

Women's News • Social Events

Coming Events At Washington Are Announced

Coming events were announced at the last meeting of Washington Parent-Teacher association.

Children in the second and third grades of the school will present a Christmas program Friday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

The unit is planning a special January Fathers' night program to coincide with the state-wide "Lights on Education" project. In order that unit members may be informed concerning education legislation, a panel of three persons will speak. They will be Mrs. Leigh Gustison, Medford, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers; Keith Hockersmith, member of the school board and Vern Wolthoff, Medford High school teacher who will represent Oregon Education association.

Speaker at the last meeting was Miss De Ann Taylor, Miss Taylor was an exchange student visitor to West Berlin last summer, making the trip under the American Field service program. She told of the tour, and showed slides which she took. Miss Taylor formerly attended Washington school, and is now a Medford High school student.

Mrs. Justin Dyrud led the group in singing Christmas songs, and Mrs. Gordon Morris' Girl Scouts led the presentation of colors. Mothers of children in the second grade served refreshments. Pouring were Mrs. Earl Pottruff, Miss Carolyn Bell, Mrs. Paul Leaverton and Mrs. Noel Leaverton. Children of the first grade made decorations for the meeting room and the tea table, and the school's cheer leaders served as baby sitters.

Teenager Party Given by Studio

Thurston's studio gave a Christmas party last week at the Mark Antony hotel in Ashland for members of the studio's teen-age ballroom dance club. Over 100 boys girls attended.

Dancers from the Thurston's Medford studio furnished entertainment. Sue Gifford, Donna Marin, Kathy Riley, Kitty Tingleaf and Sharon Maat presented a "Beatnik" number, one entitled "Artists and Models" and a novelty tap number.

One industry source reports that Christmas is the single most important gift giving occasion of the year with 41 per cent of the total gift market and \$7.34 billion worth of gifts purchased.

Group Ends Half-Year of Travel

(Editor's note: This is the final article in a series written by Mrs. Almus Pruitt on a just-completed tour of Europe made by eight Rogue valley residents. The group included Angus Bowmer, Ashland, producing director of the Oregon Shakespearean festival, who visited and observed theaters and theatrical productions in this country, in Canada and in several European countries during the six months. Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt returned last week, the Bowmers, now in New York, are expected soon; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Allen Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller are stopping in Florida before returning to Oregon.)

While we liked Florence better, there is no denying that Rome is bigger, brighter, and more golden. Again, our stay there was all too brief to make a proper study of it. However, St. Peters impressed us as definitely the most beautiful of all the cathedrals or basilicas we saw. For this reason we were glad that it was the last on our schedule; it proved the proper climax. In place of stained glass, beautiful but often gloomy, the clear glass windows of St. Peters admit sunlight directly into the marbled interior, with its warm tones of gold, ivory, mauve, rose and beige. Incense and candle-smoke have reportedly caused a certain deterioration, but compared to the dusky interiors we had observed, St. Peters appears fresh and bright. Seeing St. Peters is truly an uplifting experience. Nearby, the Sistine chapel with its famous ceiling and frescoes by Michelangelo, representing art at its greatest, left us awe-struck.

Vatican City, with its spacious piazza and playing fountains, is an impressive world unto itself. In and out of St. Peters, colorful, sturdy Swiss guards, clad in gay costumes, stride regularly, as traditional "protectors of the Pope."

Visit Coliseum
The coliseum is in better preservation than we had supposed. Still quite intact are its underground channels, a grim reminder of how the cruel, early Romans, for entertainment, enjoyed watching Christians being thrown to lions in the arena. The King Emmanuel memorial building is a truly spectacular structure. And we saw nearby the nondescript building and balcony, unidentified by sign, where Mussolini made his "hammy," melodramatic speeches. Most of all in Rome we enjoyed the beautiful "Pines" and many fountains.

Half-Year of Travel

including the Trevi, where, even as all travelers, we weakened and tossed in our coins to insure our return to Rome. For our finale, we couldn't have chosen a more ideal place than Naples—not for its beauty of the city, but for its setting, which is divine. From the spacious balcony of our fine hotel we could see Capri and Sorrento across the bay, and to our left, Vesuvius. Days were warm and sunny and at night a white moon hung above the Bay of Naples. As planned, we celebrated Gertrude's birthday with cake and candles and reminiscences of our trip, rejoicing that we had accomplished what we had set out to do. We had completed our 13,000 mile itinerary together—eight varied personalities—all still speaking with friendliness. Many people said it couldn't be done, and we ourselves at times were equally skeptical. But actually, we managed it with only a few scars here and there. Outside of the inevitable wear and tear of travel, weariness, and occasional nerves, the gain was great. Not only had we seen and heard a lot—broadened horizons, gained a new grasp of history, countries and people, and a greater understanding of life in general—but we had had a really good time.

Angus summarized his research in theatre thus: "The 28 dramatic productions we have seen on the trip impressed me as an old observation. Theatre is a rare complex of the following—an adequate theatre plant; a great script; skill, imagination and inspiration on the part of directors, designers, technicians and finally, and indispensably, the breath of life that comes only when each member of a company understands his particular contribution to the whole production and enjoys the moment of creation. A production may lack one or more of these—except the last—and still be good, but a truly great production must have all."

Recently I had read a statement on theatre which had interested me: "England has theatre for the actor; America, the director; France, the playwright." I asked Angus if he felt this to be true, and he said he did.

Praises Driver
As a small tribute to our "chauffeur," Jim, we presented him with a recording of the opera, "I Puritani," a performance of which we had all greatly enjoyed attending in Munich. We cannot praise Jim too much. How he was able to convey us through such sizable cities as London, Paris, Vienna—and through countries employing awkward left-side driving as England and Sweden—without mishap, we shall never know. Considerate, fair, kind, Jim kept an even disposition at all times. In tight traffic pinches—unavoidable to all drivers—Jim remained calm by cracking a joke or breaking into a low whistle, thus creating a sense of security to all and possibly to himself. One day, after observing with admiration how Jim held his own against the incredible bluffs and audacities of Parisian drivers, I asked Jim the secret of his success as a driver and he grinned and said, "Oh, I just close my eyes, grit my teeth, and step on the gas." While the wisecrack might truthfully apply to many European drivers, with Jim it simply covered his habitual modesty.

In the course of our travels, Jim was given several titles such as pilot, skipper, etc. In Spain he received one we especially liked. Hotel porters, as they helped carry out our luggage, invariably became intrigued with our bus and would stand and gaze. As one well-intentioned porter started to load our baggage on top, he was interrupted and told that only our driver knew how it went. The porter stopped, looked at Jim uncertainly, then exclaimed: "Oh, the engineer!" And so, "engineer" Jim became. But "by any other name" Jim, as a firstrate driver, and compatible companion, he won our undying respect.

All, in our party, in his or her way, contributed. Gertrude and Almus were invaluable as linguists in Germany, France, Spain. Dorit supplied humor and invariable good nature as well as serving on "lunch committee" or whatever. (And if you think it is no small accomplishment to lay in picnic supplies in a foreign country, try it! Often each article must be bought at a separate shop, with no end of complications.) Eve, our "dawn girl," up before the sun and everybody else, was in all ways helpful, and solicitor. Carroll, our agricultural authority, helped stow the luggage and often acted as co-pilot. Both he and Jim, cameramen, took hun-

dreds of pictures. Almus, as mathematician, kept our complicated transactions straight and acted as "song-leader."

Turns Song Writer
Angus, discovering an unsuspected flair for song-writing, produced several compositions during our trip and also kept us amused and entertained by parodies of "Oh, Susannah"—a new verse for every occasion. He also excelled as route-planner, map-holder and public relations ambassador-in-general.

It was difficult to realize our tour was over. Now we found that travelers all have one thing in common: when a trip is finished, they are anxious to get home. And seeing no particular need to return by way of New York at present, Almus and I decided to cancel our passage on the Leonardo da Vinci and to fly home via the "polar" route, by way of London. The Bowmers, who wanted to do the same, unfortunately had commitments in New York which made it advisable to stick with the Leonardo da Vinci; upon completing their New York business, they would return home by plane. The Allens and Millers, as prearranged, would drive our trusty V.W. bus back to Medford by southern U.S., making a stop in Florida.

So, with our revolvers, our "ill partee" became six, and as Angus observed, like "ten little Indians," would soon be reduced to four. As the others left for a day on Capri, the Pruitts took to the air from Naples to London by way of the Swiss Alps which, under bright sunlight and winter snow were a breathtaking sight. At dark we descended on London, which, lighted by sodium vapor lights, glittered like strands of golden necklaces in the clear night. To our astonishment we had no fog at all in the four days we were there—mostly sunshine in daytime and clear moonlight at night. We passed the time awaiting the day of our flight with some last theatre such as "The Streets of Conquer" at the Old Vic. "Playboy of the Western World" with Siobhan McKenna, and "Chin Chin" with Anthony Quayle and Celia Johnson. Christmas decorations—tremendous snow-crystals in color strung the length of Oxford and Regent streets—were sensational. As we left the Strand Palace hotel by taxi for the airport, I met costars of my flight—the Arctic loomed as fantastic even a little unnerving. But in the lounge, as we listened to the loud speaker announcing flights leaving for such faraway places as Tokyo, Nairobi, Cairo, Bombay, Sydney, our own flight appeared less hazardous. Soon we heard, "London to Seattle, Portland, and San Francisco," and that was us.

Six hundred miles per hour at 32,000 feet above sea-level may sound a bit formidable, yet in our sealed-off-jet-world it might have been spring. Most of the time we were high above all clouds and storms. We landed only once for refueling—at Frobisher Bay, a Canadian-U.S. outpost on Baffin Island where it was 20 degrees below zero. Passengers were permitted to leave the plane, and while most didn't, and Almus was reluctant to, I wouldn't have missed it for anything. Stepping out into the gusty night, the blade-air seemed to sear the skin—especially nylon-clad ankles! We picked our way through blowing snow and whooshing wind to the warm lounge, where we were served free hot coffee. We talked with a Royal Canadian Mountie, clad in fur parka. "Do you like it here?" I asked. And he smiled and said, "Oh, it's all right, for a while. Not for a lifetime."

Again our plane zoomed off and we didn't see land again until we neared Seattle, with Mt. Rainier looming clearly in its snowy husk under moonlight. It was exactly 12 hours since we had left London. At the airport we were met by the George Packhams, at whose home we were guests for the night. Busy as ever with singing engagements, George took time out to acquire us around Seattle, which we hadn't seen for several years.

Our flight from Seattle the following afternoon brought familiar sights—the Cascades, and the Columbia pouring along the Washington-Oregon border. I thought of the countless foreign rivers and mountains we had seen in recent months—the Rhine, Danube, Po, Thames, Arno, Seine... and now Rainier, like a delicate blue-ink drawing looked as glorious as ever, and St. Helens, Adams, and Hood—pure ivory-white and perfect in the sun. Nothing in America was diminished—nothing at all. And then down at dusk at

Holiday Fair Set Friday

Jackson County Home Extension units are making final preparation for a Christmas Fair to be held Friday, December 16 at the Army Reserve building on Jackson and McAndrews Road from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Many gift items will be on display and for sale; Christmas decorations, novelties, toys, candies, baked foods, and candies will be among the articles featured. Coffee and cookies will be served during the fair.

Profits from the Christmas Fair will be used in part for 4-H and student scholarships and to send delegates to the State Extension council meeting next Spring.

Auxiliary Plans Holiday Project

Phoenix — The Phoenix Lion's auxiliary held the annual Christmas party December 8 at North's Chuck Wagon in Medford.

Plans were made for Christmas baskets for the needy with Mrs. A. R. Construk, Mrs. Fred Barbeau, Mrs. Edward Stevens and Mrs. John Clafin as the committee in charge.

It was reported that the group had helped a needy family at Thanksgiving time. After the business meeting, gifts were exchanged. Guests for the evening were Mrs. C. R. Learned, Mrs. C. W. Stone, Mrs. Elmer Faytinger, Mrs. O. F. Frazier and Mrs. John Cook.

Hayes Arrive In Anchorage

Eagle Point — Word has been received of the arrival in Anchorage, Alaska, of Mrs. Lee Hayes and children, Susan, Kathy, and Steven, formerly of Eagle Point.

Mrs. Hayes, who was principal of the Eagle Point Grade school for eight years, drove to Alaska in August to assume duties as principal of a school in Anchorage.

Following Mr. Hayes' departure, Mrs. Hayes and the children visited her parents, Col. and Mrs. Clyde Young, Santa Rosa, Calif., until Mr. Hayes located a house for the family.

Earlier this month the Youngs and Hayes' visited relatives in the Rogue valley. Among those visited were Mrs. Hayes' grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kleinhammer, Ashland, and Mr. Hayes' parents, the Orval Hayes, Medford.

Mrs. Hayes and children flew from San Francisco for Anchorage Saturday.

New York — (UPI) — New cotton diapers, woven so they stretch, are easy to use. Pin one side, then stretch the diaper and pin the other side.

the Medford airport, the sight of happy family faces awaiting us (plus the news of roast turkey and dressing in the oven), and our 6-month journey became a part of the past, and we are home again.

Committee Endorses Girl Scouts

Seven Rogue Valley Girl Scouts were recently endorsed by the Selections committee to compete regionally for the 1961 national and international Girl Scout events, according to Mrs. W. W. Stevenson, chairman.

Selected by the committee were Miss Jean DeYoung from Grants Pass Troop 131 to attend the international gathering abroad; Miss Donna Conrod from Yreka Troop 232 to attend the Juliette Low session at Our Cabana; Miss Judy Foote, Grants Pass Troop 131 to attend the experiment in international living in Canada; Miss Rosalind Hummel, Grants Pass Troop 98, to attend the Heritage Trail; and Miss Roberta Stephenson from Grants Pass Troop 131 to attend the all-states conference to explore outdoor vocations.

Girls named to attend the 1961 Regional opportunities were Miss Penny Roach, Medford Troop 192, the Spanish language camp; and Miss Arlene Moulton, Grants Pass Troop 20, the backpacking events. Alternates selected for the Spanish language camp were Misses Penny Forbes, Jill Hibbs and Carol Knoschot from Medford Troop 192 and Miss Gail Smith, Grants Pass Troop 125. Girls selected as alternates for the backpacking event were Misses Penny Forbes and Jill Hibbs and Miss Katherine Pollock, Grants Pass Troop 125.

Mrs. Stevenson pointed out that in the event the council is allowed two delegates or that the selectees cannot attend, alternates named for both events would have the opportunity of attending only one event. More than twice as many girls applied this year as last year, and the decision of the committee as to who should be endorsed or selected was based on a point system for experience of the applicant, interview evaluations, evaluation from 1960 day and established camp staff and the written statements of the applicant.

Mrs. Stevenson also stated that the Girl Scout office has information on events for 1962 and 1963 and suggests that all Scout leaders be informed on the opportunities and requirements for these events so that the girls can prepare now for these future events.

The Rogue Valley Girl Scout council is a member agency of the United Medford Crusade, the Ashland-Talent-United Fund, and the Josephine County United Fund; the West Siskiyou district conducts a Girl Scout Fund Drive.

Home From Tour

Ashland—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bell and their son Herbert and daughter Courtney returned to Ashland last week after a four-month trip around the world.

They visited in Lucknow, India, with Mr. Bell's brother who heads a Methodist publishing company there. Their travel was by freighter, plane and train. They report many interesting experiences especially in India and the Orient.

Lodges To Hold Yuletide Party

Central Point—The annual Christmas party sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Central Point will be held at the IOOF hall here Saturday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m. Parents attending with their children are asked to take a gift for each child. Santa Claus will distribute the gifts.

All Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their families and friends are invited. Each family is asked to take half a dozen sandwiches.

Calendar

Calendar notes and news for the society section of The Medford 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 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Thursday:

6:30 p.m. — Roxy Ann court, Order of the Amaranth, Masonic temple.

6:30 p.m. — Adarel chapter, OES, Masonic Temple, Jacksonville.

7:30 p.m. — Lively Rogues, Rogue Valley Country club.

8 p.m. — Phoenix Thursday club, home of Mrs. Gordon Germer, 4589 South Pacific hwy.

8 p.m. — Welcome Wagon club, Red Cross building.

8 p.m. — Bethel 69, International Order of Job's Daughters, Masonic temple.

Friday:

12 noon — Episcopal Church Women of St. Mark's, at church.

1 p.m. — Electa Social club, Girls Community club.

1 p.m. — Get Together club, Girls Community club.

Veteran Dressmakers Work On Inaugural Wardrobe

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor
New York — (UPI) — Young Mrs. John F. Kennedy turned to a couple of veteran dressmakers to produce her inaugural wardrobe.

Between them, Oleg Cassini and Ethel Frankau have been in the fashion business for nearly 75 years.

Cassini, who will make at least five evening dresses for Mrs. Kennedy, opened his first custom salon in Rome in 1933. He was 20 at the time.

Miss Frankau went to work in 1914 as a buyer with Bergdorf Goodman and developed the New York store's custom department which will make the next first lady's inaugural ball gown. Mrs. Kennedy submitted her own sketches for the gown and details are "op the gown" and details are "op the gown."

Only Miss Frankau and about half a dozen seasoned seamstresses and fitters know whether Mrs. Kennedy selected a slim or full skirted silhouette. And none is talking.

"I've said no to inquiries so often I'm beginning to feel like the sphinx of Bergdorf's," said Miss Frankau in an interview.

"But we will not release one single detail of the dress until Mrs. Kennedy says it's all right."

Miss Frankau, a small woman with dark eyes and gray hair, is generally considered the "dean" of New York buyers. She was one of the first

in the United States to decide American stores needed to know what Paris designers were making. She has been covering the Paris fashion openings since 1915.

Through the years, the list of customers who have visited the salon, done in "ankle-deep" beige carpet and antique French furnishings, would read like a combination social and celebrity register. Miss Frankau said she had sold to president-elect Kennedy's sisters for several years.

For Cassini, this is his first commission from the future first lady. He visited the 33-year-old Jacqueline at Georgetown Hospital in Washington last week.

The designer, a dapper man with graying hair and clipped mustache, received his early design training from his mother, Countess Marguerite Cassini, who once ran a fashionable dress shop in Florence, Italy.

Born in Paris 47 years ago, Cassini worked as a sketcher for Jean Patou, the Paris couturier, before he opened his shop in Rome.

Card Party Set Saturday Night

Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters will hold a public pinocle party Saturday, December 17, at the Pythian building at 8 p.m. Prizes will be given, and refreshments served.

This is the second of a series of such parties; a grand prize will be presented at the close.



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