

MANOR-ISMS

Remember me?

Our vacation was a real morale builder—sunshine all the time! We hit exactly the right time in the right year (so much rain this past winter) to see the most gorgeous display of desert wild flowers ever. Returning we met hundreds of cars—bumper to bumper—rushing out of Los Angeles and the Central Valley to view the miles and miles of sand literally carpeted with purple, pink, yellow and white. Also, crossing the Trinity Alps from Redding, the red bud, snow berries and dogwood, with a background of at least 6 different shades of green, were a sight long to be remembered.

However, we are glad to get back. Rogue Valley Manor or welcomes its own and it is a good place to "come back to." We found that the Mark Goldys, Medford, the Ted Coates, Grants Pass, and the Hiram Salisburys, La Jolla, had checked in from faraway points just ahead of us. Many others had, and were, taking off. If we miss anyone for a meal or two, we find they have headed out for the Orient or Alaska or, anyway, Yachats.

We returned just in time for another good concert brought to us by the Medford Senior High school choir. We truly appreciate the musical treats these valley young folks bring us; we're beginning to know and greet them as individuals, and we hope they come often.

We were also in time to hear an inspiring program of sacred music during Holy Week, arranged and presented by our own concert pianist, Mrs. Vivian Giles, Oakland, with another Manor member, Miss Edna Stanbrough, Camden, S.C., playing the organ. Both these musicians were trained at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, at the same time. Miss Stanbrough graduated as a fine violinist and devoted her life to that instrument until forced to give it up because of a shoulder injury. She now plays the piano and organ beautifully—entirely by ear. In this concert, our own members were joined by Mrs. A. B. Bartlett, SOC, on the violin. Also, Mrs. Gregory MacDougall and Larry Hobson, both of Medford, sang solos and duets, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Adamson, Medford. In addition to an afternoon of beautiful music, this program was gratifying as yet another instance of co-operation and enjoyable mingling of our members and our valley friends. More and more, all are realizing that the Manor is definitely a permanent part of the valley community and activities.

Miss Mary Ireland, a Manor member from Sacramento, has recently provided a spotlight of professional musical distinction in which all of us are basking and preening. In Fresno, Miss Ireland received the Mancini award at a banquet of the California Music association. This award is given for outstanding and unusual service to the cause of music education in California—and this is the first time it ever has been given to a woman.

The Music Educators National conference, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., has six regional sections and each state has an affiliated

state association. Miss Ireland helped to organize the Western section and, while president of the section, was instrumental in inspiring and promoting the preparation and publication of a guide book for "Music Education in the Elementary School." She also served as music supervisor of schools in several California cities. All this is yet additional proof of her

talent among our Manor members is constantly boiling to the surface.

Many in Medford know and remember I. P. (Bing) and Louise Beesley. They lived in Medford several years ago

when Mr. Beesley was active in Boy Scout work in the valley. They returned about two years ago to help get the Rogue Manor open and operating. At this work they were so successful and endeared themselves to all the members so completely that our hearts

were heavy at the Auf Wiedersehen party for them. Even our large auditorium couldn't hold the members, staff, and trustees, headed by our President and Mrs. M. N. Hogan, gathered to say "good-bye." This party was like the famous "sweet-sour" foods

prepared by the Pennsylvania Dutch—we were both gay and sad. Two of our talented members, Mrs. Norvell and Mr. Jenny, both from New York, wrote and read poems to them; and scrolls, plaques and autographed books were presented to them. They prom-

ised to write us when they are settled as administrators of some similar retirement residence, SOMEWHERE, and the way we all travel about, we'll surely be dropping in to see them.

I found the following in "Hill-Top-Ies," the Manor house organ, this past week: "Finding that she had forgotten the key to her apartment, a Manor member was heard to say—There are three proofs of getting old. One is that you become forgetful—and I've forgotten the other two."

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Library Week Is Observed At Rogue River

Rogue River—A silver tea and open house was held recently at the Rogue River Public library in observance of National Library week. The event was sponsored by the Rogue River Improvement club and was attended by about 35 guests.

Mrs. Lulu Trotter, librarian, was hostess and Mrs. Jerusha Moore, chairman for the tea, was in charge of pouring.

The event was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Omar Bacon of Medford, Mr. Bacon being librarian for the Public Library of Jackson County and Medford; and Mrs. Florence Moberly, Grants Pass, Josephine county librarian.

Teachers of the Rogue River schools also attended.

Mrs. Trotter reminds residents of the area that the library is open during the hours of 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays; 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., and again from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays; and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Saturdays.

The librarian also has reported that a group of new books has been received and now are available. The library is located on Broadway in Rogue River.

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