



For years we've been hearing people say "Medford needs an art gallery." There was talk, and sporadic effort and planning, but the time never seemed quite right. Recently, however, the effort has begun "to jell" and with formation of the new Rogue Valley Art association it is believed forces will be combined with good results.

For those who are confused by the fact that there are two groups devoted to art, a bit of explanation may be helpful. Southern Oregon Society of Artists, organized several years ago, is a group of working artists—men and women who paint or draw or carve figurines or do other creative work as a hobby, recreation or as a profession.

The newer organization has been formed to promote a wider understanding of art in all its ramifications and to acquire or erect a building for exhibits and eventually for use as an art center. This new group is primarily a layman's or patron's group, although many artists of various sorts will also belong.

Eugene Bennett, Medford artist who is serving as temporary chairman, pointed out last week in connection with the current membership campaign, that "The Rogue Valley Art association hopes to interest and gain the support of many valley residents. The activities planned will of course benefit artists in the area by enabling them to relate their work to that of other artists. But even more important is the fact that it will afford all residents in the community an opportunity to see various exhibits representing a cross section of work being done throughout the country."

James Ragland, chairman of the membership committee, and his co-workers drafted an invitation to membership which gives history and purpose of the new group and explains the classes of memberships. The invitation points out that "the first step after organizing the association was to immediately set about securing traveling exhibits of artists, both known and unknown, and displaying them for the enjoyment of those affiliated with the association. These exhibits will also be for viewing by the children of our schools, both public and parochial, in order to spread art appreciation."

Robert Bosworth, artist-architect, is chairman of the building committee. Members of the new group are anxiously following all leads and suggestions about temporary quarters.

An item in the Mail Tribune's "Fifty Years Ago Today" column January 22 could have read: "Alfred S. V. Carpenter arrived in the valley today from Colorado Springs."

We don't know whether anyone baked a cake or not, but someone should have. For the Rogue valley has benefited greatly in many ways by the fact that Alfred Carpenter and his wife have made their home here.

Last Friday the Carpenters amused themselves by looking back over the years. Mr. C. recalled how he and his brother, Leonard, who came to the valley a year earlier, planted and developed the orchard which they named Veritas and which is now operated by their nephew, Dunbar Carpenter. They built a little house on top of the hill east of Medford on which the orchard is located and maintained bachelor's quarters.

Neither of the men was particularly keen about the cooking chores, so when a cousin came to visit, they promptly inquired if he could cook. He assured them he could, and it was decided that he would prepare the evening meal. The two brothers Carpenter came in at the end of the day, tired and hungry from their orchard work and anticipating a good, hot dinner. They found that cousin had done his best; he had made a pan of fudge.

The two men acquired a couple of saddle horses which they named for members of the family, and enjoyed riding on the surrounding hills. The little house once lost part of the roof in a heavy storm, and other adventures came their way.

Eventually both men were married and the Alfred Carpenters built the large home on a hill near Jacksonville which they named "Topsides" and which has been the center of much of the valley's social and civic life. The Leonard Carpenters built their home at the site of the bachelor quarters, lived there for many years and several years ago left Medford to live in Carmel, Calif.

The two Carpenters, originally from the New England states, took the advice of the man who said "Go west, young man. And as we said before, there are many who are happy and grateful that they chose southern Oregon rather than some other part of the west.

By the way, it wasn't Horace Greeley who gave the oft-quoted "go west" advice. It was John Babson Lane Soule, and first appeared in an article in the Express of Terre Haute, Ind. Horace Greeley was attracted by the expression and used it in an editorial in the New York Tribune. According to Bartlett's "Familiar Quotations", as the saying gained popularity, Greeley printed Soule's article to show the source of the inspiration.

More than 350 friends and relatives turned out for the installation of officers for Bethel 14, Job's Daughters, January 16. Bethel members, including the new queen, Marion Parsons, could hardly believe their eyes. Since general invitations go out to all neighborhood Bethels, no one is ever quite sure how many will attend one of these functions.

The guests included about 25 members of the Roseburg Bethel, "buddy Bethel" for the Medford group. Members of the Bethel and the guardian council were excited over such an unusual attendance, but mortified as well. They ran out of food.—O.S.

### School News

#### Crater High School

By LaVonne LaFever

The March of Dimes Dance was held Friday night Jan. 22, after the Crater-Medford game.

It was sponsored by the sophomore class. The four class princesses were Senior Rae Burritt; Junior Judy Daniels; Sophomore Anita Trautman; and Freshman Jeannine Conroy. Their escorts were Bob Gardner, Wayne Martin, Al Lamp, and Gary Barber.

The theme was March of Dimes, and was carried out by the decorations, which were blue, white, and silver. An imitation of a large silver dime made the background for the blue and white wheelchairs in which the princesses sat, and large "dimes" hung from the ceiling throughout the cafeteria.

Sophomore princess Anita Trautman was crowned queen of the dance, and was presented with a large bouquet of carnations. Their flowered crowns were made by Ginn's.

The first semester having come to an end, all interested seniors were filling out college scholarship applications. Students were having their schedules changed throughout the week, and six tests were given. On Friday, all semester tests were given.

### Tunics Come In All Sizes

In the olden days, when knighthood was in flower, a tunic was a tunic was a tunic. Not so anymore, reports the National Cotton Council.

Today, a tunic may extend from a peplum length to ankle length, hitting any point in between. It may be full, or sheath; belted or unbelted; sleeveless or fully sleeved; completely casual or highly styled; and necklines are scooped, V'd, turtled, hooded, collared or uncollared.

The tunic then, is the biggest fashion story for resort and cruise wear, 1960. Hardy denim, sailcloth and canvas loose tunics stroll the beach, worn over bathing suits and generally cut to swim suit length. Seersuckers and prints in the beach category go feminine with ruffles and embroidery.

Three-quarter tunics in large floral prints are slimmer, worn over sheaths or tight pants.

Late afternoon into evening tunics are belted and full, in airy ginghams and organdies.



Tunics this year are big news: found everywhere from ballroom to beach. Here are two versions geared to a casual atmosphere: At left, Nelly deGrab covers white clam-digger pants with a huge-pocketed printed cotton tunic. At right, Tom Drew of Ilene Ripkey tops a brief ruffled print tunic worn over little boy shorts with matching mob cap.

### County Mothers To March Against Polio Thursday

Mothers will march in all Jackson county communities against three major crippling diseases from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m.

Not only will the marching mothers accept contributions for the fight against polio, arthritis and birth defects, but they also will conduct a door count to determine the number and location of persons having these afflictions.

Results of the door count will be used to determine to what extent assistance can be given patients with those afflictions in Jackson county, according to Mrs. Vangie Brian, county Mothers' March chairman.

The "Door Count" is a fact-finding folder in which a family may indicate if any of its members has a birth defect, arthritis or polio and how many have had three or more Salk vaccine shots, Mrs. Brian explained. Each family record will be kept confidential.

"We hope the Mothers' March door count will focus family and community attention on the majority of Americans still without Salk shot protection against polio," Mrs. Brian said.

"Although the house-to-house poll is in no way planned as a statistically valid survey," Mrs. Brian said, "the sum of information taken in the door count will help provide a working estimate in the county of the number of persons suffering from the three crippling diseases assisted with March of Dimes funds. The tabulation will prove an invaluable guide to the National Foundation in planning local programs to aid the disabled."

#### Food Warmer

An automatic baby food warmer is designed to make feeding time easier and more pleasant for both mother and baby. The warmer holds a three-course meal and keeps it hot through an entire meal. The plastic dish is insulated so the outside never gets hot, and the dish can be immersed for washing. A light on the cord shows when food has reached the desired temperature.

Baby's on the chicken a laking circuit with this luncheon dish available in strained and junior form. Like the adult version, it includes chicken and broth, milk, egg yolks, cornstarch, pimientos, mushrooms and onions. Another new chicken dish for babies and juniors combines fowl with rice, pimientos and onions.

#### SEA LEVELS

New Orleans — The Gulf of Mexico is several inches higher than the Atlantic ocean level at the coast of Florida.

### Robert Asher Receives Award for Work at Fire

Robert Asher, fire control officer of the Ashland Ranger district on the Rogue River National forest, has been presented a cash award of \$150 for his outstanding work this past summer.

An example of this work was his action on the Ashland fire, Harold A. Thomas, district ranger, said.

The first day of the fire, Asher noticed the blaze about 1:30 p.m. while traveling east. He knew it was a potential threat to the national forest so he turned back, contacted Thomas by radio and state crews along the Ashland Mine road, and took action with the district pumper outfit.

Later that evening, following a district conference, Asher took a crew to the Skyline Mine road and again took control measures. The fire blew up in this area forcing the crew to turn back.

Another conference was held and Asher took a large crew and a tractor up Ash-

land Creek road, near the city dam and proceeded uphill to the Skyline Mine road. He, his crew, and the tractor, worked all night building a fire trail on the south end of the fire, burned out from the fire trail and eventually held the fire on the trail.

Asher's leadership, perseverance and persuasiveness kept the crew on the job until about 3 p.m. the second day, when the head of the fire had been safety trailed and burned out. He, and his crew had then been on the fire over 24 hours without rest or food.

His initiative and decisive action were instrumental in limiting the damage to the Ashland Watershed, Thompson said.

The cash award is a part of the Incentive Award program available to all government employees through the Government Employees Incentive Awards Act of Sept. 1, 1954.

The United States Printing Office in Washington, D.C., uses 123 tons of ink each year.

When cleaning a rug, carpet sweep or vacuum it first, then move furniture to one side of the room and clean than half. Then reverse the process. Work in two-foot square areas. Overlap each stroke, then criss-cross from left to right until the area appears clean. High traffic spots or badly soiled areas may need a second application.

### A Tribute to the March of Dimes!

Despite the fact that millions of dollars have been raised to combat the spread of polio, the dreaded disease still ranks as one of America's top cripplers of children and adults. Consider the marvelous restorative work being done as a result of the inspired March of Dimes. And when YOU are asked to contribute to this most worthy cause, dig down deep in your pocket . . . and your heart . . . and give generously. Polio has not been conquered. It COULD strike a member of your family . . . today!

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