



Maybe no one has noticed, but the writer of this column hasn't written one for several days. We have a number of good reasons. We have been extremely busy going places—a great many events seem to call for the presence of the women's editor, along with extra reporting afterwards. Covering of all these not only took our time, but quite a bit of space to report (and pictures which are waiting to be published) so that we had no time to write columns, and no space to print them.

A few days ago we found a spare hour and we retired to our second office at home and surveyed the piles of papers, magazines, clippings, notes and letters that have accumulated in recent weeks. The file marked clippings was unusually thick, so we opened it and began to thumb through.

On top was a little United Press clipping which read "Americans spend nearly twice as much for recreation, alcoholic beverages, and tobacco as they do for medical care, the Health Insurance Institute reports. Of every 100 cents John and Jane Doe spend, more than 11 cents go for the combined costs of recreation, alcohol soaks up three cents and tobacco inhales 2.3 cents, the Institute says. Medical care corners 5.9 cents."

Next we found a scrap of paper on which we had scribbled some notes. The words went something like this "girls—books, brief cases—girls more cons..." This meant nothing at first glance and then we finally remembered. This was the result of a conversation with Gain Robinson, who said that for years he had been watching high school students as they made their way up and down Oakdale avenue and up and down Main street. He wants to know why girls are always carrying great stacks of books, and boys hardly ever, unless they appear to be carrying them for a girl companion. The "cons..." we decided must have been conscientious, but we've forgotten how brief cases got into the conversation. Maybe boys carry brief cases nowadays. We must remember to check on this.

The next next was a clipping from the Corvallis Gazette-Times editorial column in which someone, probably Editor Robert Ingalls, stated that there are too many organizations in his town. He checked with Jackie McKenzie, who calls herself the "family editor" (society editors are going out of style) and she said she had about 200 women's organizations in her card file.

The editorial continued: "It would probably be a conservative estimate to say there are 1000 regularly organized groups in this community of approximately 23,000 people. On top of this number there are the rural organizations to which many local people belong."

"How many of these organizations are actually necessary, do good (not to be confused with 'do-gooders') for either the community or its members? Of course no one can answer the question. Maybe half would be a good guess."

"What we need in this community is a committee which would screen, on some sort of formula, new groups which want to form. The committee could then advertise to the public whether the proposed organization does or does not meet the required standards. This committee could also begin a check on existing organizations with the idea in mind of consolidation or elimination altogether."

The writer back-tracked a bit and told how he once advocated that Cub Scouts, Brownies and Blue Birds should be abandoned since they were little more than "glorified baby sitting groups" and how his mail had been filled with letters from irate mothers (he didn't mention fathers) and then ended by saying he still believes that Corvallis is over-organized. He believes that some worthwhile projects are skimped because so many unnecessary ones get in the way.

This, of course, is like arguing about what is "truth." The writer might have something, but who, pray, would be brave enough to serve on the committee to decide which groups are necessary and which are not? O. S.

Wesleyan Guild Officers Elected

Miss Carol Denny was elected president of the Ruth Esther unit, Wesleyan Service guild, at a recent business meeting of the group held in the First Methodist church.

Elected vice president was Mrs. L. A. White; secretary of promotion, Mrs. George L. Watson; recording secretary, Mrs. William A. Hatz; treasurer, Miss Janie Smith, and coordinator, Mrs. George Roseberry.

The group will meet next on Monday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m., when the hostesses will be Miss Voda Brower, Mrs. Frank Gray and Mrs. Florence Gilkison.

The devotion and pledge service will be led by Mrs. Wallace Peabody and Mrs. Lionel Guy.

All members are asked by the officers to take a book for a book sale.

An invitation is extended to all employed women of the church.

Social Events



Among students winning awards during the third annual awards dinner and style show held recently at Medford High school by the homemaking department and the Future Homemakers of America were (left to right) Miss Anita Smith, senior; Miss Connie Hunt, sophomore and Miss Georgia Mitchell, junior. Miss Mitchell was installed president of the FHA chapter during the event. About 150 girls appeared in the style show modeling clothing which they had made, and in some instances, had designed as well. Mann's Department store presented awards to the three pictured here.

Public Invited To Ballet

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thurston of the Thurston Dance studio invite the public to attend an evening of entertainment Monday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m., in the Medford High school auditorium. No charge will be made for the event.

Featured will be the ballet, "Swan Lake," with the music of Tchaikowsky, which will be performed by advanced students. Mrs. Thurston has done the choreography to depict the entire story of the ballet in a 40 minute period.

On the program also will be a variety of songs and dances performed by children as young as three years old.

This will be second year that the Thurstons have presented their show free to the public. In 1959 and 1960 they presented the events in conjunction with the Medford Active club and all the proceeds from the shows were given to the School of Hope.

The Thurstons have had a dance studio in Medford for six years and a studio in Klamath Falls for the past four years.



Miss Janice Payton won an award for this dressmaker suit which she made in second-year clothing class at Medford High school this term. The suit is of shrimp colored nubby weave material lined with polka dot silk and worn with a blouse which matches the lining. The jacket has a yoke back and fastens with a single button. Miss Payton's award was from Medford Yardage center.

Installations Held at Derby

Derby - Mrs. Floyd Burg was installed chairman of the Derby Home Extension unit during the May meeting of the group held in the Burg home. Mrs. Oscar Barlow was the installing officer.

Other officers installed were Mrs. Anon Cothrin, vice chairman; Mrs. John Wolter, secretary; and Mrs. Roy Terrell, treasurer.

Mrs. F. G. Haworth and Mrs. Burg gave reports on activities at the state council meeting held recently in Corvallis.

Mrs. Roscoe Arent and Mrs. Burg led the project.

Sawtelles Visit Relatives Here

Airman John D. Sawtelle of the United States Air Force, with Mrs. Sawtelle and their daughter, Deborah, left Medford Thursday after visiting here with Airman Sawtelle's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wagner, 112 Cottage street.

The airman recently completed a tour of duty in Korea, having been there for 13 months, and is now assigned to Beale Air Force base, Calif., with the 412th Combat Defense squadron. He formerly lived in Medford.

Women's News

Homemaking Department Has Dinner and Show

As a climax to the school year, the homemaking classes and Future Homemakers of America of Medford High school held the third annual awards dinner and style show recently at the school cafeteria. About 225 students, teachers and mothers attended, and the theme of the event was "Especially for Mothers."

Preceding dinner about 150 girls modeled clothing which they had made in classes and as outside projects during the school term. Some had been designed by the girls. Mrs. Ruth Hockersmith, clothing instructor, served as commentator for the show and Barbara Myers, president of the FHA chapter, welcomed the guests.

The clothing which the students modeled included simple cotton dresses and sports clothing, suits and costume dresses of a variety of material, evening gowns and top coats.

The awards for outstanding work in clothing went to Connie Hunt, sophomore, Georgia Mitchell, junior and Anita Smith, senior, at Medford High school. Also winning awards were Karen Kruswyck of Hedrick Junior High school and Danae Patella, McLoughlin Junior High school. The awards were from Mann's Department store, and were presented by Mrs. Leona Bestul of the store.

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Awards for special garments had been provided by Medford Yardage center. They went to Diane Maehren, Hedrick, for cotton; Carolyn Bailey, McLoughlin, cotton; Sharon Hansey, an achievement award for Homemaking IV; Linda Nelson, second year clothing wool dress; Janice Payton, second year clothing, dressmaker suit; Sue Bergheim, third year clothing, tailored project; Barbara Myers, third year sewing, creative sewing award. These were presented by Mrs. Mary Ann Hutton for the Yardage center.

Bette DePlace won a Home-making IV achievement award provided by Newberry's store, and Judy Hueners a second year clothing achievement award also provided by this store.

Quality Market provided awards for girls in foods classes. They went to Nancy Luschen, McLoughlin Junior High school; Randy Baker, Hedrick school; Sandee Jones and Joan Gillmore, Homemaking III, and Anne Taylor, advanced food class.

FHA awards went to Georgia Mitchell, Sue Sneed, Barbara Myers, Linda Nelson, Linda Wilson, Elaine Davenport and Pam Nelson. Miss Myers also won the National Silversmith outstanding senior girl award. Miss Myers plans to study designing in New York beginning next fall.

The program closed with installation of FHA chapter officers for the coming year. Taking office were Miss Mitchell, president; Miss Hueners, vice-president; Miss Jones, secretary; Miss Kay Kent, treasurer; Miss Sneed, degree chairman and point keeper; Miss Hensley, assistant; Miss Konschot, historian; Miss Luschen, parliamentarian.

Retiring officers are Miss Myers, president; Miss Deanna Kunkel, vice-president; Miss Mitchell, secretary; Miss Linda Wilson, treasurer; Miss Nelson, reporter; Miss Sneed, degree chairman and point keeper; Miss M. R. Beth Lockington, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Hockersmith is advisor for the group. For the dinner and program, she was assisted by Mrs. Jan Davis, Miss Barbara Bieler, and Mrs. Margaret Harrang of the school faculty.

Klamath Falls Sojourners Are Luncheon Guests

Medford Sojourners club entertained 30 guests at a luncheon and card party May 10 in the Girls Community club. Twenty-six of the guests were from Klamath Falls Sojourners club.

Other guests were Mrs. H. L. Swenson, River Falls, Wis.; Mrs. Letha Crawford, Days Creek; Alice Mussen, Central Point; Mrs. Clayton Walker and Mrs. Lola J. Jones, both Medford.

Luncheon hostesses were Mrs. Beryl Lyon, Mrs. John Mansfield, Mrs. Francis Bean and Mrs. Grace Todd. Tables were decorated with potted spring flowers and apothecary jars with candles, later given as table prizes for cards.

Special prizes were awarded Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. I. W. Housechild. Judge prizes were won by Mrs. Swenson and Mrs. Clifton Green. Pinocle prizes were received by Mrs. De Wood and Mrs. Richard Bowers. Winning at canasta were Mrs. Anna Cook and Mrs. Henry Miller.

The next meeting of the club will be May 24 at 12:30 p.m., in Girls Community club. All women who have lived in Medford or vicinity two years or less are invited to attend and become members. The group is a social one and its purpose is to assist newcomers in becoming acquainted.

Dinner Planned In Eagle Point

Eagle Point - An old fashioned dinner of chicken and noodle and homemade ice cream will be held Sunday, May 20, from 12:30 until 4:30 p.m. at the Eagle Point Scout Community building.

Parents and friends of Boy Scout Troop 48 are helping the scouts cook and prepare the dinner menu. Members of the Boy Scout Explorer Post 48 will make the ice cream. A small charge will be made and donated to the Scout Community building for either maintenance or building needs. This idea originated with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clifford. The Boy Scouts invite everyone to help support their building needs and enjoy a good home cooked dinner at the same time.

Calendar

Saturday: 12:30 p.m.—Epsilon chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, Tallo Ho, Talent.



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May 20th Issue

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Program Announced For Concert Sunday Night

Ashland - Dr. Herbert Cecil, conductor of the Southern Oregon Little Symphony orchestra, has announced the program which the orchestra will give Sunday, May 20, at 8 p.m. in Churchill auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Featured will be a performance of Mozart's "Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra," by Virginia Cecil, supervisor of elementary vocal music in the Ashland public schools and Janet Ivie, a member of the Southern Oregon college music faculty.

Also on the program will be an unusual composition by the Italian Baroque composer Arcangelo Corelli titled "Concerto for Two Trumpets and Strings." This is a composition made up of four short movements titled Preludio, Corrente, Adagio, and Allemande, so it is more in the form of a dance suite than a true concert. "Impet parts" will be played by students James Maffett, Grants Pass, and Roy Taylor, Medford.

The orchestra also will play Glinka's overture to the opera "A Life for the Czar," "Valse Triste" by the Finnish composer, Sibelius, "Donna Diana" overture by Reznicek, and "American Salute" by the contemporary American composer, Morton Gould.

Coffee will be served at intermission by Alpha Sigma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi with the proceeds going to their scholarship fund. There will be no admission charge for the concert although an

offering will be accepted for the benefit of the music scholarship fund. The public is invited to attend.

Veterans Bridge Club Scores Told

White City - Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gordon won first place at the regular play of the Camp White Veterans Bridge club at the May 11 session. They scored 59 points. Taking second place were Mr. and Mrs. Paul McDuffee with 57½ points.

Third place was won by D. H. Barber and Gilbert Pettibone, whose score was 52 points, and in fourth place were Mrs. J. J. Finegan and Roy Pruitt who had 51 points.

Guests

Ashland - Mother's Day week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Scott, 417 Ray Lane, were their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gane and four children, Eugene.

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Mrs. Edward Koenig Honored by Church

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NEW MILK IN MEDFORD

MEDFORD - A new Hi-Energy milk with 25% more protein than contained in regular milk has just been announced in Medford. This Hi-Energy milk is further made nutritious by the addition of the full daily minimum of the essential Vitamins A, D, B1, B2, Nicotin, Vitamin C plus two essential minerals, iron and iodine.

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