

SOCE SCHEDULES MUSIC FESTIVAL

SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Ashland — The thirteenth annual Southern Oregon College of Education music festival will be held here April 24 and 25. Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties will be represented.

Thursday, April 24, has been set aside for elementary schools. The program will include a chorus of unchanged voices totaling 600 to 800, directed by Miss Louise Woodruff, assistant professor of music at the college; folk dancing, directed by Miss Virginia Hales, director of women's athletics at the college; a junior orchestra, directed by Miss Lucie Landen, director of the college orchestra; a junior high school girls' chorus, directed by Miss Harriet Hill; a junior high boys' chorus, directed by Cloyd Riff; director of vocal music at Grand Pass; a junior high mixed chorus, directed by Miss Lillie Darby, music supervisor of the Klamath Falls public schools.

Friday, April 25 will be the high school day and will be combined with the southern Oregon competitive festival.

President Cables Congratulations To King Peter II

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP) — President Roosevelt last night sent a congratulatory cablegram to King Peter II of Yugoslavia in which he expressed his hope for "mutually beneficial" relations between this country and the Balkan kingdom.

His message was regarded as extremely significant. Only yesterday, Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles gave assurances that some U. S. war aid for Yugoslavia would be forthcoming under the lend-lease program, if Yugoslavia were forced to defend itself against aggression.

Some diplomatic experts interpreted the president's message as additionally assuring Yugoslavia that, should Germany attempt to invade her boundaries, the United States would furnish the same all-out aid she is furnishing Great Britain.

Speeches were timed by a water clock by ancient Romans. A float indicated the hour, as water dripped from a vessel.

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Tips From Garden Notebook

By A Klamath Gardener

I READ somewhere the other day that the time to control disease and pest in plants was when you planted the seed. I thought at the time what an apt remark that was, for I think most gardeners have had some trouble in their time with their tiny plants getting sick on them just shortly after they poke their first tiny leaves through the soil.

Also we all have the grief of planting some choice seeds and religiously keeping them just damp enough we wait and wait and probably never see a plant or maybe just a few scraggly ones. To begin with there is the problem of seeds not sprouting at all. If you are one of the gardeners that likes to save some seed that they have grown themselves, there might be a reason for them not sprouting.

In the first place one must be able to recognize and segregate the most valuable seed-bearing plants. The seeds must be fully ripe before gathering and they should be properly cured. Then one must always remember that after saving the seed the progeny of that certain plant is almost certain to be a little different from the parent plant. It is claimed that less than one per

cent will "come true." Anyone who has saved seed of, say, peonies for several years will notice that the flowers of each succeeding year are paler in color and smaller in size. As this was not to be an article on the art of growing ones own seed I'll wind it up right now by saying that for myself I'd rather leave the seed to professional growers, hybridists and other specialists who spend their lives originating new varieties and maintaining the purity of the older strains, and spend a few pennies and have the pleasure of seeing what they will produce.

As most seed is tested before it is put on the market, it should be good. And if they have been properly stored and are not too old or too fresh they should germinate and grow under the right conditions. That is, if they are planted at the right depth, the ground is not too wet and cold or too hot and dry. It is older gardeners who have used the same plot again and again who run into difficulties. Used ground is apt to contain fungi an organism that destroys the seed or causes it to rot in the ground even when that ground is considered to be in proper shape for planting. Therefore it

is a good idea to sterilize the soil before planting. In planting a large plot it would be impossible to treat the soil of course, so the next easiest thing would be to treat the seed. More and more people who have gardened a lot find that this pays, and a few cents worth of commercial the average gardener will want to plant will take a very little chemical for treating all the seed of his or her time. Some seed houses advertise seed already treated for certain things that there are of course a great many chemicals and different ways of using them for different troubles, but I am dealing with stuff that the average amateur might find will help.

To disinfect small amounts of soil for seed boxes in the house, heat can be used, by baking the required amount in the oven. It should become hot enough to bake a potato placed in the container with the soil. For a small amount, enough for a pot, boiling water can be poured over the soil until it becomes thoroughly heated. Also a great deal of trouble can be averted in planting seed flats, by not having the soil too rich. A little pure sand is better than ordinary garden soil for starting seedlings. Semesan, a commercial disinfectant, although not guaranteed as to results, has proved to be for me quite adequate for controlling a lot of seedling troubles. One of the most common

troubles is damping off of the seedlings, either before they come through the ground or shortly after. The trouble is caused by different organisms and fungi which live in the soil near the surface and under favorable conditions, usually warmth and dampness enter the plants just as they come out of the ground. Too thick planting will also be a contributing cause. There is no cure, once the trouble is started, but if it starts in one part of the bed, the sick plants can be pulled out, the bed dried and ventilated, and either a solution of Semesan or hot sand sprinkled lightly between the remaining plants.

Damping off can be prevented to a great extent by treating the

Minor Accidents Reported Here to Sheriff's Office

V. C. Haines, 723 Klamath avenue, reported to the sheriff's office he was involved in an auto-truck accident Thursday 15 miles southeast of Hosley.

Haines said a truck driven by G. W. Lees of Toppenish, Wash., went out of control after Haines started to make a left turn. "I gave a signal to turn left into a driveway," Haines said, "and saw Lees coming in the rear view mirror. I turned back to the right and he lost control of

the truck." Haines said Lees fell out of the truck before it stopped. The fall caused several bruises and a cut on the knee. No damage was caused to car or truck.

William L. Whytal, Medford, reported his car was sideswiped Thursday at 11:30 Thursday nine miles west of Klamath Falls on the Ashland highway. He said the other car was driven by John N. Friend of Yamse, Ore. Whytal said his car was at least three feet inside the highway center line when the crash occurred. He estimated damage of \$250 to his car.

Mrs. B. E. Brown, 72, Route 2, Klamath Falls, reported that her car was struck by one driven by Mary Kelly at 2:30 Wednesday.

day. Mrs. Brown said the accident occurred on the old Merrill highway seven miles from Klamath Falls. She said the other driver lost control on a corner and came to her side of the road, striking the left side and front of her car. Mrs. Brown said she was injured slightly. Clarence Day told the sheriff's office he was blinded by approaching lights Sunday at 2:30 a. m. and struck a car parked on the highway without tail lights. Day said he was injured slightly. The accident occurred one-half mile north of the Malintulelake junction.

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