

Social Events ♦ Women's News



One of January's largest social events was the dinner-dance and installation of officers held by Medford Kiwanis club January 5 at Rogue Valley Country club. Pictured during the dinner are (left to right) Lou Cranston, Mark Taylor, Mrs. Victor Milnes, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Milnes and Mrs. Cranston, Kiwanis club members and officials from several towns and cities of Oregon were in Medford for the ceremonies.

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Veni - Vidi

By MARGARET SCHULER

Rome - It was a shock, and she tried her blue-eyed best; she looked helpless, pointed to her license plates (her car was bought in Switzerland) and indicated with gestures that she "non capisco." But to no avail; she had to pay the money. She had parked on a corner, (and when I think of the times I have stepped around corner parked cars!) But there was this difference. Three big buses, stuffed with home to lunch passengers started moving when her affair was settled, and she moved out. They could not negotiate the narrow little street until she vacated.

That same morning I had a bit of Italiana also. In sprightly mood I left my apartment to go to the Labor Bank to cash a check. Now, cashing a check in Rome is a serious, long, complicated affair. But I was sure this time there would be nothing much to it, and I would not let the dumb bankers frustrate me; they surely couldn't think of any reason not to cash it. This check was from the U.S. Bank in Portland to the Labor Bank of Rome, made out to me.

With passport in hand (that, I had learned) I clicked confidently over Labor's marble floors right back to the correct place to have a check cashed. A plump little banker took my check and passport, made a phone call, which they always do when handling my affairs. I think to make sure I have no record at the police department. Apparently finding all in order he then passed the business over to an underling. This banker brought a very large typewriter to the counter where I stood, and began to peck out where I was born, and that I am a female. Suddenly he stopped, looked again at the passport, the check and me. He left and I saw him confer with two other bankers (bankers, as policemen, make their decisions

in teams of three), while I wondered, what in the world! When he returned, he was serious indeed. He could not cash my check. It was made out to Mrs. I. E. Schuler and my passport was Margaret E. I sputtered that we did that in the States - a wife uses her husband's initials. Well, they don't here. I then started scrounging around in my hand bag to prove I was one and the same. My driver's license was Margaret E., my liquor license was Margaret E., and the press card from Eric Allen was Margaret. I could not prove I was I. I suggested they call the embassy. No, they don't do that. By then it was lunch closing time.

Next morning I returned - but not so loudly - through the marble halls - with a stack of letters and bank statements. Fortunately the correct lady banker at the U.S. had addressed the envelope, Mrs. I. E. So after they had examined several cancelled checks, several letters inside and out, there really wasn't much more to it. The big typewriter was again put on the counter, and my father and birth place recorded. There was only then to open a drawer and give me my \$50 which they did with further complications or to do.

Later, I attempted to figure how much that check cashing would have cost if our bankers at home are paid. There were six of them involved, probably ten minutes time of each, not counting the typing - well, they would be the losers, not me. My time is expendable.

The young family from Portland who came to Rome last September quickly adjusted to the pattern of European living, took everything in its stride - and there were many unprecedented things to take - and are now quite at home. So much so, in fact, that when the mother said to 12-year-old John, "But

I can't let you go down into the city alone; I don't let you do that even in Portland," he replied, "Well that is different. I don't know Portland very well; I do know Rome." And a bit later we decided he did. We were discussing a place called "Jerry's," a sophisticated rendezvous for movie people and actors, which has good food. John, from his corner, spoke, to our open-mouthed astonishment, "Yes it is good; I've been there." It seems that the father of one of his school friends is an Italian movie director and he had taken the boys there to lunch.

More happens to John than to the other two children it seems. Perhaps because he is chubby, smiling and oozes friendliness. Italians like his blue-eyed blondness, so occasionally in passing, to show appreciation they pinch his apple cheeks. This infuriates him. He can't understand pinching being complimentary. His 16-year-old, pretty blonde sister can't either, but they don't pinch her on the cheeks.

From the first early September morning they arrived, they have eyed every thing with curiosity and appreciation. All has not been easy either. Some train man that morning had put them off at a substitution - no one knows why - so that when I met their train from Paris they were not on it. It was five o'clock in the morning, and not knowing exactly what to do I walked out side for a bit. In the meantime, a taxi man had brought them in, and dumped them. So my first glimpse was of them, quite alone in the black long waiting room, huddled in a cluster around their luggage while their mother went to telephone. They weren't sure at that stage that they would like Rome.

They did not know it, but that first early morning picture of Rome was perhaps the clearest they will ever have - early morning peach-colored Rome, at its peach-colored best; traffic at lowest ebb, fountains sparkling in pure sunlight, uncluttered by fringes of cars; sounds of water splashing, unheard amid the later din-filled hours. They came upon the coliseum all unaware, tinged too, with Rome's special color, and even yet that impression is the greatest of anything they have seen.

Amusing, sometimes prickly things, happen to them. Recently the mother drove down into traffic snarled San Silvestro piazza, to the post office, and felt the day augured well, as she slid her Peugeot into a space a man was just vacating. Returning happily, half an hour later she was curious, but not alarmed,

to see three policemen waiting at her car. Now, Barbara has a way with Rome policemen. She has repeatedly remarked how "darling" they are, as they stop traffic to answer her questions, or admiringly give her right away, and suggest she turn in the middle of the avenue, if she happens to be going in the wrong direction. So she was not alarmed when they did not smile, and gave her a ticket - these darling helmeted officials. She only realized they meant business when she saw she had to pay an \$8 fine. The highest fine you can get is an \$8 one - to be paid on the spot.

Science of Sound Teachers' Topic

Jim Johnston will speak for a meeting of Oregon Music Teachers association at 8 p.m. Monday, January 14, in Room 19, the physics laboratory of Medford High school. Mr. Johnston, physics instructor at Medford High school, will speak on the science of sound as applied to music.

All interested persons, especially teachers, are welcome to attend. For further information call Mrs. Darell Huson, 772-2601 or Mrs. Frank Glonning, 773-1078.

Installations

Central Point - Mrs. Ellsworth Robinson will be installed noble grand of Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge and James Corliss as noble grand of the Central Point IOOF lodge in joint ceremonies set for Monday, January 14. It will be held at 8 p.m. in the Central Point IOOF hall.

The ceremonies will be open to the public.

Luncheon Held

O'Brien - In celebration of the 17th birthday anniversary of Miss Jacinthe Ten Eyck, a luncheon was held at the Dutch Treat cafe. Guests were the Misses Karen Stem, Ann Nora McDermott, Janet Tylicott, Carol Mayfield and Lynn Riggan. The honored guest was presented gifts.

Bridge Tournament Announced

The first tournament scheduled for the new year by Medford Duplicate club bridge players is announced for Sunday, January 20. This will be a masters and junior masters pairs play in two sessions, afternoon and evening. All duplicate bridge players in the area are invited to participate in either session, according to the one suitable to their game, those in charge explained.

Further information regarding the tournament may be obtained from Mrs. Frank Baker, telephone 773-5779. The next unit monthly master point game will be played Saturday evening, January 12 in the Girls Community club.

At the January 8 master point play Richard Fennell, president, introduced officers and 1963 board members.

Fifteen tables of players participated in the two sections.

Winners in the north-south position for Section A were Mrs. Jack Mitchell and Mrs. Baker, first, 84; Mrs. Carl Anderson and Mrs. Herbert Reddick, Grants Pass, second, 76; and Mrs. R. W. Gordon and Mrs. Fred Rehling, third, 72.

The east-west winners in that section were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fornerock, first, 76½; Don Reverman and Ray Wise, second, 74, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wolke, Grants Pass, third, 71.

The Section B, north-south winners were Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Hatton, first, 101½; George W. Rodie and Chester Reavis, second, 98½, and Mrs. Leland Clark and Mrs. John Dougherty, third, 95.

The east-west winners in the section were John Shortridge and Roy Pruitt, first, 96½; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ensminger, Grants Pass, second, 92, and Mrs. T. R. Parker and Mrs. B. J. Williams, Grants Pass, 90½.

Twistin' Teens To Hold Dance

'Twistin' Teens club plans a square dance Sunday, January 13, at Country Squares on Colver road from 2 to 5 p.m. Floyd Workman will call and both adults and teen-agers are welcome to attend. Women are asked to take food for postluck refreshments.

The club's week-day dances are scheduled on the first and third Wednesday of each month at Country Squares from 8 to 10 p.m.

Party Given

O'Brien - Tad and Diane Dierkes held a recent party at their home on Lone Mountain road. Guests were Jani Pelsch, Patrick Earl, Mike McCrary, Delores Bridges, Wayne Gibbs, Joanne Blackmore, Greg Plueger, Donald Stava, Jan Martin and Randy Murphy.

Games and dancing followed supper.

CALENDAR

Saturday: 1 p.m. - Zulema temple, Daughters of the Nile, Grants Pass Masonic temple. 8 p.m. - Order of De Molay, Medford chapter, Medford Masonic hall.



Mrs. Sue (John R.) Boe, Grants Pass, and David Deller, Ashland, sing two of the leading roles in "The Mikado" which will be produced at Medford High school auditorium tonight and tomorrow night by the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon. Mrs. Boe will sing the role of Katisha, and Mr. Deller is Pish Tush. Keith Bentley, one of northern California's better known light opera singers and a member of San Francisco's permanent Gilbert and Sullivan company, is cast as Ko Ko, and Don Lewis plays the title role of The Mikado. Other principals are Everett Winter, Ashland, Nanki-Poo; Mrs. Tresa Matlack, Yum Yum; Maynard Hadley, Medford, Pooh-Bah; Miss Diana Hunter, Medford, Pitti-Sing; Mrs. Lee Ann Allen, Ashland, Peep-Bo, and Miss Louise Lull, Medford, Knees-Bend. Tickets will be on sale at the door and all seats are reserved.

'Mikado' Opens Tonight At School Auditorium

The first of two performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's popular comic opera; "The Mikado" will be given tonight at Medford High school. The second is set for tomorrow, Saturday, and curtain time both nights will be 8:15 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Mann's and Purucker's stores; all seats are reserved.

Director Richard D. Werner stresses that unusual preparation has gone into this production to make it outstanding. New scenery was designed and built by Vern Goodrich and Mrs. Dean Smith; it is "distinctly Japanese" and not American oriental and features bamboo fences, willows for borders and replicas of stone lamps.

Also new are the women's costumes of rich material and authentic Japanese design. Mrs. Henry DeVoss, costume directors, worked with Mrs. Richard Doi, Ashland, a native of Japan, on the design and detail of the costumes and accessories. Mrs. DeVoss was assisted by Mrs. Herbert Hunter.

Properties needed for the opera were designed and built by Stanley Parrish and William Preston.

Mr. Werner is being assisted in producing the show by Ralph Burgess, Ashland, stage director; Mrs. Caroline Werner, and Bruno Pellegrini, who is rehearsal accompanist. Miss Colleen Hope is training a dance chorus of coolies, with special costuming. Banners are the work of Mrs. Eleanor Sams.

Practice Slated For Bethel 69

New officers of Bethel 69, International Order of Jobs Daughters, will meet at the Masonic temple in Medford at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 13, for practice.

A meeting of the Guardian council will be held immediately preceding the Bethel meeting Thursday, January 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Installation Set For Two Lodges

Installation of officers will be held tonight at a meeting of Weatonka council, Degree of Pochontas, set for 8 o'clock in Redman hall on Apple street.

The ceremonies will be held jointly with Weatonka tribe, Improved Order of Redmen. Mrs. Richard Singler, deputy Pochontas, and Frank Douglas, deputy satchem, will have charge of the ceremonies.

Last night the degree team traveled to Iona county, Yreka, Calif., to initiate eight candidates for that lodge. The team is directed by Charles Dooms.

Reunion Held By Sisters, Brother

Shady Cove-Trail-Two sisters and a brother were together here for the first time since 1940 when Cecil Merrill and Mrs. Lucille Green, both of Pasadena, Calif., were guests at the home of their sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sawyers, Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Gannaway, Oregon City, have been guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gannaway, Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gasaway, Ojai, Calif., have been visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Mack and children, Curt, Burt, Jr. and Barbara Jean, San Anselmo, have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Towle, Shady Cove. The Towles are parents of Mrs. Mack.

Sgt. and Mrs. William L. Brewster and baby son, Camp Pendleton, Calif., spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brewster, Trail, and then traveled on to Salem where they were with Mrs. Brewster's parents.

Square Dance Class Is Open

A class in beginning square dancing being held at Roxy Ann Grange hall will be open for new members for two more weeks. Lessons are on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m.

The class is sponsored by the Star Promenaders Square Dance club and is instructed by Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dibble. Those interested may call the Dibles at 779-1801 after 5 p.m.

The Grange hall is located on the corner of Spring street and Valley View drive in Medford.

Officers Elected For Association

Central Point - Mrs. Lloyd McCashen was elected and installed president of the Women's association of the Central Point Presbyterian church at a meeting of the group January 8. Mrs. McCashen replaces Mrs. Orville Hamilton who had resigned from the office.

The Christian Service circle of the Central Point Presbyterian church plans a meeting Thursday, January 17 at 1 p.m., in the home of Mrs. H. J. Fleischer.

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