

Social Events ♦ Women's News



In the royal court for the annual St. Valentine's ball of Beta Sigma Phi, held February 11 at Rogue Valley Country club, were (left to right) Gregory Flakus, who carried a valentine box; Karen Shoop, who carried the queen's robe; Renee Flakus, who bore the queen's tiara, and Patsy Eastwood, who presented the queen an arm bouquet of roses. Mrs. Ernest Flakus was chairman in charge of the ceremonies.

Foreign Policy Is Study Topic For League Units

United States foreign policy, with emphasis on world economic development, is the topic for Medford League of Women Voters discussion units this month. Mrs. Fred Burich is chairman of the study item, assisted by committee members Mrs. Russell Herbert, Mrs. F. R. Neale, Ashland, Mrs. Hugh Collins and Mrs. David Hoels.

All women interested are invited to any of the League meetings. Units are scheduled for 9:45 a.m., Tuesday, February 21, at the home of Mrs. Norman Capsey, 60 South Modoc avenue; 8 p.m. Thursday, February 23, home of Mrs. Franklin Sturges, 1558 Windsor street, Ashland; 8 p.m. Monday, February 27, home of Mrs. Thomas Rutter, 1033 Queen Anne avenue; and 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 28, home of Mrs. Sidney Alinsworth, 1135 Fern street, Ashland.

Four new members of the non-partisan voters group were reported this month. They are Mrs. Mark E. Boyden, Mrs. L. M. Peterson, Mrs. William Van Dyke and Mrs. W. L. Warren. Membership in the League is open to all women interested in the study of government.

Calendar

- Monday:**
6:30 p.m. - Crater chapter, Grandmother Clubs of America, Central Point Grange hall.
7:30 p.m. - Mental Health association, Welfare offices, Fourth and Grape streets.
7:30 p.m. - Nevita Social club, home of Mrs. Alan Rodgers, Crater Lake highway.
7:30 p.m. - Priscilla circle, Talent Methodist church, church annex.
- Tuesday:**
9:30 a.m. - Westminster Presbyterian church Women's Association circles; Ruth, with Mrs. F. H. Reum, 2115 Oakwood; Elizabeth, with Mrs. E. L. Lenox, 2330 East Main st.; Martha, with Mrs. G. T. Haupt, 222 Valley View dr.
9:30 a.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service circles: 1, with Mrs. Herbert Sharp, 1415 East Main st.; 2, with Mrs. Gerald Sherman, 2802 LaPine ave.; 3, with Mrs. Glen Dusen, 1556 Jasper ave.; 4, with Mrs. Renwick Ellis, 2142 South Stage rd.; 5, with Mrs. Donald Stratford, 930 Murray ave.; 6, with Mrs. Kenneth Blair, 633 Pierce rd.; 7, with Mrs. Ada Dunham, First Methodist church.
9:45 a.m. - League of Women Voters study unit, with Mrs. Norman T. Capsey, 60 South Modoc ave.
10:30 a.m. - Rogue Valley Navy Mothers club, home of Mrs. Rudolph Gunther, 2525 Highway 66, Ashland.
10:30 a.m. - Shady Cove Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Ruth Pfeifer, Old Ferry rd.
12:30 p.m. - Prospect Garden club, home of Mrs. Calvin Sargent.
1 p.m. - Ladies of Elks, Elks temple.
1 p.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service circles: 9, with Mrs. Richard Jewett, 903 Winchester ave.; 10, with Mrs. Frank Roberts, 619 East Main st., Apt. 7.
1:30 p.m. - Rogue Valley Herb society, with Mrs. Vern Shangle, 1445 Kings highway.
1:30 p.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service circle: 8, with Mrs. Byron Griffith, 30 Crater lane, Central Point.
2 p.m. - Silver tea of Talent Federated Women's club of The Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, city hall.



Installation of officers was held last week by Medford Degree of Honor Protective association and pictured during the event are Mrs. Laurence Doerfling, Grants Pass, a past state president; Mrs. Arthur Webster, new president of the Medford lodge; Mrs. Clara Gertson, Heppner, state director and Mrs. Frank Gleaves, retiring president of the local group. (Simonson-Walker photo)

Annual Charity Tournament Is Held Sunday Afternoon

Although the attendance was smaller than anticipated, the annual charity party given Sunday by valley units of the American Contract Bridge league netted about \$125. This sum will be sent to the National Fund for Mental Health.

The tournament was held at Girls Community club, and was played in two sections.

North-south winners for Section A were Mrs. Frank R. Baker and John Shortridge, first, 99 points; Mrs. Fred Rehling and Arthur Scarseth, second, 96; Mrs. Sam Stinebaugh and Robert Copeland, third, Grants Pass, 89½. Winning east-west in this section were Mrs. W. W. Stevenson and Robert Dickey, first, 101; Robert Middleton and Jack Barr, second, 88½; Mrs. Ben Todd and Mrs. Robert Elliott, third, 86.

Winning north-south, Section B, were the Paul Hattons, first, 100 points; Mrs. E. L. Miller and Paul McDuffee, second, 75; Walter Ensminger and Roy Pruitt, third, 74. East-west winners in this section were Mrs. Delbert Cliff.

February Birthdays To Be Celebrated By Townsend Club

Townsend club members with February anniversaries will be honored at a Townsend club luncheon at 12 o'clock noon Wednesday, February 22, in Walker's ballroom, 415½ East Main street.

Six visitors from Grants Pass attended last week's meeting. Other guests were two daughters and three grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. James Bishop, Jacksonville, and Lee Orr, a violinist from Central Point.

The Easy Valley Harmonaires band played at the close of the meeting. Taking part were Mrs. Ellen Townsend, Ashland; Mrs. E. D. Ickes, J. P. Graham and Gene Edwards, Medford.

Arthur C. Lewis, former membership chairman, attended last week's meeting, having recently returned from the veterans hospital, Portland. Fifty-five members were present.

Several announcements of future club activities will be made at this week's session.

An egg nog sweetened to taste with dark corn syrup makes a nutritious and tasty pick-up. Add a sprinkle of nutmeg for extra flavor.

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Fashion Notes Organized Here

A new singing group known as The Fashion Notes of Jackson County has been formed. The group, all young women, held a valentine party at the home of Mrs. Cora E. Turner, February 14. Mrs. Turner is advisor for the local group and an organizer for the national singing group known as Sweet Adelines.

Officers were elected for The Fashion Notes. They are Miss Sue Hampton, president; Miss Jerry Smith, vice president; Miss Elaine Gebhard, secretary; Mrs. Barbara Babbitt, treasurer.

The group will meet Tuesday, February 21, at 7 p.m. at the Smith home, 2 White Oak drive.

Women interested in joining a singing group are invited to attend.

Mrs. Fred Lawrence and Mrs. Hazel Ramsey are in charge of the refreshments for the evening.

Presentations of boxes of valentine candy were made at the last meeting to the couple married the longest time, Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Martin and to the couple who had been married the shortest time, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Penington. Dr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of Mrs. Penington.

Mrs. H. E. Nulton and Mrs. George Burrell presented a skit in honor of St. Valentine's day.

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Woman Describes Traffic in India

Descriptions of a visit in India by Mrs. Sam Redding, 181 Clover lane, are contained in a recent letter she wrote from Mussoori, India. Mrs. Redding and Mrs. Eve Prentice, also of Medford, are on a lengthy world tour. The letter, in part, follows:

"After visiting with my son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elcho Redding, who are serving here in India as missionaries of the Evangelical Alliance Mission, we, along with their three children and Mrs. Prentice, began our tour of India by jeep station wagon. We left their home in Mussoori, in the foothills of the Himalayas, 7,500 feet, on New Year's day. The next night we saw the beautiful Taj Mahal in the light of the full moon.

"There it was, in all its breath-taking beauty and splendor—so delicate. It looked like an egg shell which would turn to powder if one touched it. But, for from it, for it is solid white marble and has stood 350 years already. Going closer we saw flowers which jewelers had formed into wreaths and scrolls, all inlaid into the white marble. One flower alone would have as many as 64 pieces in its design. I counted ten varieties of flowers including columbine, lily, marigold and roses. This world-famous Taj Mahal was built by Shah Jahan in loving memory of his wife. Twenty thousand men were 22 years building it.

Walk Is Eventful
"The next morning in Agra my two granddaughters, Mary Ellen, 12, and Miriam, 11, and I went for a walk down the street. We hadn't gone far when a Brahma bull with long horns came after Mary Ellen. She grabbed it by the horns. All I could do was scream. The Indians nearby rescued her. The street seemed alive with cows!

"In one store that morning we saw a jeweled carpet worth one and a half million dollars. The motif on this carpet, taken from the Taj Mahal, on a ground of peacock blue velvet, fringed with ivory white velvet border, thousands of pearls, emeralds, rubies, sapphires, diamonds and

other precious stones glittered with striking brilliance. The shopkeeper told us it had been shown in Sacramento, Calif., just last year.

"The trees that lined the narrow paved highway on both sides, as we left Agra the next morning, amazed me. Some were large shade trees, the banyan, which may have dozens of trunks. Others were colorful flame-of-the-forest sweet-scented, neem, and chints with edible, but sour, beans. Brilliant red and purple bougainvillea were a common sight here and there as we drove throughout India. The trees were all the leafy type, no evergreens. On either side of the roadway were fields, and fields, of yellow dahl, a lentil variety, and also acres and acres of yellow mustard and green peas in white blossom.

"The road itself was literally alive with bicycles. Within seven miles we counted 300! There were people walking, many of them, and their bright colored clothing was certainly eye-catching. So were the handsome Sikhs, men with turbans of pink, blue, purple, red, yellow and orange. These turbans are plain muslin cloth upwards to 40 feet long.

Saris Gorgeous
"The women in their gorgeous saris, sometimes trimmed in gold, walk along the highway in groups of dozens, usually carrying loads of wood, grass or water pots. Then there were the ox-carts, hundreds of them. They seemed to chug along in groups. We passed one string of 30, all loaded down with sugar cane.

"We stopped at a village bazaar. My son bought a sack of Indian sweets. I selected one wrapped in foil and was engaged in unwrapping the thin paper when he said, 'No, mama, you eat the foil. It's pure silver and good for the digestion.' Being curious and accepting his enthusiasm, I doctored it all and had no indignation.

"Back on the road again we saw very few cars. The buses move politely over. But, the goods trucks could not see a car behind them, having no rearview mirror and a big

load. Each carrier by law must have a man riding on the load. Some of these 'mal gardies' were equipped with a buzzer in the tail of the carrier to let the driver know a car wanted to pass. We passed by most of the cows with little difficulty, but the water buffalo is queen-of-the-road and all traffic moves around it.

"The cyclist swerves out of one's way only when the car is a few feet away. And the pedestrian will only jump at the sound of the horn when he is almost run down. The ox-carts were unpredictable. Sometimes they would veer to the left, sometimes to the right, and more than likely not move to either side, but take the whole narrow road. The oxen horns were gaily painted.

Camels in Herds
"While traveling through one desert area we met herds of camels, both tan and black in groups of as many as 50. Once while stopping for a train we were held up for 20 minutes. The crossings are so fixed that an accident is impossible. At this crossing were three snake charmers who took advantage of the wait to give a demonstration. Out came their pipes and out of the baskets came the cobras swaying this way and that, truly charmed!

"The Gwalior maharaja's summer palace in Shivpuri the next day was a noteworthy sight. The building itself, although built in 1926-32, was beautifully painted. A patio floor of checkered black and white marble was 200 by 400 feet. There were 50 living room suites—every room covered with a very expensive Persian rug. This same day we visited a temple where the maharaja had made a statue of his mother. 'She' was of white marble, sitting in the very center of the temple. She is dressed and fed three times a day by ladies of the Hindu faith. An electric fan cools her in the hot weather and a heater keeps her warm in the winter.

"Going on we noted the rivers near villages were always a scene of activity. Men giving drink to oxen and cows, goats and water buffalo, people bathing, washing clothes, drawing water, and fishing. The washing of clothes made loud plops as the people whacked them against the large stones. All along the banks were spanking white shirts, dhoties (a long five yard cloth men use for trousers) and saris of every shade of color. In the river bottoms nearly dry, were watermelon plants which will produce fruit before the monsoon fills up the river.

"At one place we came upon three men prostrating themselves on the road, and rising and lying down again. As we passed by my son said, 'They are Hindu pilgrims trying to earn salvation by "Karma," doing good works. They measure their length like an inchworm as they go from shrine to shrine.' We later met four Jain men, walking, carrying brushes to brush the insects out of their way because they believe it a terrible sin to take the life of anything.

"My daughter-in-law, Millie, had planned our trip so that we would stop for meals and night's lodging either with missionary friends or in dak bungalows. India is blessed the length and breadth of the country with these government bungalows which were



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