

Composer's Wife Invents Gadgets But No Tunes

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New York - (UPI)—Richard Rodgers invents tunes. His wife just invents.

"With Dick and our daughters writing music, somebody has to listen," said Dorothy Rodgers. But while the attractive wife of the composer listens, she dreams up little things to make life simpler for millions of homemakers.

This amazing woman, part of an amazingly talented family, holds several patents for items on the market or in the works. One of her most famous inventions is a small, disposable gadget for bathroom cleaning—the Johnny mop—which brings her a "neat check once a year" from the firm holding the manufacturing rights.

Everything I do grows out of a need... something I've wanted and couldn't find," she said, in an interview at the couple's duplex apartment in Manhattan's east seventies. "The bathroom aid is something I thought up during the war... I was doing my own cleaning because we couldn't get help."

Try-On Pattern
Another invention is a try-on pattern for the home seamstress. It can be basted together and tried on for alterations, saving alteration after the fabric is cut. The pattern "Basically Yours," sold by McCall's, can be reused indefinitely, she said, because it is of non-woven cotton instead of tissue.

"I got the idea because I make many of my clothes," she said. "I'm tall and skinny and every pattern has to be changed. I just didn't have much luck with others."

Mrs. Rodgers said she also was the first to come up with a device to make refrigerator doors "child safe," "but I was too early. It was several years ago and the industry wasn't ready for me. It took all the national publicity on suffocations to start them using safety devices."

She's also produced another gadget, sort of like an adjustable right angle, for reading time tables for planes and trains. "But some things catch on readily, others need merchandising," she said. "And that's one of my troubles. I

don't know enough business people. My contacts are naturally more in entertainment."

Dorothy and Richard Rodgers, both native New Yorkers, will have been married 30 years next March. They have two daughters—Mary and Linda—and four grandchildren. Mary, who has three children but is divorced, has written the music for an off-Broadway hit, "Once Upon A Mattress". Linda, the wife of an ABC network television executive also composes but hasn't turned "pro", her mother said.

"I'm glad they inherited some of their father's ability," said Mrs. Rodgers. Her husband collaborated with Oscar Hammerstein on numerous hit shows including "Oklahoma", "South Pacific", and "Carousel."

Mrs. Rodgers studied sculpture before her marriage, but I'm not sorry I quit. I don't think I'd ever have been much good."

Values Art Training
She thinks the art training has been valuable because "it taught me to do things with my hands. I make most of my evening purses... out of the same material as the dress. I do needlepoint and crochet. The house up in the country—Southport, Conn. is full of crocheted bedspreads. I did all that needlepoint on the head and footboards in Dick's room."

Between inventing and sewing, she also finds time for numerous charities and to advise the elder craftsmen's shop on re-styling and improving products made by the aged.

She says she never acts as critic or advisor when her husband is working on a new show—"all I do is listen, and try to keep things around the house as he likes them," she said.

"My favorite Rodgers tune? I guess it's one from 'Carousel'—'You'll Never Walk Alone. I cry every time I hear it.'"

Club Announces Card Party Plans

Get-together club will sponsor a card party Friday, June 19, at 1 p.m. at Girls Community club. Pinochle will be played, and the public is invited to attend.

Mrs. R. C. Wyatt, chairman, states that dessert will be served before the card games.

Pupils Win 24 Trophies

Sixty-eight pupils of the Caesar Muzzioli School of Accordion went to Portland for the sixth annual contest of the Oregon Accordion association, and brought back 24 trophies. The contest was held June 13-14 at Lewis and Clark college, Portland, with Charles Magnante, New York City, considered the nation's foremost accordionist, as judge.

Mr. Muzzioli reported yesterday that the school was awarded the "school of the year" award for 1959. This is a revolving trophy to be held for one year. His senior band took first place, his intermediate band first place, and his elementary band placed second. The four most important trophies were taken by the Muzzioli pupils, reported. These were first for senior solo, senior duet, senior quartet and senior band.

Students from Washington and Idaho as well as Oregon competed, the director states.

Mr. Muzzioli states that about 85 per cent of the pupils playing in the bands now own the new electronic accordions, which are considered superior in tone and quality.

Installation Set Tonight

Furman Evernham, Medford, will be installed eminent commander of Malta commandery, Knights Templar, in an open ceremony tonight at 8 o'clock in the Ashland Masonic temple.

Also to be installed are Harry Schulz, Medford, generalissimo; Jack Caldwell, Central Point, captain general; Walter Hamby, Ashland, senior warden; Erle Klein, Ashland, junior warden; Champ Bitts, Medford, warden; Howard Gillette, Ashland, sword bearer; Gene Morris, Ashland, standard bearer; Frank Barnhouse, Ashland, recorder; B. J. Holland, Ashland, prelate; Ray Shipman, Ashland, guard.

The ceremony will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 o'clock. Ham will be provided and the remainder of the meal will be potluck. The dinner is for all members of the commandery, their wives, and Masonic friends.

Mrs. Evernham is to be installed worthy matron of Ashland chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Friday, June 20, at the Jacksonville Masonic temple.



Preparations for the Red Cross Centennial bazaar, to be held in the Red Cross building on Hawthorne ave., Medford, tomorrow and Friday, have been underway this week. Above, left to right, volunteer workers Mrs. J. W. Burba, Mrs. A. E. Stoehr and Mrs. Martin Luther, Sr., look at a unique decanter that will be on sale. Other items to be sold include jams, jellies, furniture, prints, china and grab bags for children. This is the first time the chapter has attempted a fund-raising event of this kind, according to general chairman Mrs. E. A. Littrell. The bazaar will be open to the public.

Relatives Here For Ceremonies

Mrs. Idaho M. Easton, Redondo Beach, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Fowler, Twin Falls, Ida., arrived in Medford yesterday to visit at the home of Mrs. Easton's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Furman Evernham, 1797 Stage Road south.

The relatives came at this time in order to attend two installation ceremonies. Mr. Evernham is to be installed eminent commander of Malta commandery, Knight Templar, tonight in the Ashland Masonic temple, and Mrs. Evernham is to be installed worthy matron of Ashland chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Friday evening in Jacksonville Masonic temple.

Center Begins Spanish Class

A new class in conversational Spanish will be held each week at the Senior Activity center at 9 a.m. Thursday. The class began last week with an enrollment of 10 persons.

It is pointed out that all facilities at the center are free; there are no fees for instruction. Participants in classes at the center must furnish their own materials and tools.

During May 324 men and women over 50 years of age attended 24 classes and meetings at the center, bringing the total participation since last October to 1499 persons.

Winners Announced By Camp White Club

Camp White—Charles Kurzet and George Rode scored 83 points to win first place, north and south, for the last session of Camp White Duplicate Bridge club. The Howard Boyds were in second place with a score of 75½. Taking third in this position were Mrs. Richard Milestone and Paul Hatton with 69½ points.

Winning east-west were Mrs. Jack Mitchell and Mrs. Alto Pruitt, first, 70½; Mrs. Jack Barr and Mrs. N. B. Wright, second, 70; Mrs. Fred T. Burich and Mrs. W. C. Knope, third, 65.

Summer Schedule Planned by Group

Mistletoe club of the Royal Neighbors of America will discontinue formal meetings during the summer and substitute picnics during July and August.

The last indoor meeting of the season will be June 24 at Girls Community club. Visitors at the last meeting were Mrs. Edith Brown, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Freda Summers, Denver, Colo.

A prize was won by Mrs. E. M. Lovell.

Return

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Taylor nad family have returned to their home at 3524 Jacksonville highway after spending a week's vacation at Shasta lake. Dr. and Mrs. Virgil Mohr and family were guests of the Taylors for the week end.

Medford Bethel 14 Holds Ceremony at Masonic Hall

Bethel 14, International Order of Job's Daughters, installed officers June 12 at the Medford Masonic hall, with Miss Micke Noble taking office as honored queen. Miss Noble is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Noble, 430 Haven street.

Other officers installed were the Misses Marion Parsons, senior princess; Carla Borough, junior princess; Barbara Morton, guide; Diane Evernham, marshal; Karen Christensen, chaplain; Patricia Nelson, recorder; Sandra Edwards, musician; Laura Rupert, Cherie Paulazzo, Patricia Ellis, Janet Kelly, Loretta Turman, messengers; Fran Bessonette, senior custodian; Donna Poulos, junior custodian; Jean Pietsch, librarian; Sue Sneed, treasurer; Patty Borough, inner guard; Cheryl Potucek, outer guard; Jan Barker and Louise Hoover, Ladies of the Light; Linda Nash, prompter; Minda Ellis, soloist; Sharon Smetz, Mike Ryan Boughner, Lynda Garner, Cindy Hagan, Sue Higgins, Vicki Ingram, Donna Marin, Sharon Mellish, Monte Noble, Ann Parsons, Janice Taylor, Carol Wood, choir members.

Installing officers were queen, Sylvia Morris; guide, Sue Knight; marshal, Sharon Blickenstaff; chaplain, Karalee Selby; musician, Lou Elsa Voegtly; recorder, Donna Burnett; senior custodian, Sara Vandenberg; junior custodian, Bernice Skoog; soloist, Rosemary Doolen.

The crowning ceremony was conducted by Medford chapter, DeMolay, with Lynn Knight presiding and assisted by Robert Baker, Robert Pond and Willis Williams.

Honored Queen Micke introduced her parents, grandparents, and sister Monte.

Retiring Queen Sylvia presented Queen Micke with the traveling queen's pin, and the traveling tiara. Queen Micke in turn presented the retiring queen with a tiara from the Bethel, Jobina doll from Micke, and a Job's Daughters ring on behalf of the retiring queen's aunt, Mrs. Larry Schade. Also presented to the retiring queen was the scrapbook prepared by Miss Carolyn Denyer and Miss Lynn Peterson.

Honored queens of the valley who were escorted and introduced include the Misses Linda Prather, Donna Burnett, Barbara Gordon and Sara Vandenberg. Past honored queens were the Misses Karalee Selby, Bernice Skoog, Sue Knight, Sharon Blickenstaff

and Sylvia Morris, Jr., past honored queen of Bethel 14. Princesses were Deanna Miller, Lynn Johnson, Sandy Piper, Beverly Sowell, Susanne Hood, Jacquie Mee, Shirley Champion. Grand Bethel representatives included the Misses Sandy Sander, Diane Evernham, Sandy Piper and Deanna Miller.

Adults introduced were Mrs. W. K. Sult, Medford, grand guide; L. R. Manning, Medford, vice associate grand guardian of Oregon; guardians, Mrs. Archie Purdy, Mrs. J. P. Clark, Mrs. Dan Piper and Mrs. T. H. Denny; past guardians, Mrs. Robert Morris, M. W. Boughner; Mr. and Mrs. H. Snider; Mrs. Ed Grimm, Mrs. Harold Gordon, Mrs. E. K. Miller and F. H. Evernham. Also introduced were Robert Pond, master councillor of DeMolay; W. W. Williams, Dad Advisor of DeMolay. Representatives of several valley Masonic orders were also introduced.

Following formation of the officers' cross, an addendum was presented in honor of the retiring queen, Miss Morris, and a reception and dance closed the evening.

Decorations with the theme "Over the Rainbow" included a huge rainbow encircling the 3 chairs in the east, with bluebirds flying over the rainbow. Two pots of gold rested at the base of the rainbow. Programs, napkins and table decorations as well as the guest book stand also carried out this theme.

Women Given Appointments

Two Jackson county women, Miss Laurene Kell, Medford, and Mrs. Ted Hopkins, Rogue River, will serve in official capacities at the annual national convention of the Ladies' auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The convention will be held in Los Angeles in late August. Miss Kell, the retiring Oregon department president of the auxiliary, will serve as an aide to the national president, Mrs. Belle Myers. Mrs. Hopkins, a past department president, will be a member of the credentials committee.

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