

Women's News

Social Events



Mrs. Alvin Hopper (at left) and Mrs. Douglas Plumley are two of the members of Beta Upsilon chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, who will model for the coming benefit style show which the chapter plans. It will be held Tuesday, August 14, around the pool at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Skinner, 2112 Hillside drive, and the clothing shown will be from Jean Hart's store. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Larry Rose, 773-5753, or Mrs. Jack Rents, 772-6796. Proceeds from the event will be used for the chapter's scholarship for a Southern Oregon college student.

New Eyes for the Needy Collects Old Eyeglasses

By GAY PAULEY
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Short Hills, N. J., (UPI)—The head of a Christian mission in Uganda, East Africa, wrote that "I think this is a more practical way to counteract communism here in Africa than any other thing else."

A Glen Ridge, N. J., man, less internationally minded at the moment of writing, said "Enclosed are a ring, a denture and some watches. This is a conglomeration of a wrecked romance, a wrecked tooth and a wrecked time piece. Maybe melted into one piece they will be the beginning of happiness for someone."

Both are among the letters received at headquarters in Short Hills, a fashionable old residential community near New York, of the New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., a unique organization celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

The organization grew from one socially prominent woman's volunteer work at a Red Cross depot in New York during the depression of the early 1930s when indigent applicants for food packages often could not see how to fill in application blanks. She would lend them her glasses.

Quarter-Million Helped
It has expanded steadily until today, New Eyes spends each year \$93,000 on glasses for the needy around the world. It counts a quarter of a million persons helped.

The founder of the charity was Mrs. Arthur E. Terry of Short Hills, who decided that a loan of glasses to the food applicants was not the answer. She began rounding up discarded spectacles from friends to donate. Ultimately, she decided the only solution was to raise money to pay for new glasses, to be prescribed for the individual.

Most of the glasses in the early donations had gold rims and Mrs. Terry figured these could provide funds. Melt the frames and sell the gold. The Enright Refinery, Newark, N. J., agreed to process the rims, and still does, 30 years later. The U. S. Assay Office gave the organization permission to collect gold scrap.

New Eyes still prides itself on never asking for money—although it doesn't turn down donations. Its income is from sale of the meltings from metal spectacle rims, the gold that goes into dentures, gold and silver jewelry which has some gold or silver "wash" worth saving, and from the resale of real or costume jewelry, watches, fidgets, even fancy spectacle cases.
Copy the Princess
Dwight D. Eisenhower, Herbert Hoover, Eleanor Roosevelt, Bernard Baruch and

Nelson Rockefeller are among the "names" who have donated. Distribution of new glasses—or some of the old still usable such as sun glasses shipped to a leper colony in Okinawa—is arranged through hospitals and welfare agencies.

Mrs. Terry died in 1947, and the Junior League of the Short Hills area took over. In 1958, because of its expansion, the whole community adopted the project. Mrs. Julius W. Phoenix Jr., of Short Hills, is its chairman.

The day I visited headquarters in the basement of the parish house of Christ church it was "sorting day." A dozen of the 125 volunteers were opening packages. These were all sizes from all parts of the country—collected and mailed from service clubs, women's clubs, youth organizations such as the Scouts, and individuals.

Mrs. Fred R. Emerson, of Short Hills, said that when plastic frames went into production New Eyes worried that its source of income from the metal frames would drop. It hasn't, however, and the volunteers are delighted to hear that Princess Grace of Monaco has been wearing gold spectacles for formal wear.

"We hope millions of women will copy her," said Mrs. Emerson.

Gold Hill Church Women Set Meeting

Gold Hill—Miss Jean Cunningham, minister of the Gold Hill Christian church will be hostess for the next meeting of the Golden Circle Women's group on Monday, August 13 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Gertrude Curry will be devotion leader. It is planned that the event will be held out of doors on the patio.

Supper Sunday Marks Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Kenn Knackstedt were hosts for a supper party Sunday evening which observed Mr. Knackstedt's birthday anniversary. Supper was served buffet style in the yard of their home, 91 Renault avenue.

Fifteen were present for the event. The guests included Mr. Knackstedt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Knackstedt.

Halfhills Visit In California

Mrs. A. L. Halfhill and son, Jerry Halfhill, 820 Dakota street, spent six days at Napa, Calif., where they were guests of Mrs. Halfhill's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Halfhill, and their son, Larry James Halfhill, a Crater High school graduate, is a staff sergeant in the Air Force and is stationed at Hamilton field. He joined the service in 1953.

Half-Point Wins Noted For Bridge

Several half-point wins were recorded Tuesday night when Medford Duplicate Bridge club held the August master point play. Nineteen tables of players were on hand, and play was in two sections.

Saturday, August 11, has been set as the date of the monthly master point game of the Medford unit, American Contract Bridge league. It will be held at Girls Community club beginning at 7:45 p.m.

North-south winners in Section A last Tuesday night were Mrs. A. W. Lingaas and Mrs. Herbert Reddick, Grants Pass, first, 140; Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Durland, Grants Pass, second, 124½; Mrs. Sam Richardson and Robert Dick, third, 118½; Mrs. Jack Mitchell and Mrs. F. R. Baker, fourth, 117½.

Winning east-west in this section were Mrs. Fred Purdin and Mrs. Lewis Smith, first, 131; Mrs. F. E. Bowman and Mrs. J. J. Finegan, second, 130½; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hillary, Grants Pass, third, 124; Mrs. R. C. Cadmus and C. B. Brooks, Grants Pass, fourth, 113½.

Nine tables of players were in the first section, and 10 in the second.

Winners in Section B, north-south, were Chester Reavis and George Rode, first, 178; Mrs. J. Herman and Mrs. J. P. Vachon, second, 143; the Paul Hattens, third, 142; the George Bratons, fourth, 141½.

East-west winners in this section were Mrs. Neal Dunlap and Miss Joyce Smith, Grants Pass, first, 167; the B. L. Sandersons, 166½; second, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ricker, third, 139½; Mrs. Kenneth Peterson and Mrs. Jerry Lausmann, fourth, 135.

Mrs. George Polski and Mrs. Raymond Wise served a buffet lunch after the games.

Virginians Visit In Central Point

Central Point—Mrs. R. E. Luehrs, and five children, Portsmouth, Va., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Beasley and Mrs. Hazel Bowman, 521 Manzanita street.

Mr. Luehrs is a captain with the medical corps on board the aircraft carrier, "Enterprise," now in the Mediterranean area.

En route to Oregon, Mrs. Luehrs and the children visited relatives in Washington state and attended the World's Fair. They plan to visit at Merrill, Ore., before returning to Virginia.

Couple Returns From San Pablo

Hornbrook—Mr. and Mrs. Ardon Burns returned Monday from a week-end visit with their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. William Paulsen and Debbie, Dale, and David in San Pablo, Calif.

The previous week, Mr. and Mrs. Burns, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Zela Elmore, spent four days in Oroville, Calif., with Mrs. Elmore's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Eston Henderson.

L. P. Olders Leave After Visiting Here

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Olders, former longtime residents, have left for Lake Oswego after visiting with their daughter, Mrs. C. J. Niehuas, the former Miss Charlotte Olders, and her family at 501 South Modoc avenue.

At Lake Oswego they are guests of another daughter, Mrs. Donald Benson, the former Miss Patsy Olders, and her family.

After traveling from there to the World's Fair in Seattle and into Canada, the couple will return to Medford for several days about September 15 before continuing into California.

They also have visited their daughter, Mrs. Vernon Ward, the former Miss Elise Olders, at Eugene, and in California they will be guests of another daughter, Mrs. Robert Wendt, the former Miss Billie Olders, and her family at San Luis Obispo.

Since Mr. Olders' retirement about three years ago the couple has traveled throughout Europe and in all but seven states in the United States.

During their trip to Europe, Mrs. Olders, who was born in Paris, France, was reunited with relatives for the first time in 48 years.

Alumni Dance

All former Southern Oregon college students are invited to attend the Alumni dance in the Britt ballroom, Saturday, beginning at 9:30 p.m., free of charge. It was announced by Hugh G. Simpson, director of alumni affairs.

Simpson added that it was not necessary to participate in any of the other events of the reunion to attend the dance.

Book Fair Seeks Annuals

Ashland—High school and college annuals are in demand at the Tudor Guild Book Fair in the Stump Art gallery. Yearbooks from any school and of any period are on the wanted list of an anonymous collector.

It seems that the gentleman began his unusual hobby in 1927 and has now amassed an interesting collection which includes one yearbook from an Eastern college published in mid-19th century. He declares that he has annuals from every major university in the United States and from many colleges and high schools.

Contributors of books to the Tudor Guild Book Fair are asked to take them to the Stump gallery on the Plaza between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. any week day. Proceeds from the sales go to the Guild's Shakespearean Festival scholarship fund.

Mrs. Ball Home From California; Sees Art Exhibit

Mrs. Thomas P. Ball, 1025 Ingrid avenue, is home after a week's vacation in California. From here she traveled to Redding where she was a guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Dulin.

Mrs. Dulin then accompanied her to San Francisco, their former home, where they visited relatives. While in the Bay city they attended an art exhibit at the Maxwell gallery where they viewed paintings done by Robert Watson, an impressionist, and Gian Carlo Erizzo, who uses blues and greys in desert scenes to denote spirit and peace.

Guests To Arrive For Valley Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen and daughter, Nancy, Wheatland, Calif., and Mrs. Allen's sister, Mrs. Edna Zalk, Omaha, Neb., are to arrive today in Medford as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Meier, 3410 North Pacific highway, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tounignant, 137 Wilamette avenue.

They also will visit Mr. and Mrs. Owen A. Kunkel, 1411 East McAndrews road, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kunkel, 201 Willamette avenue.

The visitors formerly lived in Minden, Iowa, and were neighbors of the Kunkel family. Mrs. Allen was a classmate of Mrs. Meier and Mrs. Zalk was a classmate of Mrs. Tounignant.

A dinner is planned for Friday evening when members of the various families will attend.

Southern Oregon Artists Announce Week End Show

The sixth annual Greenwich Village art show in Little Park, Ashland, has been set by the Southern Oregon Society of Artists for this week end. It will be held August 11 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

All artists in the area are invited to exhibit, the committee states.

Eugene Bennett, Medford, Mrs. Mark Young, northern California artist and Dwaine Smith, Medford photographer who is the official Shakespearean festival photographer, and who operates Classic studio here, are among those who will have works in the show.

The public is invited to attend the show, and to vote for their favorite entry. Oils, watercolors, sculpture and other media will be included.

The winning selections will be exhibited at the Capital restaurant in Salem from August 17 through September 11.

Calendar

Thursday:
6:30 p.m. — Rogue Valley Alumnae of Pi Beta Phi, home of Mrs. Houston L. Bush Jr., 118 Black Oak dr.
7:30 p.m. — Re-La-Da-Sa Women's organization, 1173 Vawter rd.

Friday:
2 p.m. — Pas Presidents of Fraternal Order of Eagles auxiliary, 2093 home of Mrs. Primio Ciardi, 40 North Quince st.

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