



Mrs. Mattie Carson (at left) and Mrs. R. D. Abel, president of Rogue Valley Herb society, have been busy in recent weeks heading arrangements for the annual herb festival which the society holds each fall. This year's festival is set for Thursday, October 17, at Girls Community club and the public is invited to attend. All manner of articles and foods made from herbs will be available, and tea will be served. Hours are 11 a. m. to 6 p. m.

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Festival Announced

Foods and gifts made with herbs will be featured at the Rogue Valley Herb society's annual fall festival announced for Thursday, October 17 from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m., in Girls Community club.

A silver tea also will be served and prizes are to be awarded.

Sachets, pomanders, lavender sticks, herb breads, teas, syrups, butters, cookies and other items will be offered for sale.

At the group's recent meeting Mrs. L. W. Lingscheid spoke on uses of the orange and displayed a table of articles which illustrated her talk.

Guests were Mrs. Clifford Green, Central Point; Mrs. Floy Myers, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Mrs. E. N. Terrill, Ashland; Mrs. Idamae Roberts, Medford; and Mrs. Gladys Goodman, Talent. Mrs. Goodman became a society member.

Mrs. Verne Shangle and Mrs. Elsa Walker were hostesses and served teas and cookies with orange flavor.

Grape experts report the year has seen a 50 per cent increase in the number of acres of grapes treated with gibberellin—a vitamin-like substance.



Everybody is talking and writing about taxes, school budgets and the cost of government because of the coming special election. Even our personal mail is filled with it. Daughter, who hasn't lived in Oregon for several years, nevertheless is still interested in the state and since she reads The Mail Tribune, has become interested in the uproar.

She wrote from Spokane, where her husband is a school music teacher and band director, and we've a notion that her comments are rather pertinent. She wrote "I read Ken the article in last week's Sunday paper in which Dr. Goldhammer recommended a 6-2-2 plan for the Medford schools. His reaction was that it must have been devised to maintain current athletic advantages, and that there would be little else to favor it. I wonder if anyone in the newsroom agrees. Can't they find a location somewhere in Medford for a new three-year high school which won't divide the city between the haves and the have-nots?"

"And has anyone pointed out in letters or editorials that the 'educational frills' which the very vocal anti-tax people are complaining about are kept in the program to please the parents and that such things as uniforms, bus transportation to games and dances always are paid for from student body funds, which come from the pockets of parents rather than taxpayers who don't have children in school?"

"At least they are if Oregon schools are like Washington schools in that respect. The reason for the annual PTA carnival every year is that it is illegal to use tax money to buy any kind of uniforms, and athletics don't even earn enough to support such things in the smaller schools around here."

"There are a lot of other things which must be supported from student body funds, and in some districts which insist on turning down levies year after year, they even buy textbooks with those funds. Can't you just hear the howl of rage that would go up if the schools proposed to replace athletic events between schools with an intramural program which would involve all the students in each school just within the school? It would undoubtedly be called undemocratic."

She also wrote that her busy husband has been spending a lot of time working on routines for football shows and preparing a concert for the Spokane Interstate Fair, was taking his band to Washington State university for Band Day, and planning entertainment for the PTA carnival. He rehearses and plays two or three nights a week with the Spokane Symphony and the Civic band, and she added that the orchestra would play for the Champagne ball being given to raise funds for the orchestra.

The champagne party, or a similar function, is a favorite fundraising device throughout the land. With wine, cocktails and food, people can be induced to open their pocketbooks and give financial aid to symphony orchestras, art museums and worthy institutions. Of course, this is not always necessary. A number of Rogue valley men and women have bought \$10 patrons' tickets for the coming concert of the Portland Symphony orchestra without so much as a sip of wine or even a hamburger in return. These persons are looking forward to an evening of first-rate music Wednesday night, and also can have the satisfaction of knowing that they have helped to give the concert, in a sense.

More than 60 patrons tickets have been sold, which is something short of the goal set by the sponsoring group, the Organization of Associated Commuters of Southern Oregon college. It would be a great pity if the audiences are small for the performance here—a concert of fine symphonic music can be a thrilling experience. There is no reason why the Portland orchestra could not become an Oregon orchestra, and tour the state each year.

The party angle is not being entirely neglected. The orchestra will be feled at an after-concert party at Rogue Valley Country club. It is being sponsored by the Peter Britt Music and Arts association, and even the holders of concert patrons tickets will have to buy reception tickets. The sponsors wish it could be otherwise, but there's that little matter of 70 musicians who will be guests.

At any rate, Wednesday, October 16, will be a red-letter day for the valley. O.S.

County HEU Activities For Week Are Announced

Jackson County Home Extension unit news this week includes a meeting of the advisory committee; a kaffeeklatsch for Lake Creek unit; meetings of the Sams Valley, Alba, and Winchester units and a list of standing committees for the Applegate Valley unit, announced at a recent meeting.

The Jackson County Home Extension advisory committee will sponsor workshops for unit standing committee chairmen Thursday, October 17 from 9:30 a. m. to 12 noon in the Jackson County Extension auditorium.

Six separate workshops will be held, each one conducted by the county chairman of that particular committee.

Since the Medical Self Help program is receiving major emphasis this year, Dr. Erin Merkel, Jackson county public health officer, will speak to the entire group at 10 a. m.

Capt. Clyde Fichtner, Medford Police department, will appear on the program.

Mrs. Olive Starcher, Women's editor of The Medford Mail Tribune will be resource person for the publicity workshop.

Standing committee chairmen appointed for Upper Applegate include Mrs. Phillip Shreeve, hospitality; Mrs. Clifton Childers, membership; Mrs. Harley Hall, luncheon; Mrs. Raymond Lomas, 4-H club; Mrs. Kenneth Paine, finance; Mrs. Wilfred Pearson, ACWW and Azalea house; Mrs. Floyd Fogelquist, health; Mrs. Roland Smith, safety; Mrs. E. A. Adams, citizenship; Mrs. William Ziegler, publicity.

Mrs. Paul McDonough is chairman of the unit, and officers installed in the spring are Mrs. Rupert Maddox Jr., vice chairman; Mrs. Earl Sharp, secretary; Mrs. Clarence Roloff, treasurer.

Meetings are being held at Ruch Community church. Twenty women attended the October meeting, when Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Fogelquist gave the project on food for entertaining. Mrs. Pearson gave a review of life in Colombia, South America, which was presented in a letter from a friend in the Peace corps there.

Five guests attended from other communities, including Mrs. Howard Piete, county extension committee member; Mrs. John Crabb and Mrs. Fred Scheffel, both Jacksonville; Mrs. Harry David and Mrs. Austin Chamberlain, Gold Hill. Other guests at the meeting were Mrs. Earl Mortlock, Mrs. David Burnett, Mrs. Flossy Garner, Mrs. Chas Hawkins, and Mrs. Clifford Cook.

Mrs. Paine invited women of the community to a jewelry workshop, a non-extension project, at her home October 23.

Lake Creek

A kaffeeklatsch for members of Lake Creek Home Extension unit was planned for Wednesday, October 16 when the group met recently in the home of Mrs. Robert Bruce. The coffee event is to be held in the home of Mrs. Kent Stover, at 1:30 p. m., and



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Cards, Dinner On RNA Program

A public card party and potluck dinner are planned by Royal Neighbors of America lodge members Thursday, October 17 in the Pythian building on North Grape street.

The dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m., and members and friends are invited.

Ashland Women Make Tea Plans

ASHLAND — Members of the Community hospital women's auxiliary met Monday at the home of Mrs. Parker Hess to make plans for the birthday anniversary tea that will be held November 8.

Committee reports included that of the hospital sewing committee made by Mrs. Walter Redford who commented upon the efficiency of the new work room now being used and told of the gift of another electric sewing machine donated by Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Cope. Mrs. Redford has accepted the office of corresponding secretary for the auxiliary.

Members were reminded by Mrs. Phillip Gates that their chest X-rays should be reported. She also said that there is need for more workers in the gift and coffee cart section.

Local History Program Topic

"The Founding of Medford and History of Jackson County" was the program for the October meeting of the Howard Garden club in the home of Mrs. G. G. Stagg, 611 Berrydale avenue. Mrs. James A. Wicker gave the program, her narration including the naming of Medford.

Mrs. John C. Crocker, horticultural chairman, reminded members of planting time for peony roots, suggesting the roots not be planted too deep. On exhibit was an arrangement of Persian Carpet zinnias and Bells of Ireland, presented by Mrs. Crocker. The new odorless foliage marigold was shown by Mrs. G. W. McBee. Mrs. Paul Robertson was assisting hostess.

Mrs. L. C. McCay, 2617 Howard avenue, will be hostess for the November 12 meeting when the program subject will be "Gardening With Rocks and Shrubs."

Music Teachers Announce Topic

Rogue Valley district, Oregon Music Teachers association will meet at Purucker Piano house, Monday, October 14, at 8 p. m. Miss Linda Carver, guest speaker, will talk on "New Music."

Those wishing further information may call Mrs. Kenneth L. Brown, 773-5992.

Freezer Packages Should be Labeled

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (UPI) — Freezer packages should be dated to prevent storing so long that undesirable changes in quality occur, a University of Illinois food specialist says. If frozen too long, some fats tend to become rancid, sauces and gravies may separate, onions and black pepper become stronger and salt loses flavor. With all foods there is a gradual loss of flavor, aroma and natural texture.

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