

Stephen Foster's Life School Operetta Theme

The operetta "Oh! Susanna" will be presented Friday, May 4, in the Hedrick Junior High school gymnasium by the school's music department. Written by Florence Ryerson and Colin Clements with

Television Star, Wife Entertained

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Yarnell, honored guests during the annual Pear Blossom festival last week end, left Medford by air Saturday night for Disneyland where Mr. Yarnell, star of the television program, "Outlaw," was to make a personal appearance Sunday.

The Yarnells arrived Friday night and Mr. Yarnell served as festival parade marshal Saturday.

The visitors were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Beck Saturday morning for breakfast at their home on Hanley road. Before the parade, the actor visited the children's wards at Rogue Valley and Sacred Heart hospitals.

After the parade and award presentation at Hawthorne park, the visitors were taken on a tour of Medford and Jacksonville.

Also in the parade Saturday was "Bullwinkle" a television cartoon character who delights youngsters. Another visitor in the city who took part in the parade was the queen of the coming Azalea festival to be held in Brookings, Ore., May 26-27.

Many of those who worked on the parade and the festival believe that it was the most successful since it was started in 1954; the event is planned in the interest of the growth and development of the Rogue valley.

Four Attend Convention of Church Women

Attending the third biennial convention of the Oregon district, Lutheran Women's Missionary league, in Albany April 25-26 were Mrs. Milan Bever, Mrs. August Henning, Mrs. Edwin Gutzlaff and Mrs. Albert Huntmann of St. Peter's Lutheran church, Medford.

Keynote speaker for the event was the Rev. Herbert Hinz, missionary to Hong Kong. With words and colorful slides, he graphically portrayed some of the problems when nearly 3 million people are crowded into an area of 390 square miles.

Theme of the convention, "Life With My Lord," was brought out in panel discussions, skits and worship services. At the evening banquet a pageant illustrated how "A Christian Sings From the Cradle to the Grave."

Nineteen projects were considered. Selected were \$3,000 grant to the Nigerian mission to aid two students and to furnish a school for missionary children, and another \$3,000 to help the First Lutheran church in Lakeview, Ore., to build a chapel. Officers elected were Mrs. Richard Moeller, Cornelius, president; Mrs. Alvin Moore, Eugene, first vice-president; Mrs. Edward Maler, Portland, second vice-president; Mrs. Edwin Kiekhafer, Tillamook, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Johnson, Hillsboro, financial secretary; Mrs. Keith Dies, Sutherlin, treasurer.

About 240 delegates, officers and guests attended the convention. The 1964 meet will be held in Grants Pass.

Dinner Planned By Bethel 69

Secret dads will be entertained by members of Bethel 69, International Order of Job's Daughters, at a 6 o'clock dinner preceding a meeting Thursday, May 3 at the Masonic temple. Daughters of the Bethel will be revealed to their secret dads at the dinner.

Visitors Return To California

Cave Junction - Mrs. Andrew Mellow and son Cris, Cotti, Calif., have been guests of Mrs. Mellow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Knight, the past month. The visitors have returned home, accompanied by Mrs. Knight and an aunt, Mrs. Roy Robinson.

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musical score and lyrics by Ann Ronnell, the operetta is based on the music of Stephen Foster. The two-act musical comedy was most recently produced at Pasadena Playhouse in California.

Jerry McDougall, one of the directors, points out that the hero of most of the screen and radio dramas about Stephen Foster has been depicted as an anemic individual who wavered between misunderstood martyrdom and dreary dissipation. This operetta, however, pictures a different and far more interesting Foster during the period when he lived in Ohio.

"Oh! Susanna" is the story of a light-hearted man, as played and sung by Lee Elder, who "sparks" the girls and anticipates Western Union by singing musical valentines and birthday greetings to favored ones. Based on truth and using familiar and unfamiliar Foster songs, the operetta pictures his first meeting with E. P. Christy, "the Barnum of the Minstrel World," as played by Bill Kryker, Stephen leaves his river home to make his fortune with the minstrels, but returns to his only true love, Jeanne, played by Linda Scott and Karen Foley. The musical runs the gamut of Foster rhythms from romance to river songs, from race songs to minstrel show tunes.

The director points out that the staging is unusually imaginative, using the full auditorium for some scenes, and includes an old-time minstrel parade and show in the last act. The director, Mr. McDougall and Carroll Graber, believe that it will offer "an hour and a half of nostalgic, bouncy, laughable, family fun."

Others featured in the cast are Kathi Daugherty as Augusta Foster, Don Eads as Mayor Benjamin Foster, Katie Bevis as his daughter, Susanna Foster, Fred Haupt as Christy's assistant, Jessup; Phil Frohnmayer as Richard Van Slyke, a snobbish "city slicker."

Bob Haworth has a featured role as a riverman and later as a minstrel and plays the banjo. Featured as Foster's sweethearts are Kathi Dyrud, Olga Meyerding, Kristine Mosher, Susan Plumley and Tanis Rose.

Classroom Teachers Hold Dinner and Ceremonies

Honor awards for outstanding service to the teaching profession were presented and officers installed at a recent meeting of the Jackson County Classroom Teachers, a group allied with Oregon Education association. It was held in Prospect Community hall; Prospect Lady Lions served the dinner.

The awards, presented by Mrs. Kathryn Stanchliffe, Phoenix, retiring president, went to Bruce Anthony, Phoenix, public relations chairman; Ralph Humphrey, Eagle Point, local color project chairman; John Mast, president of the Jackson County division, Oregon Education association; Mrs. Marjorie Voelke, Medford, research committee; Mrs. Zelma Foote, Central Point, roundup chairman; Mrs. Helen Barrow, Eagle Point, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Gladys Sloan, Phoenix, program chairman; Miss Aileen Inlow, Ashland, program committee.

The dinner and the awards were in celebration of Teacher Career month which is held in April each year.

Officers were installed by Mrs. Foote. Taking office were John Kuebler, Phoenix, president; Miss Inlow, vice-president; Miss Vera Selby, Eagle Point, recording secretary; Miss Marie Ostmo, Eagle Point, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Volaw, treasurer.

Retirement Talk

Giles Green, Ashland, member of the Oregon Education association's committee on retirement, spoke on that subject. He stated that the Oregon Public Employees Retirement service is an annuity plan which results in benefits to the employee determined by, among other factors, the amount of money in his account at retirement, on age, sex, and choice of benefit option.

The rates of contribution, the speaker said, mandatorily apply to half of the annual salary up to \$4800 at certain fixed rates, different for men and women at different ages. A teacher may choose a five per cent rate on request, or may exercise an option to contribute on all salary over \$4800.

The total accumulated



Mrs. L. H. Valentine, Jacksonville, is the delegate of the Medford League of Women Voters to the annual national convention which opened Monday in Minneapolis. The Oregon delegation, largest in the history of league activities, is headed by Mrs. K. D. Montgomery, Corvallis, president of the state league. The league, which stresses its

"grass roots" programs and non-partisan participation in government on all levels, is expected to re-affirm its interest in the United Nations and in international trade during the convention. Sessions will last through Friday. The Valentine's home in historic Jacksonville is filled with heirloom and antique furniture, dishes and art objects.

Women's News Social Events

'New Look' Described For Camp Fire Girls

By September, Camp Fire Girls throughout the land will have a new look. For the newly enriched and revised program which has been in preparation for several years, will be launched at that time to modernize activities for all levels, the organization reports. Junior high school Camp Fire Girls will have their own identity in groups of 12 and 13 year olds, with a new costume designed especially for them, consisting of slim blue skirt, with their own insignia, white blouse, and narrow red tie. A membership pin has been designed for the junior girls and they will have a new rank.

Miss Martha F. Allen, national director, says "Changes in the program are not the result of what we call national headquarters thought should be done, but are the result of what girls, parents and leaders have told us was needed during a period of intensive research. Before making the changes on a national scale, we actually carried out these program revisions in ten communities over a period of two-and-a-half years. Through experience we have ironed out the rough spots and gained insight into needed revisions."

Program Changed

Miss Allen said that the Camp Fire Girls program has become too old in some ways and too young in others, since girls grow up faster than they used to because of many sociological factors. The change will affect all 600,000 members, from Blue Birds up. New books will be issued in September.

Under the new program, Blue Birds will include girls 7 and 8 years old, or in the second and third grades; and they will "fly-up" one year earlier to the Camp Fire Girls program level (for girls 9, 10, 11 years old, or in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades). Camp Fire Girls will in turn move up to Junior High Camp Fire Girls at 12 years old, or in the seventh grade, where they will stay until they are 14 years old, or in the ninth grade.

The Horizon club girls will still be the program age level for those from ninth grade through twelfth grade. Although the Horizon club age level remains the same, their program will be enriched and revised.

Mrs. Pierre Roberts of Ashland, first vice president of the council and training chairman; Mrs. Rufus Younger, Medford, camping chairman; and Mrs. Tom Gerety, executive director, recently returned from the regional conference in Spokane where an intensive training course was given to both volunteers and professional staff on the revised program and enrichment.

Necessary planning is being done now and will continue during the summer to insure a smooth period of transition into the revised program. "The Rogue council is looking forward to another exciting year of better programming and many good times," Mrs. Gerety states. "The Rogue council of Camp Fire Girls invites all girls and adults in Jackson county to join with us."

Camp Fire Girls in Jackson county are members of the United Crusade and the Ashland-Talent United funds.

Now, a girl can have a raincoat wardrobe something to protect her from the showers from sunup to sundown time. A "raincoat week" in Florence, Italy, produced sportswear raincoats from three-quarter to nine-tenths of street length; for afternoon, the rain suit which was either a combination coat and skirt or cape and skirt; and for evening, touches of mink here and there on rainwear. A cut silk velvet raincoat came with cuffs and hood.

PTA Committee To Hear Talk By Art Teacher

Jack Teeters, art crafts teacher of the Medford High school, will speak on the art crafts program in the public schools, particularly in the junior high schools, when the Medford Coordinating committee of Parent Teacher associations meets Thursday, May 3 at 1:15 P.M. in the Oak Grove school cafeteria.

Mrs. Chester Keene Jr., install the new officers for the year 1962-1963. Those being installed will be Mrs. J. A. Johansson, president; Harold Borer, vice-president; Mrs. Douglas Lamb, secretary, and Mrs. Walter Olson, treasurer. Serving for the year 1961-1962 are Mrs. Emerson Anderson, president; Mrs. Alva Wright, vice president; Mrs. Glenn Stewart, secretary, and Arthur Iverson, treasurer.

The new president and vice-president-elect from each PTA unit in the Medford School District 549C have been invited to attend as well as the retiring president and vice president.

It has been stressed that each delegate who is planning to attend the National Congress of Parents and Teachers convention will need to show their membership card in Portland in order to register for the convention. If any new information is available about the convention it will be announced at the meeting.

Applegate PPA Plans Ceremony

Applegate - Installation of officers is planned for a meeting of Applegate Parent Teacher association Thursday, May 3, at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades will present the program.

A donation will be received for the scales purchased for the school.

Refreshments will be served by the mothers of children in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Baby sitting will be provided.

Surprise Shower Held in Kerby

Kerby - Mrs. Floyd Prichett was honored at a surprise shower given at the home of Mrs. Chester McDonald. After gifts were presented, Mrs. McDonald served refreshments.

Dorsey Band To Stir Up Memories

The Tommy Dorsey orchestra, under the direction of Sam Donahue, will recreate the famous and familiar music of "The Sentimental Gentleman" when it plays at the Armory in Medford on Friday, May 18. The Dorsey theme, "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You," will bring memories of the hey-days of the great dance bands to many in the audience.

Tommy Dorsey was known as the man with the "sweet" trombone, and for two decades he was considered one of the nation's foremost band-leaders and a dominant figure in the popular music world. Many of the greatest band-leaders and vocalists of today are graduates of the Tommy Dorsey orchestra - Bob Crosby, Gene Krupa, Frank Sinatra, Dick Haymes, Jo Stafford are just a few of the many.

In the recording field, he mixed his sweet and swing numbers to please varied tastes. His greatest record success was probably a number entitled "I'll Never Smile Again," which was published by his own music firm in 1940. The Dorsey-Sinatra-Pied Pipers version of this song swept the country.

Two of his most famous recordings for Victor were "Marie" and "Song of India." "Marie" introduced the choral background for the first time, and many other songs were recorded in the same style to mimic its success. "Song of India" was a swinging arrangement of a classic, featuring Tommy's mellow trombone.

Sam Donahue, the present leader of the Tommy Dorsey orchestra, was assistant leader, arranger, and saxophone soloist with the band for many years while Mr. Dorsey was alive. In 1961 when the orchestra was re-united, Mr. Donahue was asked to succeed Tommy Dorsey as its leader, and to bring back the memorable music of "the sentimental gentleman."

The band is being sponsored in Medford by Providence guild of Sacred Heart hospital. Proceeds from the dance will be donated to the hospital building fund.

Tickets may be purchased from any Providence Guild member, or at Ruckers' Record House, Swem's, the First National Bank of Oregon, Medford branch, the United States Bank of Portland, Medford branch, and the Columbia Optical company.

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 5 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Tuesday

7:30 p.m. - Chapter BE, PEO, Mrs. M. M. Morris, 685 South Stage rd.
8 p.m. - Pythian Sisters, Pythian bldg.
8 p.m. - Prospect Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Donald Vaughn.
8 p.m. - Auxiliary to Crater Lake chapter, Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW hall, 42 North Front st.

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. - Boots Creek Home Extension unit, Mrs. Syrena Davis, Route 1, Box 212, Gold Hill.
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Townsend club, Pythian bldg.
12:30 p.m. - Chapter CP, PEO, home of Mrs. Chandler Drew, Route 3, Dry Creek rd.
12:30 p.m. - Chapter CG, PEO, Mrs. William Caldwell, 2968 Jacksonville hwy.
1:30 p.m. - Contemporary Book club, Mrs. Glenn Jackson, 117 Greenway circle.
1:30 p.m. - Central Point Garden club, home of Mrs. Donald A. Faber.
2 p.m. - Wednesday Study club, Rogue Valley manor.

Oregon Gold Star Mothers List Appointive Officers

Appointive officers to serve the Oregon department, American Gold Star Mothers, were announced by the new president, Mrs. Hilda Thomas, Coos Bay, in the closing sessions of the annual convention held last week end at the Jackson House in Medford.

Mrs. Thomas and other officers were elected and installed Saturday afternoon and evening and announced Sunday.

The appointive officers are Mrs. Leona Baker, Eugene, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Myrtle Boesen, Eugene, assistant; Mrs. Ord Castle, Toledo, retiring department president; Mrs. Sara Lappen, Salem, legislative chairman; Mrs. Artis McChesney, Eugene, Americanism chairman; Mrs. Celia Everett, Portland, hospital chairman; Mrs. Madge Wilkins, Portland, musicia; Jean Leach, Toledo, and Mrs. Hazel Farnsworth, Canby, ritual escorts.

Mrs. Rose Decker, Portland, national recording secretary, represented the national group at the sessions. Included among the 97 registered delegates and convention officials were all 23 department officers and 10 chapter presidents according to Mrs. Clyde Sturgill, Medford, president of the local chapter and one of the convention chairmen.

Mrs. Baker conducted the installation ceremonies Saturday night, and Mrs. Castle presided. The Rev. John Frazer, White City, offered the prayer and Maynard Hadley, Medford, sang. He was accompanied by Mrs. C. L. Wagler, Medford.

Mrs. Castle presented a department president's pin to Mrs. Thomas, and also introduced Gold Star dads. Twenty-five members formed a star around the altar while Mr. Hadley sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Mrs. Castle and Mrs. Baker poured for the reception which followed, and Medford members assisted with serving. The refreshment table was covered with a hand-knitted cloth made by Mrs. Baier.

When the convention opened Friday morning, Alva Bradford, Medford city councilman, and Murray Gardiner, president of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, extended greetings. Representatives of 22 civic and patriotic organizations attended and many presented gifts.

Next department function will be a board of directors meeting July 28 in Salem. Mrs. Sturgill, new department historian, will attend.

Fellowship Luncheon Is Planned

Arrangements for the annual May Fellowship luncheon sponsored by the Medford Council of United Church Women are completed. It is announced by committees in charge of the event.

Mrs. Lyle Schoppert, chairman, states that much interest is being expressed in the topic to be considered for the present luncheon which will present thoughts on the theme "One Family Under God; Who is my Family?" The unity and equality of man, as discussed by Dr. George Roseberry, will stress the importance of realizing the great need for better understanding of God's family in Christian unity.

Mrs. Leslie Boardman will be at the piano for the lunch hour and Mrs. D. G. MacDougal will sing an English air of the 17th century and a prayer by St. Francis of Assisi.

Mrs. Angus Todd, teacher of Bible history in the schools, will present a flannelgraph talk pertinent to the day's theme.

Those planning to attend are requested to be present promptly at 12 noon and if small children are to receive nursery care, mothers are asked to provide sack lunches for them.

Members from the several affiliated churches will assist during the luncheon hour and members of the host church will receive at the door.

Table decorations will be placed by Mrs. Walter Peabody and Mrs. J. C. Sparks.

Limelighters To Be Here

Ashland - The Limelighters, one of America's newest singing sensations, will present a concert under the sponsorship of Southern Oregon college, Monday, May 14, at 8 p.m. at Hedrick Junior High school in Medford.

Members of the group are Lou Gottlieb, bassist; Alex Hassliev, who plays the guitar and five-string banjo; and Glenn Yarbrough, classical guitarist. They have toured with Mort Sahl, and appeared on television with such celebrities as Ed Sullivan, Dinah Shore, Jack Parr, Johnny Mathis.

Tickets are on sale at Puckers in Medford; Melody House, Grants Pass; Music Mart, Ashland; and the Southern Oregon college business office.

The public is invited to attend.

Chapter Honors Mrs. Fred Ryde

About 100 members and guests attended a recent meeting of Adair chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, which honored Mrs. Fred Ryde, a 50-year member and past matrons and patrons. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crawford, matron and patron, presided.

Escorted and introduced were Eldon Cone, Salem, associate gran patron; Mrs. John Wright, Myrtle Creek, grand conductress and Mrs. E. L. Roudabaugh, Grants Pass, grand Adah.

Mrs. Ryde was escorted to the East and Mrs. Crawford presented her a 50-year membership pin on behalf of the chapter. Mrs. Ryde responded with memorable events she had experienced in her years of membership. Mrs. Ryde's daughter, Mrs. Robert Rucker, was introduced and spoke briefly.

Forty past matrons and patrons formed a semi-circle around the altar. Each gave his name, chapter name and the year of service. A miniature gavel was presented to each by officers.

Mrs. George Redhead and Mrs. John Blak sang, accompanied by Mrs. George Mero. Refreshments were served in the dining room by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith, Mrs. Pearl Whitney and Mrs. Trilby Stone.



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