

Gay Holiday Parties Fill December Calendar

Dozens of gay parties in homes, clubs and halls are filling the holiday calendar.

Last evening the traditional Christmas Charity Ball of Medford Junior Service League, always one of the largest and most important events of the season, was held at Rogue Valley Country club.

Another large holiday social event was the annual party of Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Cope, given yesterday at their home on Roca street. About 150 guests attended. For these parties Dr. Cope prepares Swedish glogg making several gallons of the hot, spicy beverage for his guests.

Last Sunday Mrs. E. A. Littrell invited friends to her home on Greenway circle for a cocktail party, third in a series which she planned for fall and winter. About 50 guests have been on the guest list for each of these.

Mrs. Louise Davis, 1514 Bryant street, entertained December 2 at open house honoring her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnson. The couple from Cove, Ore., near La Grande, were houseguests for the week and left Tuesday for Palm Springs, Calif. Mrs. Davis will join them there for the holiday season.

About 40 persons called during the open house. Assisting were Mrs. Charles Heffner and Mrs. Girard Clark. Arrangements of chrysanthemums and seasonal decorations were used about the rooms.

Some 100 members and guests attended the Friday evening Christmas party given annually by the University club. A buffet supper was served. Decorations for the event were in gold and green along the east wall's beige drapery.

Among events planned for this week is the annual Christmas party of Rogue Valley Women Golfers' association. It will be held Thursday, December 20, at 12 noon in Rogue Valley Country club, and members are asked to make reservations by calling the club.

A gift exchange is planned and new women members interested in playing golf are especially invited.

Mrs. William Cowling has been elected chairman of the association, and is serving as chairman of party arrangements.

Mrs. Julie Tummers invited 60 friends to Mon Desir Inn, Central Point, which she operates, last Monday evening for cocktails, dinner and dancing. The guests were from Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass and Jacksonville.

Festive holiday decorations were arranged for the clubrooms and tables, and were the work of Mrs. John Mansfield and Mrs. H. A. Stanley.

League Play January 2

The second play of the season of the Broadway Theater League is scheduled here Wednesday, January 2, at the Holly theater.

The comedy, "Mary, Mary" will be one of two plays scheduled in January by the league. The other, "Carnival," is scheduled for Saturday, January 19.

"Mary, Mary" stars Jeffrey Lynn, who appeared here last season in "Critic's Choice," and Patricia Smith.

Attendance at the performances is limited to those with season memberships in the Broadway Theater league.



One of the early holiday parties in the Rogue valley was the annual Military ball held at Rogue Valley Country club December 8. Major Ted Christensen (at left) was chairman of the dinner and dance. Pictured here with Major Christensen are Mrs. Christensen and Capt. James D. Straus.



Lt. Col. Raymond Proctor of Medford was among the retired officers who attended the annual Military ball held December 8 at Rogue Valley Country club. Pictured here with Colonel Proctor are Mrs. Proctor (center) and Mrs. James D. Straus. The colonel served with the United States Air Force.

Concerts Set This Week

Two Christmas concerts will be given by Medford High school students this week. The programs will be held Tuesday and Thursday, December 18 and 20 and will begin promptly at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium each night, the music department announces.

Included on the programs are both traditional and unusual carols and anthems performed by the a cappella choir, symphony orchestra, sophomore choir, advanced girls' chorus, mixed chorus, and ensembles.

Both concerts are free to the public.

Directors for the concerts are Lynn Sjölund, John Drysdale, and Gary Frame. Student accompanists are Charlotte Brown, James Arthur and Kris Skaar.

Student Here For Holidays

Miss Kathy Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Murphy, 1001 South Oakdale avenue, a junior student at Stanford university, left Saturday morning to return classmates to their homes after the group spent Friday night at the Murphy home here.

Miss Murphy is to arrive back in Medford during the week for the Christmas holidays.

After Christmas she plans to travel to Bend, Ore., for skiing, and is to return to the university January 8.

The Murphys formerly lived in Bend. Miss Murphy is a chemistry major.

Party

A Christmas party for Medford Navy Mothers club has been planned for 1 p.m., Tuesday, December 18 at the home of Mrs. Henry Dooms, 158 Van Ness avenue, Ashland. Those who want further information may call Mrs. John Davies, telephone 773-3946.



Miss Joan Byrd (Brainerd photo)

Betrothal News Is Made Known

Ashland—The engagement of Joan Cynthia Byrd to Claude H. Roberts was announced last week by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. Byrd, 782 Park street. Her fiancé's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Oley Roberts of Glendale.

Miss Byrd was graduated from Ashland High school in 1960 and is employed by the Ashland Drug store. Mr. Roberts, who is with the United States Forest Service, is a 1960 graduate of Glendale High school.

The couple plans a June wedding.

Holiday Party

Southern Oregon alumnae of Delta Delta Delta will hold a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Gordon Williams.

Each member is asked to take a \$1 gift which will be exchanged that evening. All interested members are invited to attend the party.

Bagpipes, Scotch Plaid Theme of Duncan Luncheon

The wail of bagpipes, flashes of Scotch plaid in the decorations and all the guests paying their own way. This will be the nostalgic memory Congressman-elect and Mrs. Robert B. Duncan will carry back to Washington with them from the farewell luncheon in their honor to be held at the Colony restaurant beginning at 12:30 Monday, December 17.

The no-host luncheon, sponsored by the Eleanor Roosevelt league, is open to the public according to Mrs. Frank Christian, president. Reservations must be made not later than today, December 16, she said. Phones listed were Mrs. Christian, 535-1389 and Mrs. Edward Kelly, 772-5131.

A Duncan "victory dinner" held at the Eugene YMCA Friday evening and sponsored by Duncan supporters from the seven Fourth District

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Ashland Student Joins Fraternity

Ashland-Miss Betty Duffy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Elliott F. Duffy, 1950 Oregon street, Ashland, is a recent initiate of Gamma Alpha Chi, a national professional advertising fraternity for women at Arizona State university.

Miss Duffy was among eight pledges who were initiated in ceremonies held at the Memorial union. She is a junior studying mass communications in the college of liberal arts.

Women of Rotary Schedule Session

Women of Rotary plan their meeting for this week on Wednesday, December 19 at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. S. Ralph Dippel, 1 Eastwood drive. Reservations should be made with Mrs. C. I. Gustafson, telephone 772-2385. A gift exchange is planned.

The group also is invited to attend the Rotary club men's luncheon Tuesday, December 18 at 12 noon in Rogue Valley Country club.

Engagement Is Announced

Phoenix — Mrs. Dorothy Thompson, 410 Rose street, Phoenix, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Lorna Thompson, to Otto Kahner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kahner, New Wells, Mo.

The bride-elect is an employee of the Medford Mail Tribune and her fiancé is a builder.

A February wedding is planned.

'Bizarre' Show Today

The public is invited to attend today's "Bizarre Bazaar," in the Rogue Art gallery, 220 West Main street, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock. The show and sale of "unusual pieces of art and some trivia" is also the third annual "Poor Losers Show." It is being held today only in conjunction with the Christmas exhibit and sale of serious art and craft objects being conducted throughout this month at the gallery.

Proceeds from the "bazaar" will go to the art association fund.

The Christmas show and sale will continue at the gallery through Christmas eve. Those who attend today's event also may purchase items from this Christmas showing.

Sigma Kappas To Be Honored

Active members of the Sigma Kappa National sorority will be honored at a coffee hour Tuesday, December 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon by Medford alumnae members. The event will be held in the home of Mrs. Jack D. Pfeifer, 2806 Larch avenue, Medford.

Cohostesses will be Mrs. J. A. Dickey, Mrs. Richard Finch and Mrs. Paul McDuffee. All Sigma Kappa members in the Medford and Ashland area are invited.

Ladies of Elks To Hold Party

Ladies of Elks will meet Tuesday, December 18, in the Elks club downstairs lounge. Dessert will be served at 1 p.m. by Mrs. James Bates, Mrs. John H. Dahlen and Mrs. Van R. Gilbert.

Bridge, canasta and pinocle will be played. Wives, mothers and widows of Elks are invited to these parties for which prearranged foursomes are not necessary.

Student Home

Miss Julie Latham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham, 815 Park street, arrived home last week for the holidays. She is a freshman at Oregon State university in the college of engineering.

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