



An effort quite unusual for high school dramatic students is the production of "The Birds," classic Greek comedy-drama, by The Thespians of Medford High school. The production is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, and Saturday, May 7, at the school auditorium, with Mrs. Lenore Zappell as director. Pictured here is a scene from

"The Birds" with Mark Goodman (at left) as Epops, king of the birds, and five members of the bird chorus, Linda Lowry, Joyce Pearson, Pat Cranston, Connie Orr and Ann Mathews. The great Greek writer, Aristophanes, is the author of "The Birds" and the modernized version to be given here this week is by Walter Kerr.

Camp White Beautification Reviewed for Gardeners

White City Recognition of the work of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs in the landscaping program during a decade of development was given representatives of the Skiyou district at their annual meeting in the VA Domiciliary theater at White City this week.

Manager Henry C. Herzog, in welcoming the garden clubs to the domiciliary, emphasized the importance of their contribution in beautifying the environs with flowers and shrubs and in sponsoring member participation in gardening activities.

Frank Glonning, chief of special services, told of the importance of such volunteer work in the VA planned living program for disabled veterans.

Mrs. Verne I. Brader, of Chemult, state president, was guest of honor and reviewed the story of the founding of the state federation in Salem in 1927 when only five groups were represented.

Sponsored Projects

A number of projects, in addition to the art of growing flowers, are sponsored by the Federation of Garden Clubs, including recommenda-

tions for placing roadside markers on main traveled highways, standardizing of flower shows in horticulture, a campaign to save myrtle wood trees, and the awarding of 4-H club scholarships.

Mrs. R. T. Nichol, Medford, district director, presided. The business of the meeting was largely the presentation of reports by the representatives of the 23 district clubs, and the election of officers for the coming year. More than 200 women members were in attendance.

The new officers are: Mrs. C. O. Long, Talent, director;

Mrs. O. V. P. (Phonix) (Assistant director); Mrs. E. G. Taylor, Talent, secretary; and Mrs. Leroy Clark, Medford, treasurer.

The Skiyou district includes Veneta, Brookings, Sunny Valley, Illinois Valley, Prineas, Grants Pass and the region around Medford.

Ira Pollard, retiring president of the domiciliary garden club, introduced Melvin Neely, the new landscape gardener of the VA, who outlined the horticultural program which will mark the new look to be developed at the domiciliary.

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Old-Fashioned Methods Still In Use For Colds

New York—There is nothing to sneeze about in the findings of a new study—on how we doctor the common cold.

Modern medication is just the beginning of treatment, says a study of 10,000 housewives. Some 86 per cent of them revert also to treatments like grandma used to use, from garlic hung around the neck in an old sock to a chest rub with goose grease.

The manufacturers of bufferin did the study with written questionnaires, asking among other things, about use of old-fashioned remedies as well as the modern, what housewives did to keep colds from spreading, and whether they thought kissing spread colds.

The three most popular old time remedies were liquor and hot tea, hot honey and lemon juice, and a flannel rag on the chest. But most often mentioned as cures they had heard of were goose grease and turpentine rub, turpentine and lard rubbed on the chest, and eating raw onions.

Great Faith in Onions

Matter of fact, the womanly faith in onions should make the onion growers of America rejoice. Among the 125 old time remedies listed, onion ranked highest. It was used in a variety of ways—as a poultice, in sugar and boiled vinegar, juice from onions seared on coals, fried onions packed on the chest and back for deep colds, onion tea, baked onions and brown sugar, onion poultices on the soles of the feet and palms of hands, and raw onions in a dish beside the bed.

Some of the other old-fashioned remedies listed were

enough to leave me happy with the sniffles.

For instance: Garlic hung around the neck in an old sock. Castor oil, Hon's grease rubbed on the chest. Kerosene combined with sugar for a cough. Lard and nutmeg rubbed on the chest. Tobacco and lard in flannel on the chest and neck. A combination of flaxseed, horehound candy and lemon combined into a cough syrup. Raw garlic, eaten like raw onion. Sulphur and molasses. And a rub with skunk grease.

The study showed the women didn't depend entirely on old time remedies. Forty per cent took two medications concurrently. Two per cent dozed themselves with four or more remedies at a time. But 12 per cent said the heck with any.

To the question, "how do you keep a cold from spreading?" 86 per cent immediately resorted to the use of disposable tissues. Hand-washing and gargling were the next most popular. Only 27.6 per cent forbade kissing.

The women were asked also, point blank, whether they thought kissing spread colds. About 55 per cent thought it "sometimes" did. Twenty seven per cent were against kissing.

A determined 11 per cent said they didn't care whether smooching spread colds or not.

New Look to Old Style

New York—That old standby, the shirtwaist dress, gets enough of a new look for spring to give it an up-to-date feeling without obscuring the basic line. The new touches are different sleeve constructions, wide belts, and bias cut skirts.



Mrs. Ogden Kellogg, Gold Hill, (right) was in St. Louis, Mo., last week to attend the national convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Mrs. Kellogg represented the Medford league, of which she is first vice-president. She is pictured here with Mrs. Kenneth H. Baker, league member whose husband spoke for the annual meeting of the group last Saturday.

Insurance Women Announce Dinner

Phillip B. Lowry will be the guest speaker at a dinner to be held in observance of National Insurance Women's day May 10. Insurance Women of Jackson County are planning the dinner, to be held that evening in the new dining room at Kim's restaurant.

All persons associated with the insurance industry in Southern Oregon are being invited to attend. Mrs. Floyd Robertson is general chairman and anyone desiring further information may contact her at SPring 3-6628.

Insurance Women held their last evening meeting at the home of Mrs. David Walsh. During the meeting Mrs. Gordon Stephen, Miss Jacqueline Walker and Mrs. Floyd Robertson gave reports on the Region IX convention held recently in Eugene.

A luncheon and business

Mrs. Edward Parsons Named Unit Chairman

Mrs. Edward Parsons was elected chairman of the Foothills Home Extension unit at their meeting April 20 at the Community hall.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Sue Morrins, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Glenn De Janvier, secretary-treasurer.

The Foothills unit has been invited to meet with the Upper Applegate unit at their meeting Wednesday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Harry Davis for the project lesson on patio cookery. Those attending are to take a sack lunch and if possible a folding chair.

At the last meeting Mrs. H. D. Weed and Mrs. Davis gave the lesson on types of soaps and detergents.

meeting will be held Tuesday, May 3, at 12 noon at the Jackson hotel.

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