

# Social Events ♦ Women's News



When visiting with mother at Sharon Home in Centralia, we spend a part of each day reading aloud. This time much of the reading was in John Steinbeck's "Travels With Charley" which Sister Peg had already started and which was at hand. We recommend this thoughtful book in which Steinbeck "discovers" his own country and says some things about it which need to be said.

There's a lot to be seen and heard and learned while driving around these United States, and John Steinbeck's mastery of words is put to good use in recording what he saw and heard and learned. Too, there's Charley, the big poodle of the book. The trip and the book would have been much less interesting without Charley.

Early in his travels Author Steinbeck drove through Maine at potato harvest time. He wrote: "I've seen many migrant crop-picking people about the country—Hindus, Filipinos, Mexicans, Okies away from their states. Here in Maine a great many were French Canadians who came over the border for the harvest season. It occurs to me that, just as the Carthaginians hired mercenaries to do their fighting for them, we Americans bring in mercenaries to do our hard and humble work. I hope we may not be overwhelmed one day by peoples not too proud or too lazy or too soft to bend to the earth and pick up the things we eat."

Charley accompanied his master almost everywhere but not the morning that Author Steinbeck decided to attend services in a John Knox church in Vermont. The writer found that there was no nonsense in this church and that the minister preached a fire and brimstone sermon. "Having proved that we, or perhaps only I, were no damn good, he painted with cool certainty, what was likely to happen to us if we didn't make some basic reorganizations for which he didn't hold out much hope. He spoke of hell as an expert, not the mush-mouth hell of these soft days, but a well-stoked, white-hot hell served by technicians of the first order. This reverend brought it to a point where we could understand it, a good hard coal fire, plenty of draft, and a squad of open-hearth devils who put their hearts into their work, and their work was me. I began to feel good all over. For some years God has been a pal to us, practicing togetherness, and that causes the same emptiness a father does playing softball with his son. This Vermont God cared enough about me to go to a lot of trouble kicking the hell out of me. He put my sins in a new perspective. Whereas they had been small and mean and nasty and best forgotten, this minister gave them some size and bloom and dignity. I hadn't been thinking very well of myself for some years, but if my sins had his dimension, there was some pride left. I wasn't a naughty child but a first-rate sinner and I was going to catch it.

"I felt so revived in spirit that I put five dollars in the plate and afterwards, in front of the church, shook hands warmly with the minister and as many of the congregation as I could. It gave me a lovely sense of evil-doing that lasted clear through till Tuesday. I even considered beating Charley to give him some satisfaction too, because Charley is only a little less sinful than I am. All across the country I went to church on Sundays, a different denomination every week, but nowhere did I find the quality of that Vermont preacher. He forged a religion designed to last, not predigest obsolescence."

One of Steinbeck's disappointments was that he found few who wanted to talk politics (he should hang around The Mail Tribune newsroom for a time) but there were some. One was a man in North Dakota who had come to the conclusion that "betting the Russians" has become a universal outlet for Americans. He remembers the time when "people took everything out on Mr. Roosevelt" but now, it's the Russians. "Maybe everybody needs Russians. I'll bet even in Russia they need Russians. Maybe they call it Americans."

At the time of writing, we haven't finished the book, but we certainly can't stop in the middle of it. His description of the "carcinomatous" (cancerous) growth of the Pacific Northwest is particularly arresting and he wonders "why progress looks so much like destruction." Of course Mr. Steinbeck knows that the reason progress looks like destruction is because it is destruction. For instance growth and civilization in the western states is based partially on destruction of the forests, and our fine, new "freeways" as Radio Commentator Hemingway calls them, have in a sense, destroyed thousands of acres of fine, fertile soil, which had been producing food, flowers, plants and trees. O.S.

**William Force Visits Family**  
Gold Hill—William R. Force came from his home in West Vancouver, Canada, to spend the Easter week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Force, and his sister, Miss Judi Force and brothers, Jack and Dave.

**Guests Visit In Brookings**  
Illinois Valley—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robinson and family, Kerby, were week end guests in Brookings in the home of Mrs. Robinson's mother, Mrs. Ona Burgess.

**Home**  
Prospect—Mrs. Robert Conger returned last week from a trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles. She had been accompanied to the Bay city by Mr. Conger who returned after a week's visit there. They were guests of Mrs. Conger's mother, Mrs. Betty Nichols, who then accompanied Mrs. Conger to Los Angeles for a visit with Mrs. Conger's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Eichorn.

Before discarding men's or children's socks, cut off and save a top of each color.

## Company To Be Honored At After-Theater Party

An after-theater party honoring Dame Judith Anderson and her company, booked to appear here April 27 for the Medford Broadway Theater league, is being planned by the board. The supper will be held in the banquet room at North's Chuck Wagon; all those who hold Theater league season tickets are invited, and a charge will be made.

Those wishing to attend are asked to phone their reservations to Mrs. Fitzhugh Brewer, 772-5651, or Mrs. Gordon Williams, 773-5211.

Three players will accompany Miss Anderson, who is often called the greatest tragic actress of the present time. The program will include excerpts from "Medea" and "Macbeth." William Roerick, veteran actor who has appeared in many dramatic productions, plays opposite Miss Anderson, and the remaining players are Lilyan Chauvin and Fred Forsman. The performance will be at the Holly Theater.

This will be the final play for the 1962-63 season, and

## Rebekah Lodge Appointments Are Announced

Gold Hill—Members of Amethyst Rebekah lodge have voted to recommend Mrs. Walter McLean for the appointment as district deputy president. Mrs. Albert Gascon, noble grand, will be the other delegate to represent the lodge at the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon at the Dallas May 21 through May 24. Mrs. Gascon presided at the meeting held at the home of Mrs. Daniel Stewart. Plans to attend two friendship nights of their lodges in the district were made. Mrs. McLean, good-of-the-order chairman will have charge of entertainment arrangements. Members will go to Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge at Central Point to attend Friendship night there on Wednesday, April 17.

Prior to leaving for Central Point the regular business meeting of Amethyst lodge will be held at 7 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Paul Thompson.

The following night Gold Hill Rebekahs plan to go to Mountaineer Rebekah lodge at Glendale to attend Friendship night there on Thursday, April 18.

During the annual Jacksonville Trek on Saturday, April 20, Mrs. Sirena Davis, a candidate for Amethyst lodge will receive the initiation degree.

Mrs. Charles Stripling, general chairman of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah building fund committee, gave a progress report.

Mrs. Gascon announced the reappointment of Mrs. Evert Jennings as chairman of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Amethyst lodge, and also renamed Mrs. Jennings as chairman of Community service.

Mrs. Myrtle Kelso, long-time member of the lodge, who now resides in Medford, attended the meeting.

## Party Is Held In Central Point

Central Point—Joe Nikodym Jr., was honored at a card party April 12 at the Nikodym home, 435 Orr drive, which observed his birthday anniversary.

His classmates in the seventh and eighth grades of Central Point Junior High school were guests. The group danced, and refreshments were served.

the Medford league is already working on plans for the next season. The membership drive will be May 12-18. Those wishing to renew their memberships may call Mrs. Arlon Skinner, 772-8913.

Already booked for next season are "The Sound of Music," "Take Her, She's Mine" and "A Man for All Seasons." All of these have been Broadway hits within the last season or so.

## Friendship Night Is Observed

Friendship night recently was observed by Bethel 69, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Escorted and introduced were Bethel queens, Miss Patricia Harris, Bethel 14, Medford; Miss Jeanne Masters, Bethel 71, Grants Pass; senior princess, Miss Ada Harris, Bethel 14; junior princesses Miss Kathy Collingsworth, Bethel 38, Central Point, and Sandra Drewler, Bethel 71, and Miss Patricia Broward, past queen of Bethel 69.

Mrs. Kenneth Gildner, grand guardian for Oregon, who was present for an informal visit with the Bethel, was escorted and introduced.

Mrs. John North, a grand messenger; Mrs. Thomas Denney, guardian of Bethel 71; Mrs. Glenn Kelley, guardian of Bethel 38; past associate grand guardian and present supreme fraternal relations, L. R. Manning; and Fred Purdin, thirty-third degree Mason and inspector general of Scottish Rite; all were introduced. Morris Boughner, past associate guardian of the Bethel was introduced and acted as associate guardian for the evening.

It was voted to donate money to the Ethel Wead Mick memorial fund. Mrs. Mick being the founder of the Job's Daughters. Money will also be donated for a scholarship fund in memory of Miss Linda Young who was senior princess of Bethel 4, Portland.

The senior princess announced her project for the term as an auction to be held at the meeting on May 2. The junior princess announced a rummage sale would be held on Saturday, April 27.

The girls of the Bethel who participate in the Lord's Prayer ceremony performed for the Scottish Rite lodge Thursday, April 11, and will perform for the Blue lodge, April 19.

An addendum was held when visiting Bethel girls made Easter bonnets. First prize was won by the Central Point Bethel.

Refreshments were served by the Misses Day Lynch, Lorna Clark, Cheryl Bramhall, Shirley Isaacs and Betty Meyers, assisted by their mothers.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the Medford Masonic temple. Following the meeting plans have been for members to attend the Friendship night of the Bethel at Shady Cove.

## Student Work Is Displayed

Ashland—Drawings, paintings, block prints, and ink drawings by students of South Junior high school, Grants Pass, are on display in Britt Student center, Southern Oregon college. It was announced by Miss Marion Ady of the college art department.

The exhibits, which were accomplished under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Bonney, art teacher, are described as being good examples of desirable junior high school work. Teachers in the field are encouraged to bring in selections from their students work to display at the college, Miss Ady said.

The works may be viewed in Britt 111, in the hallway outside, and in the window of Britt 120 during regular class hours.

## Couple Honored By Yreka Lodge

Yreka—A farewell party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Manning was given by several members of Siskiyou court, Order of the Amaranth, at the Masonic temple recently. Mr. and Mrs. Manning will move from Yreka in the near future to Palo Alto, Calif., where he has a new position. Mr. Manning is the retiring royal patron and Mrs. Manning is a past royal matron. Gifts were presented the honored guests.

The Mannings recently returned from a 10-day trip to Mexico.



"Five Finger Exercise," a drama about family life problems, is now playing at the Footlighter theater at the Fairgrounds. In the cast are (left to right) John Gregory, cast as the father who cannot understand his college-age son; JoAnn Berg is the domineering, too-possessive mother and Eldon Mitchell is their frustrated, fearful son. The play will continue nightly through Saturday and curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the box office. Coffee and cookies are served during intermission.

## Civic Music Association Completes Season's Plans

The successful completion of the annual membership campaign and details of the coming season's programs were announced yesterday by Jackson County Civic Music association. More than 1,000 memberships were sold during the campaign which closed April 6, and during the next several days three additional concerts were arranged, making a total of five for the 1963-64 season.

In addition to the previously announced Vienna Boys' choir and the Paris Chamber orchestra, the county association has booked Erick Friedman, violinist; Lucine Amara, Metropolitan Opera company soprano, and Hans Richter-Haaser, noted European pianist.

Mrs. Darell Huson, president of the association board, points out that all three of the artists signed are much in demand and none would have been available if the association had not conducted a spring drive. In the case of Miss Amara, the local association was able to secure the one remaining open date the artist had for the coming season.

Mrs. Huson reminded members of the season just closing that one concert remains on the schedule. The Tipton Chamber Music group will play here May 16. In addition to ensemble numbers, one number will be a piano concerto with the remaining musicians playing the accompaniment.

Earlier this week Dave Sengstack, head of the Summy-Birchard company, owners of the Civic Music association, spent several hours in Medford conferring with Mrs. Huson about association plans.

Because of the extensive planning for the Memorial dinner, Mrs. Christian announced there will be no May meeting of the league. All members of the league are assisting with the plans for the annual banquet.

The June meeting of the league will be an evening session to which the members are inviting their husbands. It will be held in the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Norton and the tentative date is June 13.

## MOLB Elects Delegates

Delegates were elected April 9 by Roguette circle, Military Order of Lady Bugs for a royal hunt of the group to be held May 3 through 5 in Coos Bay.

Elected were Mrs. E. G. Helm, Mrs. Lucile Warner, and Mrs. Virgil Lacy. Alternates elected were Mrs. Lillian Hukill, Mrs. Mary Newman and Mrs. Thomas Wilkins.

Reports were given during the meeting on a recent visit to the Veterans Administration hospital in Roseburg. Giving the reports were Mrs. Ivan Lusk and Mrs. Con Rost. The trip was sponsored by Silver Peak circle of Riddle with local circle members as guests. On the trip from here were Mrs. B. F. Allison, royal lady gold bug of Oregon; Mrs. Cora Card; Mrs. Lusk, royal lady firefly; Mrs. Rost, assistant royal lady firefly, and Mr. Allison, who represented the World War I veterans group.

Mrs. Lusk, hospital representative, with Mrs. Harold Sutherland, her assistant, will sponsor a party for MOLB of Oregon at the Veterans Domiciliary in White City April 25.

Announcement was made of the annual hobby fair at the domiciliary April 20 and 21 when Veterans Administration Volunteer service women will serve refreshments. Mrs. Thomas Lynch is refreshment chairman.

## Rehearsals Under Way For Play

Phoenix—Rehearsals are under way for the Phoenix High school club production of "The Mouse That Roared," adopted for stage by Christopher Sergel. The play will be held in the Phoenix High school gymnasium, May 2 through 4 at 8 p.m. A small charge will be made and a special price will be given students.

"The Mouse That Roared" is a subtle, satirical comedy of United States foreign aid policy. Fenwick, a small duchy, is slowly "going broke." It's head of state is Duchess Gloriana, played by Lori Braun and understudy Rosa Hite. Her uncle, Count Montjoy, Mike Langley, and man of the people David Benter, Richard Coulter, have several plans to solve the nation's problems. Hero Tully Bascom, Dale Sauer, is finally sent to declare war on the United States. The plan is to lose to the United States and then receive United States aid to "rehabilitate" the "conquered" country. The result of this plan is a quite startling turn of events, causing international complications.

Professor Kokinz, Franklin Perkins, an eccentric American, Chet Beston, Secretary of State, Jim Cearly and Dan Cooper, and the President of the United States, Ron Patterson, are other major roles. A total of 36 students participate in the play.

John Mott, art and English instructor, is director. Carol Anderson and Pat Bentley are assistant director and student director, respectively. Others on the production staff are, stage manager, Dennis Grennan; make-up, Barbara Watson; costumes, Carol Anderson and Barbara Watson; house, Pam Grove; lights, Steve Denham, and publicity, Laura Griffith.

Members with birthday anniversaries in April will be honored at a meeting of Medford Fifty Plus club Friday, April 19. It will be held at St. Mark's Guild hall, corner of Fifth street and Oakdale avenue, at 12:30 p.m.

Members attending are asked to take a sack lunch and birthday cakes will be provided. Cards, games and dancing are planned. All interested persons are invited to attend.

**Dance Classes Are Announced**  
Buckles and Bows Square dance club will sponsor square dance lessons beginning Monday, April 22 from 8 to 10 p.m., in the Country Square, one mile west of Talent junction on Colver road. All persons interested in learning modern square dancing are invited. The first two lessons will be free of charge. Instructors will be Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Workman. Those who want further information may call the Workmans, telephone 535-1150. Teenagers may join the group and if enough respond a night will be set aside especially for them, those in charge announced.

**Session Planned By Pocahontas**  
Weatanka council, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet Friday, April 19 at 8 p.m., in the Redman hall on Apple street. Members are reminded by officers to take "white elephant" items with them for game prizes. The refreshment committee is made up of Mrs. Noel Erskine, Mrs. Esther Hobbs and Mrs. Lyle Brown.

## 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**  
7 p.m.—Table Rock encampment and auxiliary, Medford IOOF hall.

7:30 p.m.—Rogue Valley district, Oregon Music Teachers association, student recital, Purucker's Music house, Medford.

8 p.m.—RNA lodge, Pythian bldg.  
8 p.m.—Adarel chapter, OES, Jacksonville Masonic temple.

8 p.m.—Derby Hoedowners, Derby Community hall.  
Friday  
12 noon—Medford Fifty Plus club, St. Mark's Episcopal church, Guild hall, corner Fifth st. and North Oakdale ave.

12 noon—Southern Oregon chapter, National Association of Retired Civil Employees, Army Reserve building, 701 North Columbus avenue.  
2:30 p.m.—Jefferson PTA, at school.

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