

## Many Viewers Attracted To Benefit Ceramic Show

Talent — A ceramic show and silver tea for the American Cancer society was held April 21 at the Talent City hall. More than 150 persons from the area and Montague, Yreka, Hornbrook and Crescent City, Calif., attended the event.

In addition to works of ceramic artists a group of women also demonstrated how to make porcelain dolls and dishes during the afternoon event. Much of the porcelain and pottery exhibited were works of a group of women in the area who call themselves the "Mud Hens." Mrs. Ellis Beeson is their instructor.

Among the items displayed were period porcelain dolls Mrs. C. O. Long, Mrs. Ada Martin, and Mrs. Herbert Good, Mrs. Clarence Homes, Ashland, displayed a replica of an English couple of the 1700s, which has received several awards including the first place and best of its class in the Oakland, Calif., ceramic show in 1957. Mrs.

Long also displayed porcelain brooches and a 20-piece Nativty scene while Mrs. Clyde Purvis had a set of hand-painted china with each place setting a different flower — pansy, violet, poppy and apple blossoms.

Mrs. Grace Edwards displayed a candy dish of laminated glass in tones of green and Mrs. Beeson had a variety of porcelain vases, soup tureen and figurines as well as dolls.

More than 200 individual pieces were included in the exhibit.

Japanese quince and white bridal wreath formed the centerpiece for the tea table and pink tapers were held by crystal candleholders. A silver tea service, which belonged to the parents of Susanne Homes Carter was loaned for the occasion by Mrs. Clarence Homes and the coffee service was loaned by Mrs. Everett Bailey. Mrs. Donald Long and Mrs. C. O. Long arranged the numerous floral bouquets in the room.

Committee members and several of those who poured were Centennial attire. They included Mrs. C. B. Collins, Mrs. Ed Taylor, Mrs. John Garner, Mrs. Ray Frisbie, Mrs. A. O. Floyd, Mrs. R. T. Nichol, Mrs. Mahr Reymier, Mrs. John Baldwin, Mrs. E. McGrew, and Mrs. Ralph O'Dell. Helping during the afternoon were members of the Ashland Horizon club, the Misses Nancy Johnstone, Jean Parker, Norma Driver and April Burnette.

Mrs. Beeson was in charge of the guest book.

A quickie sundae in spring-time colors calls for a pint raspberry sherbert, 1½ cups melon balls and 1 pint sliced fresh strawberries. Alternate layers of sherbert and melon in 4 parfait glasses, and top with strawberries.



Mrs. R. H. Westerfield wore a costume in keeping with the Centennial theme when the Siskiyou district, Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, held the spring meeting in Ashland. Mrs. Westerfield is pictured with Mrs. O. A. Floyd (at left) Medford, federation president, and Mrs. E. G. Taylor, Talent, federation recording secretary. (Hughes Photo Service)

## Centennial Theme Colors Gardener's Spring Session

Ashland — More than 200 members representing 22 clubs attended the spring meeting of the Siskiyou district, Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, held in Ashland, April 17 in the Women's Civic Club house on Winburn Way. Ashland Garden club was hostess.

The district extends from Brookings to Sunny Valley, and includes Prospect and Yreka, Calif.

The stage of the clubhouse was banked with baskets and urns of ornamental cherry, spirea and forsythia. Mrs. E. A. Bay, Ashland, was decorations chairman. Badges, corsages, tote bags and favors carried out the Centennial theme. Many of the club members and visitors wore centennial costume, which added color to the meeting.

Mrs. C. O. Long, Talent, assistant director, presiding in the absence of the district director, Mrs. R. T. Nichol, Medford, who was unable to attend due to a death in the family.

The other district officers present were Mrs. William Winningham, secretary and Mrs. G. G. Stagg, treasurer, both Medford.

The invocation was given by Mrs. John Mills, Ashland Garden club charter member. Mrs. E. W. Jermak, past district director, led the flag salute. The welcome was given by Mrs. R. H. Westerfield, president of the hostess club.

Reports of the year's activities were given by club presidents, state officers and district chairman. A clarinet quartet from the Ashland High school entertained with two selections.

Luncheon was served to 135 guests by the American Legion auxiliary. The tables were decorated with covered wagons and wildflower place mats with table favors of potted plants and bulbs. Luncheon arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Clarence Mathes.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Herbert Cecil sang three selections.

Mrs. H. A. Rowley, Corvallis, spoke on "Flower Show Practice," stressing the importance of careful planning with a capable staging chairman in charge to make a successful show. She said every flower show should not only stress artistic beauty, but also provide horticultural information. The speaker urged the clubs to concentrate on more shows to raise the standards of horticulture and floriculture.

Mrs. Violet Lamont from the Oregon Highway Department, Salem, showed colored slides on the roadside spray program being carried on by the department. They illustrated what can be done to kill weeds and still keep the roadsides green and attractive.

**Winners Named**

Mrs. Ira Fitzgerald, presented the winners in the district conservation poster and essay contests. Terry Campbell, Ashland High school won first prize for his poster. He was sponsored by the Ashland Garden club. The winning grade school posters were first prize, fifth grade, Kathy Thorpe, Rogue River; second prize, Joanne Yancy, Rogue River; third prize, Claire Hatch, Rogue River.

Essay winners were, first prize, 12th grade, Miss Claudia Whipple, Rogue River; second prize, eighth grade, Patrick Edgerton, Sunny Valley; third prize, seventh grade, Shari Hanford, Sunny Valley.

Prizes were donated by Southern Oregon Nursery, Rogue Valley greenhouse, the Big Y, Berrydale Flower Farm, all Medford and the Plaza Grocery, Ashland.

Mrs. A. O. Floyd, President of the Oregon federation, extended an invitation to all members to attend the convention June 15-18 in Portland; reservations should be made early.

Mrs. E. G. Taylor, state recording secretary, also attended the meeting.

## Club to Study Lilac Varieties

Howard Garden club will meet Tuesday, April 28, at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Howard Lind, Old Military road, for a dessert luncheon and business meeting.

The program will be on Persian, French and common lilacs. Members may present any material on the subject, it was reported.

Cohostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. O. L. Gaston and Mrs. E. A. Walton. Following the event a tour of the Hanley-Heffernan gardens is planned.

## April Meeting Planned by PTA

Eagle Point — The April meeting of Eagle Point Elementary Parent-Teacher association will be held Tuesday, April 28, at 8 p.m., in the grade school auditorium. Under the direction of Keith Krambeal, instructor, the grade school band and chorus will present a program. Some of the instruments used will be those purchased by the PTA.

Richard Wolgamott, safety chairman, will present a proposed bicycle safety campaign to be sponsored by the Eagle Point PTA. Mothers of fourth grade students will serve refreshments.



A note from Far Hills ranch resulted in a Sunday afternoon trip for Pappy and Potpourri to photograph the pretty lily locally called "red bells." FB wrote that she had several fine specimens located, and knowing that the wild flowers are apt to fade soon, we decided to cut short the work in the garden and forget about the cobwebs, heavy with smudge, which festooned almost every room in the house.

FB was as good as her word, and Pappy made two or three shots of the bells. Not only that, but he also photographed a pink flower which we have seen every spring but somehow never got around to putting on film, and some of those tiny tulip-like blossoms which some call "mouse ears" and others "kitten ears."

The red bells we'd found growing singly, but never in clumps before. This pretty wild flower is a fritillaria, or spider lily, our new wild flower book says. On our wood lot can be found the variety with a spotted, greenish flower, and the Richfield wild flower book also lists a yellow type which grows east of the Cascade mountains.

FB said the little pink flowers, which grow on a bare stem with a ball of microscopic blooms on top, she had always known as "sea frith." She hadn't any idea what the intriguing "frith" could mean. There's room for doubt, but it might be sea pink, or "sea thrift" of the plumbago family. Our old Saunders book, fortunately has colored illustrations which makes identification easier for the unscientific, like Potpourri. Anyhow, the picture and simple description matches and Saunders wrote "The sea pink is native to the Old World as well as ours, and has long been a favorite in old-fashioned gardens under the name of "Thrift." That has nothing to do with frugality, however, but is merely the survival of an old meaning of a participial form of "thrive" and signifies "clustered" an allusion to the plant's growing in "tufts."

Both Saunders and Gilkey list it as a sea coast flower and we're not sure that the Shady Cove area could be considered the sea coast. Whatever the name, there are huge patches of this pretty pink flower all over Far Hills ranch and along the River road in the Shady Cove area, and it is a pretty spring sight.

Potpourri is glad that we only study wild flowers for fun. The botanical descriptions are so technical and confusing, and there are so many different colloquial names for almost every flower, that real study takes time and brains.

The Ernest Barnes, who returned last week after spending the past two months in Tucson and other southern Arizona spots, report that this winter's season was particularly interesting because of the noted visitors.

Mrs. Barnes reported that among the best known were the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. "I happened to be invited to a luncheon at the Arizona Inn during their stay and our table was next to the one at which the Duke and Duchess were having luncheon. The latter appears much more attractive than her pictures. She is extremely small but extremely vivacious and interesting looking."

"Tucson was also the gathering place for an unusual number of artists this winter. Among those we met or saw were the artist, Waldo Pierce, who apparently comes every winter. His very good friend, Hemingway, was visiting him. The young pianist, Van Cliburn, recovering from a finger infection, was also in Tucson. He had fallen in love with Tucson when he appeared there in a concert several weeks before."

"We were having lunch one day at a downtown coffee shop when Secretary of Defense McElroy walked in. He was wearing an old, faded pair of Levis and a gay plaid shirt. He was obviously not interested in being recognized and people respected his desire for privacy."

"There were some most unusual art exhibits in town during our stay. Among the most famous was the exhibit at the University Art Gallery of Flemish, Dutch, Spanish and Italian painters of the 14th and 15th Centuries including some of Van Dyke and Tintoretto. At the Tucson Art gallery was an outstanding exhibit of modern German painters. All the paintings, of course, were of the modern school; some were in the abstract, but most of them belonged to the impressionistic school. The exotic colors and design have to be seen to be believed."

"Maria Martinez, known as the foremost American Indian craftsman today, was also in Tucson. It is she who rediscovered quite accidentally the ancient process of making 'black pottery of San Ildefonso.' I have owned one of her originals for many years."

"As always, we were struck by the terrific growth of Tucson. During our stay for instance, Tucson took into the city limits one single area of 21 square miles."

"In the surrounding area we again visited the old San Xavier Mission, nine miles south of Tucson. The original building was started in 1692 by Father Keno. Much of the original statuary and frescoes are extremely well preserved in this very colorful mission."

"With cool nights and bright sunshine all day, every day, we could not have wished for anything more perfect."

—O.S.

## Carters Return From Trip South

Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Carter in photograph and rocks, so took pictures of the country and collected and dug rocks around Globe, Clifton, the Petrified Forest and Kingman in Arizona, and on the Mojave desert in California.

The Carters are interested

## Three Women Guests At Earl Knight Home

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Knight, 522 King street, were Mrs. Elden Padburg, Lexington, Ore., Mrs. Joe Hausler and Mrs. Peck Leathers, both Ione, and Mrs. Hausler's daughters, the Misses Carol and Robin Hausler.

The three women were delegates for the Beta Omega chapter, Ione, to the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International sorority state convention held here last week end.

Mrs. Hausler and Mrs. Knight are sisters.

## Royal Neighbors Sponsor Parties

Royal Neighbor members attended two surprise house warmings held earlier this month.

One was given for Mrs. Maude Lovell of Almond street while the second was for Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Arnold, Griffin Creek district.

The visitors arranged group singing and games at the events and presented Mrs. Lovell and the Arnolds with gifts for their homes.

Visitors of the Arnolds are Mr. Arnold's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Arnold, Albany.

## Pythian Sisters

Mrs. Vesta Morgan was elected representative to the district convention of the Pythian Sisters to be held here June 6 at the recent meeting of the group. Elected alternate was Miss Patricia Hawks.

At the meeting the charter was draped for Mrs. Idella Harnden who died April 8 at the Oregon-Washington Pythian home. Irella Rogue santha Nomads of Avrudaka, was named for Mrs. Harnden.

Mrs. W. A. Grochocki and Mrs. Walter Michael served on the refreshment committee.

The Pythian club will meet Wednesday, April 29, at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Edward Bostwick, 3273 Biddle road with Mrs. Dorothy Johnson as cohostess.

## Chapter Fetes Bosses' Wives

Manville Heisel, Medford attorney, spoke for the annual luncheon of Rogue chapter, National Secretaries association, in honor of the wives of employers. The event was held at the Medford hotel, and celebrated National Secretaries week.

Mr. Heisel gave a humorous speech, and said that every secretary is "three women — the woman her boss thinks she is, the woman the boss's wife thinks she is, and the woman she thinks she is."

Mrs. JoAnne Dodge sang, with Bruno Pellegrini as accompanist.

Guests were presented favors. Miss Phyllis Brownlee, chapter president, presided and Mrs. Gloria Reaves was luncheon chairman.

## Rebekah Group Has Party Plans

Past Noble Grand's club of Olive Rebekah lodge has made plans for a public card party to be held Saturday, May 2, at Girls Community club. Dessert at 8 p.m. will be followed by pinocle, bridge and canasta according to Mrs. Homer Vinzant, chairman. Prizes will be furnished for each table.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Vinzant at SPring 2-2283, or Mrs. Clarence Jordan, SPring 2-8978.

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Those groups of our local women who have organized themselves into Clubs, deserve the unstinted commendation of all of us! There are bridge clubs. There are self-improvement clubs. There are clubs whose charitable work among the needy exemplifies the finest traits of American womanhood. Most of these are home women, women with families and all the cares of home management. Yet they find time for richly-deserved recreation, as well as charitable activities. They are making the most of their busy lives . . . and we heartily applaud their feminine proclivities. Let's give them generous support whenever they request it!

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