

Coming Events Announced For Parents' Group

Jay J. Elliott, ways and means chairman, announced at the last meeting of St. Mary's High School Parents' club that a combination book and rummage sale will be held April 3 and 4. The meeting was held March 18 in the activities room of the school.

Mrs. Sherman Feiss will be co-chairman of the sale. She will be assisted by mothers of high school students.

The Very Reverend Carl Mai, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic parish, talked to the group on the proper observance of Holy Week.

Sister Miriam Joseph, head of the music department, announced that a special Holy Name centenary concert will be held at the Portland Civic auditorium May 1. Choral Director Roger Wagner will conduct the concert featuring two original orchestral works and a 175-voice chorus. Director Wagner will lead a group of 250 musicians largely composed of students from Holy Names schools in Portland, Spokane, Seattle, Astoria, Eugene, Salem and Medford.

A 75-piece orchestra, including 27 players from the Portland Symphony orchestra will play two original compositions by members of the Marylhurst college faculty. Performance of three movements from "Chronicle of Creation" an orchestral suite composed by Sister M. Anne Cecile, and the "Magnificat" a choral work by Sister Mary Teresina, will highlight the concert.

In addition to his recording and choral activities, Mr. Wagner is well known as a composer-lecturer and is currently director of choral music at UCLA.

Mrs. Edward J. Guldan served coffee to those attending following the meeting.

Reames Chapter To Hold Session

Reames Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will honor past matrons and past patrons of the chapter at a stated meeting Thursday, March 26, at 8 p.m. at Medford Masonic temple.

Mrs. Etta McKinney, worthy matron, and Herbert Morris, worthy patron, will preside.

Mrs. Donald L. Waldron is chairman of refreshments with Mrs. Elton Waldron as chairman of decorations.

When buying sheets look for the highest possible thread-count, firm selvages and well-stitched hem.

Meeting Planned By Herb Society

Medford Sojourners' club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at the Girls Community Club. After dessert and a short business meeting bridge, pinochle, and canasta will be played.

All women who have lived in Medford or vicinity two years or less are cordially invited to attend and become members. The purpose of the club is to give newcomers an opportunity to become acquainted.

Baptist Circles To Hold Sessions

White Cross circles of the Women's Fellowship, First Baptist church, will meet Tuesday, March 24. Day circles will meet at 10:30 a.m. and the evening circles at 7:30 p.m. Those attending should bring scissors, thread and needles, and if they have it, material for quilts, both wool and cotton, and old sheets or pillowcases for a n.d.s.g.s. Members attending the day meetings should also bring a sack lunch.

Evening circles will hold a joint meeting this month at the home of the Fellowship president, Mrs. Clarence Wilson, Waldon Lane, Talent. Evening circles are Mary, Lois and Lydia.

Ruth circle will meet at the home of Mrs. E. H. Niedermeyer, route 2, box 404, Ross lane; Mrs. C. C. Gilbert is chairman, Mrs. N. A. Mead, 3471 Oakpine Way (Grant road), Central Point.

Mrs. J. W. Neeley, 1037 West Eleventh, will be hostess to Elizabeth circle, with Mrs. Helmer Tinseth as chairman. This group will hold their quarterly birthday event.

The Neil Grubbs circle, of which Mrs. Gilbert Hill is chairman, will meet with Mrs. Clinton Vroman, route 4, box 438, Coleman Creek road. Mrs. Roy Howe, 119 North Keeneway, will be hostess to Martha circle, led by Mrs. Donn Platt.

Neighbors Plan Joint Meeting

Medford Neighbors of Woodcraft will be hosts during a combined meeting of the Phoenix and Ashland lodges Monday, March 23, at 8 p.m. in the Eagles hall.

Ceremonial and initiatory marches will be practiced during the evening.

Avoid over-cooking fish. It is done when the protein has coagulated and the small amount of connective tissue has been broken down. Use a low heat and cook slowly to prevent a dry, chewy, texture.



One thing leads to another. Benny Fagone brought in a story about a Lincoln PTA meeting at which Elliott Becken, assistant school superintendent spoke. Some of Mr. F's reporting wasn't quite clear (please pardon us, Benny) so Potpourri called Mr. Becken. Mr. B. attempted to straighten out the dates over the phone, and when this didn't work, ended up by bringing in a copy of the material, which was a master's thesis written by Bob Stedman of the Medford High school faculty.

Pal Peg started to read and couldn't quit. She kept interrupting Potpourri to say "listen to this" and since the two of us found it so entertaining and informative, she ended up by copying some for this column.

Mr. Stedman's material, of course, reflects the changing ideas on what should be taught in elementary and high schools. In the early 1900s, there seems to have been little doubt about what a student needed to know to get into high school. Mr. S. did a lot of research in back issues of The Medford Daily Tribune and in the September 20, 1906, issue a list of qualifications for high school entrance was given.

They included "before entering high school, pupils should be able to, (a) write a legible hand, (b) spell words in every day use, (c) add a column of figures quickly, (d) make out a bill of goods, deduct a per cent from it and receipt it, (e) write a check and know what to do to get it cashed, (f) write a promissory note and calculate the interest or discount for days, months, or years, (g) to compute board measures, (h) to compute the numbers of bushels of grain or gallons of liquid in a receptacle and find value of same at current prices, (i) to measure and compute the value of wood, (j) compose an interesting social letter, (k) to write a concise and clear business letter, (l) to talk on the leading topics of the day in an interesting manner."

Schools are always open for criticism and Mr. Stedman noted that in 1914 the Medford Mail Tribune printed a letter from a citizen in which he stated his opinion that the school was spending far too much time on non-essentials and that the study of microbes, diseases, and their causes had no place in the schools. The forcing of elementary school pupils to use encyclopedias as supplementary sources was inhuman to say the least and that there was far too much culture and not enough fundamentals taught, the citizen contended.

Mr. Stedman's research showed that the schools also aided the city in community affairs and cooperated to enforce some sanitary measures. There was a garbage committee to see what could be done to stop the practice of dumping garbage at the end of Cottage street, a manure committee to try to get people to pick up the piles of manure outside of barns in the city limits, a pig committee to try to move the pig pens from the banks of Bear Creek within the city limits, and a snitting committee to try to get the city council to enforce the ordinance against spitting on the streets.

The last ordinance was mentioned in the January 17, 1914, Medford Mail Tribune which said "the sidewalks in front of Brown's Pool Hall always look as though a gentle rain had fallen."

In 1925 a heated argument began over the location of the new high school building. Although the school district had purchased the Medford Baseball park in 1921 there was a faction in the city that felt the site just east of Bear Creek on the old Pacific and Eastern railroad grounds where Hawthorne Park is now located more suitable. Full page paid advertisements were published in the newspaper and campaign buttons were worn. One button read, "P and E for Me," another, "The Holly site is Right." The Holly site won in the election. The building is now McLoughlin Junior High school.

Today's front page almost inspired Potpourri to try out bread-baking and cake decorating. We'd probably fizzle, but it would be fun to try. Mrs. Ray Alder, who made the Easter Egg cake, says her efforts are mostly for parties and weddings. Her husband and daughter, Judy, a ninth-grader, like cake but want it plain. No frosting, even when Mrs. Alder makes it into such delectable creations.

Potpourri doesn't know Mrs. Dan Dubeck, who makes the Easter bread in the pictures, but Photographer Bob Vroman does. Mrs. D. is his mother-in-law, and way last year Bob started talking about what wonderful bread she made. In fact, the main picture was taken a year ago, and the idea about the Easter food page simmered the entire 12 months and then boiled up again this spring.

Potpourri would gladly have paid Mrs. Alder for her Easter Egg cake and served it up to the perpetually hungry newsroom gang. But she was counting on it for a family party. However, she did serve the reporter-photographer team good coffee and cup cakes. And Photographer Bob showed up at work Saturday morning with several slices of the Paska, which is very good. Both Mrs. Alder and Mrs. Dubeck work so fast with their hands that the photographer was forced to ask them to stop from time to time so he could take the pictures.

Mrs. H. J. Stoll recently wrote to her parents from Ankara, Turkey to describe a visit of Turkish Premier Mendares to that city. Mrs. Stoll wrote that the premier paraded through the streets of Ankara and that as he went by, the Turkish people sacrificed sheep and camels in the streets in his honor. "They were thanking God for sparing his life," Mrs. Stoll wrote.

Major and Mrs. Stoll and their three children plan to return to the United States in July, coming by plane. They will stop in Europe en route. Major Stoll, is in the medical division of the United States Air Force and the family has been in Turkey for the past two years.—O.S.

New Toys Put Kids To Work

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor
New York—UPI—The newest items for play put the kiddies to work.

Junior had brush up on his mechanical, scientific and construction skills before next Christmas, or else hurriedly write Santa to send something simple like a wagon or roller skates. For some of the new toys are so complex they'll stymie even pop.

Take a tour of the 56th annual American Toy Fair at the hotels New Yorker and Sheraton-McAlpin to see what I mean. There are kits for assembling just about anything which can be taken apart. There's one kit for putting together a dinosaur (58 sections in this one); for making a neanderthal man, a Captain Kidd, an electronically operated rocket launcher, an atomic reactor, and a nuclear-powered submarine.

Girls Too
Little girls also will come in for their share of work while playing.

There are operating models of kitchen appliances, fashioned after brand-name items. These include freezer-refrigerator, dishwasher and combina-

tion washer-dryer. And, there is a television set of plastic, which comes with the makings for a TV party—pop-up toaster, electric mixer and even candelabra.

Science items include a physics set with which neophytes can conduct experiments in "solar heat, light and optics, fluid dynamics, air and water pressure, light bending, etc." That's what the manufacturer said—a chemistry lab for experimenting in everything from atomic energy to criminology.

Astronomy, Radio Sets
Microscopes come in all sizes and powers; there are astronomy sets, a do-it-yourself transistor radio set, medicine chest and doctor's kit, and for the science-minded girl, a set for experiments in biology, food testing and medicine.

Oh yes, games and dolls and cowboy regalia are still with us, but many with a difference. One set of games with states includes Hawaii on a "stand-by" basis. One of the new dolls will go to sleep only when fed a bottle of milk or water.

And for the backyard cowboy who claims he has nothing to ride, there is a motorless, springless hobby horse which can carry up to 200 pounds.

Helpful books on how to retire and enjoy it are available at the Jackson County library.



These four employees of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company make up the cast of play which is being presented as a public service under the sponsorship of the Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association. The play, "Broken Circle" is another in the series of mental health projects of the association, and this is the first time that a business firm has cooperated in the venture. The cast includes (left to right) Mrs. Barbara Potts, Mrs. Casey O. Jones, Mr. Jones and Don Johnson. The play, which takes about 35 minutes to produce, is being given as program material for organizations and groups of the valley, and may be booked through Mrs. Henry Padgham or Mrs. John T. Brandenburg.

Children's Spring Fashions Come In New Fruit Colors

By SHERRIE KAHN
United Press International
Chicago—UPI—A peek at spring fashions indicates that children's styles feature light-weight fabrics in bright colors, with the accent on fruit tones.

Avocado-colored organza sparks a pre-teen costume cut along the Empire line. A velvet sash accents the bouffant skirt and tucked bodice.

Another pre-teen eye-stopper is a pearlized white leather suit with fur-like trimming at the collar.

The ever-popular combination of duster and dress comes into the pre-teen line in a black and white ensemble. A petit-point duster has black velvet trim, providing contrast to a white dress with high front pocket detail and narrow box pleats.

Fussy finery and lacy trims filter into offerings for toddlers and pre-schoolers. Even children's socks sport a touch of lace at the cuff this year. Toddler styles feature a light, airy look. Bouffant skirts hide lace-trimmed petticoats. Most manufacturers

take into account mother's cleaning problems and present lines in the wash 'n' wear fabrics.

Boy's styles include coordinates of no-iron cotton sheen. One four piece boy's outfit includes a reversible jacket—one side in solid color, the other in contrasting stripes and well-tailored slacks. The double breasted jacket covers a tailored white shirt of the same no iron fabric. A matching cap completes the outfit.

For more dressed-up occasions, boy's-wear manufacturers offer a coordinated walking-short outfit featuring a classic Tarpon navy plaid sport coat of combed cotton, and solid navy Tarpon walking shorts with matching plaid belt. The outfit was shown with a mesh knit shirt.

For school wear, the pre-teens can choose from a variety of coordinates and lacetrimmed blouses. Vestees on the junior level. One outfit for pre-teen girls features a printed "Gambler vestee" of cotton knit with a solid back. The cotton skirt hides its own net petticoat

Chapter To Hold Annual Election

Members of Alpha Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet Thursday, March 26, at the home of Mrs. Larry Cranston, 851 West 13th street. Officers will be elected. Each member is requested to wear a "crazy" Easter hat of her own making. A prize will be given.

Mrs. Richard Henselman was hostess March 12 for a chapter meeting. The evening's cultural program was prepared by Mrs. Richard Riggs from the program book "Happiness." Questionnaires on "People," were part of the program.

Two guests from Xi Mu chapter, Mrs. William E. Prentiss, Xi Mu vice-president, and Mrs. J. E. Moir, Beta Sigma Phi City Council president, explained the transfer from the ritual of jewels degree to the exemplar degree for those who qualify.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Gerald McGrew and Miss Florence Robison.

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