



A lively game of kickball was one of the major activities at the Medford YMCA Family Night last Friday. Job Brandenburg, 6, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Brandenburg, is shown above as he boots the ball for a base hit during one of his turns "at bat." Catcher (far left) is Russell DeForest. The Medford YMCA is currently making an effort to stimulate more interest in the family night programs held each Friday from 7 to 10 p.m.

Family Night Planned at 'Y'

A family night program will be held Friday, April 29 at the Medford YMCA from 7 to 9:30 o'clock. Dave Curzon, YMCA physical education director, will supervise gymnasium activities and the swimming pool will be open for family use.

All families interested in an informal evening of games and swimming are invited to attend, whether YMCA members or not.

Light refreshments will be served as families leave the building.

About 100 people attended a potluck dinner last week on family night. Gerald Scannell served as master of ceremonies. Bob Jones and Otis Swisher led group singing and skits. Kick ball was the main activity in the gymnasium and games were played in the social hall.

Another similar evening's entertainment will be held May 20.

Dinner Planned For Pocahontas

Pocahontas lodge has planned a potluck dinner Friday, April 29, at Redman hall at 6:30 p.m. A business meeting will follow at 8 p.m., and a card party will close the evening.

Members are privileged to take guests for the dinner and card party.

Favorite Music on Program For 'Pops' Concert Sunday

Music by such favorites as Victor Herbert, Kern and Gershwin will be heard in the "pops" concert which will be given Sunday afternoon, May 1, at the Medford High school auditorium by the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon. The event is a benefit for the fund to restore the old United States hotel in Jacksonville and is being sponsored by the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites foundation.



Mrs. John R. DeBoe

Richard D. Werner will direct the concert and soloists will be Mrs. Sylvia (Henry) DeVoss, Talent, Mrs. Sue (Mrs. John R.) Boe, Grants Pass and Maynard Hadley, Medford. The three will sing selections from Kern's "Show Boat" and from Gershwin's folk opera, "Porgy and Bess."

The overture will be "March of the Toys" from Herbert's "Babe in Toyland." "Three Dances" from "Henry VIII," the "Entr'acte" and "Bacchante" from "Tales of Hoffman" by Offenbach and Waldenfel's "Skaters' Waltz" will make up the first part of the program.

The Gershwin number after intermission will be followed by "Donkey Serenade" by Friml; "Praeludium" by Jurneffel; Gounod's "Funeral March of a Marionette," a paraphrase rendition of "Turkey in the Straw" and "Southern Rhapsody" by Hosmer.

Concert tickets are on sale at Purucker's, Barker's, Swem's and Foster's in Jacksonville.

Tree Farm Work Planned by Groups

Illinois Valley-Masonic affiliated groups of the Illinois valley are making plans for work on the Masonic tree farm, near O'Brien in coming weeks. Members of the Masonic lodge, Eastern Star, International Order of Job's Daughters and De Molay work at the farm.

Work committees were assigned and it was announced that no picnic lunches will be held on work days until further notice.



The PTA is typically American—as American as apple pie, said Mrs. Leon Price, the Texas doll who came up from Dallas to give the keynote address for the annual convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

If the PTA is typically American, so are conventions. Potpourri attended one (only it was called a conference and was quite small) last week end and has been "covering" the Congress meeting here this week. Consequently we've listened to a lot of addresses, round tables and workshops; we've eaten too much food, drunk too much coffee and haven't had enough sleep.

We wonder if conventions would be as popular with Americans if they were strictly business and weren't camouflaged with so many pretty speeches, so much food and drink, so many introductions and presentations and so many corsages and gifts. Or if maybe they might not be more popular.

Conventions are loosely divided into two categories—working conventions and fun conventions. The PTA meeting, of course, comes under the former class—PTA members are probably as earnest and serious about their conventions as any group in the United States. The delegates, mostly women, are conscientious about attending the lectures and workshops and because they are such busy women with so many duties at home, are anxious to be home again.

Part of the entertainment for this week's PTA convention were short concerts by the Medford High school choir and the PTA Mothersingers. Both were received with a great deal of enthusiasm. However, it seems a pity that the music lovers among the visitors couldn't have been privileged to hear the concert which Ruth Slenczynska, pianist, gave here Sunday evening.

Like many others in the audience, this reporter went to the concert half-unbelieving, skeptical of what reviewers had said of her. Such phrases as "astounding virtuosity" and "great musician" have been written many times and sometimes the performances have not lived up to the phrases. But not this time. Sunday's concert was truly wonderful and exciting, and we heard dozens of well-qualified concertgoers say so.

It is seldom—almost never, in fact—that one hears a "bravo" voiced during a concert in Medford. It is heard often during concerts in the large cities, and one enthusiastic listener from the east complimented the pianist in this way Sunday night. The lone "bravo" came from Mrs. Robert Seerist, here from Buffalo to visit the Bruno Pellegrinis, in whose home she lived as a girl. Since Mr. Pellegrini is himself a pianist, and since all three have broad musical backgrounds, they appreciated Miss Slenczynska's artistry to the fullest. Finding that she was alone with her "bravos" although the hand clapping was loud and prolonged, the visitor from Buffalo at length gave up. Potpourri opened her mouth a couple of times to join in, but couldn't quite find the nerve. We do this when in S. F., but not here.

Following the program Mr. and Mrs. John Lusk gave a small party for Miss Slenczynska in their studio home. Because the artist has only a cup of tea before concerts, Mrs. Lusk prepared a steak dinner for her and lighter refreshments for the remainder of the guests. Carol Williamson and Margaret Dix helped serve.

Miss Slenczynska, like many other fine musicians on the concert stage, proved to be both gracious and friendly. She ate her steak and salad with relish and at the same time carried on conversations with the rest of the guests, including the Lusk's daughter, who studies piano. Later she listened to Signe play, and encouraged her to continue her studies.

While in Medford Miss Slenczynska was a guest in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buonocore and their three daughters, her relatives through marriage. The daughters, Laurie Beth, Madelyn and Alicia, haunted the living room at the B. home while their distinguished guest practiced. Like most other top flight concert stars, Miss Slenczynska practices every day—as much as eight hours if this is possible. She believes that she has not missed practicing more than 10 or 12 days since she embarked on her study and career.

Those who have read the pianist's book about her strange childhood will be interested to know that she has a second in the hands of the publishers. This is on piano technique. During the party Miss Slenczynska said she had worked unusually hard to give as fine a concert as she possibly could play. She wanted to make it a good concert because of the Buonocores, and she had to work particularly hard because of the piano. Miss S. had been told that a regulation nine-foot concert grand piano of fine tone would be on the stage for her to play. Instead, she found a small grand which has been in use a long time, which is not a first-rate instrument and not a proper one on which to ask an artist to play. The concert grand which had been ordered sent down from Portland failed to arrive.

It is reported that Miss Slenczynska did not complain, but squared her shoulders and made the best of the situation. More than one music fan was heard to say later that somehow, a better piano must be provided for use during concerts.

We weren't impertinent in calling Mrs. Price "a doll" earlier in this column. Every time Mrs. Price's name was mentioned up at Hedrick school this week, some one would exclaim "Isn't she a doll?" This dainty pink-and-white grey-haired woman gave a substantial keynote talk Tuesday morning and like all good speakers, told some pointed stories.

Reporting on a survey during which young people answered questions about their parents, Mrs. Price said almost all of them declared their parents had bad dispositions. Then she told of the extremely busy mother who one day answered the door bell only to find her small daughter standing on the outside. The harassed and exasperated mother scolded the little girl roundly and was shocked to hear her daughter say "But mother, I only wanted to see your company smile!"—O.S.

Members Plant Flowers in Park

Gold Hill—Mrs. Ferd Jones and Mrs. Howard Burnette, who are on the park committee for the Gold Hill Garden club, planted flowers at the base of the flag pole in the city park recently. Mr. Burnette prepared the ground for planting. To beautify the park each summer has been a project of the Garden club.

The last meeting of the group was held at the home of Mrs. George Smith, Sardine Creek road. A potluck luncheon was held prior to the business session, conducted by Mrs. Gervas South-hall, president.

Mrs. Ferd Jones, who represents the club on the summer recreation board, presented a report in regard to the last meeting of the board.

Mrs. L. F. Sowers will be hostess for the next meeting of the club at her home, north of Gold Hill, Friday, May 20 at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Loyd Dusenberry and Mrs. Victor Brown of Sams Valley will be in charge of the program.

Calendar

- Thursday**
 - 6:30 p.m. — Pi Beta Phi Alumnae of Jackson County, Medford hotel.
 - 7 p.m. — Pythian Sunshine Girls, Pythian building.
 - 8 p.m. — F.O.E. auxiliary, Eagles hall.
 - 8 p.m. — Reames chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Medford Masonic temple.
 - 8 p.m. — St. Anne's Altar society, unit 5, Girls Community club.
- Friday**
 - 9:30 a.m. — Royal Neighbors of America, Ashland IOOF hall.
 - 10 a.m. — Congregational Women of Southern Oregon, Ashland Congregational church.
 - 12:30 p.m. — Auxiliary to Veterans of World War I, barracks 540, Girls Community club.
 - 12:30 p.m. — Fifty Plus club, St. Mark's guild hall.
- Sportswear Goes Bare-Bare**
 - New York—UPI—The bare back, spine and all, is the style in sports resort fashions, report a analysis of Women's Wear Daily, a trade publication. The back is exposed from neck to waist and from shoulder to shoulder. The open midriff also finds favor.

Women's News • Social Events

Senior Scout Conference Opens Friday at College

The senior planning board of the Rogue Valley Girl Scout council will be hostesses to Senior Girl Scouts from Oregon and Washington this week-end at a three-day Senior Scout conference. Visiting councils include Three Rivers, Eugene; Western Waters, North Bend; Columbia River, Vancouver, Wash.; Klamath Area, Klamath Falls and Lakeview.

Bridge Club Names Winners

Camp White—Two sets of men players took first places in the last session of Camp White Veterans Bridge club. George Polski and Donald Reverman scored 126 points to take first place for north-south players; Eugene Ricker and John Shortridge took first place east-west with 145 points.

Other north-south winners were Mrs. Sam Richardson and Mrs. George Rode, second, 119½; Mrs. Frank Baker and Mrs. Fred Rehling, third, 117; Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Durland, Grants Pass, fourth, 108½.

Additional east-west winners were Mrs. Berg Marten and D. H. Barber, second, 128½; Mrs. Ricker and Tom Munds, third, 123½; Mrs. L. V. Espey and Mrs. J. J. Finegan, fourth, 112.

Winners in the north-south position for play on April 15 were Mrs. William Knope and Roy Pruitt, first, 90½ points; Mrs. Frank R. Baker and Mr. Munds, second, 88½; Mrs. R. J. Conroy and Paul Hatton, third, 88.

East-west winners for that session were Mrs. Marvin L. Nelson and Walter Grow, first, 102½; the Lewis Smiths, second, 98; the Rickers, third, 94.

Party Announced In Rogue River; Plan Breakfast

Rogue River—Rogue River Civic Improvement club will sponsor a public card party in the Civic clubhouse Saturday, April 30, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The recent library tea sponsored by the Civic club was well attended. The tables were attractive with flower arrangements provided by the Laurel Garden club and the Rogue River Garden club. Oil paintings which were displayed about the room were the work of Mrs. Elizabeth Sheffield, local artist, and were on loan for the occasion.

Mrs. Jerusha Moore presided at the tea service. She was assisted by Mrs. Lynabel Deck and Mrs. Robert Rowilson. Mrs. William Trotter, Civic Club member and city librarian welcomed the guests. Guests from Medford were Mrs. Moore Hamilton, member of the Jackson County Library board and Omar Bacon, librarian of the Jackson County library. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bacon.

Mrs. H. J. Stephens was named chairman for the senior breakfast to be held May 26 at which the graduating class of the Rogue River High school and the faculty will be honored by the Civic Improvement club. Mrs. Ralph O. Chapin, international hostess for the club, announced that Miss Eva Marie Trimmel, of Vienna, Austria, who spoke to the members of the Civic club April 8, will be the guest speaker for the breakfast. Miss Trimmel is a foreign exchange student who is spending a year in Grants Pass, attending high school under The American Field Service program. In her talk before the Civic club, Miss Trimmel expressed her gratitude in having been selected to spend this year in America, and the hope that she may return here for further study in college.

Dinner Held Sunday By Gold Hill Church

Gold Hill—Mrs. Walter Scott, Lampman road, Gold Hill, showed pictures to those attending a potluck dinner held at the Gold Hill Christian church April 24. The scenes were of various places that she and her husband have visited during their travels in the western states. Some were of Death Valley, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, and several desert scenes.

Mrs. Rex Allison, acting Sunday school superintendent, asks those who have snapshots taken of picnics or other outings held by the church to bring them to Sunday school.



Mrs. Norah E. Danford, Yakima, Wash., (at left) and supreme auditor of the Royal Neighbors of America, and Mrs. Clayton Walker, Medford, district deputy of the order, will attend a district convention in Ashland Friday, April 29. The session, the 28th annual such event, will be held in the IOOF hall on the plaza beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Marriage Announced

The wedding of Ann J. Szczebak Poirier of Wilbraham, Mass., to Charles Edward McGrath of Medford took place Monday, April 25. The ceremony was read at two o'clock in the afternoon at the residence at Route 4, Box 459, Medford, where the newlyweds are residing.

Dr. Diao Damma Dodge, Medford, officiated for the service. Mr. and Mrs. John Percy Goodwyn, brother-in-law and sister of the bridegroom, served as matron of honor and best man. A luncheon and reception followed the marriage ceremony.

Gold Hill Group Elects Officers

Gold Hill—The Golden Circle, womens group of Gold Hill Christian church, elected officers during a special meeting held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Castillo in Medford, a luncheon preceded the business session. Retiring president is Mrs. Clarence Freeman.

Mrs. Wallace Neece was elected president; Mrs. Leonard Andrews, vice-president; Mrs. Freeman, secretary; and Mrs. Rex Allison, treasurer.

Plans were made to hold a rummage sale Thursday, May 5 at the Fehd building in Medford. Persons who have suitable articles for the sale are asked to telephone either Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Freeman or Mrs. Allison to make arrangements for collecting donated items.

Floor Lamp Returns

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SATURDAY: When you prepare frozen peas, add 2 tablespoons Crescent MIXED VEGETABLE FLAKES—that's Colorful Cooking.	SATURDAY: Colorful blend! Add Crescent SOUP SEASONING to tomato soup.	SATURDAY: Colorful imaginative cooking—steamed fresh asparagus with a dash of Crescent NUTMEG.	SATURDAY: Colorful salad! Sprinkle Crescent CINNAMON on bananas.
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