



How to solve the problem of getting the moon for a princess is pondered here by three characters in James Thurber's fantasy, "Many Moons," to be presented in the Craterian theater here Tuesday, February 7, by the SOC Players. Pictured (left to right) are Robert Adler, the lord high chamberlain; David O'Donahue, playing the royal wizard, and David Bowdoin, a mathematician. The production here is being sponsored by Medford branch, American Association of University Women.

(Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Play Booked Tomorrow

Tomorrow is the day "Many Moons" will be performed on the Craterian theater stage. Southern Oregon college players will dramatize James Thurber's children's fantasy of an ailing princess who wants the moon, and the king and court who try to get the moon for her.

Children of the first three grades who have tickets or notes from their parents may be dismissed early to attend the 2:30 p.m. performance. Older children may see the 4:15 p.m. staging. The play lasts 70 minutes.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the box office. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Dale C. Prentice, Spring 2-3090, or Mrs. Nils A. Edin, Spring 2-9811.

Earring Auction Planned by Group

An auction of members' earrings will highlight a valentine party of Xi Mu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Wednesday, February 8.

The party will be at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Veri G. Walker, 2642 Merriman road. At the last meeting, Mrs. Austin Murray gave the program on origami, the art of paper folding. All members present participated in folding paper wind blowers, boxes, balloons, and swans. They also made decorations for the annual Valentine Ball sponsored by Medford city council of Beta Sigma Phi which will be Saturday, February 11.

Miss Adabee Seler assisted the hostess, Mrs. Nils A. Edin.

Calendar

Calendar notices 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.

Monday
7:45 p.m. - Medford chapter, Oregon Music Teachers association, home of Mrs. Darrell Huson, 45 Lindley st.
8 p.m. - VFW auxiliary, department of Oregon, dance, Veterans Administration domiciliary theater.
8 p.m. - Rogue Valley Coin club, Girls Community Club.

Tuesday
9:30 a.m. - District 6C Mothersingers, home of Mrs. Harvey Field, Seven Oaks rd., Central Point.
10 a.m. - Rogue Valley Navy Mothers club, Girls Community club.
12 noon - Women's guild, Zion Lutheran church, at church.

12 noon - Medford chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., home of Mrs. Oscar Anderson, 218 Winema way.
12:30 p.m. - Central Point Royal Neighbors of America, home of Mrs. Norman Stinger, 24 West Third st., Eagle Point.

1 p.m. - Ladies of Elks, Elks temple.

Lamp-Lighting
New York (UPI) - Don't hide your light under a dingy lamp shade. New for shades which have become dull are "slip-covers" made of elasticized rayon in white with gold metallic yarn trim. The covers wash easily, are shrink and tarnish-proof and fit any shade from 10 to 20 inches in diameter.

Woman Senator To Be Honored By State Society

Washington, D.C. - U. S. Senator Maurine Neuberger is to be honored at the annual banquet of the Oregon State society at the National Press club on the night of February 18, the society's president, Mr. Roger L. Conkling, has announced.

Charles Talbot Garland, chairman of the princess selection committee, will announce and present for the first time the name of Oregon's princess for the Washington Cherry Blossom festival. She will be a contender for festival queen. Mr. Garland will also present nominees of the Miss Oregon princess competition who will be banquet-hostesses.

Hundreds of local Oregonians will pay their respects to the new Senator with Oregon leaders in the nation's capital and the Oregon delegation to Congress.

Sen. Neuberger is the West's first woman to be elected senator and the first woman to be elected to the Senate who has not been previously appointed to the Senate or elected to the House.

In addition to honoring Sen. Neuberger, the banquet observes Oregon's admission day to the Union, February 14. Oregon manufacturers and businesses are sending gifts for distribution to Oregonians attending the banquet as mementos of their state.

After taking garments out of moth-ball storage, tumble them in an automatic dryer with no heat for a few minutes. That will help remove the odor of the moth balls.

Social Events ♦ Women's News

Head of Women's Bureau Gives Housework Views

By ROSE McKEE
Washington - The new assistant secretary of labor in charge of the Women's bureau is a strong advocate of "making housework as light as possible so that it does not become the dominant thing in a woman's life."

Mrs. Esther Peterson, chosen by President Kennedy for the important Labor department post, has a home in near-by Arlington, Va., which frees her for interesting outside work. She has a husband and four children.

Mrs. Peterson told an interviewer from the National Association of Home Builders that her two-story brown-gray stone house is "a simple home, practical, easy to take care of and very livable."

"We use everything in it," she adds, "every corner and every piece of equipment and when anything wears out, we start over again."

The woman whose job is to further the interests of other working women, said she considers a home a "place where one should feel security, love, companionship and to which you come for inner strength."

"I think drudgery should be eliminated as fast as possible from home chores," Mrs. Peterson said. "I'm not afraid of machines taking over duties because the more we remove burdens from housework, the more the home will fill its

rightful place along personal lines and for the leisure of the family. We, as a country, are coming to this."

Her own home has a combination boys' bedroom and recreation room in the basement, a living room, dining room, study, kitchen, utility room and powder room on the first floor. Upstairs there are three bedrooms, two baths and a utility room that is used for sewing and ironing.

Her living room, with light walls and curtains, is furnished in soft green with some red and gray. She has a baby grand piano in it, bookcases, a sofa by a window, comfortable corners for reading, a fireplace and a connection to the hi-fi in the study.

The dining room with its Swedish lamp, table, and chairs reflects the 1948-1952 period when the family lived in Sweden. Her husband, Oliver, a foreign service officer, was labor attaché at the American Embassy in Stockholm.

Both Mrs. Peterson and her husband have desks and files of their own in the study, which, being equipped with sofa bed, frequently doubles as a guest bedroom.

Kitchen Is Heart
But the room she considers "really the heart of our home" is the good-sized kitchen.

"It seems," she said, "that we always assemble here."

She does her own cooking and has the usual labor-saving appliances but does not run to "gadgets."

"The house, I've summed up, is an easy, functional one and simple and that is what I like."

Born in Utah of Danish parents, Mrs. Peterson formerly was a teacher. Regardless of where she has lived, she always has found interesting outside work. When her husband was stationed in Sweden, she worked closely with the Swedish Confederation of Trade Unions and women's organizations.

When he was transferred to Brussels, she became identified with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and worked on problems dealing with women's employment.

When her husband was reassigned to Washington in 1958 as labor advisor to the Bureau of African Affairs in the State Department, she became legislative representative of the AFL-CIO's industrial union department.

In last fall's presidential campaign, she was acting secretary of the "Labor Women's Committee for Kennedy and Johnson."

In recent years, with her children growing up, she has had even more free time for outside work. The children are Karen, 22, a college graduate; Eric, 21, a senior at Harvard; Iver, 17, a Harvard freshman, and Lars, 14, in high school.

As head of the Women's Bureau, Mrs. Peterson said she will be "extremely interested in doing everything I can to assist women workers to have a good, productive life in the full sense."

She added that "many American women have achieved this - but many have not."

Honored
Gold Hill - Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dungey entertained at a dinner in their home recently honoring Gail Price. He enlisted in the Air Force and is now stationed at Lackland Air Force base, San Antonio, Tex.

Guests were friends of the young man.

Dinner Honors Ashland Woman
Gold Hill - Mrs. Melissa Cameron, Ashland, was honored at a birthday dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olav Lokken in Gold Hill recently. Other members of the family present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. John Lovell, Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. T. Combest and Mrs. Florence Livingston, Gold Hill.

New Plants Club Topic

Claude Mills, Portland, was guest speaker Thursday for Medford Garden club's meeting in the Jackson County courthouse auditorium. Mr. Mills illustrated his talk with his personal collection of color slides. Mr. Mills mentioned many new plant introductions for the garden, and among his colored slides were many garden effects created out of rock.

Guests introduced were Mrs. Lester Defek, Mrs. Walter Seydeitz, Mrs. Charles Green and Mrs. Allan Laine.

Mrs. W. D. Durkee and Mrs. N. F. Crowell won the club prizes for the month.

Mrs. Ray Cyr, in her talk on horticulture, gave the history of the daphne mezereum, the shrub of the month.

Mrs. E. M. Wallin, civic chairman, announced plans were completed to install plaques for the metasequoia tree which was planted and dedicated to Mrs. Sarah Whitman Andrus, member of a pioneer Jacksonville family and mother of Mrs. R. T. Nichol. Also a plaque for a magnolia which is planted on the south side of the courthouse yard in honor of Dr. E. Barton Pickle.

Mrs. L. P. Rentschler, tea chairman, was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. Hil-dred Hughes, Mrs. E. M. Wallin, Mrs. Eleanor Ostranger and Mrs. Mildred Litster. Pouring at the tea table which was centered with an effective arrangement of valentines on a silver tree with other patriotic motifs, were Mrs. Harry Buckmaster and Mrs. LeRoy Cline.

Aged Woman Book's Author

Mrs. H. S. Chirgwin reviewed "Dear Mad'm," by Stella Whithall Patterson for the February 1 meeting of the Wednesday Study club.

The book is a story of the author's experiences in the wild country along the Klamath river in northern California. Mrs. Patterson is a San Francisco woman who, while visiting relatives in the rugged Arcata area, suddenly discovered that she had a great deal of life yet to live although she was 80 years old.

She had wonderful health and vitality and a genuine desire to live on her own terms far from the city. She took up residence in the cabin on her claim and with her dog "Vicki" lead an interesting and, at times, a dangerous existence. The grandeur of the scenery cast a spell over her and she decided to remain permanently.

Mrs. Geraldine Mitchell gave a talk on the Oregon lava beds, stating that Oregon is practically all lava. Much of her information was based on an article entitled "The Lava River Tunnel," by Ira A. Williams, a geologist with the Oregon Bureau of Mines.

The author states that the lava river tunnel located 12 miles south of Bend, is 50 feet wide, 50 feet high, over one mile in length, and in some places the lava is 100 feet thick.

Family Returns From Portland

Gold Hill - Mr. and Mrs. Milton Steinmetz and son, Harry Leigh have returned to their home here after spending some time in Portland where they were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Steinmetz and family.

They returned home by way of the coast highway, stopping at Crescent City over night.

Avoid scouring waffle irons, the manufacturers advise. Let the iron cool with the cover open, then wipe the chrome-finished outside surfaces with a damp cloth and mild soap. Remove waffle grids from the baker and wash in a dishpan.

Middle-Age Best Part Of Life, Says Author

By DICK WEST
United Press International
Washington - There's a new book on the market now that probably will make the best-seller list in a hurry. It tells women how to be middle-aged for fun and profit.

There is, I can tell you, a lot of interest in this topic. I found this out recently when I wrote a short clinical study of the traumas induced by my own 40th birthday.

The main point of my treatise was that 40 is a good time to cast aside one's childhood ambitions. In this connection, I noted that I had abandoned some of my youthful aspirations, such as wanting to learn to play the flugelhorn.

This did, and does, seem like a reasonable thing to do. Flugelhorn lessons are rather expensive and, besides, I couldn't practice at home without getting a lot of lip from the neighbors.

I found that out that time I took zither lessons. At any rate, I regarded my view of encroaching middle age as a nice balance between Pollyannaism on the one hand and panic on the other. But it must have sounded rather morbid.

Many Cite Advantages
All sorts of people began writing in to cheer me up by outlining the advantages of being 40. One letter came from an 18-year-old girl, who perhaps is the final authority on the subject.

This girl said that if she thought 40 were going to be the dropping-off place, as I had implied, then she would just jump right out into life right now and not waste another minute.

I am not certain what she had in mind, but when I was 18 I was already living in a big, big way. I could play the "Poet and Peasant Overture" on the tambourine and I owned half interest in a snare drum. That was really living.

Now let's get back to that book I mentioned. It is entitled "Get the Most Out of Your Best Years." I haven't read it, but when I heard that the author, Maxine Davis, was speaking at a luncheon here, I enlisted in the audience.

Doesn't Mince Words
There were, as a rough guess, 200 or more women present who could be called middle aged, if you said it in a whisper. Miss Davis gave it

to them straight from the shoulder, mincing no superlatives.

"Middle age is the best part of a woman's life," she said. "You can all look forward to it. It's like Christmas."

Later on she said that middle age was "The American Women's new frontier" - a time for going out and doing the things she had always wanted to do but couldn't on account of having so many children underfoot.

I'm sure the women present found her message comforting and perhaps inspiring. If I had been a woman, I probably would have gone right out and bought a flugelhorn.

But as a man, I kept remembering what my father said when he first became a grandfather. What bothered him, he said, was the thought that he was married to a grandmother.

Scent Sense
New York (UPI) - When selecting perfume, buy small amounts of different types until you settle on one, says Benson Storfer, who creates perfumes. There are six categories of scents to help guide you-floral bouquet, woody, modern blend, spicy, oriental and single floral.

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