

Military Group Holds Picnic

An annual picnic of the Roguette circle, Military Order of Lady Bugs, was held at the home of Mrs. B. B. Ramsey, 2097 Roberts road, Tuesday, August 13, on the patio.

Invited guests were Cooties of Pup tent 3 and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Croslin and Mrs. O. Tool, Ashland.

Reports were given on the two cookouts given by the Royal M.O.L.B. of Oregon and Roguette circle for the veterans at the Veterans Administration Domiciliary at White City park.

Reports were given by the members who attended the picnic and watermelon feed at Roseburg hospital park Sunday, August 11, by the Military Order Of Cooties of Oregon.

Those attending from Medford were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Lusk, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Allison, Mrs. Ramsey, Miss Amy Radle, Mrs. O. O. DeBerry, Mrs. Con Rost, Mrs. Harold Sutherland, Mrs. R. Pittock, Mrs. E. G. Helm and Mrs. Russel Zundel.

There were some 400 veterans and 64 volunteers. Dinner was served in the park and Cooties serving watermelon.

Assisting with the games were Cooties, Lady Bugs, Cooties and Mocketts of the state.



Guests who go to McCully House in Jacksonville for tea and pastries are served with fine china and silver in a fashion reminiscent of the 19th century. Pictured (standing) during a recent event are (left to right) Miss Maryann Hein, attendant at the Doll Museum in McCully House; Mrs. Richard Hein, a hostess and mother of Miss Hein and Mrs. Leona Stone Salyer, who operates the Doll Museum and who is serving the refreshments during the Britt Gardens Music Festival. Seated are (left to right) Mrs. Lyle Harrell, Mrs. John Crabb and Mrs. L. H. Valentine. All are from Jacksonville; Miss Hein is a student at Concordia college, Portland.

Films Taken in Hungary To Be Shown

Colored pictures of Hungary will be shown at the Senior Activity center Monday, August 19, at 1 p. m. by Nat Etzel, teacher of vocational agriculture at Eagle Point High school.

This will be the second in a series of shows which depict life in three Communist countries visited on a tour as a leader of 15 Oregon boys who went to Europe on a People to People program.

The first show was on Czechoslovakia which included farm communes.

If there is not time enough Monday to also cover Poland, these pictures will be shown the last Monday in August.

Last week pictures of the trail camps in the Wallowa Mountains were shown the group by Jerry Igo.

The oil painting class Tuesday had several visitors. One of them was Robert Onstad of the Ashland Art gallery, who conducted a critique on

request due to the absence of the teacher, Mrs. Victoria Staley. Several members also exhibited at the Lithia park show in Ashland. Mrs. Birdie Johnson and Mrs. Laura Whitchee sold several paintings.

The Center orchestra practiced at the Red Cross auditorium Thursday, playing for members of the Council on Aging which held an open meeting on housing for the elderly. The practice hours each week are from 1 to 3 p. m. and will be held this week at the center, 601 East Jackson street.

For information on the bridge session, scheduled Saturday, August 24, contact L. C. Davis or Mrs. Fred Middlebush.

MANOR-ISMS

By ETHELYN EVANS

The Oregon Caves: We found another short trip to a delightful vacation spot. But why have we delayed the trip almost three years? Why wasn't there abundant, exciting publicity to tell us and others all about this place? Out of state friends have often insisted that Oregon advertises her natural wonders insufficiently. They may be right.

These Caves, interesting, educational and fun to explore, are in a beautiful location. The entrance is on the side of a mountain almost at the head of a green, woody canyon. There is a rushing stream with waterfalls, and the air is crisp and clear - a very welcome change from our valley atmosphere. The canyon is at the end of a cool, scenic road through the forest.

Fortunately, on this our first trip, we were with our Manor friends, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker. Mr. Baker is practically "Mr. Oregon Caves." He explored the caves first in 1915, walking in from Grayback Forest Camp with Mrs. Baker and a tiny daughter riding a horse. In 1922 he was one of 10 civic minded Grants Pass men who advanced the money and organized to provide some sort of accommodations for visitors to the caves. He is and always has been their president and still devotes time, money and effort to the operation of the organization. In the beginning, they could provide only tent frames for camping and a stand for sandwiches and coffee, but they got a project rolling which has developed into a truly worthwhile public service for Oregon.

Those who go only for the day miss half the pleasure by not staying overnight in the Chateau. The food is out-of-this-world, which is a trite and passe expression, I admit, but how else can one describe tender steaks and prime ribs perfectly cooked; crisp, icy, artistic salads; rich, fluffy cakes; very good coffee, without which nothing is good! Only college students are on the staff - mostly from Oregon colleges - and they give cheerful and willing service. Roger Kahle, their college student publicity man, writes the column "Cave Echoes" in the Daily Courier, Grants Pass, and writes well, apparently with the "greatest of ease" which is the acid test of expertise. The students put on an evening program for us before a huge bonfire and under a bright, bright moon, followed by a park naturalist, and the National Park service does that sort of thing extremely well. The park men also conduct nature-study walks. The managers this year are Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Obye who formerly lived in both Medford and Grants Pass. Mr. Obye is a retired U. S. Forest service officer. Both the Obyes have the enthusiastic, friendly personality necessary for success in this work.

The Chateau, quaint and picturesque - just like a picture post card from Switzerland - was designed and built in 1934 by Gust Lium, Mrs. Baker's brother. It is built into the canyon on different levels. The dining room is on the lowest level and that bubbling stream runs right through the room. It was here that the Baker's daughter - the 3-year-old Connie who was taken through the caves in 1915 - was married some 20 years later. Her aunt, Mrs. James Lium, used nearly 1000 white gladioli to decorate the room for the wedding. Mrs. Lium now lives in the Manor and does beautiful flower arrangements for us. Naturally, one can imagine that the Caves seem like a second home to the Bakers.

Col. and Mrs. William H. Bartlett, Gardena, Calif., made their valley friends happy by returning to their old home on Valley View drive for a short vacation. They have a small orchard on the property which is their absorbing hobby. In it they have an unusual variety of trees - black and English walnuts, filberts, apples, pears, plums, cherries, peaches. One row of trees is of peaches selected to ripen on consecutive weeks beginning the first week of August. We were visitors the second week and came away with samples of peaches most delicious.

Grafting and layering are the colonel's methods, and he has a number of "spoor" trees (I do hope I sound technical and knowing) ready for graft-

ing in the spring. Also, they have three varieties of grapes; and there are many different species of shade trees, shrubs and plants.

The Bartletts have friends in the Manor. Mrs. Harold Jordan, Mrs. Rease Braley and Mr. and Mrs. "Bob" Evans entertained for them here. It is hoped that when the colonel tires of teaching higher math in California, they will retire in Medford - preferably in the Manor.

(Editor's note: Through a typographical and proofreading error, the last several paragraphs of the August 11 Manorisms, written about Mrs. Alice Applegate Pell, Miss Margaret Hewett and John Demmer, were not included. The Mail Tribune regrets the error and the "lost" paragraphs follow.)

A second member, now past 90, is another in our long list of lifetime workers in the academic profession: Miss Margaret Hewett, from Newark, N.J., who is really remarkable for her activities. Alert and staunchly independent, Miss Hewett also never misses a thing, including several organized bus tours arranged for Manor members.

She went with us to Portland for the Ice Follies. Not content to merely "keep-up," she was nearly always a leader of the pack and enjoyed every second of it. Graduating from Wellesley college in 1897, Miss Hewett taught for 35 years in the same school she attended as a child. Her mother, also, attended this same school.

Now a happy member of the Manor, Miss Hewett never omits her morning and evening walks - and I do mean walks and not slow strolling - and she can be seen chatting on the patio evenings. No early bedtime for her, either.

Our third member mentioned this week is John Demmer who was born in the same year as Mrs. Pell, also in the same month. There are actually only a few days difference in their ages. Mr. Demmer is another peppy one who gets up each morning and sprints around the building. He is also

on our academic list, having taught for 35 years in North Dakota, and a total of 50 years, before he retired and went to Grants Pass, Ore. Since he and Mrs. Demmer moved into the Manor, Mr. Demmer works many hours in his garden plot on the Manor grounds, and he is constantly darting in and out of the building on some errand - alert, pert and busy. These three friends and fellow Manor members, it seems to me, offer irrefutable proof that chronological age is not always a reliable criterion.

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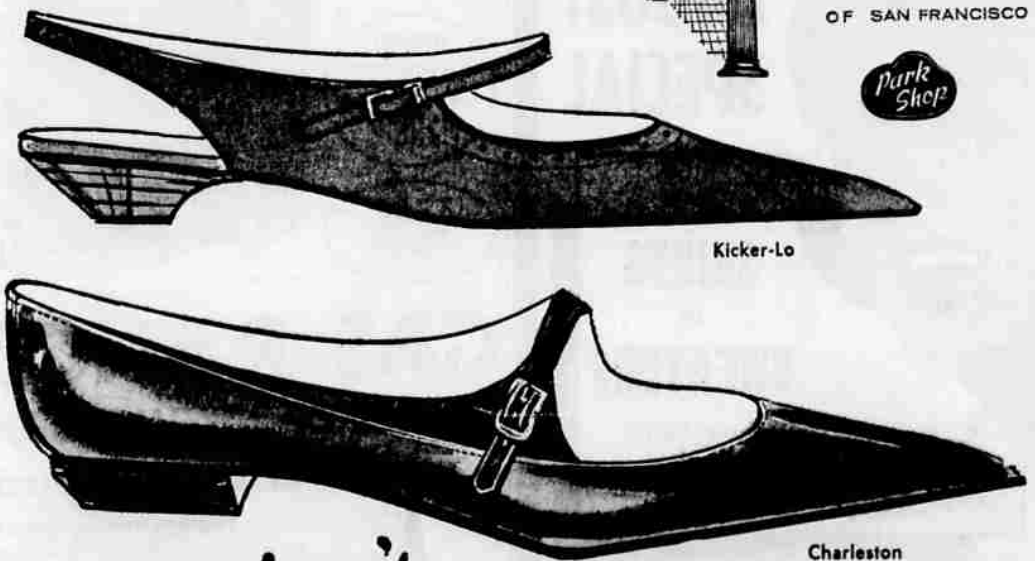
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