

# Social Events ♦ Women's News



Washington—Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands was guest of honor at a White House luncheon April 18 given by President John F. Kennedy. She poses here with the president. Mrs. Lyndon Johnson acted as hostess. Mrs. Kennedy is still vacationing in Palm Beach, Fla. (UPI photo)

## Art Instructor To Be Speaker

Miss Catharine Fonken, art instructor at Medford High school, will speak to the members of Travel Study club, of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, at a meeting Tuesday, April 23, at 1 p.m. in the fireplace room at the Girls' Community club.

She will be accompanied by Marilyn Smith, Greg Elliott, Linda Nelson and Marsha Studabaker, all sponsored by Travel Study club in the Hallmark art talent contest, who will show some of their paintings.

Marilyn Smith was winner in First district for the Penny Art contest of the OFWC.

Darlene Chittwood, who was a contestant for the Virginia Brown music scholarship, and sponsored by Travel Study club, will play a French horn solo for the group.

Hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. Roy Nye, Ashland, Mrs. Elizabeth Settle, and Mrs. John Walter.

## Farewell Events Honor Woman

Applegate Valley — Mrs. Claud Williams, Sterling road, was honored recently with a farewell party at the home of Mrs. Harley Hall. She was presented an apron photographed by those attend, and she is to embroider the inscribed names at some future time.

The Women's Missionary group of Ruch Community church also honored Mrs. Williams at their recent meeting. Mrs. Williams, who has sold her home to Mr. and Mrs. Leon DeBerry, will leave for Escondido, Calif., to make her home.

## Visits

Ashland—Visiting last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goswick, 1812 Siskiyou boulevard, was their daughter, Mrs. Jack L. Zittercob of Palm Springs, Calif. The Zittercobs made their home in Ashland for many years.

## Veni-Vidi

By MARGARET SCHULER

Rome — The "Leopard" had its premiere showing recently here in Rome, with much fanfare, but without Burt Lancaster, who is still sick in Hollywood, or was, at the time. Several days after the opening, three of us Oregonians, thinking it would be interesting to hear how Italian sounded, coming dubbed out of Burt's American mouth, walked over to the theater to buy tickets.

We walked out again however, concluding that it was not four dollars' worth interesting. The reviews have been highly favorable though, and the Italians must like it as the theater has been packed continually for the performance. The latest news about "Cleopatra" here is that it is to be divided into two parts because of the great length.

And I might suggest that they do that with the opera, "Parsifal." A friend invited me to the premiere showing of that, and we went at eight, and the last curtain call was at 1:10 a.m. I would also suggest that Europeans follow the custom of our Oregon Shakespearean festival of playing through without a break. It is much less distracting. Here they have long intervals between acts, during which everyone leaves the theater to parade in the foyers and lounges.

It so happened this time that being opening night when

evening dress is obligatory, that it was highly entertaining and spectacular. Lavish furs of chinchilla, mink (white), and sable category, and magnificent gowns were worn. I could not help contrasting this with the period directly after the war when women wore evening gowns all right, but relics that looked like costumes from old trunks in attics. And in those days, under the glittering chandeliers, everyone drank Coca Cola and coffee.

Today, one has a choice of everything imaginable from consomme to champagne. I did not see Coca Cola. And for the buffet supper there were great displays of tempting foods, both hot and cold, with innumerable uniformed and gloved waiters in attendance.

According to reports, 150 Americans are singing, many of them in leading roles, in European opera houses. And they are well received and acclaimed. But of this goodly number who make the grade, there are 10 times more who do not. Strenuously they study, practice, go without food to reach stardom, grasp at straws. At our Episcopal church we have several of them. It is the policy of the church to give help and to permit students to practice there, so all day long you can hear voices, hear the pipe organ, the piano and violin. There is such great competition in this big city of musically minded aspirants.

## Aspirants Pathetic

More pathetic to me are the movie aspirants. You see them in restaurants, bars and night clubs, trying to be gay and carefree. They join groups to have drinks, and talk loudly about trips they are about to take to Vienna, Venice or some place, to fill an engagement.

This all passed over my little-town head, until a woman who is a script writer took me to see them. She would explain who each one was, and his or her problem. My heart aches for them. They just haven't a chance in a carload, and eventually will have to accumulate enough money to take a third class ticket back to their Iowa or New York homes.

## An American

And then one day this astonishing incident happened to me. I was studying in the library, when the librarian came to me and asked if I would talk to an American who wished to speak to someone from the States. He asked me if I could introduce him to someone of importance in the cinema world, who could give him entree to the heads.

If it had not been so sad it would have been ludicrous. He was desperately in earnest. He knew that he was good and all he required was an introduction. He did not necessarily need me that he was from New Jersey, that his talent had been untouched by training, or that he had been inhibited by grammar rules. And nothing I could say or suggest helped. I had thought he might join a little theater group which is not too professional, but he would have none of that. It would be a waste of time. He, and he really meant it, wanted to start at the top. So that was that.

## Legislative Expert To Be Speaker

An expert's analysis of happenings in the current session of the Oregon legislature will be on the program for the next meeting of the Jackson County unit, Oregon Federation of Women's Republican clubs. It will be held Monday, April 22, at 12 noon at the Jackson House according to Mrs. Gene Williams, club president.

In an address entitled "Got a Complaint? — Write Your Legislator," John Y. Lansing, assistant vice-president and chief legislative representative for Pacific Power and Light company, will present his views on what has happened, is happening, and what will probably happen during the session slated to wind up some time in May.

Mr. Lansing, a 1942 graduate of Oregon and a World War II combat bomber pilot, is a veteran of 16 years of service at the legislature. He has participated in 10 sessions, including nine regular and one special session, since 1947.

He has served as Pacific Power's legislative representative since 1954, having spent the seven years previous to that with Columbia Empire Industries, predecessor to the present Associated Oregon Industries.

Mrs. Williams said the speaker will be available to answer questions after his speech.

Reservations are to be made with Mrs. E. E. Haas, 772-8273.

## New Members Are Added to Fund Committee

Gold Hill — Mrs. Albert Gascon, noble grand of Amethyst Rebekah lodge, has announced that there is a need for more workers on the building fund committee.

Mrs. Gascon, herself a member of the fund committee, has named Mrs. Raymond Thompson to serve and Martin Johnson, noble grand of the Odd Fellows lodge, named Charles Stripling to serve on the IOOF building committee.

Members of the committees other than the new ones and Mrs. Gascon who donated their time to work at a benefit dance last Saturday night at Central Point were Raymond Thompson, H. D. Force, Mrs. Paul Molloy, and Mrs. Charles Stripling, general chairman of the committee.

Mrs. Gascon extended recognition to all members who are not on the committee for the efforts they have made during the past weeks to cooperate with the general chairman through donation of their time and money. Past projects have been successful, raising the fund to more than \$1,000, at this time.

## Families Visit Cave Junction

Illinois Valley — Mr. and Mrs. Zane Lenly and family and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Nelson and family, all of Sutherlin, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Reich, Cave Junction.

## Libraries of County To Hold Open House for National Week

National Library week will be observed by all the libraries of the Rogue Valley April 21 to 27. The week is sponsored by laymen, librarians, and book sellers to emphasize the importance of reading. In the words of President Kennedy, "It will serve to encourage all of us to improve libraries and to stimulate reading throughout the nation."

The Public Library of Medford and Jackson County will inaugurate National Library week with an open house, Sunday afternoon, April 21 at 2:30 p.m., at the Medford library. There will be a program and presentation of the Book-of-the-Month club award to the library for "outstanding progress, trustee planning, and need for books."

## Duplicate Events Set

Two events for area duplicate bridge players are on the calendar for the week end, in Medford will be the Pearl Blossom party Saturday evening, April 20 in the Girls Community club, and in Grants Pass, Sunday, April 21 will be an open pairs championship tournament to be played in two sessions.

During the regular session April 16 for Medford Duplicate club players Mrs. Berg Marten and Mrs. Richard Milestone won first place in north-south position. Their score was 125½ points.

Continuing in that position winners were Mrs. Maude Coddling and Mrs. Frank Baker, 123; Mrs. R. J. Conroy and John Shortridge, 120½, and Mrs. George Dean and Mrs. Dolph Phipps, 117½.

The east-west winners were Mrs. Dale Fornbrook and Mrs. Richard Jones, 141½; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crews, 137; Mrs. C. A. Holmes and Richard Finnell, 128½; Edward Brain and George Rode, 122.

## Sunshine Girls To Hold Dance; Four Elected

Pythian Sunshine Girls will hold a dance Saturday, April 20, at the Pythian hall from 7:30 to 11 p.m. During the evening, a king and queen will be chosen to reign over the dance.

Fifteen girls attended the annual grand council meeting in Portland April 6 and 7. They were accompanied by Mrs. Harry Bryant, grand royal adviser; Mrs. Walter Grochocki, royal adviser, and four councilors, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kadin and Mrs. James Overturf.

Misses Margaret Grochocki and Linda Severson took the grand council degree. Miss Kathy Haertle was chosen as Miss Pythian Sunshine of Oregon. Miss Barbara Kadin was elected grand royal prelate, Miss Margaret Grochocki was chosen grand mystic one, and Miss Donna Copeland, grand royal warder.

Misses Vicki Sue Webster and Miss Donna Overturf participated in initiation ceremonies, as six girls from various councils were initiated. Others attending from Medford were the Misses Betty Grochocki, Mary Carol and Kelly Copeland, Susan O'Duane, Carolyn and Sherryll Stone, Nilla Dobyns and Dolores Mathews.

## In Phoenix

Phoenix—The P. B. Boyssens, of Alsea, Ore., spent the Easter holidays at the home of the J. W. Brannons in Phoenix.

## 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 3 p.m. the day before publication.

Friday: 6:30 p.m. — Women's association, First Presbyterian church, Central Point, at church.

8 p.m. — Medford High school sophomore choir musical, Medford High school auditorium.

Saturday: 12:30 p.m. — Jackson county unit, Oregon State university Mothers club, Rogue Valley Country club.

Kerby — The Order of Eastern Star will hold a district meeting Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. at the Kerby school.

Returns From Trip: Ashland—Mrs. Grace Flint, 228 B street, has returned from a week's visit in Sacramento with her son, Alvin Flint and his family.

## Evergreen School Winners Listed

Illinois Valley-Children of Evergreen school held an Easter bonnet parade recently in the school cafeteria. About 80 students modeled hats which they had made from odd items including toys, cup cakes, model cars and aluminum pie plates.

Judges were Robert Grant of the Illinois Valley News and Mrs. Charles Dillon of the Evergreen Parent Teacher association.

Winners were Ricky Coghburn, Melinda Rosenberg, Douglas Yates, Sally Forrest, and Casey Mann, first grade; Toni Podak, Eileen Olson, Randy Robinson, Leslie White and Kathleen Musil, second grade.

Prizes were awarded. Mrs. Carl Lemm was chairman for the parade which is expected to become an annual event. The 10 winning hats are on display in Trehearne's Dry Goods store.

Visitor Leaves: Wilderville—Mrs. James Turner, Sacramento, Calif., has left for her home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Ingalls.

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