

Ecuador Is Discussed For Knife-Fork Club

Ashland — "Communists spend money on propaganda. The United States spends money to help," declared Mrs. Eugene Bowman in answer to a question as to the influence of communism in Ecuador. Her comment came during the informal discussion period at the conclusion of a talk before members of the Siskiyou Knife and Fork club Tuesday evening.

In keeping with the announced subject of her illustrated talk Mrs. Bowman portrayed the small South American nation as a "Country of Contrasts." Her firsthand acquaintance with Ecuador was gained during two years residence while her husband, Dr. Eugene Bowman of Southern Oregon college faculty, was in the service of the U. S. state department as consultant to the education department of Ecuador. She accompanied him on many trips into distant areas and while living in Quito learned much about the customs and conditions of the people.

Much of Ecuador's economic way of life is puzzling to Americans, who are accustomed to high standards of sanitation and to observance of law and order. To the eyes of an American woman the inequality and injustice seen on all sides is hard to understand. "Most pitiful are the tiny children who are used for carriers of huge baskets," said Mrs. Bowman. It seems impossible in this age of enlightenment that women are doing heavy manual labor and that a virtual form of peonage exists.

Mortality High
Despite its high birth rate Ecuador has a small population increase due to excessive mortality among children. The average age of Ecuador-

Great Decisions Topic Is Given

Dr. Flora Ross will lead the Great Decision discussion group Wednesday, March 20, on "The Alliance For Progress." The group meets weekly in Wesley hall of First Methodist church at noon.

Miss Voda Brower, chairman, reminded residents that all interested persons are invited to attend. This group is geared to the working person in the downtown area. Soup and coffee are furnished by the committee. Persons may take a sandwich with them.

ians is 27 years. With the exception of approximately three per cent, who are white, the population is composed almost entirely of Indians, remnants of the ancient Incas, and mixtures of natives. During and following World War II there was an influx of Germans, both Jews and Nazis.

"There is no middle class in Ecuador," declared the speaker. In proof of which she showed films of vast estates and beautiful haciendas and in contrast thatched huts with dirt floors. Modern buildings and hotels have been erected in many cities while a stone's throw distant are unsanitary markets operated under the most primitive conditions. Lawlessness proceeds with apparent approval of the authorities, who oftentimes join in the violations. No home is safe without a high wall, a locked gate and a vicious watch dog. Revolutions and sporadic uprisings are commonplace events, usually of communist inspiration. Many of the youth of the country are sent to Cuba for training in leadership, declared the speaker.

Describes Churches

Mrs. Bowman described some of the beautiful Catholic churches with their wooden carvings and alters of silver and gold. She told of the art treasures to be found and displayed many pieces which she bought during her stay. Among them were exotic feather headresses and other apparel, copper and brass utensils, a goatskin replica of a shrunken head, antique carvings and some of the strange bread dolls placed on the graves to ward off evil spirits on the eve of All Saints day.

The Bowmans experienced a variety of surprises as they mingled with the people in daily contacts and learned more of their attitudes toward government, toward self-help, toward education and toward honesty. Dealing in contraband is common practice and those who have money do not trust the government but rather send it abroad while accepting as their due financial aid from the United States, all indicative of a country of "contradictions and contrasts."

Wallace Brill, Medford, a member of the board of directors, presided over the dinner meeting in the Mark Antony hotel Caesar Hall. The speaker was introduced by Dr. Irene Hollenbeck, another director.

Shady Cove Bethel Holds Queen's Ball

Shady Cove — Theme for the annual Queen's ball for Bethel 56, International Order of Job's Daughters was "Wish Upon a Star." Decorations for the event held recently in Rogue Valley Country club, Medford were done in blue and white.

Honored Queen Susan Eastin, Junior Past Honored Queen Marcia Ackerman, and honored guests were presented arm bouquets of red roses by Senior Princess Lola Ackerman and Junior Princess Sheri Watson as gifts from the Bethel.

At the Bethel's last meeting final plans were made for the visitation of the grand guardian, Mrs. Kenneth Gildner, Portland, who will attend the next meeting, March 21. Mrs. Gildner will be honored at a no-host dinner before the meeting. Reservations must be in by March 19 with Mrs. Paul Snook, guardian, telephone 878-3101.

Practice for initiation ceremonies to be held March 21, will be conducted Sunday, March 21, at 1 p.m.

The Bethel members met last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Snook when dinner was served and the group made tray favors for the Masonic and Eastern Star home in Forest Grove.

Service Guild Unit To Elect

Officers for Ruth Esther unit of Wesleyan Service Guild will be elected during the group's Monday, March 18 meeting, in the First Methodist church library at 7:30 p.m. Plans also will be made to attend a district meeting March 30 and 31 in Eugene.

The program on "Asia's Rim" will be continued with Mrs. George Renaker giving a review on Taiwan and Miss Janie Smith speaking on Honk Kong. Hostesses will be Mrs. Wallace Peabody, Mrs. S. H. Gay and Miss Annette Gray.

Dr. Flora Ross will conduct devotionals and Miss Carol Denny will preside.

Observes Birthday

O'Brien-Mrs. Hazel Slanaker was honored recently on the occasion of her birthday. Dinner was served and she was presented gifts.

At the party were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, Crescent City, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Warren, Mrs. Fay Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Warren.



Miss Susan Eastin (at left) honored queen of Bethel 56, International Order of Job's Daughters, and Miss Marcia Ackerman, past honored queen, were feted at a Queen's Ball given by the Bethel at Rogue Valley Country club.



Modern drama has many facets, and Medford High school students are being given an opportunity to learn about several of these. The most recent innovation of Mrs. Lenore Zapell, drama instructor at the school, was a reading production of the classic Greek tragedy, "Antigone" by Sophocles.

Given last Tuesday night in Room 81, the production drew an audience of parents and those especially interested in drama. The students taking part wore black academic robes and stood at lecterns to read their roles. Some in the audience were of the opinion that the girls had performed better than the young men, and praise was heard especially for their reading style and diction. Tracy Blackstone, reading the leading role of Antigone, particularly impressed the audience.

Mrs. Zapell used the traditional Greek device of a chorus, using three readers for this, and the program noted that the original Greek drama was religious in nature, and that at first the chorus and its leader were the "whole show." Later Thespis, Aeschylus and Sophocles added the actors. The students themselves were enthusiastic about the Greek presentation and a few urged their instructor to repeat the performance.

Another innovation for the classes will be presentation of a play for children in the near future. The popular "Winnie the Pooh" will be given, with matinees for the small fry. Mrs. Zapell reports that her husband, Stanley, who makes the play sets, is especially enjoying working on the Milne production and that the animal costumes are great fun for the young actors.

One of these days Potpourri and Photographer Bob are going to do a "behind the scenes" page of pictures on a fashion show. The mad scramble and rush, the running chatter and half-hysterics of the models, show chairmen and store employees are often more colorful than the smooth, charming productions which are seen by the guests out front. As one can discover by scanning today's society pages, there's a rush of style shows. Potpourri covered one given by Alpha Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and Rogue Valley manor last week, and this week there are two more. Wednesday Medford Junior Women's club is staging an evening show, particularly with business women and husbands in mind, and Thursday night the Welcome Wagon club is sponsoring a show.

At the Alpha Rho show Potpourri worked the hall, catching models as they came and went and hustling them into a good spot for the photographer. Cries of "Where are my gloves?" "These shoes are too tight!" and "Did anyone see the necklace which goes with this suit?" were heard on all sides. But high honors for a comment went to one pretty model who wailed, as she rushed headlong down the hall headed for stairs and the changing room, "Why didn't some one tell me I had these pants on backwards?" O.S.

Officials Of Two Orders Visitors Here

Out-of-town officials of the Military Order of Lady Bugs and Military Order of Cooties were in Medford March 12 for the fifteenth anniversary observance of the Roguette circle of the MOLB.

Here were Mrs. Mae Pinkston, majestic official greedy bug; Mrs. Edna Rountree, royal katydid; Gene Rountree, a past grand "seam squirrel" and royal inspector, and Perry Pinkston, also a past grand seam squirrel. All are from North Bend, Ore.

Mrs. Mary Newman was reinstated as a member after an absence of three years while living in California. Mrs. Virgil W. Lacy and Mrs. Clara Lee Malin became members.

Banquet tables were decorated in red and white, colors for the MOLB. Decorating was done by Mrs. B. B. Ramsey and Mrs. Ivan Lusk. Mrs. Con Rost, Mrs. Harold Sutherland and Mrs. Dale Sawyer prepared the dinner. Mrs. Russell Zundel, lady gold bug, and Mrs. Sawyer assisted with preparations for the meeting. The next circle meeting will be April 9 in the same hall.

During the visits here Mrs. Rountree was a houseguest of Mrs. Ben F. Allison and Mrs. Pinkston was a guest of Mrs. Richard Schulz.

On March 13 the four visiting officers and Mrs. Allison, royal lady gold bug for Oregon, with other circle members made an official visit to the Veterans Domiciliary at White City. They met with the director, C. T. Jackson, who gave a resume of the activities and program at the domiciliary.

From the circle on the tour with the officials were Mrs. Schulz, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Ralph Pittock, Mrs. Lusk, Mrs. Rost, Mrs. DeBerry and Mrs. Zundel.

Dessert Luncheon Planned by Club

Electa Social club members will make plans for their April meeting during a session Friday, March 22 in the Girls Community club rooms. A dessert luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Esther Coleman, president will preside.

Any member of the Order of the Eastern Star who is not affiliated is invited. The sewing committee will be made up of Mrs. J. J. Brown, Mrs. Maud Lovell and Mrs. Ina Huson.

Past Matron's Club Announces Meeting

Central Point—Nevita Past Matrons club will meet in the home of Mrs. J. E. Vincent, 1886 East Pine street, Central Point, Wednesday, March 20 at 1 p.m. for dessert. Mrs. Betta Panky will assist the hostess.

Mrs. Paul Snook, vice president will preside at the business meeting.

Four Girls Initiated by Bethel 69

Four candidates were initiated into Bethel 69, International Order of Job's Daughters, during the inspection visit March 7, of Mrs. Kenneth Gildner, grand guardian. They were the Misses Susan Sedley, Barbara Brooks, Karen Lord and Lynda Daugherty. Prior to the initiation ceremony, a solo was sung by Miss Cheryl Bramhall.

Junior Past Queen Camille Eri and Past Queen Lynn Boughner were escorted and introduced. Miss Boughner was also introduced as grand representative to South Dakota. Mrs. John North, grand fourth messenger and Fred Lardin, representative of the Scottish Rite bodies, were introduced.

Queen Denna Taylor reminded the girls of go-to-church Sunday which was on March 10 and was attended by the members of the Bethel and their sponsors.

Friendship Night Set For Chapter

Jacksonville—Friday night will be held by Adalee chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Thursday, March 21, at the Jacksonville Masonic temple at 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Shores, worthy matron and patron will preside.

Dining room committee for the evening will be Mrs. Gertrude Winningham, Mrs. Carl Dykstra, Mrs. H. D. Hess, Mrs. George Mero, Mrs. J. H. Bean, Mrs. Orval Shores, Ralph Dillon and Miss Gloria Johnson.

Schedule Meeting

A dessert luncheon will be served at the meeting for Chapter 2, Blue Star Mothers when they meet Thursday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Reimer Peterson, 502 Beatty street, will be the hostess.

The last chapter meeting was in the home of Mrs. Mary Fredericks when a work session and business meeting was held. The women worked on afghans for members of the Veterans Domiciliary at White City.

Goodman's Visit In Vernonia

Prospect—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Goodman and children are visiting Mrs. Goodman's mother, Mrs. Rex Normand, in Vernonia, Ore.

Susan Cearley reported on the Bethel visit to Ashland; Jeanne Letzow reported on the visit to Grants Pass Bethel 72. Lorna Clark reported on the visit to Bethel 13, also in Grants Pass.

The members voted to send a gift to the new Bethel in Eugene.

Relatives Introduced

Mrs. Gildner presented Queen Denna with the gift of a ceramic Bible and spoke to the girls. The new initiates introduced their parents and following the meeting the girls were welcomed into the Bethel.

The Lord's Prayer ceremony was used as an addendum following the meeting with Miss Bramhall as soloist, following which Mrs. Gildner was presented with a gift from the Bethel.

Refreshments were served in the dining room by the Misses Karen Smith, Sandy Poirier, Janice Morehead and Connie and Laurel Schuler, assisted by their mothers.

The next meeting of Bethel 69 will be held on Thursday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Medford Masonic temple. At

this meeting plans will be made to participate in the slumber party for all southern Oregon Bethels.

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