

Social Events ♦ Women's News



About 30 mothers who are members of the Eagle Point Parent-Teacher association have been spending many hours in recent months on a book-mending project. The women are repairing books in the libraries of the city's two grade schools as a PTA service project. Pictured here at work are (left to right) Mrs. LeeRoy Draper, Mrs. Elmer Harnish, chairman of the project, Mrs. William Short, Mrs. Glen Burrill and Mrs. William McCracken. Mrs. LeRoy Bedingfield is president of the association.

Eagle Point PTA Mends Schools' Library Books

Eagle Point — When the Eagle Point Primary school was built last year, the grade school library was divided into two libraries and both were in need of extra help in mending and processing books. Eagle Point Parent-Teacher association members voted to have this as a service project for the year instead of giving fund raising events. For a time the libraries were closed while the dividing took place. They now are open with close to 4000 books on the shelves for student use. At the present time about 1450 books are in the mending work rooms and some 30

mothers are spending one day a week, some two or three days a week, in this service project. When mending a book five steps are necessary before it can be returned to the shelf, making it a lengthy process. The primary school group has completed the shelf list and now are working on the catalog list. When the project is completed about 5000 books will have been mended. This project has been considered a challenge by the association members. If time allows, when the library books are completed, the group may mend text books now in class room use.

Shady Cove PTA Members Discuss Changing Group

Shady Cove — Is the present-day Parent-Teacher association on a national level becoming outdated and outdated for the needs of the community and is too much emphasis placed on the association as a money-raising body? Shall Shady Cove Parent-Teacher association, a branch of the national organization, be discontinued in the Shady Cove school, and an attempt made to organize a Parents club to better meet the need for exchange of ideas between parents and teachers, and to more fully take care of local problems? These were among pertinent questions discussed before a large number of parents and students at the Shady Cove unit's meeting March 11 in the school.

Reports of the nominating committee were made, elections to be held at the next session. Mrs. Ganaway, program chairman, introduced Nat Etzel, a teacher at Eagle Point High school, who showed colored slides of Czechoslovakia taken last summer when he and Mrs. Etzel toured Iron Curtain Countries with the Future Farmers of America group from this area. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria. The program for the next meeting, Monday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m., will feature selections by the Shady Cove Grade school chorus.

Doctor Durno To Be Speaker

Dr. Edwin R. Durno will speak at a meeting of Jackson County unit, Oregon Federation of Women's Republican clubs, at noon at Ping's Garden, Monday, March 18. Dr. Durno's topic will be "Life in Washington, D. C." The Oregon Federation of Women's Republican clubs will hold their 25th anniversary meeting at the Village Green, Cottage Grove, March 28. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and luncheon will be served at noon. The meeting will adjourn by 4:30 p.m. Members are to call Mrs. Edmund Hass, 772-8273, for information or reservations on either meeting before Monday.

Medford Woman Honored at Ruch

Applegate Valley — Mrs. Donald Rasor, Medford, was honored at a layette shower March 12 given by women of the Missionary society of the Ruch Community church. The event was held at the church. Devotions were led by Mrs. Phillip Lewis and a vocal quartet was given by members of Mrs. Rasor's Sunday school class. Members of the quartet were the Misses Judy Best, Linda Hackworth, Donna Main and Linda Sample. Other members of the class also attended. Twenty-nine women attended.

To Meet

The Epsilon chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma society will meet Saturday, March 16, at the Girls' Community club at 2 p.m. Mabel Hundley will show pictures of Russian schools.

Canadian Guest In Applegate

Applegate — Mrs. Eva Allen Munde, Toronto, Canada, spent the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Loring. Mrs. Munde is a former Grants Pass resident. She and Mrs. Loring attended school there together. The group visited friends in Medford and drove through the Rogue valley noting many changes since Mrs. Munde had lived here 40 years ago.

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Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

- Thursday:**
- 6 p.m. — Table Rock encampment, IOOF lodge, at lodge hall.
 - 8 p.m. — Jackson County Medical assistants, Girls Community club.
 - 8 p.m. — Past Noble Grands club of Olive Rebekah lodge, Girls Community club.
 - 8 p.m. — Reames Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Masonic temple.

Unit Announces Festival Plans; Lesson Slated

Lake Creek — Members of the Lake Creek Extension unit will be in charge of registering attendance for the annual Spring Festival presented by the Jackson county extension units, it was announced at a recent meeting of the unit. The group also will display mosaic articles at the festival.

The recent meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Edmond Armitage. Mrs. Carl Vickoren spoke regarding car seat belts and Mrs. Armitage reported on 4-H clubs of the area.

Mrs. Leland M. Charley, chairman, appointed Mrs. Ted Bloomer, Mrs. Vickoren and Mrs. Ira Woolfolk on the nominating committee.

A kaffeeklatsch and lesson will be held on March 20 at 1 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Virginia Bruce. Miss Joan Beasley will be a guest of the unit and conduct the lesson.

Mrs. John Benson conducted the lesson on wills and estates. Guests were two members of the Derby unit, Mrs. Floyd Burg, chairman, and Mrs. John Terrill.

Applegate Unit Completes Series On Widowhood

Applegate — Mrs. Roberta Frazier, family life specialist of Oregon State university, spoke to the Applegate home extension unit recently through a series of recordings on "When Widowhood Comes," earlier recorded by Mrs. Frazier.

The recordings were done in four parts and the group discussed each part as it was presented.

Among suggestions given by the specialist were to know the problems faced when left alone to be better able to cope with them; to strengthen religious backgrounds as an aid in the adjustment to bereavement; to work in community projects; perhaps acquire a pet, and to know the family financial status and how to balance books.

The last meeting of the group was held recently in the home of Mrs. Lester Rich on Thompson creek. Mrs. Howard Pietre presented the lesson.

Sister Speaks For Musicians

Sister Miriam Joseph spoke on the works of C. P. E. Bach and J. Bach, sons of Johann S. Bach during a meeting of the Oregon Music Teachers association March 11. The session was held in the St. Mary's school activity room.

Pupils of the sisters at the school illustrated the various types of composition. Demonstrating were Signe Iusk, Charlotte Brown, John Stong and Cheri Aldrich.

Mrs. Dorell Huson, president, appointed a nominating committee to present a slate of officers for the April election.

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Medford Couple Visits Valley

Illinois Valley — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown and family had as week end visitors Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Taylor, Medford. The Taylors were accompanied by their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roughton, Urbana, Ill., who are making an extended stay in Medford. Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Roughton are brother and sister.

The Kenneth Browns are a son-in-law and daughter of the Taylors.

Annual SOPEX Exhibit Planned by Stamp Club

Long range plans and the third annual exhibit of the Southern Oregon Philatelic society were made at their March 11 meeting in the home of Mrs. Irene Cordier, 2584 Lucky lane.

The annual SOPEX '63 exhibit is set for September 21 and 22 with Dr. W. B. Giles as exhibition chairman. Tentative plans include an exhibit also from a foreign country and the institution of a rotating award for the best in show award.

A review of the membership classifications under the new constitution and by-laws was made. For the first time the club has a membership open for young people from ages 12 through 17, as junior members, and anyone in this age group interested in joining is invited to attend any meeting.

Several members of the society are planning to enter exhibits in the Talent Hobby show, Saturday, March 16, and Dr. Giles was appointed club judges to aid the committees in awarding prizes to the philatelic exhibits. Members were also reminded to have their exhibits at the show room not later than 11 a.m. Saturday.

The program committee reported that the April meeting of the club would feature a set of slides from the American Topical association, "Religion on Stamps", and urged members who have a collection of this type to bring it to show the members.

The March society meeting was a social evening, with a stamp auction and swapping of stamps. On display were several frames of stamps by Mrs. Adolph Sterton, Dr. Giles and Mrs. Milton Schuhard.

Mrs. Schuhard's collection featured stamps of the United States and foreign countries issued to honor the Constitution of the United States in 1938 on its 150th anniversary. Dr. Giles presented two frames showing the inflationary issues of Germany after World War I. Mrs. Sterton's collection featured stamps of many countries, with a story behind the issuance of each one.

Mrs. Edward Leach also asked the society if they would furnish judges for the philatelic exhibits at the Camp White Hobby show, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Cordier, Mrs. Robert Guthrie, and Edward Butcher.

Delta Gammas Schedule Luncheon, Installation

The Rogue Valley Alumnae chapter of Delta Gamma has scheduled its Founders' day luncheon and installation of officers for Saturday, March 16 in the home of Mrs. W. S. Cobb, 42 South Barneburg road. A planned covered dish luncheon will be served. Those who attend should make reservations with Mrs. Cobb, telephone 773-6429.

All Delta Gamma members in the area are invited to the luncheon meeting. Transportation arrangements may be made by calling Mrs. T. J. Tinsley, telephone 773-4834, or Mrs. Archer Watson, telephone 773-4436.

New chapter officers are Mrs. Kenneth Bartlett, president; Mrs. George Hammond, vice president; Mrs. Charles Martin, secretary; Mrs. Robert Venter, treasurer; Mrs. W. S. Cobb, public relations chairman; Mrs. Sanford Bishop, Past Hellenic representative; and Mrs. Tinsley, city recommendations chairman.

A commemorative service will be held to honor the memory of the founders of the fraternity and other late Delta Gamma members. Members are to take birthday pennies for the International Student Scholarship fund, officers stated. The installation will be held at 12:30 p.m.

Fifty Plus Club Plans Program

A program of entertainment with readings on St. Patrick's day is planned by Medford Fifty Plus club members for their Friday, March 15 meeting. The group meets in St. Mark's Episcopal church Guild hall on the corner of Fifth street and North Oakdale avenue.

A sack lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Cards, games and dancing also are on the program. All interested persons are invited.

Card Party

Get Together club will hold a public card party at the Girls' Community club Friday, March 15, at 1 p.m. Dessert will be followed by cards.

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In spite of the fact that our desk and "second office" don't look like it, we're really neat and orderly by nature. It's just that we don't have time to work at it. If we had more time (we keep saying) we wouldn't have to spend so much of it looking for things that we want and need.

On the other hand, every cloud has a silver lining. When we hunt for one thing, we often turn up something else. Just today when we were delving in the depths of our big handbag to find some extra hairpins, we came upon an earring which had been "lost" for the last couple of weeks. When we went looking in the pockets of our heavy wool jacket for soiled handkerchiefs to go in the wash, we found the colored glasses which had been "lost" since the Sunday we went driving up Prospect way earlier this spring, and only last week we came upon a pamphlet about trees which belongs to Wallace Robinson while we were hunting for a packet of greeting cards. We never did find the cards. If Mr. Robinson can wait another two or three weeks on top of the two or three years he's already waited, we'll return the pamphlet.

And so it was last night. We went searching for a clipping about Civil Defense, and instead came upon a copy of the Manchester Guardian with an article which we had saved because it seemed unusually challenging. Therefore this column, which started out to concern Civil Defense, about which we've learned a lot in recent days, is going to be about the Christian religion.

The article, printed in the January issue of the air edition of The Guardian, and entitled "Out of the Depths," is by Monica Furlong, about whom we know nothing. She wrote: "The best thing about being a Christian at the moment is that organized religion has collapsed. I know, of course, that the Vatican Council meets, that in churches and chapels up and down the land people still meet to worship God, that the splendid farce of established religion still continues, and that the Mothers' Union continues unabashed."

I am deeply involved in formal religion myself, owe it an overwhelming debt and am only brash enough to scoff at it 90 per cent of the time. But for those who have ears to hear and lips to tell, it is common knowledge that the foundations have shivered, that there are cracks a mile wide in the walls, that the lava is curling about our sacred objects. Chacun a son got, of course, but I cannot imagine a more enjoyable time to be a Christian, except possibly in the first few centuries of the Church. For while the great holocaust is sweeping away much that is beautiful and all that is safe and comfortable and unquestioned, it is relieving us of the methods of Christian bric-a-brac as well, and the liberation is unspokeable. Stripped of our nonsense we may almost be like the early Christians painting their primitive symbols on the walls of the catacombs — the Fish, the grapes, the loaves of bread, the cross, the monogram of Christ — confident that in having done so they had described the necessities of life.

And before every religious crank in the country writes to me abusing the Church or the churches, and hailing me as a long-lost sister, let me quickly add that I am not advocating do-it-yourself religion, and I don't believe you are nearer to God in a garden, and that the clergy are not (necessarily) a lot of wicked old men.

What has happened is that religion has been cracked wide open by much that is new and brave in human thought — most notably by science and psychology — as well as by instruments which are old and ugly, such as persecution and political pressure. Within the dingy sarcophagus of piety there is dust and emptiness and death. But the risible, wonderful, breath-catching thing Christians have to grasp about their faith is the teasing thing Saint Peter himself had to learn at Joseph of Arimathea's tomb. The truth is not safely mouldering in the grave, but is marching on as valiantly as ever. God, one suspects, is a great practical joker.

The new catch-phrase in intelligent Christian quarters is "Christianity without religion." Nobody yet knows exactly what it means or into what deep waters it may sweep those who try to make sense of it. What seems clear is that within all the denominations there is a new mutation of Christian (as yet only faintly discernible from the inert mass) who is willing and eager to question every item of his faith, who is bored to death with the old cliches, the old humbug, and the great herd of sacred cows, and who believes that to disable either his mind or his senses is to dishonour Christ. On the one hand he demands that Christians should give up being professional moralists, uttering windy useless platitudes to indifferent hordes of semi-believers; on the other hand he talks (the phrase is Dietrich Bonhoeffer's) of "finding Christ in the centre of life." This way for my money, evolution lies.

We'll get around to Civil Defense another day.—O.S.

Officials Are Guests

Dr. Arthur Flemming, president of the University of Oregon, Mrs. Flemming; Len Casanova, football coach at the university, and LeRoy Klemm, a professor there, were guests at the initial meeting of the Rogue Valley University of Oregon Alumni association held last week in North's Chuck Wagon restaurant.

Dr. Edward R. Durno was master of ceremonies. Mr. Klemm, the evening's speaker, had for his subject the pure research concerning the development of cancer and the chemicals that will cure cancer. A social hour preceded the dinner meeting.

Farewell Party Honors Woman; Now in Salem

Central Point — Mrs. Don Braund, former owner of Pauline's Dress Shop in Central Point, left Sunday for Salem where she and Mr. Braund will make their home. He is a state employee there. Mrs. Braund was guest of honor at a going away party given March 7 at Melba's cafe. Mrs. Melba Donner was hostess. Twenty-two guests attended.

Mrs. Keith Williams is the new owner of the dress shop. She took over the operation of the store March 11.

Hoedowners Cancel Dance

Derby — The dance originally scheduled by Derby Hoedowners club for Saturday, March 16 has been cancelled because of the Southern Oregon Square Up session to be held during the week end at Southern Oregon college in Ashland.

The next regular dance for the club will be on the first Saturday in April.

Shady Cove Club Meets Tonight

Shady Cove — Officers of the Men's and Ladies' club of the Lady of Fatima Catholic church in Shady Cove will be installed this evening in the parish hall. A potluck dinner will be served at 7 p.m. All interested adults are invited.

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