

# Social Events ♦ Women's News

## Dinner and Reception Mark Opening of Exhibit

The opening of an exhibit by members of the Southern Oregon Society of Artists at Rogue gallery was observed with a dinner held at North's Chuck Wagon January 5. Following dinner the group attended a reception at the gallery which also marked the opening of the exhibit.

New officers were installed for the society at the dinner. They are Mrs. John Pletsch, president; Mrs. Ross Twedell, vice-president; Mrs. G. C. Corum, treasurer and Mrs.

Fred Phillips, secretary. Guests of the society included Theodore Lindberg, director of Rogue gallery, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Teeters, Mr. and Mrs. John Mott, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Pesenti and Mrs. Hal Bishop. Mr. Bishop, introduced by the retiring president, George Johnson, was master of ceremonies.

Jack Teeters, John Mott and Mrs. Mark Young juried the exhibit now showing at the gallery. Mrs. Young was unable to be present. Caesar Muzzioli entertained with accordion music.

The Southern Oregon Society of Artists holds monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Girls Community club and all interested in art are welcome.

## Physical Program In Public Schools To Be Discussed

Lee Ragsdale, supervisor of health and physical education for the Medford public school system, will join Roosevelt school teachers and fathers of pupils in a panel discussion for the next meeting of Roosevelt Parent-Teacher association. It is set for Thursday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the school. The school band will entertain at the beginning of the meeting, with Ron Bartlett directing.

The program will be on the elementary school physical education program, and will concern the philosophy of the Medford schools in regard to physical education.

On the panel will be two Roosevelt teachers, Clifford McLain and Robert Wobbe, and Principal Robert Sage. They will explain the place of competitive sports, intramural sports and physical fitness and health in the school program.

Harold Gilbert, physical therapist and ex-athletic coach, will analyze the program and Dr. Eugene Meyerding, Medford surgeon, will discuss the athletic program from a medical standpoint.

Mr. Ragsdale will explain the role of the elementary school physical education program in the physical development of Medford youth, and will review the record of the program from the standpoint of injuries and health.

**To Meet**  
Illinois Valley—The January meeting of the Illinois Valley Federated Women's club will be held in the auxiliary room of the American Legion hall on Friday, January 11 at 2 p.m. The program, prepared by the American Celanese Corporation of America will concern home decorating.

## Jefferson PTA To Hear Speaker

William Ruck, Medford educator, who is the coordinator for the Oregon program of the Ford Foundation in this city, will be the speaker for a meeting of Jefferson Parent-Teacher association Friday, January 11, at 2:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Mr. Ruck will give a progress report on the accomplishments of this organization. He will also show pictures of some of the new methods to be used in education.

Election of the nominating committee is on the agenda. Those wishing to nominate members for this committee are urged to check with them before submitting their name to serve, officers stress.

## Film Planned At Guild Session

A film will be shown at a meeting of Susannah Wesley unit, Wesleyan Service guild, at the home of Mrs. Leonard A. Warren, 57 North Ninth street, Central Point, Thursday, January 10, at 7:45 p.m.

Carl Burk will show the film which is entitled "The Church Comes to Vin-Hwa." Members are reminded of their pledges since the group must meet the mission deadline. A recognition service for new members is planned.

## Dance Set

The Buckles and Bows Square Dance group will meet for their second-Saturday dance session January 12 at the Country Square. Potluck refreshments will be served. Floyd Workman will do the calling. All interested dancers and callers are invited.



Washington—Mrs. Herve Alphan leads Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy into the reception room following the arrival of the President and the First Lady at the French Embassy here, prior to the unveiling of the Mona Lisa later at the National Gallery of Art. (UPI photo)

## Mona Lisa Debut Marred As Microphones Go Dead

By HELEN THOMAS

Washington—Two thousand enthusiastic dignitaries gathered to behold the Mona Lisa Tuesday night, and in the hubbub that ensued the famous lady's smile might almost have been a smirk. The microphones went dead, forcing President Kennedy to shout his barbed witticisms; the elevator failed, forcing him and his family to walk, and glaring glass obscured the painting.

Most of the elegantly clad congressmen, Cabinet members and diplomats who attended the American debut of Da Vinci's masterpiece—by invitation only—neither saw the painting nor heard what was said about it.

**Miss Great Deal**  
They missed a great deal. The officials on the platforms by the painting didn't miss too much, though. When the restive art lovers began whispering amongst themselves, Secretary of State Dean Rusk rose by the painting to announce apologetically that "the acoustics in the room are so good that the private remarks made in the rear are amplified in the front."

But the acoustics apparently worked one way only. With the microphones dead, French Minister of Culture Andre Malraux's poetic tribute to the Mona Lisa was altogether lost.

Kennedy fared somewhat better. Resorting to a shouting campaign style of oratory, he heaped praise on the painting and on France, and remarked that the Mona Lisa was the "second lady" the people of France had sent the United States, although she would not stay as long as the first—the Statue of Liberty.

**Barbs Thrown In**  
Then he turned to some barely veiled barbs on France's desire to become an independent nuclear power.

"We in the United States are grateful for this loan from the leading artistic power in the world, France," he said. "In view of the recent meeting at Nassau, I must note further that this painting has been kept under careful French control, and that France has even sent along its own commander-in-chief—M. Malraux.

"And I want to make it clear that grateful as we are for this painting, we will continue to press ahead with the effort to develop an independent artistic force and power of our own."

**Set Meeting**  
St. Peter's Lutheran Women's Missionary league will meet Thursday, January 10 at 12:30 p.m. in the church for a potluck luncheon. Program topic will be, "Keep Informed."

## Program Topic For Crater Club Is Perennials

Central Point—Mrs. Arthur Straus conducted the program for the Crater Garden club of Central Point, at their first meeting of the new year, Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fitzgerald, 3488 New Ray road.

Following dinner, Mrs. Straus spoke to the group, of plants in the composite family, stating the composite family is the largest, most highly developed, and widely distributed family in the vegetable kingdom. It consists mostly of herbaceous plants, with green shrubs and trees, and the flowers usually occur in dense clusters opening from a central cup-shaped envelope, as the dandelion, aster, and Shasta daisy. The latter, Mrs. Straus believes to be the most important of the perennials.

The floral arrangement of the month was also presented by Mrs. Straus, featuring a Hogarth curve, made of redwood and cypress greenery, together with artificial roses. Delmar Smith selected roses as the topic for discussion, answering questions, and explaining the terms and different names associated with them.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fiesen, on Beall lane.

## Martins Hosts At Recent Party

Illinois Valley—Mr. and Mrs. George Martin were hosts for a party honoring Miss Carol Martin and Deno Ernie, students of Multnomah Bible School of Portland. The event, held in the recreation room of the Martin home, was given to interest young people of the area in the school.

The guests included Leonard Morrison and Russel Gibson and son, Grants Pass; Pat and Douglas Fisher, Medford; Rodger Martin, Douglas; Wallace Freeman, O'Brien; Elizabeth and David Denning, Linda Vaughn, Betty Reich, Nellie Nicholson, Earl Boles, Rodger Martin, Douglas Robinson, Carol and Don Mayfield, all Kerby and Cave Junction.

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## Three Return From Islands

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Oakes, 1007 Whitman avenue, and Mrs. Myrtle Gray, 424 South Grape street, have returned to Medford after a vacation of two weeks in the Hawaiian islands. They toured the various islands and then spent the remainder of their vacation in Honolulu. The three went swimming on Christmas day.

## Gardeners Hold Supper Party

Montague—A family supper and card party replaced the regular January business meeting of the Shasta Valley Garden club. Instead of the usual afternoon hour, the event was held in the evening January 4 at the Montague auditorium club room.

A large group of members, their husbands, children and a number of friends attended the supper. Mrs. Ernest Lilly, Mrs. W. F. Church and Mrs. Di Raver were in charge of the meal arrangements, with all attending took their favorite dishes.

Mrs. William Swigart, Mrs. Harold Conney and Mrs. Laura Jones had charge of the games which followed.

## Student Returns To University

Sams Valley—Miss Ruth Ellis, former Sams Valley resident, has returned to her classes at Pacific Lutheran university, Tacoma, Wash. after a stay with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ellis, Antioch road.

Miss Ellis is a sophomore at the university. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ellis who moved from this area last summer to reside in Alaska.

## Guests

Ashland—Guests last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Crosby, 655 Ashland street, were Mrs. Crosby's nephew, Chester Colter and his wife and two children, who stopped in Ashland on their way home to Vancouver, B.C., after spending the holidays in southern California.

## From Mexico

Central Point Mr. and Mrs. Roger Drw, 3673 Hanley road, accompanied by their sons, Tommie and Danny Cochran, recently returned from a trip to Old Mexico, where they traveled as far south as San Blas. Much of their time was spent in photographing tropical trees and flowers.

## James McKibbin Visits Parents

Gold Hill—C. James McKibbin, U.S. Navy, San Diego, was a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James N. McKibbin, Galls Creek road. Mrs. McKibbin reports that her son has completed his education in the Navy to qualify for his high school certificate. He is a former Crater High school student.

## Pullens Visits Valley Families

Illinois Valley—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pullen and children have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Pullen, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pullen and Mr. and Mrs. William Box. The family was en route to their home in Felton, Calif., after a trip to visit relatives in Albany, Ore.

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