

## Sister City Is Topic

Alba, Italy, Medford's sister city, will be the theme of the Thursday, February 16, program of the Medford Business and Professional Women's club. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Girls Community club.

Omar Bacon, librarian of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county, will speak on Alba. Mr. Bacon is chairman of the services committee of the sister city program.

Club members have been asked to either wear or take an article that has been made in Italy to the meeting.

## Lodge To Hold Annual Event

An installation ceremony for the officers of the Degree of Honor Protective association will be held Monday, February 13, at 8 p.m. at the Girls Community club.

Mrs. Clara B. Gertson, Heppner, national committee woman and state director, will be installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Julia Doerfling, Grants Pass, state past president, and officers of the Grants Pass and Ashland lodges.

Miss Adabee Seiler and her committee will be in charge of the program and social hour.

**To Hold Meetings**  
Colonial Sargent camp and auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans will meet in Redman hall, Sunday, February 19, at 1:30 p.m. A potluck dinner will be served at 1 p.m.

## Landscaping Topic Of Lake Creek Unit; Smorgasbord Planned

Lake Creek - Mrs. Willard Walch and Mrs. Murray Bartling gave a lesson on landscaping at the February meeting of Lake Creek Extension unit. Members met at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Bartling.

The two speakers gave information on the correct shrubs and trees for plantings around the homes. They suggested that a diagram should be drawn of the yard, including planned shrubs, before planting begins. They also recommended use of the many booklets available at the extension service office in the courthouse.

A letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson, former resident who recently moved to New York, was read to the unit. Guests included Mrs. Kent Stover, her mother, Mrs. Gifford, and Mrs. Alice Ricks, chairman of the extension alumni association.

The Lake Creek unit will help furnish food for a special smorgasbord dinner to raise funds for the Eagle Point Community building February 26. The March meeting will be on selecting children's clothing.

## Central Point Circle Announces Meeting

Central Point - Christian Service Circle of First Presbyterian church of Central Point will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, February 16 at the home of Mrs. F. C. Ayres, 45 North Ninth street, Central Point. Mrs. Russell Fair will lead the Bible study.

Mrs. Snook is the co-hostess for this meeting.

**Guest Day**  
Butte Falls - Butte Falls Home Economics club will hold a guest day at the home of Mrs. Ben Tulton Tuesday, February 14, at 1:30 p.m.

## Initiation Conducted By Auxiliary

Mrs. Pearl Withrow, Mrs. Mary Parker and Mrs. V. Eakin were initiated at a recent meeting of the auxiliary to Crater Lake post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

It was announced that members of the Veterans Administration domiciliary, White City, will give a "Turn About" party February 24 in honor of all representatives of the VA Volunteer Services and auxiliary members who have worked at the domiciliary the past year.

February 10 members of the auxiliary spent the afternoon at the domiciliary visiting the infirmary and recreation room. The Past Presidents club, with Mrs. Ralph Pittcock as president, presented food baskets to the convalescent home operated by Mrs. Mildred Wilkens at 120 Laurel street. The club also presented a new altar cloth to the auxiliary.

Women of the auxiliary sponsored a variety show for veterans at the domiciliary February 1. Mrs. J. D. Brummond was chairman. Edward Root, leader, and 10 members of the Senior Citizens orchestra, presented old-time numbers to a large audience at the theater. Auxiliary members present included Mrs. O. O. DeBerry, president; Mrs. Russell Zundel, department VAVS chairman; Mrs. Ivan Lusk and Mrs. Fred Lawrence.

Mrs. E. G. Heim, sewing chairman, announced that a meeting and luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. February 17 at the home of Mrs. Lester Card, 515 Manzanita street, Central Point. Names of "secret pals" will be drawn at the meeting.

## Chapter Stages Men's Meeting

Central Point - Men's night will be held by Nevita chapter, Order of Eastern Star, at a meeting Tuesday, February 14, at the Central Point Masonic temple at 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Snook, worthy matron and patron, will preside. The men will be in charge of decorations and refreshments.

The Past Matrons club of Nevita chapter, will meet at the home of Mrs. H. P. Jewett, 156 West Pine street, Central Point, Wednesday, February 15, at 1 p.m. for a featured luncheon. Mrs. Elizabeth Scott will be co-hostess. Mrs. M. W. McGrew, president, will preside at the business meeting.



From time to time we read that the stream of refugees flowing from East to West Germany averages about a thousand a week. Since that seems to be a lot of refugees, we've wondered if the number wasn't exaggerated.

Last week we met and talked through an interpreter with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Josellis, who arrived in Medford not long ago to make a new home. This German couple formerly lived in Magdeburg, East Germany and came to the United States and Oregon by way of Berlin and Hamburg, West Germany. We asked Mr. Josellis if the 1,000 refugees a week was too high a figure and he answered no. "If anything, it is too small," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Josellis left their home in East Germany as many others do—they went on what was apparently a routine visit into West Germany and then stayed. To avoid suspicion, Mrs. Josellis carried nothing but her purse, and her husband a briefcase. Their possessions were left behind. The newcomers made little comment about political conditions in East Germany, but said they were dissatisfied with living conditions.

Prices are very high, they report, and wages low in comparison. Mr. Josellis said an ordinary suit for a man costs the equivalent of about \$300. He worked as an auto mechanic, and his wife was employed by the post office driving an automobile. When Photographer Robert Vroman asked Mr. Josellis if he was trained to work on German Volkswagens, the newcomer replied that he had been trained on many types of motors, that German mechanics do not specialize as they do in this country.

The newly arrived couple is living with Mrs. Josellis' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Bertram, 1298 Sunset avenue. The Bertrams also came to America from East Germany, and the parents of the two women still live there. Asked if they feared for their welfare or safety, they answered in the negative.

The first task ahead of the newcomers is to learn English. Mr. Josellis has some command of the language; he understood the questions put by Potpourri and Mr. Vroman, but answered in German and his sister-in-law served as interpreter.

Nobody really knows who started St. Valentine's day, says an article which came to our desk last week. The release went on to say that the day has no real connection with St. Valentine, in a religious sense, yet is celebrated on his feast day. Some say the day can be traced back to an ancient Roman festival dedicated to Lupercus, the god in charge of "keeping the wolf from the door." As the feast of Lupercalia, young people drew game partners for the coming year, and this may have started the whole idea of a day devoted to selecting a mate.

St. Valentine was a young Roman priest who was beheaded on February 14, 270 A.D. because he refused to renounce Christianity, we have read. Somehow, we wonder how in the world St. Valentine, the god Lupercus, "wolves" and partner games were all mixed up together throughout the years and resulted in the way St. Valentine's day is celebrated in the United States now.

The Stephen Nyes toured the Hawaiian islands this month, but their tour was somewhat different. They joined one organized by the California Farm Bureau and in addition to seeing the famous beaches, hula dancers and big hotels, they toured farms and ranches. Many of the farmers of Hawaii are Japanese or other Oriental stock and the luncheons which Farm Bureau women provided for the visitors often featured suki yaki and other Oriental dishes.

Mrs. Nye said she was impressed with the hospitality and friendliness of their hosts at the Farm Bureau functions. "They all seemed to be well educated," she said, and added, somewhat ruefully, "Many of them spoke better English than the visitors did."—O.S.

## Club Continues Contest Speeches

The third series of contest speeches was given by members of the Toastmistress club Wednesday, February 8, at a meeting held in the California Oregon Power Company building.

Mrs. Donald Marin was toastmistress for the evening and Mrs. James Beams was topicmistress. Her title for impromptu speeches was "Do you honestly believe you can keep a secret?"

Mrs. Clarence Wilson spoke on "Today I Learned;" Mrs. Ethel McIntyre, "You be the

Judge;" and Mrs. William E. Acord, "Are you well adjusted?"

Mrs. James VanderSteen was grammarian, Mrs. J. D. Brummond was speech evaluator and Mrs. Roy Rolfs, program evaluator.

Guests were Mrs. Carl Clymer and Mrs. Stewart Milne.

## Mrs. Fred Landers Planning Program For Meeting of Fellowship

Mrs. Fred Landers is planning a program for a meeting of the Women's Fellowship of First Baptist church. It will be held Tuesday, February 14, at 12:30 p.m. in the church annex and dessert will be served.

Rebecca circle members, with Mrs. Dora Brantley as chairman, will be hostesses.

The program title is "The Story of the Second Samuel." Taking part will be Mrs. William Koepke, Mrs. Glen Kenworthy, Mrs. James Beams and Mrs. Landers.

## Episcopal Guild To Hold Session

St. Catherine's guild of St. Mark's Episcopal church will hold its monthly meeting Monday, February 13, at 8 p.m. at the church. All interested church members and guests are invited. Hostesses will be Mrs. Edward Klimko, Mrs. Don McNeil and Mrs. William B. Clegg Jr.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Josellis arrived here recently from Germany, having made their way from Magdeburg, East Germany, into Berlin, and later to Hamburg. They are at the home of Mrs. Josellis' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Bertram, 1298 Sunset avenue. They were sponsored for emigration to the United States by the Bertrams, who, themselves, came from Magdeburg and have been in this country seven years. Mr. Josellis is a trained auto mechanic but is anxious for any kind of work. The Bertrams operate Lindenpark Upholstery, 917 West McAndrews road. The trip from Magdeburg into Berlin was made without baggage to avoid suspicion.

## Gold Hill Club To Meet Friday

Gold Hill - Mrs. Albert Gascon will be hostess for a meeting of the Gold Hill Garden club at her home, Friday, February 17, at 1 p.m.

Mrs. William Fields was hostess for a potluck luncheon and meeting of the group in January.

Mrs. Loyd Dusenberry named committee chairmen. They include Mrs. S. M. Christensen, chairman; Mrs. Ferd Jones, program and Mrs. Mabel Copeland, assistant program chairman. Mrs. Gascon will serve as sunshine chairman.

Plans for the annual flower planting project in the city park were discussed. A demonstration on miniature ar-

rangements of natural and dried flowers, was led by Mrs. Jones.

## WAC Recruiter To Give Tests

Sgt. Alberta A. Wurth, recruiter for the Women's Army corps from the WAC Recruiting center, Portland, will be in Medford, Monday through Wednesday, February 13 to 15. While here she will interview and test young women applicants at the Army Recruiting station, room 1, Medford Post office.

Appointments may be arranged by telephoning the Recruiting office, SPRING 2-5022.

## Lodge To Hold Valentine Party

Gold Hill - A Valentine party, sponsored by the International Order of Odd Fellows lodge, Gold Hill, will be held Tuesday, February 14, at 8 p.m. at the IOOF hall, Fourth avenue, Gold Hill.

Guest speaker will be Miss Linda Lewis, Ashland, who was the winner of the Odd Fellows contest last year and received a trip to New York City to the United Nations. A barber shop quartet from

Grants Pass will sing. Other music will be by Darrell Hendrickson, Central Point.

Guests will include members of Amethyst Rebekah lodge and their husbands and wives of the Odd Fellows lodge members.

Each woman has been asked to wear a hat that she has designed in keeping with the Valentine theme. The one judged to have the "best" hat will be crowned queen.

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