

News

Chairman Gives Housing Report on New Project

Medford - Committee members for the recently completed Peter Britt Gardens and Arts festival have assessed the past season and outlining plans for the next season. Since the 1963 festival was a new venture, problems which had not anticipated arose, but the most part, Jackson residents interested in the festival apparently believe taken as a whole the festival was a success.

Donald Wendt, housing chairman, states that of the families who pro-housing for the festival musicians found their friendly and entertaining the experience an able one. Some have expressed a desire to continue arrangement for the next season. The musicians were mainly in Jackson, but some were provided accommodations in Medford.

A list of festival patrons provided housing included: Charles Walker, Mr. Mrs. Vinson Vaughan, Mrs. Kenneth Allen, and Mrs. Fred Edens, and Mrs. Ronald McCay, and Mrs. Wendt, Mr. and John Keaveny, Mr. and H. Hooks, Mr. and Helen Jordan, Mr. and James Skog, Mr. and A. E. Reinking, Mrs. Stone Salyer, all Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mr. and Mrs. John and Mr. and Mrs. Rob-d, Medford.

New Fabrics Fashion

New York - UPI - The new fabric form a part of the warp and woof men's clothes for fall winter.

Many new materials are and so many familiar offbeat roles, a woodeads a fabric Beadeker she goes shopping for intertime wardrobe.

Fabrics are lush and brushed, piled, twisted, shagged, looped, rippled long-haired. Every-thing is the three - di-nal look of surface tex-ture. The smooth finish, ex-cept the melton cloth, re-fer fall and winter and present crepes, is

In Weight
Wools are bulky looking modern weaving methods them light in weight. Wools are equally light, their deep piled sur- One manufacturer said that a combination wool coat and dress for weighed in at less ve pounds complete.

Inside Club Meeting Scheduled

September master point for Riverside Bridge players will be conducted Tuesday, September 4, officials have an- nounced.

During the group's August regular play, 28 members

Richard Milestone and Pinnell scored first with points in the north-south. Other winners in position were Mrs. H. nroy and Paul A. Hat- t, and Mrs. F. R. Baker Mrs. C. C. Anderson,

West winners were Fred Rehling and Mrs. Clifford, 103; Mrs. A. and Mrs. M. E. Lan- 90 and Roy Pruitt and housen, 89½.

Calendar

Saturday 8:30 p.m. - Square dance, at Country Square, Talent.



at the Hermiston; and Princesses Kay Brunner, Round-Mary Ann Storie and Jane Horne, all Pen- cleton. The annual Round-Up will be held Moore, September 11-14.



Representatives from schools in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties attended the annual school luncheon workshop held in Medford Monday under the auspices of the Oregon School Food Service association. Mrs. Virginia M. Wait, Medford, (at left) presided over the general assembly which opened the sessions. Pictured with Mrs. Wait are (left to right) Mrs. Pauline Clark, Klamath Falls, president of the Klamath County chapter of the Oregon School Food Service association; Mrs. Darley Craig, president of the Medford chapter; Mrs. Edith Ingram, president of the Una B. Inch chapter, the Jackson county unit of the association. One of the demonstrations given during the day concerned decorating of cakes themed to special school days or observances.

Manufacturer Visits Russia; Says Soviet Teachers Brilliant

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor

Princeton, N.J. - UPI - A creative toy expert who has completed an around-the-world tour studying and gathering toys says he returned from the Soviet Union with one major impression. "The thing that bothered me was that their teachers are brilliant, their toys are miserable," said Frank Caplan, president of Creative Playthings, Inc., the world's largest supplier of toys and other playtime equipment for nursery and kindergarten schools.

Caplan also is associate director of the Creative Playthings Foundation, financed by his firm to do research in improving education in early childhood. Currently, the foundation is acting as consultant to a Harvard group of scientists who with a grant from the government's National Science Foundation are studying means of upgrading elementary education.

Caplan said he talked with planning committees in the Soviet Union - there is one for each republic - about toys and playground equipment, they exchanged catalogs, and "there is evidence they are trying to set some standards for school equipment."

"Not Up To Par"
"But all admitted that their toys are just not up to par, compared with those of the western world," said Caplan in an interview.

He visited toy plants, stores, nurseries and kindergartens in Moscow and Kiev of the Soviet Union and Budapest in Hungary.

There were two things in their favor in toys, Caplan said. One, their folk toys are of high quality even though their "modern ones are miserable," and two, they at least give a child a chance to exercise his own creativity with

Ashland Announcer Speaks in O'Brien

O'Brien - Mr. and Mrs. Charles McFarlan and their son, Ashland, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hilton, Sunday. Mr. McFarlan, a radio announcer, was a guest speaker at the First Baptist church of O'Brien.

Couple Leaves For California

Shady Cove - Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Freeman have left for their home in San Jose, Calif., after vacationing in Shady Cove as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Biddle.

Group Visits In Shady Cove

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Larry Michels Visits Relatives

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Nathan Hallocks Have Visitor

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a "children's world" in Moscow where children can purchase the makings of a toy. "Maybe it's nothing more than a piece of wood, a motor, a wire, some string," he said, "but they're there for the imaginative child. No blue-prints or model-making kits as in this country which a child can put together in two minutes and the toy is done."

Caplan complained about some U.S. toys too - "unfor- tunately," he said, "too many manufacturers are thinking

Big Dogs Gain In Popularity, Poll Shows

Chicago - UPI - There are signs that large dogs, after being rejected the past few years in favor of apartment-sized canines, are staging a comeback.

The German shepherd, on the basis of a 13 per cent gain, displaced the poodle during the past year as the most exhibited dog in championship competition, according to a poll.

The increasing popularity of big city "K-9 corps" and other factors connected with protection of life and property combined to hoist the shepherd into the top position.

In the champion category, poodles dropped to second place despite an increase of four per cent, while dachshunds showed a six per cent loss to retain third place and cocker spaniels registered a five per cent loss to remain in fourth spot.

Poodles, however, continue to be the most popular dog in number of stud book registrations.

Another big dog, the boxer, solidified his fifth place exhibition ranking with an increase of four per cent. Collies showed a small gain to hold the sixth position.

The powerful doberman clung to seventh place, holding on with a minor gain, while great danes registered a six per cent gain to strengthen their grip on eighth position. Chihuahuas stayed in ninth, with shetlands moving up one place to tenth.

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of the adults who want to see the quick, finished product. Not of the need for the child's imagination to be stirred."

"We should encourage our children to play, to discover," said Caplan, a 52-year-old grandfather and former teacher who holds degrees from City College of New York and Columbia University.

"I am convinced," he continued, "that the child encouraged to create, to explore, to find things out for himself grows into the creative adult . . . he gains a confidence in his ideas which carry all through life. Scratch a genius and usually you'll find that as a child he often lived to himself, with his imagination."

"Today's urbanized society doesn't give a child a chance to explore the trees, the water, the insect world. So we have to substitute with laboratory experience."

"And a mother in the United States doesn't take time to explore with the child. But the Soviet teachers do."

Caplan said the Soviets "take over" a child from six months on with day care programs or ones even more embracing in which parents see the youngsters only on week- ends. But the little ones take trips, visit factories, muse- ums - "They're constantly exposed to new things."

The toy manufacturer's tour also took him through the Middle East and to the Orient. He gathered representative toys - and toys of good design - for exhibit this fall in museums in Kansas City, Denver, Philadelphia, Houston, New York, Newark, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Williamsburg, Va.

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Former Oregonian Designs Unique Character Dolls

By JOAN SWEENEY
North Hollywood, Calif. - UPI

The dolls Virginia Black makes are not the kind that little girls are likely to dream about, except perhaps in nightmares, but they have gained nationwide use.

Among the North Holly- wood housewife's creations are bearded beatniks, bedraggled bums, fallen angels, ladies of the chorus and naughty little boys.

Many of them look as though they are in throes of the morning after, a condition inherited from their ancestors. Mrs. Black sold her first dolls to local liquor stores.

But the dolls have come a long way since then. They are probably familiar to many Americans who have never seen them except in photo- graphs. They have decorated the pages of a national mag- azine and illustrated a series of ads for a department store group which appeared in New York newspapers.

Currently, Mrs. Black is under exclusive contract to a greeting card firm which is bringing out an entire line of contemporary cards built around the dolls.

Dolls Vary
The dolls are characterized by captivating expressions—ranging from the wistful to the smirking, from the joyous to the glowering—and by costumes so vivid they would make a gypsy look conserva- tive.

Sometimes the lids of their wide round eyes are half closed as though weighted down by the bags beneath them. Since most of the dolls are approximately six inches high, some of the costumes' details are most intriguing: the tiniest of flowers atop a hat, playing cards the size of a thumbnail, inch long necklaces, a tiny strip of fur or a minute derby or a bright pink bowtie atop an orange shirt and kelly green jacket.

How did Mrs. Black start making the dolls?

"I've done all sorts of crafts, but when I started the dolls and found I could sell some of them I decided to stay with them," Mrs. Black explained, as she sat in her large, sunny work room. It might be called the room the dolls built. She used money she earned from the dolls to build the addition.

The petite, blonde grand- mother and wife of Robert J. Black, the owner of a Los Angeles advertising agency, first began her craft work in Portland, Ore., where she made dolls for children and church bazaars.

Have Personality
Each of her dolls has a per- sonality. Because of the size

and the importance of the ex- pression, the faces are par- ticularly demanding. Some- times for photographing, she must make two heads, one smiling, the other frowning. She uses textile paints to draw the faces.

"Getting one just right is exacting work," Mrs. Black said. "A slip of a fraction of an inch, a slip of a fraction of a head." She has a box filled with heads that did not quite satisfy her.

Still more boxes, drawers and jars in her workroom are stuffed with every conceiv- able object that might be of use to her one day—scraps of material, tiny jugs scarcely bigger than a pencil eraser, sunglasses. Often, however, she must improvise. She made cowboy's spurs herself.

Perhaps the proof that Mrs. Black's dolls have "arrived," is that they have been copied by Japanese dollmakers.

Make Cleaning Accident Free, Says Expert

By MARGERY McELHENY
Chicago - UPI - Falling is

the most common accident during house cleaning, reports Philip Dykstra, director of home safety for the National Safety council. He has some suggestions to make cleaning accident-free:

-Make sure your ladder is in good condition. Don't try to build a substitute from furniture or boxes. The ladder is long enough if you don't have to use the top rungs or step. Move the ladder rather than try to reach far to one side.

-Rinse floors clean of soap or detergent before applying wax. A thin, even coat of wax buffed to a high polish is harder and safer than a heavy coat.

-Paint only in well ventila- ted rooms. Use paint con- taining less than 1 per cent lead for all indoor use. Keep oily or paint-soaked rags in tightly closed metal cans in a cool place.

-Do not use carbon tetra- chloride or flammable liquids for cleaning.

-Avoid touching electrical appliances when your hands or floors are wet.

-Keep walking lanes open. Arrange storage spaces in an orderly and safe manner, with a place for everything.

-Don't try to carry heavy or bulky objects that obstruct your view or are too heavy.

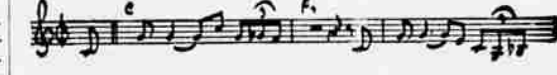
-Use non-skid mats under rugs. If rugs are badly worn or torn, have them repaired or replaced.

-Keep pesticides, medicines and poisonous cleaning ma- terials out of reach of chil- dren. Always keep such ma- terials in their original con- tainers. Get rid of old pre- scriptions and medicines in unmarked containers.

-Keep children and pets away when spraying insecti- cides. After spraying, wash all exposed parts of your body.

San Franciscans Visit Montague

Montague - Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Erminio Colla for the past two weeks were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pierinoc Bernidi and their two daughters, Suzanne and Laurie, San Francisco.



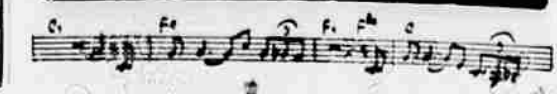
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