

Festival Group Coming

The Festival Company of Norway will appear in Medford Sunday, February 28, as one of this year's attractions of Jackson County Civic Music association. The company, widely known in Europe, is making its first tour of the United States this season.

The Festival company is sponsored by the Bergen International Festival of Music, Drama and Folklore in cooperation with the Norwegian government. Eighteen performers make up the group which will appear in Medford.

The dancers, singers, actors and instrumentalists are said to be drawn from Norway's best and their programs "characterized by the vitality that can only be identified with the land of the Vikings."

The program will begin at 8 p.m.

Unit to Mark PTA Founding

Jackson Parent-Teacher association will meet Friday, February 19 at 2:15 p.m. in the gymnasium. A silver tea is planned to observe the sixty-third anniversary of PTA founding. Funds from the silver offering are used for forming and encouraging new PTA units.

Dr. Leonard Mayfield, superintendent of Medford public schools, will speak on Russia. A free nursery for preschool children is provided in the teachers' lunch room.

All members and friends are invited to attend.

General Glubb To Be Speaker

Lt. Gen. Sir John Bagot Glubb, known as Glubb Pasha, will speak in Medford Tuesday, March 1, for Rogue River Valley Knife and Fork club.

For 15 years head of the famed Arab Legion, the speaker is credited with having more prestige and influence in the Arab countries than any other man.

Born a Briton, Lt. General Glubb still maintains his British citizenship even though he left England to build an Arab legion so strong it was able to settle disputes between Arab chieftains. Some call him "as legendary a figure in the Arab world as T. E. Lawrence."

The dinner meeting will be held as usual at Rogue Valley Country club.

Californians Hold Silver Tea

Hornbrook - The Women's Society of Hornbrook Methodist church held the annual Valentine silver tea February 11 at the Fireside room of the church. Decorations were appropriate to the day, as were the refreshments.

An impromptu program was presented by the members of the group, featuring a vocal solo by Mrs. Lester Nye, and the recitation of an original poem by 81-year-old Mrs. Zela Elmore. Mrs. Clara Howard also gave a reading.

Several guests attended from Yreka, including Mrs. Larry Hennig, Mrs. Isabel Tebbe and her companion, Mrs. Jefferson, and Mrs. James Sullivan, president of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Yreka Methodist church.

Officer Visits Phoenix Group

Phoenix - Phoenix Lions' auxiliary had as a guest the State Vice President, Mrs. J. F. Christian, Talent, at a meeting February 11. Other visitors from Talent were Mrs. G. E. Nerton and Mrs. Wayne Reed.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Munro, South Pacific highway, with Mrs. H. R. Glascock as assistant hostess.

Plans are being made to charter a bus to Taft, Ore., for the state spring board meeting, which will be held in April.

The Phoenix auxiliary has adopted a girl at the State Blind School and plans were made to send her necessary clothing as soon as possible. Mrs. Ernest James and Mrs. Fred Barbeau are the committee in charge.

The zone social meeting will be held at Mon Desir February 29.

Coating - New York - If your linoleum is badly worn or you wish to change its color, apply enamel. Use a base coat of floor enamel, then tap on other enamel colors with stippling sponges. The sponges create a marbled effect that keeps footmarks from showing.



The reason for today's column dates back almost a year ago when Mrs. H. A. Stanley came in one day with a sheaf of newspaper clippings from the old Medford Daily News. Oregon's Centennial year was keeping everyone buzzing, and Mrs. Stanley said she thought we might be interested in the published diary which her great-grandmother, Sarah Sutton, had written as she crossed the plains in 1854.

Mrs. Stanley, the former Gladys Curry and a member of one of Medford's old and well-known families, has a wealth of historical material and Potpourri accepted the diary with pleasure. A half dozen times we started the diary; the Centennial year ebbed away and we still hadn't finished it. Mrs. S. came in last week and reminded us that we still had her precious clippings.

Potpourri hung her head in shame, sat down that night and read the entire account and, of course, heartily wished that we'd done it sooner. Sarah Sutton wrote briefly, but somehow or the other the picture of what it must have been like to "cross the plains" was clearer to us than ever before.

Sunday about noon Pappy and Potpourri wheeled Doll T. out and set forth in the direction of the coast. Pappy turned Doll's nose toward Jacksonville on our road-South Stage and as we drove along the stretch just before reaching the Outskirts Pappy indicated the thick grove of manzanita and underbrush on the hillside and said "When the settlers arrived here I imagine almost the entire valley floor was grown over like this." No wonder the settlers found the Rogue valley attractive—there was a plentiful supply of both wood and water, and the fertile soil made it easy to grow crops.

We remembered how Sarah Sutton had recorded, almost every day she wrote, whether or not there had been wood for the camp fires of the wagon train members, and if there had been "sweet water." Mrs. Sutton, whose husband, John, was leader of the train, called the large streams "rivers" but referred to the small ones as "branches."

Somewhat, Potpourri had always thought that crossing the plains by wagon train would be a lonely ordeal. Perhaps earlier ones had been, but at the time the Suttons made the long and painful journey from Bearstown, Cass county, Ill., they had plenty of company—almost too much at times.

In the first entry made by Sarah Sutton, she wrote of the first night "in the Indian nation" and said "We felt a little doubtful . . . so many strangers were tented near us." It seems that crossing the plains was expensive in more ways than one—the people of the wagon trains not only had to buy their wagons, horses and oxen, and cattle to take West, but were required to pay to cross bridges and fords. The group left St. Joseph, Mo., April 12, and on April 25 she wrote: "We have come on a few miles and were stopped by Indians. They have built a bridge across a creek where they had always forded it. We parleyed a long time, not knowing what to do. Our men went and made a bargain with them to all go over for \$5.50." That must have seemed a considerable sum in 1854.

This paying to cross rivers and "branches" went on constantly. Mrs. Sutton wrote once that they were charged 25 cents for each of the nine wagons, and recorded that the Indians had put two logs across a small stream and threatened to make trouble if the whites did not pay. Eventually, the whites paid 10 cents a wagon.

Some days she wrote that they paid 50 cents a wagon. April 30 the writer said that "We have seen 20 wagons before us, and herds of cattle bound for California. The bridge-keeper tells us that there are 1,000 head of cattle before us, and 118 wagons."

On May 3 she wrote "Started soon this morning. When we got to the road there were two droves, one just before us and the other behind. We got between them and still remain so. We came on about three miles to the Big Blue river, in Nebraska territory. Here is a boat, but the water being low, we forded it. Here is one white family, 35 miles from the last house. A postoffice and store is here, and you can get a common pie for 25 cents."

Each day Mrs. Sutton recorded how far the train had traveled—sometimes 12, 15 or at most, about 20 miles. From time to time they stayed two or three days in one spot to rest the horses and cattle, and "do up our washing." May 7 she recorded that there were 30 wagons in sight, and about 4,000 head of cattle. She often mentioned that "the roads are crowded," and on May 12 wrote "There are about 10,000 head of cattle camped near us, and 100 wagons bound for California. Our cattle mixed together; makes a great deal of trouble. We hear more noise than if we were in the bustle of town."

The diary keeper recorded an incident on June 14 which makes amusing reading. Coming to what she wrote of as "Independence Rock," the company was told that it would cost 50 cents a wagon for crossing a bridge, guarded by a white man who claimed he was giving the men a bargain because they belonged to his lodge. Then he charged them each 25 cents for wood. She added "They paid him the money and came back in a high gale of laughter at the trick that had been played on them. Some of the brethren of the IOOF went to visit him and try his grip and found out that he did not know the mystery. I don't believe any man of good principle will live here with the Indians and their smoky buffalo skin wigwams."

A few days later Mrs. Sutton was writing in a different vein. The train had reached the foothills of the Rocky mountains. She wrote "In some places the pines and cedars grow large enough to build these little cabins that the French and Indian traders live in. These settlers do not pretend to raise a thing—not even a garden. One gentleman told us that it was useless to try as there would be 100 Indians to every ear of corn and they would sit down by it until it got into roasting ear size and then fight to see who would get it. They depend upon the buffalo and bear, and what is wagoned here 1000 miles or more. These woods are infested with thieves and robbers, watching for a good opportunity to take emigrant cattle and horses. The Indians are far better than the whites in my estimation."

Mrs. Sutton mentioned that the road, which she described as good, was crowded with emigrants going in both directions. June 20 she wrote "Have met 10 or a dozen Mormon wagons returning back with their families and told the Californians they were going to the city of destruction. We have also met 30 or 40 pack mules loaded with men, women and children and provisions returning back from Oregon. They said the winters were so cold and it was so sickly and money so scarce that they wanted to be found getting away." She described the mid-June weather in the Rocky mountains as freezing cold, and said the children often threw snow-balls. She mentioned passing a blacksmith shop, said the Indians were as "thick as mosquitoes" and wrote that oxen and cattle were beginning to die of "murrin."

The further west the emigrants went, the higher were prices. June 26 Mrs. Sutton wrote: "Monday, came on about a half mile this morning to the ferry. Here is quite a town. Five or six cabins and four or five stores and one Indian wigwam. We have to pay \$4 per wagon and 55 cents a head for horses crossing. The river (she gives no name) is high. Whiskey is cheap enough to get drunk on. Have heard of several in that kind of a fix. The stuff is only \$1 a pint. Here we sold a yoke of oxen for \$55."

Mrs. Sutton continued her story during July and August

Women's News • Social Events

Future Topics Discussed By Eagle Point Unit

Eagle Point - Topics for next year were discussed at the last meeting of Eagle Point Home Extension unit, held at the home of Mrs. Robert Meyers, Ball road.

Mrs. W. W. Jackson, member of the County Extension committee from Eagle Point, met with the group and discussed the projects available. She asked the unit to pick out five and the group selected health and safety, community development, home management, recreation, and family housing.

Mrs. David Kahl and Mrs. A. Wattenburg are in charge of program planning for the unit.

Mrs. Donald Kimmell, unit president, discussed the coming spring festivals and asked for suggestions.

There was discussion on how to interest young mothers and new families coming into the community in the courses offered through the extension units. Everyone who attends was asked to write three or four personal invitations for the next meeting.

Mrs. Leland Meyer reported that approximately 11 women will be completing the basic sewing course by Friday. The advanced sewing courses will start about the first of March and anyone interested should contact Mrs. Meyer as soon as possible.

Mrs. Glenn Clymer and Mrs. Heckenberger presented the lesson on synthetic fabrics and their uses, how they are processed and made, how to distinguish the materials and besides the samples of raw materials, thread, and materials. Samples of several of the materials made into wearing apparel were shown from the Eagle Point Town and Country Dress shop. Mrs. Heckenberger stated that starting March 1, all material must be marked not only by having the name of the material printed as large as the manufacturer's label, but must have the name of the animal and the country in which it came from on all garments containing fur.

Mrs. Kimmell announced that "Color in the Home" would be used for the open meeting scheduled next month.

Mrs. Raymond Chamberlain was co-hostess for the luncheon.

teiling how the cattle and oxen gradually weakened, sickened and died and were replaced by cattle in pulling the wagons; wagons were abandoned, possessions left behind. She wrote that the emigrants were charged \$25 a sack for flour at a settlement. She described the Sweetwater, Big Sandy, Green and of Bear rivers, the Boise and the Snake. Whenever the train passed a grave, as it often did, she recorded the names if they were legible. The emigrants began to be extremely discouraged. Mrs. Sutton wrote often that the fate of the travelers was in the hands of Providence, and on August 15 the diary stopped. The writer, according to a footnote, became ill of what was called "mountain fever," and six weeks later was dead without ever having reached Salem, the train's destination.

The Suttons wagon train traveled about 12 or 15 miles a day in 1854. Last Sunday Doll T. and the two of us cruised through the Applegate, turned off at Murphy on the New Hope road to Highway 199, went through Cave Junction, took a side trip to the site of the pioneer town of Waldo, turned back on the main highway at O'Brien and came home by way of Gold Hill and the Old Stage road. We must have covered 150 miles in about four hours of leisurely driving. We had time to enjoy the country-side, including one yard with a bunch of daffodils in bloom.

At least two Medford residents have flown to the east coast in recent days by jet airliner. Each made the trip from San Francisco to Idlewood airport in New York City in about four and a half hours. O.S.

Variety Of Foods Available

(The following guide to the nation's best food buys for the week ending February 20 was prepared for United Press International by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Interior.)

Washington - (UPI) - Despite recent spells of bad weather in many parts of the nation, food shoppers will find a good variety of foods available for the coming weekend.

Produce counters continue to be well-stocked at reasonable prices with such winter-time standbys as cabbage, carrots, onions, potatoes, sweet potatoes and rutabagas. For variety, lettuce is becoming more plentiful at lower prices, and celery continues ample. An assortment of cooking greens are offered in many parts of the nation.

Among fruits, oranges, grapefruit and apples continue to be most generally abundant. There are good supplies, too, of avocados and lemons at most markets.

Eggs still are increasing seasonally in supply, and tending lower in price.

Meat counters are offering a wide choice of popular cuts, with pork foremost. However, many beef cuts, lamb, chickens, and turkeys are to be found in abundance.

Best buys in fish, nationwide, are in canned tuna, shrimp, and the fish sticks and portions.

Here is a closer look at plentiful foods in this particular area:

West - Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming: Shoppers will find ample supplies of eggs, poultry, beef, and pork in Pacific Coast markets this week, and there are few price changes. Among the red meats, fresh pork loins are slightly higher in California markets.

Calf, veal, and lamb are in moderate to light supply. Butter continues in ample supply. Plentiful fresh fruits and vegetables include apples, grapefruit, lemons, oranges, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, lettuce and spinach. In good supply are winter pears, artichokes, celery, dry onions, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and tomatoes.

Petrified Wood Topic for Club; Open House Held

Members and guests at a recent meeting of Roxy Ann Gem and Mineral club heard Elmer Binker, program director for the club, speak on petrified wood. Using colored slides provided by the North-west Federation of Mineralogical societies to illustrate his talk, Mr. Binker covered many facets of the subject—the geological history of petrified wood, types of petrified forests, how wood becomes mineralized, and methods of identification.

It was interesting to note that many varieties of petrified wood, including the oldest known genus, Callixylon, which grew some 350,000,000 years ago, still contain organic plant material such as cellulose and lignin.

In an effort to promote an interest in the earth sciences among the young people of our community, the club voted to reduce the cost of membership to \$1 per year for anyone under 18 years of age.

Mrs. John Dodge announced that LeRoy Thompkins display in the U. S. National bank would be held over for another three weeks.

Vice-president Edward Shoupe stated that because of the weather, the first field trip of the season would be cancelled. In its place Mr. and Mrs. Dodge invited the group to an open house at their home Sunday afternoon to view their extensive collection.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Watson, Medford, were accepted as new members.

Family Reunion Held In California City

Hills - Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Thompson and daughter, Marilyn were in Sacramento and Auburn, Calif., Saturday and Sunday to attend a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stevahn and family in Sacramento. Other guests were Mrs. Bernard Blair of Lovewell, Kan., a sister of Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Stevahn, and their mother, Mrs. Alma Kieth, Auburn. This is the first time the family has been together for eighteen years.

There are about 370 million Moslems in the world.

Calendar

Thursday:

6 p.m.—Mistletoe Camp Royal Neighbors of America, Pythian building.

8 p.m.—Welcome Wagon, with Mrs. James Pollard, 333 Lynwood dr.

8 p.m.—Adarel chapter, OES, Masonic temple, Jacksonville.

8 p.m.—Central Point PTA unit, Jewett school cafeteria.

8 p.m.—Miriam circle, Zion Lutheran church, home of Mrs. Ingram, 1457 Whitman avenue.

10 a.m.—Phoenix Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. D. J. Bayne, 101 Pine st., Phoenix.

12 noon—Roxy Ann court. Order of the Armaranth, with Mrs. R. M. Johnson, 21 North Berkeley Way.

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

1:30 p.m.—Jolly Stitches club, home of Mrs. Harry Bryant, 1312 Reddy ave.

2:30 p.m.—Washington PTA, at school.

Pythian Knights Plan Fun Night

Talisman temple, Knights of Pythias, will hold a "fun night" Monday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pythian building.

Families of Knights, Pythian Sisters, members of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, Nomads of Avudaka, Pythian Sunshine Girls and the Boy Scout troop sponsored by the lodge are invited to attend.

Among the events planned for the evening is a cake walk to be held by the Sunshine Girls. Other entertainment is planned, and refreshments will be served.

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Valentine Party To Be Held by Shady Cove Group

Shady Cove - Members of the auxiliary to Steelhead post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold a valentine "pill pal" party Friday, February 19, at 8 p.m. at the VFW hall. Gifts will be exchanged and the names of secret pals will be revealed. Names for the coming year will be drawn.

Dr. Howard Ferguson will show colored slides taken in Africa.

At the last meeting of the auxiliary Mrs. Robert Culp was accepted as a new member. Mrs. Kenneth Oliver reviewed legislation affecting veterans passed by the United States congress in recent months, and other legislation up for action.

Mrs. Bert Craven discussed the Rogue river water resources and wild life project. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Tom Merritt and Mrs. Norman Bandy.

Election of officers will be held at a meeting March 4.

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