

Women's News • Social Events



In the cast of "Ghost Train," Footlighter play which opens Tuesday, November 15, at the little theater at the Fairgrounds, are (left to right) Dr. Gene Ray as Teddie Deakin, Lou Onstad as Julia Price and Eleanor Same as Elsie Winthrop. Mrs. Onstad's role is that of woman who has a "fixation" about a "ghost train" this fancy stemming from the fact that years before she witnessed a horrible train wreck. Scene of the action for this mystery-comedy is a small railway station in a Maine rural community. (Simonson photo)

Fall Show, Program Announced

Central Point - Two important coming events are on the calendar of Central Point Garden club. The first is the annual fall show to be held November 16-17 at the Jackson county courthouse auditorium, and the second is a flower arrangements program planned for November 28 at Pings Gardens.

"Cut and Dried" is the theme of the fall show. Hours will be from 2 to 9 p.m. November 16, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 17. Chairman of the show is Mrs. Ivan T. Stryman and she reminds each member to take four dozen cookies for the tea which will be held as part of the event.

Show entries are to be taken to the courthouse between 9 and 11 a.m. November 16. Bob Briggs of Eugene and San Francisco will give the program for the flower arrangement meeting. It will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. and a charge will be made.

Plans for these events were made at a meeting of the club held November 2 at the home of Mrs. Donald A. Faber. Mrs. Stryman and Mrs. M. H. Cotton won prizes.

Mrs. R. D. Kay spoke concerning birds seen in her yard.

Shady Cove Unit Slates Meeting

Shady Cove - Mrs. John P. Laper, Trail Creek road, will be hostess for a meeting of the Shady Cove Home Extension unit, Tuesday, November 15, at 10 a.m. Mrs. John R. Lowery and Mrs. Alberta C. Alieck will present the lesson on "Oven Meals" the first thing in the morning.

Each woman attending is requested to bring an apron, a pot-holder and her table service.

All women are invited to attend.

Roosevelt School Plans Open House

Open house will be held at Roosevelt school Thursday, November 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. All parents of Roosevelt children, and other interested persons, will have an opportunity to visit their child's room, and meet their teachers. This is an opportunity for parents to become acquainted with the school surroundings of their child, and to view some of their accomplishments.

Teaching Experiences To Be Association Topic at Meeting

A discussion of teaching experiences will be held at the Tuesday, November 15, meeting of the Rogue Valley chapter of Oregon Music Teachers association at St. Mary's school at 7:45 p.m. Sister Miriam Joseph will be hostess for the meeting. Mrs. Effie H. Kurtz, who attended summer session conferences at Eugene and workshops in Missoula, Mont., will review them.

Association Has Election Party

The Southern Oregon Osteopathic association and the auxiliary met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. George S. Jennings last Tuesday evening for the monthly session and an "election party." After a brief business meeting, the group listened to election returns.

Recently auxiliary members held a luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club which featured Mrs. Russell Sherwood, Gresham. Mrs. Sherwood is state chairman for the Osteopathic Christmas seal program.



See LaPointe's Maternity Fashions



Homecoming Dinner

Phoenix - Neighbors of Woodcraft of Phoenix will have a homecoming covered dish dinner Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Community club. Those attending are to take a hot dish and salad or dessert, and table service.



Once upon a time we read an article by a newspaper editor who declared emphatically that he wouldn't be a society editor or writer for all the tea in China. After "filling in" for the society editor of his paper for a couple of weeks during a dire emergency, he had concluded that the job had more headaches than any other in the news room.

Of course, the poor man probably exaggerated slightly, but he is not entirely wrong. There are days when the gals turning out the society and club copy decide that covering the courthouse or the police beat are cinches in comparison. Is all this leading up to something? It is. The Mail Tribune's society editor has been prodded, by our co-workers and circumstances, into explaining the whys and wherefores of what we publish, particularly as applied to weddings and engagements.

The reporting of weddings is more stabilized than the business of announcing engagements, particularly since we went into the use of wedding questionnaires several years ago. The questionnaires, a more or less standard form in use by many daily newspapers, make it comparatively easy for the bride or her family to report a wedding by the simple expedient of answering all the questions.

One of the main troubles experienced by the society department on weddings is that they are becoming more and more elaborate all the time, and families are endeavoring more elaborate all the time, with larger wedding parties, and families are endeavoring to put in more and more information to be drawn somewhere, but aren't quite sure just where. In addition to listing the names of the couple, their parents, attendants and the friends and relatives who assisted with the reception, we are asked to say who decorated the church, and the reception rooms, who made the cake, who made the bride's dress (if it was a relative or friend who did it as a labor of love) who loaned the tablecloths, silver services, heirloom knives, etc. The list of these grows and grows. Not long ago one questionnaire contained the information that Mrs. So and So had made hand-decorated sugar cubes. Well, you ask, why not—it probably took almost as long as to make the cake. But just as we said, this must stop, somewhere. We're beginning to feel desperate.

One woman objected to signing the questionnaire and said there couldn't be any reason for such a requirement. Well this society editor once published a wedding which never took place, and the resulting trouble, with threats of legal action, almost scared the wits out of us. Another time an attempt was made to publish a fake story, but we had learned our lesson. So there is good and sufficient reason for knowing who has submitted the information.

One of the biggest headaches stems from the use of pictures—when shall they be published, what type of picture, how many, who shall select them, etc. When we were new at this, we didn't have the courage of our convictions, and sometimes allowed families or individuals to argue us into using pictures which should never have been published. Long experience, coupled with comments from co-workers and readers, have taught us what to turn down. This conservative editor believes, for instance, that a newspaper picture of an engaged girl should show her wearing a reasonably modest dress. We heartily wish that some photographers would not drape a young woman in a wisp of fur or feathers, looped here and there around her shoulders, take her picture and then submit it to the society editor for publication with an engagement story. Questions to society departments in other cities brought out this solution—cover her up with a bit of black paper cut to look like a dress neckline, or take a wax pencil and draw one on the print. So, this is done.

Another great headache is when to publish an engagement picture. Once we had a young girl show up at the society desk on Monday morning, asking for a story about her engagement, with picture. When we accepted both and said "This will be in next Sunday's paper," she replied, "Oh, I want it in today. I'm being married Saturday afternoon." Some submitted engagement stories, and pictures, when the wedding was only two or three weeks away.

As time went on, with more and more engagements and more and more problems, we again sought information of other papers, noted their published pronouncements and checked their columns on such matters and finally came up with a rule—we would stipulate that unless approximately two months would elapse between the time of the announcement and the contemplated wedding, we would refuse the picture, publish only the story, and announce it as a coming marriage.

How did we arrive at two months? Well, tradition says that wedding invitations should be in the mail no less than three weeks before the date of the event, it takes about two weeks to order them, receive them, get them addressed and in the mail. (Anyone who has struggled with the business of a list and the addressing by hand knows what we mean.) Churches must be arranged for weeks, even months in advance, and busy ministers must be consulted about these dates, and who will officiate. Wedding dresses, attendants' dresses and other details takes weeks of planning.

Somehow, it seemed to the women of the society department that two months was a proper minimum interval. If wedding plans are already far advanced, why announce a mere engagement?

A few weeks ago a pretty, intelligent girl came in to announce her engagement, and when we found that the wedding was only five weeks away, we declined the picture and said we would announce her wedding plans, with pleasure. "But I've been engaged for a year," she wailed. "And I did so want my picture with the story!" Taking a chance, we asked why she had delayed making a public announcement. She hesitated, blushed and said "I wouldn't announce it until my fiancé gave me a ring." Getting bolder we inquired "Was that very flattering to your fiancé?" She hung her head, finally smiled and said "You're right. Sounds like I didn't trust him, doesn't it?"

Several mothers have said that their daughters' engagement stories, and pictures, "laid around my desk for several weeks—I just couldn't find the time to bring it down." One said, glumly, "My daughter has been writing from school every week for I can't say how long about this. She's going to be furious."

We've announced thousands of engagements and published thousands of weddings. The anecdotes and stories, some amusing and some sad, and some that made us wonder, would fill a book. There are some individuals with almost no knowledge of social customs although they live in the midst of them; there are those who endeavor to deceive the paper, those who cajole to get their way, or who threaten to tell the boss how uncooperative we've been.

There are those who place before the society editor a completely written story with the admonition "Now, I want this published just as it is written. Please don't change a word." Sometimes we can, literally. Others we simply cannot. One story we've told often, and we still think it is one of the most amusing. A young woman came in to put her engagement in the paper and when we noticed that her fiancé's first name was given as—shall we say "Spike"—we asked for his real name. She reached for the phone, dialed a number and when a voice answered asked, in honeyed tones, "What's your name, Sweetie, I have to know before I can put the story in the paper." O.S.

Open House Set by PTA

Featuring "Back to School Night," Lincoln School Parent-Teacher association will hold open house Tuesday evening, November 15. Commencing at 7:30 p.m. there will be a 40-minute "captive audience" period with each teacher.

Jack Holmes, principal, requests parents with more than one student attending the school to select one teacher to remain with during this period.

Oliver Erickson, teacher in charge of the special education reading clinic, will hold an audio visual display in the library.

A "get acquainted" coffee hour for the parents and teachers and a baked food sale will follow these activities in the school cafeteria. Baby sitting will be available, with Mrs. Thomas W. Cox in charge.

Mothersingers Plan Sessions

Butte Falls - Practice sessions of the Butte Falls Mothersingers have been held recently at the homes of Mrs. Leth Meadows, Mrs. Henry Tygart and Mrs. Don Jolliffe. Mrs. Meadows is accompanist and Dean Boggan is director.

Members include the Messdames William Hunter, Virgil Conley, Gene Irwin, Charles Capello, Henry Tygart, Don Jolliffe, Randall Perkins, William Harris, Larry Kavin and James Capello.

Practices will be held the first Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Jolliffe home; second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Meadows home; third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Tygart home; and fourth Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Irwin home.

All persons interested in joining the group are invited.

Meetings Slated By Study Units

Five study units of the League of Women Voters, including new groups in Ashland, will meet during the remainder of November.

The judicial section of the Oregon constitution will be studied during these sessions and any interested woman is invited to attend. In addition, league members will discuss recommendations for a state study item.

Tuesday, November 15, a morning unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Norman T. Capsey, 60 South Modoc avenue, at 9:45 o'clock and November 18 an evening unit is scheduled at the home of Mrs. Kenneth H. Baker, 3845 Old Stage road, at 8 p.m.

November 22 a morning unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Sidney Ainsworth, 1135 Fern street, Ashland, at 9:30 o'clock and the second Ashland unit will meet November 30 at the home of Mrs. Donald Moore, 498 Beach street, Ashland, at 8 p.m.

Another evening unit will meet November 28 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Thomas Rutter, 1033 Queen Anne avenue.

Winners Announced

Fifteen tables of players participated in the American Contract Bridge league master point game held at Girls Community club November 12. Play was in two sections.

Winners in Section A were: north-south, Roy Pruitt and John Shortridge, first, 96½; Mr. and Mrs. Leland Clark, second, 84½; Mrs. Delbert Clifford and Mrs. Walter Winner, third, 80½ points; east-west, Walter Ensminger and Dan Hilo, Grants Pass, first, 76; Mrs. C. L. Howard and Mrs. Paul McDuffee, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Coode, Wilderville, Ore., tied for second and third with 65 points each.

Section B winners were: north-south, Mrs. A. W. Lingass and John West, Seattle, Mrs. John Dougherty and Mrs. Sam Richardson, tied for first and second with 93 points each; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hatton, third, 88.

The combined American Contract Bridge league units of Josephine and Jackson counties will hold a winners game with the Medford unit as hosts. Play will be at Girls Community club Saturday, November 19.

Chapter To Meet At Paske Home

Chapter CP of the PEO sisterhood will hold a luncheon meeting Wednesday, November 16, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. C. H. Paske, 29 Windsor avenue.

Mrs. Paske will be assisted by Mrs. Raymond W. McNair, and Mrs. John Schwab. Mrs. Leonard Mayfield will present a program.

Valley Navy Mothers To Meet on Tuesday

Rogue Valley Navy Mothers club will meet Tuesday, November 15, at 10:30 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Dan Evans, 987 Niantic street for an all-day session.

General sewing, a potluck luncheon and business meeting are on the agenda.

Applegate Couple In Los Angeles

Applegate - Mr. and Mrs. Arion Christensen, Applegate, are in Los Angeles. While there they will visit Drs. Bob and Evelyn Tolle, former Applegate residents.

Roxy Ann Club Slates Meeting

Roxy Ann Home Economics club will meet Wednesday, November 16, at 8 p.m. at the Grange hall. Refreshments will be potluck style.

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