

Chapter Holds Pledge Ritual At Country Club

A semi-formal pledge ritual was held recently at Rogue Valley Country club by Gamma Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. The candlelight ceremony was held in honor of the four young Central Point women selected early in September as new members of the chapter. They are Mrs. Donald Lacy, Mrs. Andy DeCourt, Mrs. Bruce Turner, and Mrs. Don Hanscom.

The pledge ritual was conducted by Mrs. Gordon Mervold, president of Gamma Xi. She was assisted by Mrs. Clinton Neeley, past president of Alpha Beta chapter, and director of Gamma Xi. A floral arrangement of yellow miniature daisies and chrysanthemums and yellow candles was in the sorority color theme.

Mrs. Clinton Neeley, 2008 Westland dr., Medford, was hostess for a preferential tea held Sunday, Nov. 8, 2 to 4 p.m. as part of the fall rush program of Gamma Xi chapter.

Mrs. O. A. Eden, sponsor of Alpha Beta chapter in Medford, poured. A table centerpiece of spider chrysanthemums was accented by tall yellow tapers.

Rushes attending included Mrs. Donald Lacy, Mrs. Andy DeCourt, and Mrs. Donald Hanscom.

A chapter meeting was held Wednesday, November 18, at the home of Mrs. Ned Starnes, Central Point. Co-hostess was Mrs. John Pinkham. Plans were completed for a bazaar to be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at Anders Photo shop in Medford.

The next chapter meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Darrel Greb. Co-hostess will be Mrs. B. M. Thumler, Jr.

Medford Woman Is Speaker for Gold Hill Group

Gold Hill - "United Nations" in world affairs was the topic of a talk given by Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., Medford, when she spoke at a meeting of the Woman's Society of the Gold Hill Community Methodist church. Mrs. Ogden Kellogg introduced the speaker.

Mrs. Lawrence Smith, vice-president of the group, conducted the business session.

A report was given on the recent rummage sale held in Medford and final plans made for a food sale and bazaar.

A pot-luck luncheon preceded the meeting and program. Mrs. Roy Eskew presented the devotions.

Mrs. Earl Moore will be hostess for the December 11 meeting. Mrs. George Dorman will assist her.

Gold Hill Artist Seattle Visitor

Gold Hill - Mrs. Leonard (Ada) Andrews, a past president of the Southern Oregon Society of Artists, has just returned to her home in Gold Hill after a visit with her son in Seattle.

While Mrs. Andrews was in Seattle she and her son visited the annual art exhibit of the Seattle Art Museum held in Volunteer park. Artists from Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, British Columbia and Alaska exhibited their work. Mrs. Andrews reported that several paintings by Benoy Stephen Bayless, art instructor on leave from Southern Oregon college, Ashland, were on display.

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Women's News

Philharmonic Orchestra Opens Season

The opening concert for this season of the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon, held yesterday afternoon at the Medford High school auditorium, was noteworthy in a number of respects. It drew a good-sized audience - not as large as many would like to have seen, but larger than for some opening concerts of past seasons. The overture had been written by a Medford musician particularly for the occasion, and the soloist for the concert is a home town student.

Miss Sonja Peterson, who played the Beethoven "Concerto No. 2 for Piano" would be well received anywhere. She is a talented and accomplished pianist, her stage presence is pleasing and she is young and most attractive. The fact that many in the audience have known her many years and have watched her academic and musical career with interest, added lustre to the occasion. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Peterson, and her younger sister, Randi, along with other relatives were in the audience. The warmth with which Miss Peterson's playing was greeted must have brought them much pleasure.

To Continue Study The pianist, senior at Willamette university, will receive her bachelor's degree in June and plans to attend graduate school and continue her music career. She plays the violin almost as well as the piano, and is an honor student at the university.

Miss Peterson played the Beethoven Concerto with much technical skill and considerable interpretive depth. Continued study and work should bring the authority and power which most youthful musicians lack, whatever their potentialities.

It must have been a pleasure for Conductor R. D. Werner to have Miss Peterson appearing with the orchestra. While attending Medford schools she studied violin with the director of the orchestra and he contributed considerably to her musical knowledge.

The "Overture No. 2 in D" which opened yesterday's Philharmonic program was composed by R. H. Schweiger. Written with the limitations of this particular orchestra in mind-one made up of amateur and volunteer musicians for the most part-the Overture is a pleasant and melodic piece. Mr. Schweiger, who came to Medford to make his home a few years ago after having worked and composed for the movie industry for a considerable period, is on the board of the Philharmonic society and gives the orchestra his sincere support in many ways.

Two Beethoven compositions were on yesterday's program, which for some of the concert goers was rather overpowering. This composer's "Symphony No. 2 in D Major" was played in its entirety and for the Beethoven lover, this noble music is always a treat. Composed in the summer of 1802 at a time when Beethoven was beginning to realize the tragedy of his growing deafness, the Symphony No. 2 was at first not well received by critics and audiences, who claimed that it was "strange and unnatural." Today's listeners find it beautiful, delicate and rich by turns, and at times quite emotional.

Performance Good The Philharmonic turned in a creditable performance, yesterday, all the more so when one considers that this

was the first time that the entire group had played together. The "behind the scenes" story for this performance was the same as last year-it is a story of musicians who fail to show for rehearsals, of having to "import" players not found here, and having players come up to the last rehearsal and then phone to say they cannot play the concert. The tympani player, for instance, was a last-minute replacement.

Yesterday's program was completed with the "Ballet Music" from Verdi's "Aida" and "Dance of the Buffoons" by Rimsky-Korsakoff. The ballet music, with Bruno Pellegrini at the piano, was particularly well played, and the colorful Rimsky-Korsakoff music was a fitting finale.

The Philharmonic guild

continues the pleasant custom of serving coffee and cookies at intermission. Yesterday's hostess was Mrs. L. A. Brensholtz, assisted by Mrs. Royal E. Bebb, Mrs. A. C. Allen Jr., and Mrs. Herbert Hunter.

As this reviewer sat in the high school auditorium yesterday we pondered about the hazards of trying to enjoy music under the conditions which existed there-a heating system which gave off loud knocking noises which drowned out the quiet passages of the Beethoven music; three or four small children who became quite restless and made noises loud enough to be heard half-way across the auditorium, and concert-goers who carry on audible conversations during the music.-O.S.

Girl Scouts Attend School In Medford; Dinner Given

Hills - Several girls from Girl Scout Troop 221, patrols 1 and 2, attended Girl Scout Charn school on November 14 at Hedrick Junior High school in Medford.

Nutrition, good posture, and physical fitness (how to attain and retain it) were the topics discussed.

Mrs. Gretchen Wade, television food demonstrator, spoke on nutrition.

Girls making the trip were Miriam Barron, La Wana Trince, Marilyn Thompson, Lee Roy Green, Edith Cain, Gayll Ward, Sherrie and Shirley Staley and Marsha Simmen.

The next session will be held in January.

Information necessary to complete several badges is acquired at the Charn School sessions. Among them is good grooming health aid, home-making, hospitality, personal health, nutrition and clothing. Transportation was furnished by Mrs. M. E. Barron and Mrs. Al Simmen.

Patrol 2 of Troop 221, under the leadership of Mrs. Barron, is working on Christmas projects and preparatory work for their first class badges.

To raise money for their troop, the girls have sold boxes of Christmas wrapping and are at the present time selling Girl Scout calendars. They meet on Tuesday afternoons at the Scout hall and at the close of each meeting have a fun time of singing and dancing.

Thursday Mrs. Barron and Mrs. Robert Goodwin attended a showing of arts and crafts in Hornbrook.

This is to give the leaders new ideas for craft work to be used in the troop activities. Among those demonstrated were the making of ceramics and basket-weaving. Demonstrators were Miss Ruth Kilborn and Roberta Leroy from the Rogue Valley Council in Medford.

An international dinner was given by Girl Scout troop 221, patrol 1 at the recreation room of the Community center building on November 13.

Parents were invited and those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trince and daughter, Nancy; Mr. and Mrs. John Green and son, Blake; Mr. and Mrs. Audomir De Clerck and daughter, Carleen; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Staley and son, Douglas; Mrs. Al Simmen; Mrs. Donivan Ward; and Mrs. H. G. Thompson.

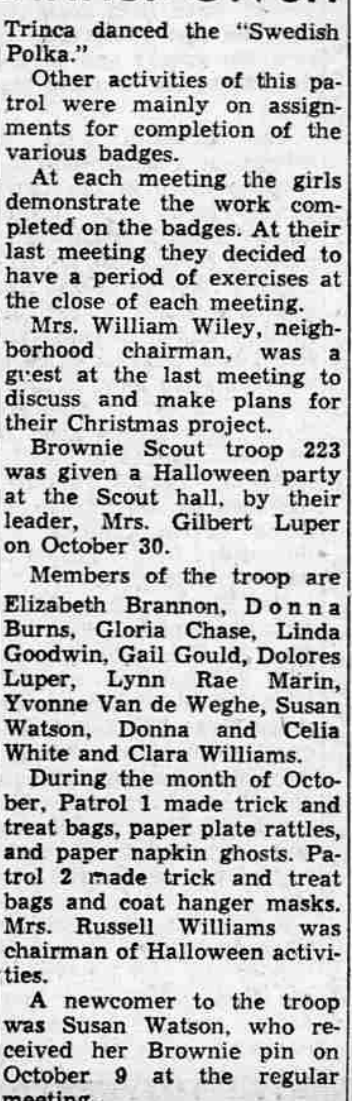
Girl Scouts present were Barbara Rainwater, Marsha Simmen, Gayel Ward, La Wana Trince, Sherrie and Shirley Staley, Marilyn Thompson and Lee Roy Green.

The meal was served buffet style with each dish from another country near a display. The salad of pineapple and cottage cheese represented Hawaii and was surrounded by sea shells. Roast beef was the main dish and signified America. Candles in the form of pilgrims centered the table. Nut bread was arranged on a large tray with four tiny flags and a doll in native dress to represent Sweden. A bowl of corn seasoned with green and red peppers came from Mexico and was placed beside an arrangement of gourds.

Italian spaghetti was served from amid a display of French bread and souvenir wine bottles.

A Japanese tablecloth and chopsticks accompanied the bowls of steamed rice and sweet and sour sauce. A large German pitcher and four large mugs were placed beside the German chocolate cake.

A skit entitled, "Children of the World" was presented by the girls and La Wana

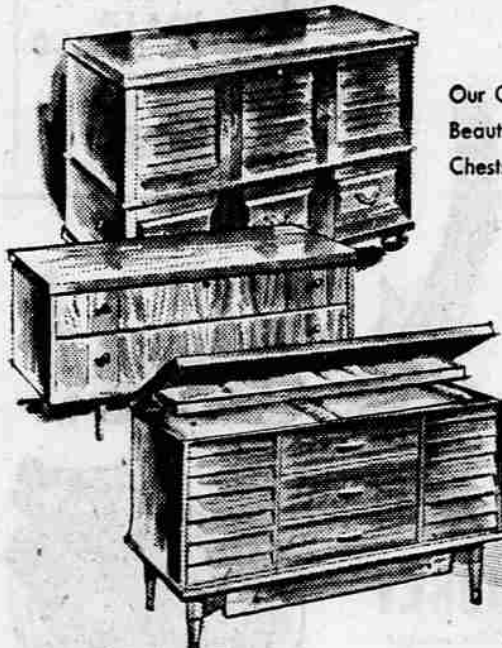


Beverly Hills, Calif. - California spectator sportswear was displayed to the nation's fashion editors here as more than 70 editors attended the ninth annual press week hosted by California fashion designers. The 1959 influence was listed as a strong factor in the new sportswear. Here model Bettie Gardner displays Casual Time's "India Bead" screen-printed silk shirt, raw silk sheath skirt and raw silk sleeveless tunic coat.

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Sams Valley School Holds Open House for Parents

Sams Valley - Open house was held recently at the Sams Valley school. Nearly 100 parents and friends attended according to Russell Carr, principal.

The program began with an inspection of the building followed by a physical education demonstration by girls of the fifth through eighth grades in the gymnasium. Mrs. Ruth Brewster, girls physical education instructor, was in charge.

Visitors were welcomed by pupils and teachers for ten-minute periods held in each class room. The curriculum and aims of the different classes for the school year were explained and individual work of each student was placed on the desks. Displays prepared by the youngsters were exhibited.

Mrs. Mildred Mack's first and second grades gave a phonics demonstration in conjunction with their lessons. Life size pictures of little girls decorated the room.

Mrs. Susan Ambrose's third and fourth grade students decorated the walls of their classroom with drawings and showed hand prints that they had made.

Fifth and sixth grade pupils in Niles Smith's classroom exhibited written work and geological maps on the wall of their class room.

In the seventh and eighth grade room a relief map made of clay and painted to show the north, middle and southern sections of the 13 colonies was explained by Jeanette King and Anita Schoppe eighth graders.

Bill Walker and Bill Ellis showed a diagram of a star fish and told how to dissect one.

John Bush, Sandy Kennerly and Sig Milkowski gave a science class demonstration on oxygen.

Other students introduced by Mr. Carr included Dianne Shelton, who told of the curriculum of the eighth grade class, and Cynthia Pleasant, who spoke on the curriculum activities of the seventh grade.

Also featured was a tape recording of the choral classes singing a number of songs directed by Mrs. Brewster. Aprons made by seventh and eighth grade girls in the home-making class were exhibited, as well as work of the shop department.

Chief Warbonnet, Sioux Indian, gave a talk and demonstration at a student assembly held during National Education week. He spoke of Indian lore and customs and told the youngsters of his family which reside on the Pine Ridge Sioux Indian reservation in South Dakota where he formerly lived.

He presented an Indian dance, demonstrated sign language and showed different relics.

Wagonmaster Talks George McUne, wagonmaster for the Independence, Mo., to Independence, Ore. Centennial trek, was guest speaker at another student assembly recently. He showed slides and gave an informative talk about the trip over the Oregon Trail.

Party Held Students of the Sams Valley school joined pupils of the

CALENDAR..

Monday:

6:30 p.m.-Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters, Pythian building.

6:30 p.m.-Medford Neighbors of Woodcraft, Eagles hall.

6:45 p.m. - Cruisers club, First Presbyterian church, at church.

8 p.m.-Crater High school Parent - Teachers association, school cafeteria.

8 p.m. - Degree of Honor lodge, Girls Community club.

8 p.m.-Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary, Red Cross building.

8 p.m. - Eagle Point Lions auxiliary, Eagle Point grade school cafeteria.

Voters discussion meeting, with Mrs. Thomas Rutter, 1033 Queen Anne ave.

8 p.m.-St. Catherine's Guild of St. Mark's Episcopal church, parish hall.

8 p.m.-Scottish Rite Women's club, Masonic hall.

Tuesday:

9:30 a.m. - District 6C Mothersingers, with Mrs. Lewis Cox, 3649 Oak Pine Way, Central Point.

10:30 a.m.-Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist church.

1 p.m. - Howard Garden club, home of Mrs. G. G. Stagg, 611 Berrydale ave.

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