

Calendar
Friday:
6:30 p.m. - Rogue chapter Grandmother Clubs of America, Girls Community club.
Saturday:
1 p.m. - Daughters of the American Revolution, Girls Community club.

Group Receives Exemplar Degree

A group of Beta Sigma Phi members received the exemplar degree at a meeting held February 22 at the home of Mrs. John Nelson, 1806 Lenora drive.
The new chapter met recently at the home of Mrs. Wayne Turpin. Mrs. Walter Larsen presided, and "secret sister" names were drawn. Mrs. Turpin was voted representative to Beta Sigma Phi City council.
Mrs. Walter Smith, Beta Upsilon, was a guest.
The group plans a rummage sale March 10 at the Fehi building.

Party Planned By Elks Lodge

Medford Elks lodge has planned a party for Saturday, February 26, for members and their wives. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by a barbecued chicken dinner.
Franklin Van Pelt is chairman in charge of arrangements. He is being assisted by 17 other members.
Earlier this year the annual crab feed was held, and the number attending was so large many were unable to enter the building or be served. About 700 were present, it is reported.

Breakfast Planned

An all-parish breakfast for the congregation of Sacred Heart Catholic church will be held Sunday, February 26, in St. Mary's school gymnasium. It will be sponsored by Court St. Mary's, Catholic Daughters of America.

Breakfast will be served after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. masses. A hotcake and sausage menu will be served, the court states.

Mrs. Edward Ford and Mrs. Elie Nougier will take charge of the kitchen, with Mrs. Richard Wager as cleanup chairman.

Chairmen in charge of the dining room and serving will be Mrs. Jack Rentz and Mrs. Val Albert.

Arrangements for decorations are being made by Mrs. George Davy and Mrs. Delmar Bates.

Hostesses for the event will be Mrs. Elmer Ness and Mrs. L. E. McMurray.

Mrs. Gordon Boner, general chairman, states that a special family rate will be arranged for families of six or more, with other charges in accordance with age and appetite.

Prospect Lions Sponsor Dance

Prospect—Prospect Lions club will sponsor a Cherry Tree dance Saturday, February 25, at Prospect Community club. The event will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and an orchestra will provide music for dancing.

Refreshments will be served by the Prospect Lions auxiliary.

The dance is open to the public for a charge and the funds will be used for a Lions project.

Trapp Family Book Reviewed For Study Club

Ashland—The heart-warm story of the famous Trapp family was chosen for review by Mrs. I. F. Andres when she presented highlights from the book, "A Family on Wheels," at the Monday afternoon meeting of Ashland Study club. Hostess was Miss Gertrude Engle, 534 Siskiyou boulevard.

By strange coincidence Mrs. Andres had received the first of the Trapp family books, "The Trapp Family Singers," in the same house more than 10 years ago.

As told by Maria, mother of the talented singing troupe, experiences of their first days in America after fleeing from Austria are followed by episodes on concert tours and at their home in the Vermont hills.

"Sound of Music" the Rogers and Hammerstein Broadway success in which Mary Martin starred, has brought the Trapp family story to millions. From the royalties, mission work in New Guinea was established in 1958 and personally administered by several of the family.

In Maria's book are recorded the gay and the sad, the triumphs and the disappointments, intermingled with humor and drama as the courageous family surmounted obstacles in the new homeland.

From their escape in 1939 when the von Trapps fled Austria and arrived in New York with a total of \$4 in their combined pockets, the saga is a tale of travel by big blue bus and of establishment of the summer family music camp at their Stowe, Vt., farm, to the final family concert at Town Hall where they had given their first concert.

It was through their generosity that 300,000 pounds of supplies were shipped to Austrian war sufferers. Ironically the refugee family was invited back to Salzburg to sing at the world-famous festival 12 years after they had escaped the Nazi scourge. Over the years it was Maria, the mother, and Father Werner, their spiritual and musical mentor, who guided the unique group along the road to international renown.

"Cabinet Wives" was the subject of Mrs. Markus Woods' half-hour talk and was based on several recent articles in newspapers and magazines. The timely topic was made additionally interesting by a series of colored illustrations of the Washington group.

Mrs. Thornton Shively was welcomed to membership in Ashland Study club during the business session that was conducted by the president, Mrs. Wilmer M. Polcy.

The next meeting March 6 will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Drew Lamb. Mrs. Elizabeth Sommer will give the book review and Mrs. Harold Merrill will have the selected subject.

One-fourth to one-half teaspoon of salad dressing mix added to a baked potato with butter makes it extra tasty.

Social Events
Women's News



Mrs. Theodore Johnson, Route 1, Box 265, Central Point, is shown working on a painting which will be displayed at a benefit tea and art show Sunday, February 26, at the Senior Activity center, 601 West Jackson street. Mrs. Johnson is a member of a painting class at the center which is taught by Mrs. Victoria (Tom) Staley, Eagle Point; the members will have about 35 paintings displayed during Sunday's event. Hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. and the public is invited. The art exhibit and tea were planned to call attention to the Senior Activity center and the great need for larger and more adequate quarters. Proceeds from the event will go to the building fund.

Tourists Find Caribbean Is Big Bargain Basement

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor

Port-Au-Prince, Haiti—(UPI)—The Caribbean is just one big bargain basement with every vacationer on a shopping spree.

It looks just like a day before Christmas back home, the way the shops are jammed every time a day Pauley cruise ship ties up in port. The rush to buy, for passengers on the two weeks cruise I'm on, began with St. Thomas, the Virgin Islands, first port of call, and has kept the pace through Martinique, Curacao, Panama, Montego Bay and here.

I've heard several husbands reminding their wives that President Kennedy "is trying to stop the drain on the U.S. dollar," and about traveler's checks running out as their wives spot bargains.

But I also noticed the complainant usually had added another camera or had pairs of binoculars swinging around his neck—the pair he brought from home and the pair he found in Curacao. "So cheap, I figured I couldn't miss."

It was at Curacao, one of the loveliest spots in the Caribbean and one of the best shopping centers, that one of the ship's officers took a rather startled look at passengers returning with filled shopping bags. "It looks," he quipped, "as if we'll have to throw over the cargo net."

Most ports "free" The bargains are in both the native handicrafts and imports from Central American and European countries, and from Japan. The lower price tag is made possible because most ports are "free." The local government collects no duties or other taxes on the goods which are sold to visitors.

On most items, this means anywhere from one third to 60 per cent less than you'd pay for the product in the United States. But one word of caution to a free port shopper—buy brands you know and from reputable shops. Most island governments publish a tourist guide to shops, or the cruise director or hostess also can advise what to look for and what to avoid.

The first purchase of the Caribbean vacationer inevitably is a straw hat—gaily decorated, and often as not made in Italy.

The Caribbean might well be called the straw center of the world—straw is made into hats of all sizes and shapes for both men and women, into sandals, handbags and straw hampers.

The second purchase inevitably is a set of bongo drums—their rhythmic sounds enchanting when a native is thumping it out, but I wonder whether neighbors in my New York apartment house will appreciate it.

Buy French Perfume Women tourists stock up on French perfume, on silks, woolsens, linens, cashmere sweaters, alligator bags and other leather goods, on kid gloves, silver, crystal, china, beaded evening bags, and specially here in Port-Au-Prince, on mahogany which is carved into everything from statuettes to salad bowls.

For the men, there are famous-make Swiss watches, binoculars and camera equipment from West Germany and Japan, sporting goods, leather goods including sandals, linen shirts, wild-patterned island sports shirts, and cigars, ciragette and pipe tobacco.

In Port-Au-Prince, the shopper doesn't even have to go ashore to buy. "Floating stores"—rowboats-filled with coconuts, mahogany and bongo drums, come out to meet the ship.

It's a rare tourist also who somewhere along the way doesn't order his quota of duty-free liquor or liqueurs. Most of the liquors and liqueurs also are about half state-side price.

Rainbow Girls Announce Events

Jacksonville — Plans for a party March 25 were made at a meeting of Warren assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Monday evening. Bidding was held on the petition of Faune Skinner for membership.

Final plans were made for a baked food sale to be held Saturday, February 25. Worthy Advisor Mary Beth Housel announced that April 9 is Rainbow Sunday.

Standing rules of the assembly, recently prepared by the line officers and advisory board, were distributed.

Miss Lona Buffington, worthy associate advisor, read an article from the Mail Tribune concerning the presentation of plastic heart models, which Rainbow of Oregon financed. The models were presented to 20 Oregon counties to be used in school science departments.

The next meeting of the assembly is to be March 6.

Council Slates Coming Events

Mrs. Roy Madden, Mrs. Lloyd Carr and Miss Adabee Selter were elected to the nominating committee of the Beta Sigma Phi City council at a meeting Monday, February 20. Members of the council were guests of Mrs. C. W. Curl. Miss Selter was co-hostess.

Election of officers is scheduled for the next meeting, which will be March 20 at the home of Mrs. Madden, with Mrs. Mildred Dewitt as co-hostess.

The group will hold a rummage sale Saturday, March 25, in the Fehi building. All chapters have been asked to plan for the event.

Plans are also being made for the annual Founder's day celebration, scheduled for April 26. Mrs. Cecil Davis is in charge.

Camp White Club

White City — Camp White Veterans Bridge club will hold the weekly session tonight at the Veterans' Administration domiciliary.

North-south winners for last week's session were Mrs. Frank R. Baker and John Solheim, first, 127; Mr. and Mrs. Richard House, second, 124; Mrs. Fred Rehling and Paul Hattori, third, 114; Mrs. Ivan Harrington and Mrs. Frank Perl, fourth, 111.

East-west winners were the Richard Fennells, first, 123 points; Mrs. R. T. Jones and Mrs. Marvin Nelson, second, 116; the Eugene Rickers, third, 115; Mrs. Paul McDuffee and John Foley, fourth, 109.

Spring Brings Changes In Suit, Coat Fashions

Los Angeles—Changes are in the air in coat and suit fashions for Spring. They are not radical nor world-shaking, just different enough for midday to feel she is really wearing something new.

Textures of the wool fabrics are often spongy and rather thick in appearance but actually light and airy. Both coats and suits follow this trend in basketry, meshy weaves with float yarns adding surface interest, and lacy, fluffy weaves that may have tiny mohair curls spaced or lightly frosting the entire surface.

Diagonals are increasingly important as is the worsted ottoman with ribs from tiny to bold, close or spaced. Tussah weaves, eponges, bouclets abound in the less textured woollens. Knits or knit-effects are very important both in coats and suits. The entire trend in fabrics is to non-creasing, light and comfortable weaves, long wearing and colorful.

Colors are lively and clear, with an exciting pink up front in the parade. Yellows are important, also, ranging from creamy tones like lemon on ice to strong daffodil and goldenrod, greens from a whitened pistachio up the color range to strong emerald and Kelly. Vivid cobalt blue looks new again; lilacs, violets, and wisterias continue.

String beiges, oatmeals, and whites are stronger than in many a season, often combined with each other and with other colors.

Checks step up front, in coats, notably giant houndstooth, racing, even big tattersalls. These most often combine bright colors with white or off-white, sometimes using several colors, sometimes just one. There are also many plaids but the checks have the edge... bias plaids, however, are in the news. Suits, too love checks, favoring clear, open types and including white and pale tones checked over with fine lines of black or other deep colors.

Both coats and suits tend to be roomy in cut, often are collarless, and not infrequently are almost sleeveless, as well... at least, may end above the elbow. The collarless trend does not mean plain, round "jewelry" necklines. It means many exciting and different treatments such as stand-up bands, built up cardigans, collars emanating from shoulder seams and just across the back; scarf ends tied various ways; bands that

end in bow ties under the chin and others.

Conversely, there are many very important collars, especially on suits. The trend to big, wide coats increases, often with emphasis on top width, drop shoulder lines, unmounted sleeves, deep cut armholes. Some have almost cape-like fullness in back with indication of a waistline in front and sides. Pockets are big, roomy and perhaps set rather low with a Martingale belt swinging from them across the back. Some real capes are shown but this is not a strong trend so far.

Lengths vary widely, with 27 to 36 inch lengths on the increase and the seven-eighth length also popular, although the full length still leads. Often the shorter ones are made without closing, a sort of toss-on for a chilly day.

Suit jackets vary even more widely in length ranging from bolero, waist, hip-bone to the tunic and walking lengths. Jackets are often shaped in a bit in front, straight in back. Big buttons are a feature, so are concealed closings, and button-less "Channel type" jacket continues. Asymmetric and side closings are important. Skirts with pressed or unpressed pleats show considerable

gains and the general trend is toward ease in even slim skirts through soft gathers at or just below the waistline.

Costumes abound—suits have their own blouses, weskits or dickies; coats have companion suits or dresses. Sometimes the fabric and pattern are the same, again matching large and small patterns combine and now and then three or four tones of a color will be blended effectively in the various pieces.

Lamb Combination
New York — (UPI)—Lamb and vegetable casserole is an easy-to-make one-dish meal. Cook one pound of ground lamb over low heat, stirring occasionally, until browned. Drain drippings. Combine the meat with a 10-ounce package of frozen mixed vegetables, thawed, salt and pepper to taste, and a 10½-ounce can of condensed tomato soup. Arrange in a greased 1½-quart casserole, top with two cups of seasoned mashed potatoes, and bake 30 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Serves four.

Piquant beefs: Try this tangy combination with a baked or broiled ham dinner. When making Harvard beefs add crushed pineapple. Allow three-fourths cup of crushed pineapple to one pound of cooked or canned Harvard beefs.

Cheese Date Filling
New York — (UPI)—Cream cheese date filling is delicious with warm gingerbread. Pit and slice one-half cup of fresh dates. Beat two three-ounce packages of cream cheese until soft. Beat in one-fourth cup of orange marmalade and one-eighth teaspoon of salt. Fold in dates and one-half cup of whipping cream, stiffly beaten. Serve between and on top of squares of gingerbread cut from an 8-or-9-inch cake.



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