



Medford Kiwanis club presented its annual awards to outstanding members of the Medford High school orchestra, choir and band at the recent annual awards banquet held by the students at the school. Pictured during the event are (left to right) Ronald Ingram, band president, who received the...



If the Broadway Theater league had its troubles this season, so did Broadway itself. The local league had to weather the problems of two cancellations, but is apparently all set now to wind up the season with a good show, Elsa Lancheater, the British actress and entertainer and widow of Charles Laughton, is scheduled to put on her one-woman show here Tuesday night at the Holly, and reviews on it have been good. It's been quite some time since we last saw Miss Lancheater in a movie, and since we have never seen her in person, we're looking forward to her appearance here.

Eugene and Portland leagues, as well as cities in various other parts of the country, also had to find substitutes for Dame Judith Anderson, and then other substitutes for Tallulah Bankhead when her play, "Here Today," folded for some reason or the other. Determined not to let the season end without a decent fourth offering, the Medford board started wiring and phoning to agents up and down the coast and came up with the Lancheater show.

We read in the Eugene Register-Guard that the BTL struggled through three cancellations and now has offered patrons their money back. With heads battered but unbowed, and a few hundred dollars still in the coffers, the Eugene board has adopted a "wait and see" attitude for next season.

After reading the Guard, we weren't too surprised to pick up a clipping from the New York Times with a headline which read "Broadway Ending Its Worst Season." The story said stage investors lost more than \$5 million, and the paper attempted to analyze the reasons. Of 49 productions, only seven now running are expected to show profits, and this, it was said, is worse than conditions at the depths of the depression. The writer, Milton Esterow, said the reasons were poor plays, new and stricter supervision of tax-deductible entertaining and the growing tendency for business and industry to entertain less lavishly. He also listed the newspaper strike last winter, rising ticket prices, the increasing popularity of art films, the Wall Street slump of last May and the growing apathy of the public because of extensive promotion of poor shows.

In spite of all this, most of the producers polled by the paper were optimistic and said that basically Broadway is healthy and that while it will be harder to raise money for plays and musicals in the future, the theater will continue in New York City as usual.

The three plays which are booked for Medford this coming season are all established "hits." "The Sound of Music" is the story of the famous Trapp family, "Take Her—She's Mine" is a comedy which has had a long run and "A Man for All Seasons" has overtones of morality and religion which are said to make it a favorite with many theater fans. A fourth play has not yet been chosen.

Producing Director Angus Bowmer of the Oregon Shakespearean festival, has been saying for years that if good theater was to take its true place in the culture of America, it must not be confined just to Broadway and a few other large cities. That many others also believed this is shown by the hundreds of little theater groups throughout the land, the many drama festivals, the excellent schools of drama and theater at colleges and universities and by such movements as the Broadway Theater league. The latter, like Civic Music, is the banding together of those interested in a theater season to sell memberships in advance and thus guarantee the season.

Paul Gardner, also writing in the New York Times, recently reviewed the "truck and bus" shows and said that 164 cities had been served by these troupes, and some million and a half patrons had attended their productions. National Performing Arts is responsible for many of these traveling companies and a vice president, Julian Olney, said recently that after one year, four companies grossed about \$5,000,000. These were "Mary, Mary," "Carnival," "A Shot in the Dark" and "The Sound of Music." The first three played here last year and the fourth is coming for the 1963-64 season.

Mr. Olney pointed out that the truck and bus method takes good theater to small cities and remote areas where otherwise there would be little or none. He said "Mary, Mary" played the Julia Marlowe theater in Great Falls, Mont., and it was the first show to play there in more than 25 years. So, the past season for the Broadway theater league in Oregon may have been rough in spots, but the outlook is hopeful. However, we agree with whoever wrote in the Eugene Register-Guard that the quality of Broadway plays is sometimes disappointing. Theater patrons in university cities such as Eugene, with the college to set standards, and such as Medford where we have excellent theater from the Shakespearean festival, Southern Oregon college and our high schools, aren't going to settle for second rate theater.

This morning's dispatches about the condition of Pope John brought to mind a paragraph from the last letter written from Rome by Margaret Schuler, author of the column Veni Vidi, carried in The Tribune. Mrs. Schuler wrote: "The poor Pope. I think he is wonderful — about a century ahead of his time and of all his pompous cohorts. He has not had an easy time. He has cancer, I hear, and if he dies it remains to be seen whether all this work will have been in vain. The little people — priests and conference members — many of them think as he does, and I believe the Americans as a whole do, but the Italian hierarchy, the cardinals and high officials, are said to be against him." O.S.

Important among the numerous events planned by Medford Duplicate Club members is the annual American Contract Bridge league charity party set this year for June 11. The event, which will benefit two national organizations, the Multiple Sclerosis society and the Institute of Lopedics, is open to all interested bridge players of the area. A dinner for members will precede the party. The next master point game for the club will be Tuesday evening, June 4. On June 18 new players in particular are invited to participate in a guest night play, when members are asked to invite guests as their partners. June Active Though outdoor events will somewhat curtail club activities for the summer, the month of June will continue to be an active one for the members, and on July 9 a series game will open, to run for eight weeks. Prizes will be awarded to the three highest winners at the final game September 10. Winners for the May 28 game, when 12 tables of players participated, have been announced. Holding high score in the north-south position were Mrs. Jack Mitchell and Mrs. R. J. Conroy, with 176 points. Continuing winners in that position were Mrs. Ben Todd and Mrs. Sam Van Dyke, 163; Mrs. Richard Milestone and Mrs. Berg Marten, 149½; and Mrs. Paul A. Hatton and Mrs. Marten, 145½. Winning in the east-west position were Mrs. John Dougherty and Robert R. Dickey, 149½; Al Gilhouse and James Morgan, 144; Mrs. Leland Clark and George W. Rode, 143½, and Mrs. Sam Richardson and Ray S. Wise, 142.

Duplicate Club Sets Annual Charity Party

Medford Footlighters invite everyone interested in any phase of little theater to attend a meeting set for Monday, June 3, at 8 p.m. in the Fairgrounds theater. The group's next play will be discussed according to Mrs. Helen Ansney, president. She states that all Footlighter meetings are open to interested persons.

Mrs. Melvin Ahorn presented a past president's pin to Mrs. Donald A. Faber, retiring president of the Central Point unit.

The Mothersingers, directed by Mrs. Harvey Field, entertained the group with four songs.

William Brewster, principal of Jewett school and representing the PTA executive council presented a gift to Mr. and Mrs. George Johns, Mr. Johns, who has been principal of Central Point Junior High school for four years, has resigned to go into overseas teaching.

Other speakers were Mrs. Guss and Mrs. Roland Johnson, who reported on the PTA state convention.

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Thurstons To Present Dancers

The Thurston studio will present an "Evening of Dance" at Medford High school Monday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited and no charge will be made.

Featured offering of the evening will be the ballet "Beauty and the Beast." Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thurston, operators of the school, state that this ballet promises to be better than "Swan Lake" which was presented in a similar program last year.

The lead roles will be danced by Susan Gifford as Beauty, and Bruce Guenther as the Beast and the Prince. Other leading dancers are Sheri Bethell, Stephanie Parkinson, Susan Kimball, Marcia Sample and Buff Pratt.

Other characters are birds, fireflies, butterflies, a wolf and even a beetle.

The first part of the show will be of a variety nature, with dances from various countries and tap, character, ballet, jazz and acrobatic numbers.

The Thurstons ask that no pre-school children be brought to the performance. In the past at music, dance and dramatic performances it has been proven that very small children disrupt and interfere with the program, they point out. "A great deal of work and expense has been put into this program, and we want those in the audience to enjoy it without disturbance," the couple stated. "We do not invite older children and family members to attend the show; we believe it will be an enjoyable and entertaining evening."

The Thurstons further stated that the shows are given without charge in order that everyone may have an opportunity to see ballet pupils and other student dancers perform.

De Molay Plans For Installation

Ashland — Scott Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Roberts, 1125 Ivy lane, will be installed master councilor of the Ashland De Molay chapter at ceremonies to be held June 1 in the Masonic hall. He was elected at the May 22 meeting when Master Councilor Charles Calhoun presided for the last time.

Other new officers to be inducted will include John Reid, senior councilor; David Lohman, junior councilor; Brian Whitham and Gary Gosha, senior and junior deacons; Randy Nelson and Kim Cady, senior and junior stewards; Dan Wright, scribe; Bill Wiley, treasurer; Jim Jenne, chaplain; Richard Johnson, sentinel; Craig Robertson, standard bearer; Dennis Peoples, almoner; Tom Reid, marshal; Gary Pennington, orator; Bill Berninghaugen, Rod Georgianna, Stan Billings, Bill Hardy, Conley Hays, David Weaver and Bob Lawrence, the seven preceptors.

Junior officers elected at the last meeting will assume their duties June 1.

Yaples to Attend Graduation Rites

Ashland — Mr. and Mrs. John H. Yaple, 715 Elkader street, expect to go to Salem this week end to attend the graduation of their daughter Jane from Willamette university. She will receive her bachelor of arts degree in history June 2.

Guests

Ashland-Guests during the Memorial week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fraley, 415 Granite street, are Miss Emily Kaiser and Mrs. Lillian Kaiser of Oakland, Calif. They are former Ashland residents.

Communications Subject Of Knife-Fork Speaker

Ashland — "The greatest pioneering feat in all history was John Glenn's orbiting the earth," declared Charles Seavey, speaker at the Tuesday night dinner meeting of the Siskiyou Knife and Fork club. The scientist held an audience of more than 75 listeners in rapt attention as he unfolded in lay language some of the wonders of space communication.

Dr. P. Malcolm Hammond, president of the club, introduced the Portland guest after he had outlined next year's tentative program of six dinner meetings beginning October 3 and ending sometime in April. The astounding repetition of the first astronaut's success, the events leading up to the launching of Telstar I and Telstar II and the exciting new adventures lying ahead furnished the speaker with an hour's rapid fire lecture lightened by sleight of hand tricks and by demonstration of various space satellite replicas.

PTA Units Conduct Installation

Central Point — Mrs. Ray Guss was installed president of Central Point Parent-Teacher association, and Mrs. Roland Johnson as president of the Jewett unit in joint ceremonies at the May 23 meeting of the Central Point unit. Other officers installed for the Central Point unit were Mrs. Ray Chavis, first vice president; Mrs. Luma Burroughs, second vice president; Mrs. Lewis Collins, secretary, and Mrs. Charles Kluisenbeker, treasurer.

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Women of Unity Plan Ceremony

Installation of officers for Women of Unity will be held Monday, June 3, at 8 p.m. in the Unity church, Holly and Haven streets.

The Rev. Katharine Bosworth will conduct the ceremony.

Mrs. H. H. Bresee, Miss Cheryl Bramhall and the Melodettes will provide music for the evening.

A reception for the officers will follow the installation, with Mrs. Wilbur E. Howell as chairman.

Members of Unity and their friends are invited.

The incomprehensible distances of space and the speed of light make necessary faster transportation to bridge the stars in our own planetary system, said Mr. Seavey. His acquaintance with electronic developments at the Bell laboratories gives him first-hand knowledge of U.S. communications achievements which, in spite of Soviet claims, are leading the scientific field.

According to Mr. Seavey the United States "has gone for the more utilitarian while the USSR has sought the spectacular." He spoke of the first Explorer sent up by the United States, "which is still sending back information on the Van Allen radioactive belt around the earth and on temperatures and meteorites." He demonstrated recordings of Explorer which came through in a deeper tone than did the high pitched voice of Sputnik I.

The scientist showed an exact duplicate of Vanguard I, about eight inches in diameter, which Khrushchev dubbed "an a... aved grapefruit." It has already recorded 650 miles of tape and has proved among other things that the earth is slightly pear-shaped and that light exerts pressure. The Vanguard is powered by Bell solar batteries.

Gravity Misunderstood Mr. Seavey reminded his listeners that Albert Einstein had little success in getting scientists to accept his revolutionary theory and said that one of the least understood laws is that of gravity, illustrating the fact with a rope trick.

"We are members of the most unique generation in all history," he declared, "and we have not even begun to unravel the marvels of the universe. I predict a yet more exciting and progressive age ahead."

At the conclusion of his talk Mr. Seavey answered questions from the audience. When asked about the Mariner now orbiting the earth he said that it may uphold or upset what the astronomers have told us, already it has revealed that Venus with a temperature of 800 degrees Fahrenheit is uninhabitable. He also said that Telstar II will be visible over Oregon in July and August. The two Telstars are the only satellites built and paid for by private funds. All information is given to the government, however.

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Movies Planned At Church In Cave Junction

Cave Junction — Missionary Volunteers of the Seventh-day Adventist church will hear about gardening and see colored slides of Florida gardens with Mrs. Dan Medlish as narrator Saturday, June 1, at 8 p.m. in the church in Cave Junction.

Teenagers will decorate the church with flowers. The girls sextette, Georgetta Moies, Judy Prather, Karen Elmore, Carol Elmore, Jeanie Smedley and Verma Smith will sing "In the Garden."

Tonight the first half of a movie on the life of Ellen G. White will be shown at the church, beginning at 8 o'clock. The remainder of the movie will be shown the following week. The girls sextette will provide music.

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Mrs. Charles Long (at left) was general chairman of the annual Ceramic show held recently in Talent as a benefit for the American Cancer society. Mrs. Long is shown here with Mrs. John R. Compagnoni, Medford, with some of the pieces of an antique doll tea service owned by the Compagnoni family.

Women's News

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Annual Tea Announced

Providence Guild of Sacred Heart hospital will hold its annual tea for members and their guests at the home of Mrs. John Raapke, 308 Windsor avenue, Monday, June 3, from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. The tea will be the last meeting for guild members before the summer recess, and new officers will be installed.

Co-chairmen for the membership tea are Mrs. Charles Lasher and Mrs. Harold Bunce, and they will be assisted by Mrs. Lawrence Duff, Mrs. Robert Duff, Mrs. John Mansfield, Mrs. Edith Devaney, Mrs. Carl von der Hellen, Mrs. A. C. Allen Jr.

Mrs. Dwight Speer and Mrs. Ray Wise. Providence Guild members are asked to note the change in location for the tea, since a different home was announced in the monthly guild bulletin.

Parents Postpone Social Meeting

Parents Without Partners will meet Monday, June 3 as planned, the group announces. Because of graduation activities, the social meeting has been postponed one week; further plans will be made known.

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