Washington's birthday at a meeting set for Wednesday, February 18 at Carpenters' hall.

At last week's meeting, three new members were reported by the membership chairman. Three visitors were present. A Valentine party was held, and a Townsend club poem composed by F. K. Haswell of the Salem club was read.

Meeting Announced For Service Circle

Central Point - Women's Christian Service circle of First Presbyterian church, Central Point, will meet at the home of Mrs. Max Clark, 1115 East Pine street, Thursday, February 19, at 1 p.m. Mrs. Charles L. Ghelardi will present the program, and Mrs. Elizabeth Faber the devotions.

bier kellers. Children's parties are listed.

The two largest and most talked about of the dances are the opera and the philharmonic. An invitation to the latter is much coveted. A young friend of mine was to lead the philharmonic this year. The connotation of the expression "to lead the ball" however, is different from the American. Here, all of 300 young people lead. They are called the Committee, and they are invited to be members. As they do not work other than practice the grand march, dance the first waltz following certain standards of style, the term seems a bit ambiguous. They represent Vienna's first families.

Attends Ball

I procured an invitation to be an observer to the ball this year in this way. The mother of my young friend had regretted she could not take me as she thought I would enjoy the spectacle. She said, "There would be only one way you could go, and that is if you were of the press." The press - my Mail Tribune letter - a further illustration of what a newspaper person I am not. It hadn't occurred to me.

So we went to the proper authority and presented the letter on Medford Mail Tribune stationery. The authority read it carefully and then asked what newspaper I represented. When I explained "Mail Tribune" he said, "Ach so" and gave me the invitation.

The Musikvereinssale is one of the concert halls in Vienna where there are vast rooms with gold walls and ceilings, gilt statues, marble cherubs and reclining figures over Renaissance doors and heavy, glittering chandeliers. In the largest concert room the flowers, palms and decorations, the gilt chairs on raised dais, the red and gold uniformed footmen in knee breeches, made a proper background for the black garbed young men and long gowned girls, as they swung into a Strauss waltz with the philharmonic orchestra playing.

Balcony View

Looking down from the balcony we watched the vision, a symphony of black and white, whirling in unison, round and round, white skirts flying and floating.

After two waltzes, the other guests, in colored gowns, left the balcony, and went down to the dance floor. Then to my astonishment, another orchestra, which I had not noticed on the opposite side of the palms burst out into a jazz tune. It sounded almost sacrilegious, as out of form as though it were in church. But from then on the one orchestra played two waltzes, the other, two jazz numbers. It was interesting to see that there were more couples dancing when jazz was being played. If rock 'n roll is what I think it is there was a dignified verging on that, too.

We left at 12 midnight but the invitations read from 10 until 5. I am told that if I thought the philharmonic ball was interesting I should see the Opera - the last big function of fasching. But I am afraid to rub my Aladdin letter too hard and I might also be asked to pay the \$12 it costs to observe.

Great Spectacle
This ball must be a spectacle. All of the seats are removed and the first floor lifted to the level of the stage, and thrown together they make one tremendous dance chamber. The Viennese Ballet gives a performance at this dance. Although the Opera ball is not invitational, I understand only those persons who know they are the right persons to go. As at the philharmonic it is possible to rent loges which are converted into booths with tables. Each costs \$80 American money.

The brilliance and magnitude of the new opera house with its wide marble staircases, marble foyers and lounges would make a setting for a ball that could scarcely be equalled anywhere in Europe today.

Program Given On Centennial
A program on Oregon's Centennial was given for Beta Upsilon chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, at a meeting February 3 at the home of Mrs. Ray Bostwick.

Hal Gardner from the Junior Chamber of Commerce spoke to the group on activities planned for the Centennial.

A nominating committee was appointed consisting of Mesdames Ramsby, Bostwick and Landing.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by co-hostess, Mrs. Fred Wilson.

KYJC to Carry Murrow-Conant School Program

"The Empty Schoolhouse," a searching examination of this country's secondary school system in the light of recommendations made by the noted educator, James B. Conant, in his just-published report, "The American High School Today," will be broadcast on KYJC-CBS Radio Wednesday, February 18 at 8:30-9:00 p.m. This will be the fourth program in "The Hidden Revolution" series, which is narrated by Edward R. Murrow and produced by Unit One.

Dr. Conant, formerly president of Harvard university, found our school system to be basically sound, but made a number of specific recommendations, including the consolidation of high schools with graduating classes of less than 100 students; special programs for gifted pupils; improvement of vocational training, and accelerated preparation for college in high school senior years.

The program will take listeners to Jefferson county, Colorado; to Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and other areas where typical local school problems exist.

Dr. Conant himself will take part in an analysis of these complex questions. He will be joined by Dr. William G. Carr, executive secretary of the National Education Association, and Robert M. Hutchins, president of the Fund for the Republic and former chancellor of the University of Chicago.

Knife-Fork Club Names Speaker

Cyrus Radcliffe will speak for a meeting of Rogue Valley Knife and Fork club Tuesday, February 24, at Rogue Valley Country club. This will be Mr. Radcliffe's second appearance before the Medford club.

Mr. Radcliffe, who formerly operated a small business in Idaho, recently returned from a trip abroad during which he visited the Iron Curtain countries, the Arab and Jewish states and made stops in southern and eastern India. Members are to make reservations for the dinner with the club secretary, Mrs. Richard House, 15 Corning court, no later than Saturday, February 21.

Zontians to Hold Treasury Dinner

Zonta club held a business meeting Thursday at a lunch in the Jackson hotel. Mrs. Ethel McIntyre reported that a treasury dinner will be held at the home of Mrs. Bonnie Wilson February 26; husbands will be guests. The finance committee is in charge of arrangements.

Smallest Circle Chooses Name

Phoenix - The smallest of the new circles of Women's association, Phoenix Presbyterian church has chosen Ruth as the circle name. The circle, which has but five members, chose the name because of the declaration of Ruth the Moabitess, "Wither thou goes, I will go" and "Thy God shall be my God."

The name was selected during a meeting of the group last Thursday.

Royal Neighbors To Hold Dinner

Mrs. Mae Logan, Portland, state supervisor of Royal Neighbors of America, will visit Mistletoe lodge here Thursday, February 19. A covered dish dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at the Pythian building in her honor.

The meeting and program to follow will be open to the public.

Valentine Season Recalls Cupid's White House Visits

By ROBERT J. SERLING
United Press International
Washington - [UPI] - Yesterday was the day they honored cupid-and recalled that the little guy has even invaded the staid White House on occasions.

The Executive Mansion has had several weddings, two proposals and only one bachelor president - a record which speaks pretty well for cupid's federal activities.

Woodrow Wilson proposed to Mrs. Edith Galt on the White House porch. Grover Cleveland courted his wife at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue

and held the wedding ceremony there. The first family later had a baby - the first infant born in the White House.

Cleveland invited only the members of the cabinet and the immediate families to the wedding itself. He wrote the invitations himself: "Dear so-and-so: I am to be married on Wednesday evening at seven o'clock at the White House to Mrs. Folsom. It will be a very quiet affair and I will be extremely grateful for your attendance on the occasion. Yours sincerely, Grover Cleveland."

Marine Band Serenade

Several presidential nieces and daughters have been married at the White House, but the most touching and sentimental stories belong to the Presidents themselves.

There was the romance between Andrew Jackson and his wife, for example. She died just before his first inauguration and he was never the same man after that. Unlike other widowed presidents he never remarried.

The love story of Andrew and Eliza Johnson was never duplicated even in fiction. She was a quiet school teacher who taught Johnson how to read and write.

Then there was the somewhat more lusty May-and-December romance between President John Tyler, 54, and Miss Julia Gardiner, 19.

Tyler was the only chief executive who deliberately used the prestige and power of his office as a courtship weapon. He sent the United States Marine Band all the way from Washington to New York to serenade Miss Gardiner. They were married and had seven children.

Historians claim the most beautiful woman ever to live in the White House was not a first lady. The honor goes to Miss Harriet Lane, niece of Buchanan. Harriet was said to have a stunning figure, with violet eyes and auburn hair.

As for the first ladies themselves, probably the most colorful as well as attractive was Dolly Madison. Dolly, inspired the story involving Henry Clay, at the time a young congressman who paid a courtship call on the Madisons.

Dolly opened the door herself. Clay, who thought she was a servant, planted a firm kiss on her lips and pressed a coin in her hand. Just at that point, President Madison woke on the scene. Clay was quick on the draw.

"My pardon, madame," he murmured, "If I had known you were Mrs. Madison, the coin would have been larger."

Study of Mushrooms Continues by Group

The study group of the Southern Oregon Mushroom club will meet Tuesday, February 17, at 7:30 at the home of Fred Lawrence, 1322 Euclid avenue, Medford. The group's time is devoted exclusively to the study of fungi.

Visitors are welcome. More details may be had by calling Mr. Lawrence at SPring 2-6767.

Grand Officer Visits Bethel

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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.

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

Tuesday:
9:30 a.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service, circle 1, with Mrs. Dick Fanger, 7 Windsor ave.
10 a.m. - Rogue Valley Navy Mothers club, home of Mrs. Dan Evans, 987 Niantic st.
10:30 a.m. - Sams Valley Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Donald Elder, Ramsey Canyon rd.
12:30 p.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service, circle 4, with Mrs. F. F. Burk, Stevens and Washburn ave., Tuesday.

12:30 p.m. - Esther Circle, Eastwood Baptist church, home of Mrs. Ray Smalley, 219 North Peach street.
1 p.m. - Lady Elks, Elks party lounge.
1 p.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service, circle 3, with Mrs. Roy Johnston, 1017 Ingrid ave., circle 5, with Mrs. J. W. Poage, 145 South Ivy st., circle 8 with Mrs. L. B. Pierce, 516 West Jackson st.

1:15 p.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service circle 6, fireplace room at church.
1:30 p.m. - Oak Grove Neighborhood club, with Mrs. William Rose, 158 Janney lane.
1:30 p.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service circle 7, with Mrs. George Roseberry, 3310 Hollywood ave.
7:30 p.m. - Chapter BE of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. F. Wilson Wait, 220 Vancouver ave.

7:30 p.m. - Joyce Smith circle, Eastwood Baptist church, home of Mrs. Virgie Garner, 15 Tripp st.
8 p.m. - Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild, home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pradfish, 220 Bradford Way.
8 p.m. - Woman's Guild, Zion Lutheran church, circles: Miriam, home of Mrs. Ryder Berg, 733 Dakota st.; Mary, home of Mrs. James Wicker, 809 Adams lane; Lydia, home of Mrs. Hans Edwardsen, 211 Summit st.

Wednesday:
11 a.m. - Townsend Harmony auxiliary, Carpenters hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.
12 noon - Reames Social club, Medford Masonic hall.
1 p.m. - Chapter CG of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. R. J. O'Sullivan, 518 North Barneburg rd.
1 p.m. - Chapter CP of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. G. R. Polski, 1501 Lenora dr.

1:30 p.m. - Contemporary Book club, with Mrs. Alla Smith, Black Oak dr.
7:30 p.m. - Bethel 14, International Order of Job's Daughters, Masonic Temple.
7:30 p.m. - Veterans of World War I auxiliary, Girls Community club.
8 p.m. - Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge, Odd Fellow hall, Central Point.

8 p.m. - Roxy Ann Home Economics club, Grange hall.
Thursday:
10:30 a.m. - Lone Pine Home Extension unit, Roxy Ann Grange hall.
12:30 p.m. - Medford chapter, Blue Star Mothers, home of Mrs. Mary Note, 32 Hamilton st.
12:30 p.m. - Woman's association, Phoenix First Presbyterian church, at church.
1 p.m. - Wenonah club, home

Grange News...

Roxy Ann Grange
A potluck dinner was held preceding the regular meeting of Roxy Ann Grange recently. The program was put on by the American Cancer Society, Dr. Lawrence Buoncrocio spoke.

Master R. J. Ritchey presided at a business meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoover were guests from Eagle Point Grange. Hoover announced Eagle Point Grange will give trees to be planted on the grounds at Roxy Ann Grange.

He also offered to furnish grass seed to be planted around the hall and the playground to be made in back of the Grange hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hockersmith from Phoenix Grange also were guests. Hockersmith told of a months visit in Cuba to see their son.

Iris Ritchey, home economics chairman, announced HEC met at the home of Mrs. Bruce Moffatt, Mrs. Paul Dalton assisted. There were 30 members and four guests present. The next meeting will be held at the Grange hall Feb. 18. Mrs. Kenneth Shaw and Mrs. George Walters will be hostesses.

The Grange voted to send \$25 to the March of Dimes. The display table consisted of the travels during the war of the Moffatts, kept in a scrap book by their daughter, Shirley.

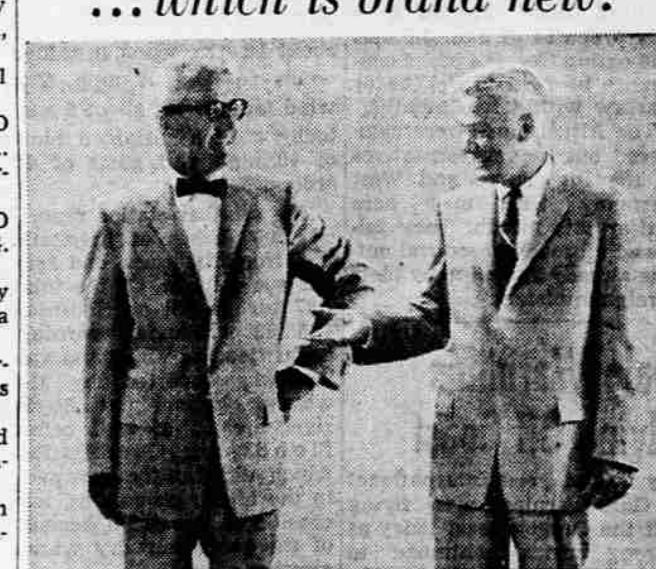
Roscoe Roberts, insurance agent, told of the open house held in the new insurance building in Seattle.

The third and fourth degrees will be put on at Roxy Ann Grange Mar. 6. All who have candidates are cordially invited to bring them.

The next meeting of Roxy Ann Grange will be held at 7:30 p.m. in order to go to the visitation meeting being held at Central Point Grange Mar. 20.

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