



Mrs. Thomas (Victoria) Staley, Eagle Point, and Robert Bosworth, Medford, are pictured here with a painting which three five-year-old judges selected as their favorite in the Poor Losers' art show held last Sunday at the Medford hotel. Mr. Bosworth's paintings were chosen as favorites in a popular vote. In this unique art show, the artist who won the judge's award received nothing but "glory" while Mr. Bosworth was given a bottle of champagne. The Poor Losers' show, planned by Robertson Collins and James Ragland, members of the Rogue Valley Art association, was an effort to attract attention to the first annual regional art show now at Rogue gallery, and to raise money to bring additional art exhibits here. The Losers' event attracted many entries and wide comment, for the most part favorable.

(Simonson-Walker photo)

Center Building Fund Plans To Be Discussed by Council

Plans are now being formulated to set up a Senior Activities Center building fund, donation to which may be sent to the Rogue Valley Council on Aging. Fred Rankin, chairman of the Center committee, stated. More than 300 senior citizens used the local Center during November, according to the hostess' guest book registration. The Center is sponsored by the Rogue Valley Council on Aging and is operated by volunteers. It is open daily during scheduled activities. The building is owned by the city of Medford and maintained by the city parks and recreation department. The Center committee includes representatives from

the Council, the Fifty Plus club, the city recreation commission and participants of the Center.

Frank Glonning is chairman of the Council; Omar Bacon, vice chairman; John Gribble, secretary-treasurer, and Russ Jamison, Mrs. C. O. Thatcher and Mrs. Elsa Walker, directors.

Mrs. Rankin returned last week from a month's stay in Seattle, Renton and Tacoma, Wash. She reported that the local Center is the only one in Oregon to have an organized orchestra. She said that both the Centers in Renton and Seattle have paid staffs and are planning to expand their quarters.

Leaves
Shady Cove - Mrs. Mary Chapman left recently for Long Beach, Calif., to spend the Christmas holidays and early new year with relatives. She plans to return in March.

Gold Toothpicks Top List Of Suggested Small Gifts

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New York - If your boy friend or husband is a man who has everything you might try to surprise him this Christmas with gold dice - at \$77 a set.

A Madison avenue jewelry firm that in 1953 offered a 14-carat toothpick and watched it grow into a best seller has given a golden touch to an infinite variety of gift items this year.

Golden Christmas

For men, for instance, there are in addition to the toothpick (\$7.50 plain, \$10 initialed), gold button-down collar buttons (\$17 per pair), and golf tee (\$27.50). For women, there are a gold needle (\$2.50), needle threader (\$6), thimble (\$13), nail file (\$12.50), and garters (\$55). For either sex, the firm offers a gold book mark (\$7.50) or rabbit's foot (\$6.50).

"Half the U.S. Senate owns gold toothpicks," a spokesman said. "The garters are a popular item this Christmas season."

"The gold tee," he added, "hasn't done so well. In fact, it's a bomb. A gold thumb tack for executive bulletin boards also was a dud."

He said that making 14-carat variations of various small items began in 1952 when he was hospitalized with a long illness.

"I was lying around with not much to do but listen to music," he said. "When one day a physical therapist came around with a jewelry-making kit. Being a jeweler, I took a look at it."

"I don't know how the idea for the tooth pick came to me... but I made one for myself complete with leather case."

Christmas of 1953 the firm included toothpicks in its catalog and advertisements and was swamped with orders. Since then, the spokesman said, it has sold thousands to customers in all parts of the world. Last Christmas, a customer called from Nome, Alaska, to place an order. This year, a couple of orders came in from Italian Somaliland.

The gold garters, geared so the woman can insert her own elastic, were added to the general stock after one male customer asked that a pair be made for his wife, who was allergic to base metals.

Christmas Rush

Christmas is the biggest selling season for gimmicks, the spokesman said, but a lot of them go for Father's, Mother's and St. Valentine's days. The rest of the year the firm specializes in fine jewelry, and it's all in a week's work to assemble a \$25,000 diamond necklace.

"It takes a lot of toothpick

sales to add up to that!" he said.

I asked him what the dental profession had to say about the practicality of the gold toothpicks. "We've never asked," he replied. "But we got an order for one from Temple university's school of dentistry. They wanted it for their museum."

Reames Chapter To Hold Party; Initiation Held

Reames Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its annual Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Medford Masonic temple. The party will follow a stated meeting at which Mrs. Ray V. Nordwick and E. G. Randolph, worthy matron and patron, will preside.

Instead of the usual gift exchange, "Santa" will have gifts under the tree for everyone. It has been decided that in lieu of bringing a gift to exchange, there will be an offering for ESTAR and endowment funds.

Chairman and co-chairman, for the evening are Mrs. Keith Bates and Mrs. Penn Chitwood.

At the last meeting of Reames chapter, Dr. and Mrs. R. Ray Martin were initiated into the order. Mrs. Nordwick and Mr. Randolph officiated.

Mrs. Martin wore a formal gown of silver and blue silk brocade made of material which Dr. Martin brought from Damascus. Dr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of Mrs. Stewart Pennington, chapter officer, who assisted with the initiation.

Dr. Martin is a professor emeritus from Hamline university in St. Paul, Minn., where he taught for twenty years. The Martin's are now retired and living in Medford.

Members of Reames Social club who have birthdays in October, November and December will be honored at the regular monthly luncheon at 12 noon on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at the Medford Masonic temple.

A short business meeting and card games will follow.

Mrs. E. G. Randolph is chairman of the luncheon and those assisting are Mr. and Mrs. Carmine Gigliotti, Mrs. Norman Svensen and Mrs. Frank L. Stratton.

Plan Party

The annual Christmas party of Wednesday Study club will be held Wednesday, December 21, at the Girls Community club. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by a program and gift exchange.

Play Cast Announced At College

Ashland - Tryouts for the Southern Oregon College Player's winter production, "Many Moons," has resulted in a double cast with the exception of three roles.

The three-act children's theater production concerns a princess who ate an overabundance of raspberry jam, fell ill, and could be cured only if she were given the moon. Busily the royal palace set about to attempt this feat.

Portraying the princess is Leona Hageman, Raymond, Wash., with the king being Robert Burrows, Cave Junction. The court jester is Willis Williams, and Sid Smith, in the double cast, both of Medford. Larry Barleen, Klamath Falls, and George Converse, Ashland, will play the chamberlain. The wizard will be David O'Donahue, Klamath Falls, and Robert Adler, Medford. The part of Paretta is played by Rose Mary White, Ashland, and Linda Cornutt, Central Point. Marsha Minshall, Jacksonville, and Marjorie Pittam, North Bend, are Cynthia, with the nurse being Joyce Bodley, Coos Bay, and the goldsmith's daughter, Betty Whorton, Roseburg.

Janice Birdwell, Fort Jones, Calif., and Judy Berkeley, Garden Grove, Calif., will serve as co-assistant directors for "Many Moons." In charge of the actor's costumes are Carol Heggis, Joy Walsh, and Sherry Conley, Ashland, while Mimi Jones, Medford; Penny Cantwell, Grants Pass; and Janet Clark, Chiloquin; apply make-up.

Rehearsal sessions will be held nightly throughout January to prepare for the six performances to be given early in February both in Ashland and Medford. This is the fifth consecutive year that the SOC-Players have prepared a full-length children's production.

Director of the production is Dr. Dorothy Stolp, associate professor of speech and drama at SOC.

Tin Can Craft Demonstrated

Mrs. C. C. Hoover, "artiste par excellence" in the tin can craft, was on the program for a recent Wednesday Study Club meeting, substituting for Mrs. R. T. Nichol.

To a hobbyist, the important thing about a tin can is not what is inside but how it looks when transformed into lovely and useful articles for the home, it was said. Mrs. Hoover's collection of Christmas wreaths, bells, plaques, candlestick holders, ash trays, even dainty ear drops, fashioned in delicate, lacy, intricate designs, demonstrates what can be done with the lowly tin can.

Mrs. Hoover states, "All that is necessary to work with is a pair of sharp tinsnippers, a pair of needle-nosed pliers and an ice pick." Her audience decided that "talented fingers," patience and artistic ability, would help.

The Can Manufacturing reports 42 billion cans are produced each year or 850 cans for every American family.

Mrs. Ruby Rusque, a guest substituting for Mrs. O. H. Brenneman, gave several readings, one of particular interest, "The Spring by the Side of the Road," which was the inspiration for Sam Walter Foss' poem, "The House by the Side of the Road."

Darlene Brophy Girl of Term

Ashland-SOC Girl of the Term is Darlene Brophy, Klamath Falls, Ore., a senior in elementary education. An all-campus election by the Associated Women Students resulted in Miss Brophy's selection as Girl of the Term in an assembly last week at Southern Oregon college.

Flowers were presented to her in recognition of her work as Homecoming co-chairman and for her interest shown in other college activities.

Miss Brophy lives with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William Lindy, 2374 Shasta Way, Klamath Falls.

Blue Star Mothers In Cave Junction Plan Holiday Party

Cave Junction - Blue Star Mothers are planning a Christmas party to be held December 22 in the World War Veterans hall. A potluck luncheon at 12

o'clock noon will be followed by a gift exchange. Community singing of Christmas carols will highlight a variety of entertainment numbers during the day. Mrs. Zeida Foster, president, announced that election of officers will be held the third Tuesday in January, instead of in December.

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