Phoenix — Mrs. Nan Hewitt, (center, standing) of 217 Fourth st., Phoenix, celebrated her 89th birthday on Mother's Day. A party was given for her by her daughters, Mrs. Edward Inman of Central Point and Mrs. Beryl Birk of Phoenix. Among the guests were five close friends of Mrs. Hewitt whose ages range from 84 to 89. Shown here, they were, (left to right, seated) Mrs. Tony Grim, Mrs. Ella McBeth and Mrs. Mary Bergan, all of Phoenix, and in the back row, Mrs. Emma Keith of Phoenix, Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Neda Fox of Talent.

Mrs. Gordon Elliott Elected Head of DAV Auxiliary

Mrs. Gordon Elliott was elected commander of the Disabled American Veterans auxiliary at their meeting May 21, in the Girls Community club.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Norman Neathammer, senior vice commander; Mrs. Bertha Neff, junior vice commander; Mrs. Effie Reynolds, chaplain; Mrs. James Lillie, state executive committeewoman, and Mrs. Neff, alternate.

Mrs. Elliott appointed Mrs. Everett Grissom, adjutant. Delegates elected to the department convention are Mrs. J. P. Graham, charter delegate, with Mrs. W. B. Hickman, alternate. The convention will be held in Salem June 7 to 9.

Mrs. E. R. Rice, retiring commander of the auxiliary, announced that installation will be held in July.

Refreshments were served by the committee following the business sessions. Table decorations were assorted iris and pink candles.

Final Meeting

Sams Valley — Mrs. Lloyd Beers will be hostess for the Sams Valley Ladies club at her home on Sweet road, Thursday, May 31, at 1 p.m. Mrs. Beers will serve a picnic luncheon. This will be the final meeting until fall.

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Americans thrive on organizations. There are thousands upon thousands of clubs and societies and associations and alliances in this country which are formed for thousands of reasons and purposes. Reporters are probably better informed about these endless groups than most persons, but from time to time we hear about a new one—new to us, that is.

The latest to come across our horizon is the American Association of Theater Organ Enthusiasts. These men and women, who are apparently organized to preserve something of the past in this special phase of music making, gathered in New York not long ago. There are about 2,000 members in all parts of the United States, it seems, and in many cities they are permitted to play the now mostly unused theater organs on Sunday mornings and during the times the buildings are not being used.

While in New York the musicians visited the Brooklyn Paramount to see and play a mighty Wurlitzer and to lament the decline of the theater organ. Once upon a time every major movie theater in the United States boasted an organ, and some were mammoth costly instruments. With the advent of sound movies they gradually fell into disuse. Because it cost so much to remove the big organs, many of them are simply left unused.

When Potpourri came to Medford there was an organ in the Craterian theater and it was still used to provide overture and intermission music for movie audiences. There was even a "sing along" time when the words to old favorites and current popular songs were flashed on the screen and, with a little white dot bobbing along the lines to lead the singers and the organist providing the accompaniment, everyone in the audience would join in.

According to news reports of the meeting of the Theater Organ enthusiasts, there is only one theater in New York still using the organ. At Radio City Music hall, the organ is still played during intermissions.

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Potpourri plans to be in Eugene today for the concert of the Philadelphia Symphony orchestra. This is one of the blessings of belonging to Civic Music—members are permitted not only to use their tickets for concerts in their home towns, but for any Civic Music concert wherever it may be given. The Jackson county association is not large or wealthy enough to book the big symphony orchestras and other expensive artists or groups, but its members may go to Eugene for these concerts. Since the Eugene association is made up of both townspeople and University of Oregon students, it has an exceedingly large membership.

Not long ago the famous American soprano, Eileen Farrell, gave a Civic Music program in MacArthur court in that city under rather unusual circumstances. Sandy the Cub who left The Tribune staff in March to attend university classes for the spring term, wrote of the incident.

"We saw Eileen Farrell in concert last night at MacArthur court. The court was very full, and everyone loved her singing. But one strange thing did happen—as she was walking in from the pause before her last group of songs, the audience applauded as usual, and then they stopped, the noise didn't. It had started to hail during the applause, and no one had heard the start of the storm. It was really coming down hard, and some of the hailstones were an inch and a half across, we learned later. You couldn't even talk to your neighbor, and Miss Farrell definitely couldn't sing. The roof leaked and the halls outside the tunnels were flooded, water dripped from the light fixtures, and so on. Miss Farrell took the incident with great good grace and loved it when some enterprising young man brought her and umbrella."

Sandy added that she was working a few hours a week on the university paper, The Emerald, and was getting some practice in writing headlines. It is the plan that she will return to The Tribune for summer.

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Potpourri is a clipping cutter and mailer, and we've been busy with scissors and envelopes during the week at home. One clipping from The New York Times went to Angus Bowmer of the Oregon Shakespearean festival in Ashland. The story told how students at Cornell university at Ithaca celebrated Spring week end with a production of "Julius Caesar" instead of having a parade. "Student enthusiasm, it seems, is more available for the arts than for the crafts of crepe paper and chicken wire." Well, orchids to Cornell.

The writer went on to say that the performance was staged in the courtyard of a women's dormitory and attracted "unusual and merited attention." A senior undergraduate from India, Xerxes Mehta, sparked the production and served as producer, director, coach, designer, music supervisor and gadfly, the reporter wrote. Caesar was a Scotsman, Marc Antony was played by a Greek from Egypt who is enrolled in astronomy and other students were chemists, physicists, philosophers, engineers and mathematicians.

"But a more beautiful and impressive setting can hardly be imagined," the reporter wrote. "The sweep of a terraced balcony against towering walls, the architectural scale of stone stairways and the massive arch, suggests the grandeur that was Rome and the grandeur that is Shakespeare. To actors playing with less passion and confidence the mise en scene could be overpowering. But from the first fanfare of live trumpets, players and audience with them are lifted to the brilliance of the master playwright's world."

Having spent hours and hours every summer for the past years at the Shakespearen festival in Ashland, we know exactly what he's writing about. O.S.

Banquet Held by Thespian Club; Awards Presented

Gregory Keith was installed president of the Thespian club of Medford High school at the group's annual installation banquet recently at Pings Garden.

Other officers installed were Paul Goodwin, vice president; Judie Brookman, secretary; Brian Porter, treasurer, and Bill Houston, records clerk.

New members accepted by the club are Tracy Blackstone, Judie Brookman, Paul Goodwin, Gregory Keith, Penny Sage, Andrea Smith, Marilyn Watkins, Jean Kennett, and Lindsay Darneille.

Awards of stars and bars for work done since the last installation were made by sponsor, Mrs. Lenore Zapell.

Honorary memberships were awarded to Miss Colleen Hope and Raymond Lewis in recognition of their contributions to theater arts among young people in the community. Other honorary members from previous years were guests: Mr. Zapell, Bob Stedman, and John Drysdale, orchestra director.

Outstanding Seniors

Lester Harris, high school principal, made awards to outstanding senior Thespians. Annice Black, Joel Gregory, Alice Jonason, Nola Robbins, and Lois Stedman received certificates of recognition. The Best Thespian of 1962 is James Douglass, the retiring president.

Thespian pins were also awarded to the six seniors and five others who have remained active during their senior year. They are Steve Eichelberger, Pat Daigle, Beckie Barlow, Faye Rasmussen, and Sharyn Hamm.

Entertainment was provided by sophomore singer Jacque Long and a group of seniors who presented a comedy sketch. They were Joel Gregory, Nola Robbins, James Douglass, Annice Black, and Steve Eichelberger. Mr. Lewis was the accompanist.

Annice Black was chairman of the event and decorations were provided by Pat Selley, Jean Allen, and Jacque Long.

Prospect Woman Elected Director

Prospect—Mrs. George Hubbard was reelected district director of District E of the Oregon Lions auxiliary at the state Lions convention held recently in Salem. District E extends from the coast to Klamath Falls and includes 28 clubs.

Delegates from Prospect at the state Lions convention in Salem were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Twombly, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vaughn, and Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard.

Miss Johnson Installed Rainbow Worthy Advisor

Miss Gloria Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Johnson, 517 Benson street, was installed as worthy advisor of Warren Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Jacksonville Masonic temple was the scene of the afternoon event, Sunday, May 20.

Line officers also installed were Miss Melba Graham, worthy associate advisor; Miss Diana Nordstrom, charity; Miss Margaret Atkinson, hope; Miss Darcy Johnson, faith; Miss Peggy Favor, recorder; Miss Theresa Gardner, treasurer; Miss Edie Reinking, chaplain; Miss Susan Ritchey, drill leader; Miss Cheryl Garren, love; Miss Carmen Barriman, religion; Miss Karen Waldron, nature; Miss Mary Thomason, immortality; Miss Gwen Hall, fidelity; Miss Frances Pentland, patriotism; Miss Fawn Skinner, service; Miss Priscilla Graham, confidential observer; Miss Linda Uchytil, outer observer; Miss Lona Buffington, musician; and Miss Carol Axson, choir director.

Motto Selected

Miss Johnson chose as her motto "Service is the golden key to happiness"; her aim, "Charity and Understanding;" her colors, white and gold and her song was "Climb Every Mountain". Miss Johnson wore a floor length gold satin gown with white Chantilly lace jacket.

Installing officers were: Mrs. Donna Johnson, worthy advisor; Miss Mary Housel, chaplain; Miss Janice Armstrong, marshal; Miss Lona Buffington, musician; and Miss Cora Ravenor, recorder.

Miss Gloria Johnson (Knackstedt photo)

Medford chapter, Order of De Molay, assisted by Mr. Johnson, performed the crowning ceremonies.

Miss Johnson's parents were escorted to the East and introduced. She presented her mother with a corsage and they presented her with her gavel. Miss Johnson presented the out-going worthy advisor with her past worthy advisors pin.

An addenda entitled "Remember" was given by the past worthy advisors.

Escorted

Escorted and introduced were: John Pond, captain general of the Grand Commandary of Oregon; Miss Susan Ritchey, grand page to the grand assembly of Oregon; Miss Pam Trowbridge, queen-elect for Bethel 55, International Order of Job's Daughters; George Findlay, father advisor of Ashland chapter, Order of De Molay; and Budd Lininger, master councilor, Ashland chapter, Order of De Molay. Past worthy advisors of Warren assembly were also introduced.

A bouquet of long stemmed white carnations was presented to Miss Johnson, by Gail Buffington on behalf of Warren lodge, Masonic lodge, the sponsoring body.

Bridge Scores Are Announced

The regular weekly play of the Riverside Bridge club scheduled for May 30 has been cancelled because of Memorial day, officers announced.

At the May 23 session of the club, 40 players competed.

Taking first place in the north-south position were Mrs. Richard Milestone and Mrs. F. E. Bowman, who scored 126 points. Mrs. F. R. Baker and Roy Pruitt were second with 124½ points; Mrs. Fred Rehling and Mrs. Paul DeDuffee, third, 124; and Mrs. B. B. Hughes and Richard Finnell, fourth, 120.

The east-west winners were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strong, first, 134 points; Mrs. Leland Clark and Mrs. Sam Van Dyke, second, 130½; Mrs. Dale Forncrook and Mrs. A. W. Lingaas, third, 128; and Mrs. Ella Torgerson and Mrs. Del Clifford, fourth, 119.

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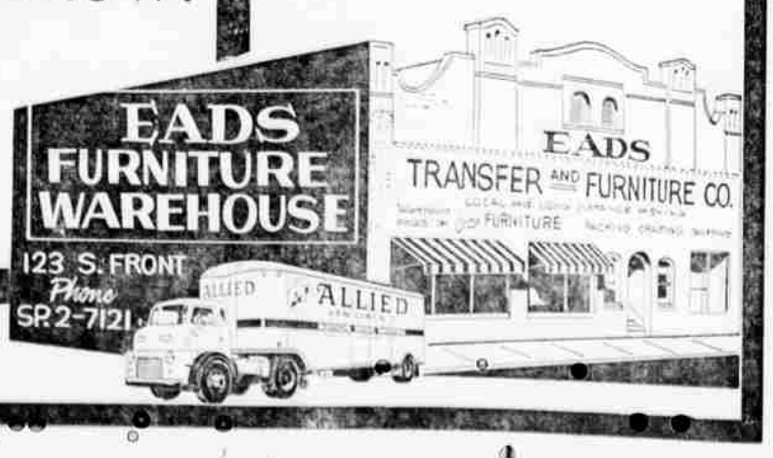

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