



Medford Rose society and Rogue Valley Rose society, Grants Pass, held installation of officers in a recent ceremony in the Red Cross building, Medford. Pictured following the meeting are (left to right) Dr. Louis G. Gentner, retiring president of the Medford group; Mrs. Daniel Heffner, Pacific Northwest district director of the American Rose society who conducted the ceremonies; Mrs. Randal Axtell, Trail, new president of the Medford society; Charles Bothwell, new president of Rogue Valley Rose society; and Mrs. Victor Boehl, retiring president of Rogue Valley Rose society.

(Simonsen-Walker photo)

Societies Install New Officers

Officers for both Medford Rose Society and Rogue Valley Rose society, Grants Pass, were installed in recent ceremonies held at the Red Cross building.

Mrs. Daniel Heffner, Portland, Pacific Northwest district director of the American Rose society, conducted the ceremonies. About 60 members of the two groups and guests attended.

Mrs. Randal Axtell, Trail, took office as president of the Medford society, succeeding Dr. Louis G. Gentner. Other new officers installed were Clarence Miller, vice president; Dayton Dupue, second vice president; Mrs. E. P. Updike, secretary; E. L. Lenox, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Hobbs, historian; Roy Arthur, parliamentarian.

Installed for the Grants Pass group were Charles Bothwell, president; Victor Boehl, vice president; Mrs. Henry Keiseker, second vice president; Mrs. George Wood, recording secretary; Mrs. Kenneth Ogle, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Donald Grey, treasurer. Twenty members of the Grants Pass society were present for the ceremony.

Mrs. Heffner expressed pleasure at the growth of both societies, and took part in a panel discussion conducted by Vaughn Quackenbush, Medford, on various aspects of rose growing.

During a meeting of the Medford society, Dr. Gentner presented Mrs. Axtell the gavel of the Medford society. Refreshments were served by members of the Medford group.

Master Point Play Scheduled

White City - Master point play is scheduled for the Camp White Veterans Bridge club Friday night, February 3.

Leading north-south players at regular play January 27 were Mrs. Fred Burich and Mrs. Fred Rehling, first, 85½; Mr. and Mrs. Berg Marten, second, 85; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Clark, third, 71.

East-west winners were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fennell, first, 73½; L. Richter and Walter Grow, second, 68½; Mr. and Mrs. James Winslow, third, 68.

Ink stains from a ball point pen should not be washed. Water tends to set them. A dry cleaner can usually remove the stain if the garment has not been washed.

Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted to 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:

6:45 p.m. - Rogue River Valley Knife and Fork club, Rogue Valley Country club.

7:30 p.m. - Griffin Creek Parent-Teachers association, school gymnasium.

7:30 p.m. - Mistletoe camp, Royal Neighbors of America, Knights of Pythias hall.

8 p.m. - Adair chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Jacksonville Masonic temple.

8 p.m. - Crater Lake series, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Eagles hall.

8 p.m. - Mothers of Twins club, home of Mrs. C. Gordon Morris, 107 South Elm st.

8 p.m. - Neighbors of Woodcraft of Phoenix, Phoenix Community club room.

8 p.m. - Southern Oregon Stamp club, Girls Community club.

Friday:

11 a.m. - Griffin Creek Home Extension unit, Griffin Creek Grange hall.

12 noon - Thimble Club of Phoenix, home of Mrs. Mervin Hixson, Culver rd., Phoenix.

12:30 p.m. - Christian Women's club, Rogue Valley Country club.

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

Y Knot Twirlers To Hold Party; Officers Named

Y Knot Twirlers Square Dance club plans a Saturday night party dance February 4 at the Phoenix Community club at 8:30 p.m. A potluck supper will be served during intermission.

Douglas Fosbury will call; all square dancers are welcome.

January 26 a short business meeting was held before the square dance workshop to elect officers. The new officers are Leonard E. Matheus, president; John Hinderer, vice president; Miss Florence Robinson, secretary-treasurer.

Women To Sew For Shrine Hospitals

Members of Zulueta temple, Daughters of the Nile, will meet to sew for the children in the Shrine hospitals Monday, February 6, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. William Clark, 545 Pierce road.

Members desiring transportation or further information may contact Mrs. Milo Kubalek, Springfield 3-2186.

Ticket Sale Announced

Tickets for "Many Moons" will be sold in Medford area schools tomorrow during the lunch hour by members of American Association of University Women.

The play will be performed on the stage of the Craterian theater next Tuesday by members of Southern Oregon college players, directed by Dr. Dorothy Stolp.

Children of the first three grades may attend the first performance at 2:30 p.m. The second showing will be at 4:15. The play lasts one hour and ten minutes, and parents are to provide transportation.

Persons wanting tickets for adults or pre-schoolers may buy them at schools from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. tomorrow, or call Mrs. Donald E. Walters, Springfield 3-2500, or Mrs. Dale C. Prentice, Springfield 3-3009.

Orations Given By Two Students

Jean Allen and Steve Blackhurst, students in Hedrick Junior High school speech classes, gave original orations at a meeting of Hedrick Parent-Teacher association Monday evening, January 20.

Young Steve's oration was titled "Reminiscence" and Miss Allen's was "Beauty."

Girl Scouts Julie Barclay, Sharon Chipman, Penny Forbes and Judy McFadden presented the Colors.

The eighth grade girls chorus, directed by Carroll Graber, sang. Members of the home-making classes presented a style show, with Fred Haupt, Chip Buffington and Scott Cunningham as announcers.

An art and crafts display was exhibited in the auditorium following the short business session and program. A social hour followed in the cafeteria.

Pocahontas Plans Party on Friday

Pocahontas lodge plans a "fun night" party Friday, February 3 at 8:30 p.m. in the Redman hall on Apple street for members and their invited guests.

The party will follow a business meeting of the lodge scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

Francis Cronin, of the Hill-Topper, and a part of his group will demonstrate square dance routines, with the lodge members joining. Mr. Cronin will furnish the music and do the calling with Mrs. Cronin assisting in the dancing.

Members are asked to bring sandwiches and cookies.

Social Events



This reporter and Shakespeare fan is forever scanning the theatrical columns from other parts of the nation, particularly New York City, hoping to find news of former Oregon Shakespearean festival actors. We often find such news, but two recent letters from Richard Graham, one of the best known of the former Ashland company members, was filled with more news than we'd had in months and months.

In the second letter, written to the Angus Bowmiers in Ashland, about the middle of January, Dick G. wrote that he was to start rehearsals the next day with Ellis Rabb's Artists' Producing association (known as APA) for the association's Shakespearean repertory season at the McCarter theater in "my old home town of Princeton, N. J. We rehearse in New York, and play in Princeton Wednesday through Saturday evening and sometimes Sunday," he wrote.

One of the directors will be Allen Fletcher, former Ashland festival actor and director, and also in the company will be Phil Andrus - who played in Ashland as Phil Jacobus and was King Edward in "Richard the Third" in the 1956 season. Graham wrote that "Phil Andrus, whom you would never recognize as the young actor who was in Ashland, is playing France in the first production, which is 'Lear,' and I shall be doing Albany. Rabb is doing Lear, of course. Allen Fletcher will be directing 'As You Like It' and although I haven't been informed officially, I imagine I will be playing the good Duke. I'm doing Theseus in 'Dream' which Bill Ball (also of Ashland fame) was originally to direct, but a conflict arose and so Bill will not be directing for them this time. The other plays are 'Twelfth Night' and 'Hamlet' and I don't know what I'll be doing in them."

He also wrote "This is a permanent group devoted to production of the 'classics' which they term plays of enduring entertainment value, or some other less terrifying phrase. As a rep company, they played summer stock houses last summer, as well as in Bermuda, with a three-play repertory of 'Man and Superman,' a Pirandello and a Chekov, I think it was. Anyway the Bucks County Playhouse has invited them back this summer. They maintain their continuity as a company through workshop study between producing seasons, of which there seem to be three a year, though this is their first Shakespeare season. The plays are rehearsed and put into the repertory one at a time, as in Antioch, and this season will last through March 26.

"Before I forget, Juliet Randall (who played two seasons in Ashland as Mary Jo Randall) was given the lead in the Phoenix theater production of Dion Boucicault's 'The Octoroon' which comes up next. It's a glorious part for her, and I know she'll knock them dead with it." A dip into our file of Ashland festival programs showed that Miss Randall, who had to drop the "Mary Jo" because another New York actress had the same name, played Rosalind in "As You Like It" in 1957.

The newsy letter from Actor Graham had started with the information that "Borak" in which he had been appearing in The Martinique, off-Broadway theater, had "expired of box office malnutrition." Writing earlier to Pappy and Potpourri, he had enclosed a leaflet about Borak, described as a verse play by Robert D. Hook. Allen Fletcher had also directed this play, which had earned excellent reviews from most of the New York drama critics, but apparently failed to catch on with the patrons.

Borak, he wrote "is a verse play on a fictitious incident in the Civil War. Allen Fletcher directed it and Gordon Davidson of Highland Park was one of the producers. They had called me for a part in it, but I couldn't see those murderous off-Broadway rehearsal salaries at that moment, and declined. The play got good reviews, but little interest from the public and was about to close, but the announcement of same created a small flurry at the box office, so it was revived.

"Last night I took over the small but powerful part of the Preacher, vacated by Don Gunderson (another well known Ashland player) who has moved to the off-Broadway production of 'Beautiful Dreamer,' a story of Stephen Foster. You can't tell the players, even with a program, inasmuch as some have adopted more euphonious names than those we knew them by in Ashland. Nicholas Pryor, whom we knew as Nick Probst, played Launcelot Gobbo when I directed 'Merchant'; Philip Andrus, whom we knew as Phil Jacobus, played Biron in 'Love's Labour's,' etc. Both are doing very fine work in this show, Jacobus far better than one would have foreseen when he was in his apprenticeship in Ashland.

"Tony Ristoff is still himself, being very convincing and unembarrassing in the difficult job of the ubiquitous soldier. Janet Saltus is a walk-on in the final scene and part-time usher. (Janet, whose family lived in Ashland for several years, was in the festival company and appeared in Ashland High school and Southern Oregon college plays.)

"No one knows how long the show may last, but as I have also taken over the understudyship of Colonel Borak, which Gunderson had, I'm hoping it will last long enough for me to learn it and have a crack at playing it."

The actor also disclosed that he had just learned "courtesy of Bill Patton and the Festival Newsletter, of the statue of Lear erected on the coffee terrace of the theater. Here I've been immortalized half a year and didn't even know it. Is it any good? This stupendous fact has earned me the family nickname of 'rockhead,' so I may sue!"

Hollywood is also putting out news of a one-time Ashland Shakespearean actor. Potpourri received a release from no less than Cleary-Strauss & Irwin of the film capital saying that George Peppard is being co-starred with Audrey Hepburn in the Juror-Shepherd comedy for Paramount titled "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

The play is based on Truman Capote's short novel, and the story is told in the first person. However, the Hollywood release said "Any resemblance between Mr. Capote (rhymes with 'floats') the distinguished 36-year-old playwright, short-story writer, novelist, bon vivant and esthete-about-town, and Mr. Peppard (rhymes with 'en garde') the former football player, fencing expert, taxi driver and engineering student, is unlikely and astonishing."

To which we might add that Potpourri has a little trouble finding any resemblance between the George Peppard which Cleary-Strauss and Irwin described and the one we knew during his time with the Oregon festival. Except, of course, that festival directors and patrons also know that Mr. Peppard is really an actor. O.S.

Women's News

New Officers Installed For Order of De Molay

Roger Kelsoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. Kelsoe, Hillcrest road, was installed master counselor of Medford chapter, Order of De Molay, at ceremonies held Wednesday evening, January 25, at the Masonic temple.

Other officers installed were Larry Little, senior counselor and Michael Fetherston, junior counselor.

Appointive officers installed were Steven Eichelberger, senior deacon; Jim Kubalek, junior deacon; Jon Jensen, senior steward; Dean Evernham, junior steward; Jerry Giem, marshal; Robert Van Duker, chaplain; Jim Armstrong, scribe; Gary Wheeler, orator; Ray Hogue, almoner; Jim Myers, standard bearer; and Wayne Kelsoe, sentinel.

Preceptors installed were Monte Kennedy, Eddie Brownell, Michael Dwyer, Richard Swan, Steve Kesler, Fletcher Fish, and Dennis Dwyer.

Members of the Ashland chapter of the order were installing officers. Mort Scripston, installing master counselor, was assisted by Jim Wright, Victor York, Rick Callahan, and Ron Kistler. David Kelsoe, Ashland chapter, acted as installing marshal for his brother. Captain of the honor guard was Dick Wright. The Shrine Chanters sang.

Mr. Kelsoe introduced his parents and his two brothers, David and Wayne Kelsoe. The

Couple Returns From Kentucky

Hornbrook - Mr. and Mrs. Orson Coleman have returned from Mayfield, Ky., where they had spent the past four weeks visiting their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coleman and two daughters. While there, their son took them to see the Tennessee Valley Authority dam on the Tennessee river and Kentucky lake, formed by the dam, which with its length of 184 miles and 3,000-mile shoreline, is the largest man-made lake in the world.

Another place of interest to the Coleman's was a tobacco auction, which they attended in Mayfield, and at which the tobacco, brought a higher price than for many years. Their grand-daughter, Miss Gerry Elnore, cared for their ranch during their absence.



Roger Kelsoe

Barbara Morton, honored queen, Bethel 14; Miss Mary Beth Housel, worthy advisor, Warren assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls; and Miss Janice Armstrong, past worthy advisor.

Refreshments were served by the Mothers' club and the newly installed officers were hosts for the dancing which followed.

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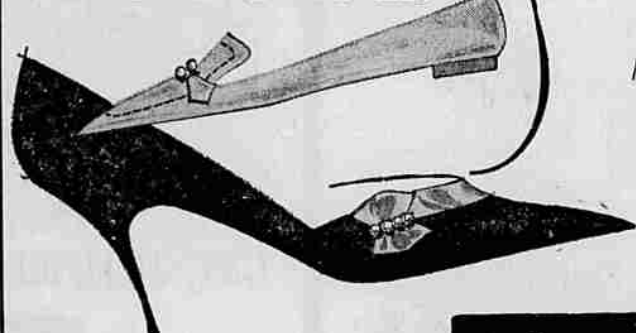
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