

### Altrusans Attending Convention

Mrs. Walter Young, president of the Altrusa club of Medford, and Mrs. Charles Kyer, president-elect, left this morning to attend as delegates to the twelfth district conference of Altrusa in Longview, Wash. The session will convene May 17 through 19.

The district includes the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Professor Ernestine Milner, of Guilford college, Greensboro, N. C., who is international president of the organization, will be featured speaker at the Governors' dinner to be held in the Monticello hotel Saturday evening.

The conference theme will be, "Timber 4 Tomorrow." Mrs. Fred Rankin will accompany them to Portland where today she is attending the northwest regional workshop of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment, in the Sheraton Portland hotel.

Mrs. Rankin will attend the state conference on aging in Corvallis Friday, and then will continue to Longview Saturday to attend the Altrusa conference as a member of the district's gerontology committee.

At the local club's recent meeting in the Medford hotel, Mrs. Young announced the formation of four new Altrusa clubs in England; three in India and another in Manila in the Philippines. The Medford members have sent greetings to the new clubs with local information about the culture and industry of this area.

Also noted was that a recent Altrusa international grants in aid had been awarded Miss Pisawat Duttyabodhi of Bangkok, Thailand, in the field of study of microbiology at Corvallis. It was suggested that the recipient be invited as a guest speaker later in the year.

### Fifty Plus Club Party Is Planned

Members of the Medford Fifty Plus club whose birthdays are in May will be honored at a club party Friday, May 17 in St. Mark's Guild hall, corner of Fifth street and North Oakdale avenue. The event will begin at 12 noon, and members are to take sack lunches. Birthday cakes will be provided.

An afternoon of cards, games and dancing is planned. All interested persons over the age of 50 years are invited.

### CALENDAR

Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Bethel 69, International Order of Job's Daughters, Medford Masonic temple. 7:30 p.m.—RNA lodge, Pythian bldg. 8 p.m.—Civic Music concert, Medford High school auditorium. 8 p.m.—Roxey Ann Court, Order of Amaranth, Medford Masonic temple. Friday: 2:30 p.m.—Wilson PTA, at school.

### Ceramists Invited To Exhibit

Talent - Plans for the fifth annual ceramic show to be held Friday, May 24, in the Talent city hall are nearing completion. Mrs. Ellis Beeson and Mrs. Charles Long, co-chairmen, have announced. The annual show is combined with a silver tea and all benefits go to the American Cancer society.

All southern Oregon ceramists are invited to show their work, especially non-professional, the chairman announced. Several southern Oregon studios will have exhibits. The Talent Junior High school and Phoenix High school have been contacted and it is hoped that they will have an exhibit in the junior division.

An entry of enameled copper done by Jerri Lee of Ashland will be shown. Admission is without charge and viewers may visit the show between the hours of 2 to 8 p.m.

Those who want further information about the show may call Mrs. Long, 635-1273, or Mrs. Beeson, 535-1137.

Members of women's clubs in Talent will furnish cookies for the tea.

### Dessert Event Honors Mothers

Yreka - Sixty-five guests attended the annual Mother-Daughter dessert event given last week by women of the Mt. Zion Lutheran church in observance of Mother's day.

Mrs. Vernon Muehl, Lutheran Church Women president, welcomed the guests. Mrs. Gerald Lange presented those who took part in the program which included piano solos by Melinda Meamber; a recitation by Janet Grace and selections by a vocal quartet made up of Mrs. Lange, Mrs. Meamber, Mrs. Ray Jones and Mrs. James Meek.

A skit also was given by members of a Sunday school class taught by Mrs. G. S. Schneider. Mrs. Robert Moore also furnished piano selections and Mrs. Don Herfindahl read poems written of mothers.

Food chairmen were Mrs. Robert Neill and Mrs. William Laverty, assisted by other members.

### Parisian Says Childbirth Should Be Joy to Mother

By GAY PAULEY UPI Women's Editor

New York—The birth of a baby should be an ecstatic event for the mother - not an occasion for agony or a warrens under anesthesia. Dr. Pierre Vellay, of Paris, speaking at the UPI Women's Editor's luncheon, said he is a pioneer in the field of obstetrics that advocates natural childbirth without pain. It does not rule out modern therapy, if it is necessary, he said.

Vellay discussed the Lamaze-Pavlov method of birth during an interview. He is completing a U.S. tour to explain the method to hospitals and medical schools around the nation. In simple terms, he said, natural childbirth without pain is a combination of conditioning the mother - and father - psychologically and physically during her pregnancy so that childbirth for her becomes a "joy" and not an event to fear.

Education includes exercise and breathing technique which will help her at birth and an emotional conditioning which transforms the mother from a "passive to active" role in birth. And, he said, it aims to remove the dread and to "isolate her from some of the oral and written old wives' tales on pregnancy."

"Anesthesia is the easy way out," said Vellay. "It suppresses the personality of the woman. . . does an injustice to the mother-infant relationship, the husband-wife relationship."

He said husbands are asked to attend the lectures with their wives and also be with them in the hospital room at time of birth.

Vellay and his wife, Aline, the daughter of a physician, are parents of five children ranging in age from 21 to nine years, the last two delivered by natural childbirth. Mrs. Vellay, an attractive brunette, was for one year a French exchange student at Alabama College, Montevallo, Ala., and helps her husband translate his medical papers and books into English.

Interprets With his wife interpreting when his own English failed him, Vellay explained he learned of the birth without pain method while he was assistant to Dr. Fernand Lamaze, its pioneer, at the Pierre Rouques Health center, Paris, from 1947 to 1957.

The method is based on Pavlovian theories on conditioned reflexes, and Dr. Lamaze introduced it in France in 1951.

Dr. Vellay said the technique now is used extensively in European and South American countries, but is fairly new to the United States.

### Club Hears SOC Head

Ashland - Soroptimist club members were among the first to hear Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson report on his month's trip to the United Arab Republic.

The president of Southern Oregon college addressed the women's group at its Friday luncheon in the Mark Antony hotel. He was introduced by Mrs. Velma Jones.

Dr. Stevenson was one of seven educators chosen by the state department to make a survey of teacher education in Egypt. The group visited schools and were shown economic and cultural life under the new socialist government of Nasser.

The speaker described the amazing change in the status of women since they have discarded their veils and assumed a new role in national life. He spoke of the new freedom experienced by both men and women as Nasser's revolutionary socialism is put into practice.

### Social Events

Lincoln PTA Installation Ceremony Held

Mrs. Virgil Stickley was installed president of the Lincoln Parent Teacher association at ceremonies held last week at the school. Mrs. Stickley, who is the retiring vice president, presided for the meeting in the place of Mrs. E. S. Bowers, retiring president. This was the last meeting for the school year.

Mrs. Willard Henney was installed vice president; Mrs. Lucille Fields, secretary; and Mrs. Don Landing, treasurer. Mrs. Max Weston, a past president of the unit, and magazine chairman for the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers for the coming year, was installing officer.

A family night moving picture is planned by the unit for Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m., in the school gymnasium. The main feature will be "Robinson Crusoe" in technicolor. Refreshments will be on sale.

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Room count was won by the third grade. Because the third grade has won room count the most throughout the year, a trophy for the year will be engraved with that information.

### NOW Party

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### Greenhorn Grange Sets Breakfast; Events Listed

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The breakfast will be served Sunday, May 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Grange hall.

Among other announced events are a Scott Valley HEC district meeting Friday, May 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., when luncheon will be served for a nominal fee. Those who attend should take articles for sale on the Opportunity table. The state chairman from Sacramento is to attend.

A rummage sale also is set for the first week in June. Baked goods will be sold. The next meeting is to be held June 14 in the home of Mrs. Sid Terwilliger at Little Shasta.

### Girls Earn Rank By Making Afghan

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Each girl knitted a minimum of 12 blocks, which were then assembled by a leader. The project was done as a requirement for the Fire Makers rank in the Camp Fire program.

The group is made up of Joy Babcock, Carolyn Bauer, Bonnie Galloway, Oran Swift, Sandra Schlachter, Gail Shuler, Sandra Robinson, Bobbie Jo Meeker, Pamela Satterlee, Jennifer Patton and Judy Hedberg. The leaders are Mrs. Robin Binnis, Mrs. Robert Babcock and Mrs. Elwood Hedberg.

### Guests

Hornbrook - Mother's day week end guests at the home of Mrs. Minnie Bloomingcamp and son, Charles, were her daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wyatt and Steven, Paul and Teresa, and Mrs. Marge Snyder and Victor and Karen, all of Medford. Visiting briefly Sunday afternoon were another daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Cavin and Janet of Hill.

### Women's News

### Traditional Tea Held

Ashland - A Mothers day social event that has become traditional in Ashland was held Saturday when members of Chapter AC, PEO Sisterhood, were hostesses to their mothers and many proxy mothers of the community.

The 2 o'clock tea and program was given in Trinity Episcopal parish hall. The guests were welcomed by Mrs. John Yaple, chapter president, who said that the 1963 tea was the twenty-third such annual party in the 40-year history of Chapter AC.

Following presentation of guests Mrs. Dom Provost Sr. introduced nine-year-old Debbie Tischhauser and 11-year-old Nancy Bartlett, who played piano solos.

Mrs. Eugene Bowman, whose experiences in Ecuador during a two-year residence while her husband was "on loan" to survey and advise educational institutions, shared many of her domestic problems. She told of the vast differences among the classes in Ecuador and of the poverty at one extreme of society compared to the opulence of those few who are wealthy.

Like most Americans Mrs. Bowman learned to adjust to some of the problems of sanitation and to use caution in foods and water. She described many of the primitive customs as she saw them in various parts of the country, from the inland jungles to the modern city of Quito where the Bowman family lived. Because of its isolation and difficult terrain Ecuador has not yet been discovered by the average tourist.

### Gold Hill Club Meetings Slated; Show Announced

Gold Hill - Mrs. S. M. Christensen, president of the Gold Hill Garden club has called a special meeting for Friday, May 24, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ferd Jones. Plans for a flower and hobby show will be arranged.

The event to be sponsored by the club has been scheduled for June 14 in the dining room at the Gold Hill Grange hall. Details will be announced when completed. The public has been invited to participate in the show. Judging will be done by accredited judges and ribbons will be awarded.

The regular May meeting of the club will be held Friday, May 17, at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Molloy. All persons who are interested in gardening are invited.

Mrs. Molloy will talk on greenhouse and rock garden techniques. He will also speak on bonsai trees.

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### Is the 'Junior Prom' a hallowed tradition in most high schools and colleges, losing favor and purpose? Do students enjoy these Proms? Do most parents think that they are too costly? Why don't more students attend the Proms at Medford High school?

For years and years the society editor of the Mail Tribune has attended the Medford high school Prom. We've watched the students, talked to a few, heard the comments of families, friends and teachers. This year we made a project out of asking a lot of people what they thought of the Prom, and the results were most interesting.

One of the first notions we had about the MHS Prom when we first started attending, 15 or 16 years ago, was that the students weren't having a good time. However, others disputed this and so we thought it was just that dances nowadays aren't quite like they were when we were in college. In our day we had "programs" and before the big event, either the man or the co-ed - if one of the women's groups was giving the dance, arranged to trade dances with other couples and filled out the program. If a girl had more than three or four dances with her date, she began to suspect that she was a drip, a social failure - a girl who couldn't keep more than one man interested at once. It was a way to meet new boys and men, to begin a flirtation or conquest or to promote new friendships. Frankly, we still think the idea of dancing with one boy or man all evening is pretty dull stuff, even if you're going steady or are engaged.

But back to our survey. We asked a sophomore boy if his senior brother had enjoyed the dance, and he said he didn't think so. Seems the senior had been sort of quiet the day after the Prom, and shrugged off the whole event as not having lived up to his expectations.

A father said that a couple of years ago he and his wife had done all the proper things - had given a dinner for their son and his friends before the Prom, had gone as chaperones and then arranged for an after-supper party. They had, however, firmly put their feet down about a trip to the beach. Nothing doing unless chaperones went along and when the students demurred, papa and mama were adamant.

The father said he and his wife had been surprised at the conduct of the young people at the dance. "They don't know how to act at a party," he said, in a surprised tone. "Most of them just stood around and looked bored. Very few actually seemed to enjoy dancing." This coincided with our observations.

When we asked a girl at MHS about this she said it was true. "Look," she explained all in a breath. "We're all dressed up in a lot of new expensive clothes and with high-heeled slippers and who can dance under those circumstances? Anyhow, not like we dance at most parties. If we twisted, or something, in formal clothes, it would be silly."

A teacher standing near chimed in. "Well, why don't they quit having a dressy party then, a Prom, and just have a plain dance where more students would go and everyone could have more fun? The stores are filled with nice cotton dresses at \$8 to \$10 that girls could wear and look pretty in, and that all parents could afford and that they would enjoy wearing more than a fancy silk formal gown. I think some changes should be made."

An SOC student who graduated a few years ago from MHS said "Gosh, no, nobody has any real fun at the Prom. It's just something that everybody talks about and is supposed to do. It's the dinners before the Prom and the parties afterwards that are fun." When we inquired why they just didn't abandon the Prom, and have the dinners, or one big dinner, with small parties afterwards, she said "Well, I guess some of the girls like to dress up. And of course, there's all that swish about the Prom queen and princesses. I guess somebody has fun."

A mother was feeling pretty morose about the cost. "I paid \$50 for a dress and about \$30 for the rest of the outfit and she'll never wear it again!" she lamented.

A taxi driver had his say, too. "Well, I don't think the Prom means very much anymore," he said. "I think something should be done about it." He, too, had ideas about the cost. Seems he had two daughters, the older had been outfitted at considerable cost, and the dress had then hung in the closet, unused. Two years later when the second daughter was going to the Prom, her parents suggested that she wear the same gown. But no, as could have been predicted, she insisted on an expensive gown, all her own.

One MHS girl volunteered the information that one dress at the recent Prom had cost \$150. Almost everyone talked about the cost. In spite of the fact that there is no ticket charge for the dance, the clothes, flowers, dinners, after parties and all that represent a sizeable investment. One junior said he had enjoyed the entire evening but conceded that it had cost a lot and he wasn't sure he had had his money's worth. Did he think the Prom could be abolished? He did. "There would be some talk and complaining at first, but in a couple of years it would all die down," he said, philosophically.

We even talked to a policeman and asked him if he thought the increase in vandalism that week end could be laid to the students who did not, or could not, attend the Prom and went out and threw rocks through windshields as a gesture of frustration. He admitted that this might be true, but added that actually, no one is quite sure if students, or even local residents, commit the acts.

One conversation was with a school official who readily said that the traditional Junior Prom is a problem, here and in most schools. About 400 persons, many of them adults, attended the recent MHS Prom. There are more than 1,800 students in the school, and there must be at least 1,000 in the two upper classes eligible to attend. Why don't they? Why should the school and the students go to the trouble and cost of having this function for a relatively small part of the student body?

When we told the official that we planned to write this column he smiled and said "Go ahead. It won't accomplish a thing, I warn you." Well, anyway, we've had our say. O.S.

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