

Women's News • Social Events



The Thespians of Medford High school will present the entertaining theatrical production, "Teahouse of the August Moon" this week end, with opening night, Thursday, December 1. Cast in "Teahouse" are (left to right) Wally Huffman as Captain McLean; Mark Goodman as Mr. Oshira; Jack Smeltz as Mr. Sumata; Bill Deemer as Seiko; Linda

Jo Waltermire, playing the feminine lead of Lotus Blossom and John Stewart as Keora. Three performances are planned. Through the stage and movie productions in recent years, "Teahouse" has become popular with thousands of Americans.

Valley Group Makes Tour of Spain and Italy

(The following article is another in a series being written for The Medford Mail Tribune by Mrs. Almus Pruitt while she is abroad. Mrs. Pruitt and her husband are touring Europe in the company of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Allen Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. Angus L. Bower, Ashland. The group will return to their homes before Christmas.)

Our drive from Paris to the Normandy coast — past orchards, fields and vineyards — gave us a vivid picture of French rural life. Orchardists, wearing dark berets, were at work with long poles knocking red and yellow apples from the trees; then, with horse, or ox-drawn carts, they hauled the fruit to the cider-presses. It was also grape-gathering season and the blue grapes as plucked were emptied into huge kegs and transported to wineries. Along the road we met carts loaded with as many as five of the large grape-filled kegs.

A typical French farmhouse is built of weathered stone and has a small yard surrounded by a hedge of drubbery or a stone-wall draped with Virginia creeper in late October, ruby-red. Flower gardens were brilliant with red salvia and oxcock. In brown cornfields hunters were busy with guns, beaters and dogs, stalking for pheasant, wild pigeons, quail and woodcock. We thought what little chance the poor birds had against such a formidable array! Vegetable gardens were strewn with yellow squash. As the blowing wind tossed the trees, golden leaves came fluttering down. Surely, autumn is one of the loveliest seasons in which to see France.

Mont St. Michael, a medieval abbey built on a massive granite crag by the sea, offers a haunting, austere beauty. In the course of its turbulent history, dating back to the 11th century (involving both England and France), it has served as church, fortress and prison. In its stark coastal

setting it emerges spectre-like. Upon mounting its lofty stone steps, past parapets and ramparts, one sees little flower beds of fuschia and marigold thriving along high ledges where earth has been carried and placed in terraced beds. At the base of the abbey is a quaint village with several goods hotels, at one of which we stayed the night. At high tide Mont Michael becomes almost entirely surrounded by the sea.

Visit Relatives
In Pottiers the Bowers were house-guests of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Jesse Butler, he being a cousin of Gertrude. With American Army Medics, he has been stationed at Pottiers for about two years. Happily, our eightsome was included as dinner guests at the hospitable Butlers, where we enjoyed hearing of their interesting experiences while residing in France. Pottiers is a medieval city, rife with historic drama pertaining to Joan of Arc; it also has noted antiquities including Roman ruins and churches, and a cathedral with a wonderful pipe organ which was playing as we entered.

At a fascinating farmers' market we saw live hare and chickens being placed on scales and sold. Then, crammed into a basket along with fresh vegetables, they were carried home, still alive, because of inadequate refrigeration in France. These open markets, many of which we saw as we passed through villages, are crowded and picturesque and they play an important part in the European way of life. On display were huge bins of snails, mussels, shrimp, fish of all sorts—and everything in the meat line even to whole calf heads (grotesque). Vegetables, besides those familiar to us, included chard, leek, endive, chestnuts, mushrooms; also there were fruits, melons, cheeses galore, as well as clothing, dry goods, cutlery.

On downtown stone walls of Pottiers we saw scribbled political slogans: "Paix en en Algerie!" (the left-wing cry), answered by rightist "Algerie Française!" (The first demands peace in Algeria, that is, surrender to the rebellion, and the second insists that Algeria is French.) As we strolled along, amidst jabbering French we heard a familiar cry: "Hi ya, baby!" We looked and saw a French teenager embracing his teenage girl—the expression, no doubt, having been picked up from American GIs stationed at the Pottiers post. There is a surprising number of U.S. troops throughout Europe. On German highways especially we encountered long strings of U.S. convoys on the move. Fraternizing of colored men and white girls is prevalent among soldiers as well as students, particularly in Pottiers and Paris. We are told that the practice is accepted as natural all over Europe. (It is astonishing how many of the best-looking white girls seem to prefer Negroes.)

Visit Loire Valley
An excursion to Loire valley—called the garden spot of France—took us to the chateau country to see famous Chenonceau (the residence of Henry II and Diane de Pottiers, later, of Catherine de Medici), Chambord, Blois, Chaumont, Amboise. These fabulous castles, which mostly began as hunting lodges—as did Fontainebleau and Versailles—were later expanded into summer homes for nobility. The whole chateau countryside was vivid with an autumn coloring we won't soon forget, with maple, oak, chestnut blending in Burgundy, russet, and golden hues along with conifer green of pine.

We paid a visit to St. Aignan, Carroll's old army quarters during World War I, and climbed winding stone steps up from the town to the old chateau where Carroll's outfit had their quarters—he even located the big corner fireplace they had used.

From Pottiers we went to Perigueau to see the amazing Lascaux Caves. On the walls and ceilings of these underground chambers are primitive drawings of animals, including bulls, horses, stags, goats, bears—amazingly preserved. Painted in ochre and red and strikingly outlined in black, they represent the earliest known art of prehistoric man and are said to have influenced such modern artists as Picasso and Matisse, as we could well believe. One of the most important archaeological discoveries in recent times, the caves are scientifically lighted and protected by two pair of heavy metal doors to maintain a suitable state of temperature, humidity, etc., for the preservation of the stone drawings. The caves were discovered as recently as 1940 by young boy explorers who followed their dog into a hole leading to the caves. One of the boys, now a young man, acted as our guide.

With each country we have been aware of new sights, sounds and scenery; but in no country have we faced such a sharp contrast as in Spain. To the eye it appears by far the most poverty-stricken area we have seen. Rural and village people live in huts, little more than hovels (though we are assured the interiors are spotlessly clean). They wear skins of animals for clothing, sweep with twig branches, and wash their clothing in crude troughs or beat them on stones by streams and lay them on

Methodist Bazaar Set This Week

The annual holiday bazaar and festival of the Woman's Society of the Christian Service, First Methodist church, will open with a ham dinner on Wednesday, November 30, at 5:30 p.m. at the church. This is another event in the twentieth anniversary year of the organization.

Gift and food booths will be open at 6:30 p.m. and will again be open at 9 a.m. Thursday, December 1. Luncheon will be served on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The bazaar will feature many articles suitable for Christmas gifts, as well as decorations, baked foods, and decorated boxes.

Members of Ruth Esther unit, Wesleyan Service guild, will have a booth at the bazaar from which packaged cookies and candy will be sold. Guild members able to assist in the project are asked to call Mrs. A. C. James.

Shower Honors Lodge Member; Party Announced

Gold Hill—Mrs. William Gosman was honored at a surprise layette shower following a meeting of Amethyst Rebekah Friendship club at the home of Mrs. Delos Walker last week.

Mrs. Clarence Parsley, president of the group, conducted the business session. Plans were made for the annual Christmas party slated for Wednesday, December 14 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Clyde Kell. Club members set the date ahead several days for that occasion because the regular meeting date, December 19 would conflict with other engagements the week prior to Christmas.

Mrs. Grossman opened her gifts after the meeting. Storks centered the gift and refreshment tables. Guests and members of the club included Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Lester Parker, Mrs. Wilmer Bailey, Mrs. Dale Smith, Mrs. James McKibbin, Mrs. Hannah Routh, Mrs. Paul Molloy, Mrs. Clyde Kell, Mrs. Donald Morrow, Mrs. Howard Burnette, Mrs. Daniel Kraft, Mrs. Clarence Parsley and the hostess Mrs. Walker.

Christmas Ideas Project for Unit

Butte Falls—The December meeting of the Butte Falls Home Extension unit will feature Christmas ideas for women of the community who like to add the personal touch to everything connected with Christmas giving, the unit announces.

Mrs. Donald Jolliffe and Mrs. James Kreloff will be project leaders, and the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Dalton on Fee street, Thursday, December 1. The meeting will be from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Mrs. Curtis Thomson and others will bring gift suggestions for display. Roll call will be, "My family has a custom at Christmas." Any woman in the community is welcome to come to this and any other extension meeting.

Luncheon will be served at noon for a small charge and those attending are to take table service.

Groups To Hold Dinner Dance

Reames chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and Medford lodge, AF and AM, have planned a dinner and a dance for members of the two groups Saturday, December 3, at 7 p.m. in Medford Masonic temple.

The menu will be turkey; women with last names starting from A to L are asked to take salads; those with M to Z names, dessert. There will be cards for those who do not wish to dance. Mrs. Donald Ashpole and Rodney Witham are chairmen for the event. Mrs. H. E. Nulton and Mrs. C. D. Wood are in charge of decorations.

Roxy Ann HEC Slates Meeting

Roxy Ann Home Economics club has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, November 30, at the Grange hall. Hostesses will be Mesdames Burchfield and Pfister.

Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 3 p.m. the day before publication.

Wednesday:
11 a.m.—Medford Townsend club, Walker's Dreamland, 415½ East Main st.
12:30 p.m.—Mistletoe club, home of Mrs. Carl Pearson, 118 Clark st., Medford.

Dinner Is Given Thanksgiving Day By Van Ortweeks

Thirty-nine relatives and friends were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Van Ortwick at their home, 1369 Poplar drive.

Among the guests were two brothers of Mr. Ortwick, Gil and Ted. It was the first dinner the three men had shared since 1916, when they had Thanksgiving dinner with their parents and families in Wheatland, Wyo.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gil Van Ortwick and Mr. and Mrs. George Van Ortwick and four children, St. Helens, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wilson Van Ortwick, Yucaipa, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Van Ortwick and three children; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stockford, Freda Williams, Mrs. Mary Sopi and two daughters and Mrs. Francis Nelson, all Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Van Ortwick and four children; Central Point; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Clayton and three sons, Mrs. Myrtle Coleman and three children, Eagle Point.

Ellison Family Visitors Here On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ellison and two children have returned to their home in Salem after spending the Thanksgiving week end in Medford with Mr. Ellison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Ellison, 607 South Central avenue.

The Medford couple also celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary while the visitors were here.

Training Sessions Slated For Camp Fire Girl Leaders

Rogue council, Camp Fire Girls, is carrying out a series of monthly training meetings for group leaders, assistants and sponsors in the area according to Mrs. T. H. Gerety, executive director.

The next Medford session will be Wednesday, November 30, when all second and third grade Blue Bird leaders, assistants and sponsors from Washington, Jefferson, Howard and Jackson schools, plus Jacksonville, will meet at the John B. Lynch residence at 139 Kenwood avenue from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m.

December 1 a meeting for second and third grade Blue Bird leaders and helpers from Roosevelt, Hoover, Wilson, Lone Pine and Lincoln schools will take place from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. at the James Young residence, 2185 Crestbrook road.

All fourth grade leaders, Camp Fire and Horizon guards, assistants and sponsors in Medford and Jacksonville will meet at the Douglas Gordenier home, 1516 Stratford avenue, December 2 during the same hours.

For these sessions Mrs. Gerety will give help to those who need it. The training

Christmas Party To Be Planned

Plans for a Christmas party will be discussed at a meeting of Wenonah club of Westonka council, Degree of Pocahontas Thursday, December 1. It will be held at the home of Mrs. Mary Fredericks, 635 Palm street, at 11 a.m. A covered dish luncheon will be followed by the business meeting.

Election Slated For Stamp Club

Southern Oregon Stamp club will hold election of officers at a meeting set for Thursday, December 1, at Girls Community club.

The event will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and members are to take a hot dish, salad or rolls and the club will furnish coffee and ice cream.

Members are also to take a philatelic gift for exchange. If members bring guests, they are reminded to bring an exchange gift for them.

An auction and program will follow the business meeting.

Bazaar First Methodist Church

WED. NIGHT, Nov. 30

HAM DINNER

Served from 5:30 p.m. Adults \$1 — Children 50c

Bazaar from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Also THURSDAY, DEC. 1st starting 9:00 a.m. LUNCHEON from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. 65c per person

Hedrick School Has Open House

Hedrick Junior High school band and chorus presented a program for the recent annual open house. Ronald Bartlett is the band director, and Carroll Graver is chorus director.

Mrs. Emerson Anderson, president of Hedrick Parent-Teacher association, introduced officers and board members and Principal Glenn L. Linn introduced faculty members. Steve Blackhurst, student body president, welcomed the parents.

The colors were presented by Steve Lewis, Scott Cunningham and George Dames of Explorer Post 103.

Following the program, parents visited classrooms under the schedule of their children.

PTA members served refreshments.

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