

Christmas Ball Setting To Be Turquoise and Gold

Guests and members attending Medford Junior Service League's gala charity ball tomorrow night, December 11, at the Valley County club will dine and dance in a glittering turquoise and gold setting. Since these colors are used in the decor of the new Starlight room where the event will be held, they are being repeated in the party decorations.

Tables will be centered with hurricane lamps decked with ruffles of sequins and gold, and along the walls will be hung three-dimensional gold and turquoise stars and Christmas balls.

The tables from which the buffet dinner will be served will be arranged with evergreen strips and other native material sprayed with gold. As is traditional for this most elaborate and formal of the Rogue valley holiday parties, women attending will wear headresses—whatever their fancy dictates. These will be judged and the winner will reign as queen of the ball.

The entertainment committee states that a large assortment of interesting articles, including a negligee ensemble, will be given away during the evening. Reservations are still open, and those who have not yet responded to their invitations.

Cancel Party

The monthly card party of the drill team of the Eagles auxiliary has been canceled, it was announced today. The party, set for Friday, December 11, was canceled due to the press of Christmas activities, it was stated.

Camp Fire Girls

Members of Wa-Ke-Ku-Wa Camp Fire Girls group, made up of fifth and sixth grade girls of Central Point, and Eluta Kuneki, seventh grade girls of Medford, made a tour of Severson's candy store recently. The girls enjoyed most watching the chocolate dipping. Each girl was given a candy cane.

Wa-Ke-Ku-Wa members taking the tour were Linda Allen, Cheryl Cavin, Rosie Conlon, Linda Dalbec, Terry Davis, Linda Dykes, Terry Fletcher, Vickie Hull, Donna Johnke, Judy Pershall, Kevin Rainey, Rosalene Smith and Shannyn Talley.

Girls from Eluta Kuneki group on the tour were Margaret Atkinson, Shirley Johnson, Jacky Wright, Sharon Fletcher, Linda Johnke and Nancy Harding.

Accompanying the girls were Mrs. Ida Smith, assistant leader for Wa-Ke-Ku-Wa, Mrs. Charlene Dalbec, sponsor for the same group, and Mrs. Julia Fletcher, Camp Fire guardian for both groups. Terry Fletcher, Wa-Ke-Ku-Wa Scribe.

Women's News

Concert Fans Like Blondes Says Feminine Impresario

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor
New York—UPI—Concertgoers also prefer blondes.

So says Mrs. Ann Colbert, the female world's answer to Sol Hurok.

Mrs. Colbert, who believes she is the nation's only woman impresario, said "There are two things always in demand on the concert stage—piano players and blond sopranos. You never have any trouble booking either."

Ann Colbert and her husband, Henry, have been managing musicians for 10 years, and today the Colbert-LaBerge firm guides the careers of 40 solo artists from singers to cellists to organists, plus 23 chamber music groups.

The biggest problem with her job, she said, is the juggling of train, plane and bus time-tables, not with artistic temperament as might be expected.

"Any good artist will be nervous before a performance," she said.

CALENDAR

Thursday
7:30 p.m.—Welcome Wagon club, dinner-dance at Mon Desir.

7:30 p.m.—Winchester Extension unit, home of Mrs. William Tyler, 1100 Mt. Pitt avenue.

7:30 p.m.—AAUW Interior Decoration study group, home of Mrs. Douglas P. Phillips, 505 South Holly st.

8 p.m.—Chapter CP of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. Laurel G. Case, 31 Glen Oak ct.

8 p.m.—Reames chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Medford Masonic temple.

8:15 p.m.—Alpha Rho chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, home of Mrs. Lou Cranston, 2233 Siskiyou avenue.

Friday:
10 a.m.—Phoenix Garden club, Community hall.

10 a.m.—Medford Garden club "Christmas Show," county courthouse.

12 noon—St. Elizabeth's Guild, parish house of St. Mark's church.

12:30—Fifty Plus club, St. Mark's Guild hall, Fifth street at Oakdale avenue.

1:30 p.m.—FOE Auxiliary Past Presidents, home of Mrs. Yetta Flowers, 205 South Holly street.

ance," said Mrs. Colbert. "So you realize that and forget any nonsense they pull."

Whims vs. Sense
"But artists are individuals," she continued. "And uninhibited. They tell us how they want things. Getting a chamber music group around the country, for instance, takes some doing. One member may want to fly, another will travel by train. We cater to their whims, but sometimes the temptation may be to tell them to walk."

"Cater" is right, Mrs. Colbert told of flying to Chicago recently to hear one of their prized artists—Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, a soprano, (and blond).

"Schwarzkopf's favorite dessert is one made by our German cook," she said. "A combination of rice cooked in milk, served hot and topped with cold applesauce."

"I filled a thermos full of it and took it along."

The Colberts, natives of Berlin, came to this country when Hitler began his rise to power. Until they opened their own firm, he managed the "new friends of music" in New York and she was on the staff of a magazine.

Her husband is an amateur cellist and she once played the piano. "But I gave up two things when I married," she said. "Playing sonatas with him, and driving the car when he was in it."

Now, she does the scouting for artists; he does the domestic roadwork, selling. She spends at least three months each year tuning in performers in Europe and last year extended her trip into the Far East.

The famed impresario, a lively brunette, has one daughter, who is married to an advertising man. There are two grandchildren—one of whom, Mrs. Colbert said, "could pronounce 'Schwarzkopf' by the time she was four, which I thought was pretty good."

The Colberts live in an apartment house near Carnegie Hall which is populated with musicians. Van Cliburn, the pianist, is a neighbor. Leonard Bernstein, conductor of the New York Philharmonic, occupies the apartment beneath theirs.

"Fortunately for us all," she said, "the walls are thick. But sometimes after a concert we will have a party . . . 30 or 40 people in, a lot of them musicians."

"Mr. Bernstein has been known to comment the next day on the performance."

Social Events



He doesn't know it, and we can't remember what he looked like, but one young boy brightened the day up considerably yesterday. We'd been Christmas shopping—a chore which we approach with fear and trembling every year—and at the end of a couple of hours felt considerably discouraged and tired.

Here it was, the ninth of December, and we had only one package ready for mailing and only half our list "crossed off." Large package in hand, we approached the post office steps where two boys—10 or 12 years old perhaps, were lounging at the top. The two were talking and one said, in a brisk, authoritative voice which sounded like it might be coming from behind an imposing desk in an expensive office—"It isn't working—I guess I better change my system."

As he talked he hustled over and opened the post office door and held it open while the astounded society editor walked through and murmured a weak "thank you." He responded with a polite "You're welcome" in just the right voice.

Now we've been going up the post office steps for years and years, often with arms loaded, and many times there have been boys at the top of the steps near the door. This was the first time one ever opened the door. As we said before, it brightened the day a lot. Whoever the polite boy was, we wish him luck.

Pappy and Potpourri have been enjoying one of our favorite relish dishes—one made with raw cranberries, oranges, apples and lemons, all ground together. We found a package of "certified" cranberries at the grocery store, and made the relish Sunday.

Later in the day we opened a recent issue of The New Republic and found staring out on the second page an article headed "Those Cranberries." The Republic asked the question "Was the 'cranberry episode' . . . another Salk vaccine blunder?" and answered that the evidence indicates the opposite.

After pointing out that it is growing increasingly hard—what with the use of new chemical pesticides, additives and colorants "some of them highly toxic and not fully understood by scientists," to protect the public from food products that are tainted or adulterated, the article gave a little history on recent pure food laws.

Believing that authority about such matters as poison sprays and health hazards from radiation had to be centered in one agency, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare went to the Congress last year and asked for new laws. They wanted power to regulate additives in food stuffs, (previously the law referred only to adulteration, and the courts were holding color additives, for instance, not to be adulterants). They also wanted the burden of proof shifted from the government to the producer.

The laws went through Congress in the 1958 session, but with an amendment added by Rep. James Delaney (D, N.Y.) to the effect that "any substance shown to cause cancer under any conditions would be banned absolutely." According to the Republic, this is the only absolute ban in the law, and the magazine believes that since it is there, Secretary Arthur Flemming of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, could follow no other course than ban the sale of cranberries from bogs treated with aminotriazole, a weed killer which reportedly caused cancerous growth in test rats.

The Republic article points out that the "cranberry incident" is a relatively painless way of pointing out a pressing problem facing the government and people of this country. The problem is: How can the health of the citizenry be guarded when authority within the government is divided, when the new laws are thought to be unworkable and when the Eisenhower retrenchment policy prevents adequate enforcement by the regulatory agencies? So asks the New Republic.

About the time the cranberry crisis blew up, the news went out that the black jelly bean might be the next victim. According to the Wall Street Journal, Uncle Sam now lists carbon black, used to color black jelly beans, as one of hundreds of materials which have to be proven safe if the manufacturers are to go on using them in food.

The list of substances which the food and drug industry must prove safe is a long one, and industry has only until March 6 to present their proof. It is predicted that some food and other products will disappear from the market places, at least for a time.

Yesterday morning we had a delicious persimmon for breakfast. It came from a tree in the garden of the Inskeeps and was the first we had ever eaten, so far as we could recall. About two hours after breakfast Neighbor Jeanette arrived at the back door bearing gifts—four persimmons.

The Inskeeps have two trees of the persimmons—an oriental variety that grows unusually large. The fruit doesn't drop, in the fashion of pears or apples. The two tall trees are now bare of leaves but the tops—beyond comfortable picking range, are filled with the beautiful orange fruit.—O.S.

Assistants Plan Dinner, Dance

Jackson County Medical Assistants plan a dinner Friday, December 11, at Tally Ho restaurant on South Pacific highway. Husbands and friends of members will be guests.

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is set for 7:30 p.m. Entertainment and dancing will follow dinner.

Those in charge state that the event will be semi-formal.

Easy As Pie

New York—UPI—Make mincemeat pie the easy way for a holiday dinner.

Line an 8-inch pie plate with crust made from 2 sticks of pie crust mix, reserving enough crust for a lattice top. Fill with 1 large jar of ready-to-use mincemeat, cover with lattice strips of crust and bake according to package direction until crust is golden brown. Place a row of candied or maraschino cherries around edge of pie and serve.

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Party Friday

Pocahontas lodge plans a public card party Friday, December 11, at 8:30 p.m. in the Redman hall on Apple street. The party will follow a business meeting of the lodge scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

AAUW Study Group To Meet Tonight

The interior decorating group of Medford branch, American Association of University Women, will meet tonight at the home of Mrs. D. P. Phillips, 505 South Holly street. Coffee will be served at 7:30 o'clock with the meeting to begin at 8 o'clock.

To Meet Tonight

Topic for the evening will be remodeling and decorating bathrooms. The discussion will be led by Mrs. Glenn Schireman and Mrs. Hans Hess. Members attending are asked to bring pictures of bathrooms.

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