

Soroptimists Hear Views On Vienna

Mrs. Stearns Gives Excerpts From Diary Kept During Winter in Austria After War

Any vision that members of the Soroptimist club may have had of the splendor of a gay and glamorous Vienna were dispelled by the excerpts brought to them Thursday from the diary kept by Mrs. Ralph W. Stearns during the winter that Dr. Stearns spent studying in the Austrian city. Being otherwise unoccupied Mrs. Stearns made a thorough study of the country and kept a diary that is both interesting and entertaining.

She painted in vivid colors the contrast of the Vienna of yesterday, as compared to that period following the World war and discussed the changes of today, geographically, socially and economically. She expressed the thought that while Austria, left alone with unproductive fields, and less than enough to feed her starving people, surrounded by rich provinces, by a ruinous tariff wall and with no seaport, overbalanced by the great city of Vienna, was anxious to form a union with Germany, the country's desire was not to join Hitler-Germany with the resultant control forced upon the Viennese.

She saw a Vienna, Europe's third largest city, having a third of the population of Austria, mourning, trying to exist and be brave, pointing with pride to her remnants of glorious royalty, and said that, while thinking of the splendor of the palace of the emperor, the Hofburg, it was impossible to erase the picture of a poor beggar woman trying to sell pencils to people who could not buy if they wished.

Mrs. Stearns took the group of business women for a few minutes back to 800 A. D., when the militant Christian, Charlemagne, came out of the west in a brilliant array of martial glory, on through 1273, the beginning of the reign of the Hapsburgs and their rule not only of Austria, but through intermarriages, of many of the other countries of Europe for approximately six hundred and fifty years. She pictured the mosques and minarets, instead of the spires of Christian churches, that might have dotted Europe had not the walls of Vienna formed such a barrier against the attacks of the Turks.

She called attention to the fact that had one visited various magnificent cathedrals in Rome, Paris and Venice, the architecture of St. Stephens would not be amazing, but that it was the very symbol of the city and the most sacred spot in Vienna; that it was started in the eleventh century and had been added to for more than 600 years and was still unfinished; that the early kings were buried in the gloomy and extensive catacombs beneath it, where, because of the dark and intricate passageways, visitors were not allowed without experienced guides; that it is a church that was as important in the republic as in the days of the dual monarchy and is today under Hitler.

Mrs. Stearns described at some length the various palaces which anyone might visit for a shilling but said that Schönbrunn, the summer home of the Hapsburgs, was the most beautiful of all. Built by the famous Johann Bernhard Fischer of Erlach, whose hand is seen in nearly all of the great public buildings of Vienna. She spoke of the rooms in black and gold Chinese lacquer, ornamented from the floor to ceiling with shelves of Ming vases, worth a king's fortune; of the decorations of gold leaf, the hangings of Gobelin tapestries, the priceless paintings, but that, among this splendor, was a simple room, where, on an ordinary iron bed, Franz Joseph died.

Mrs. Stearns visited the Zentral Friedhof where the graves of more celebrated musicians may be found than any other spot in the world—Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, Strauss, Gluck and Haydn—evidence of the great place Vienna holds in the world of music. And she visited the Capucine church which is the burial place of all of the Hapsburgs excepting one, touching briefly upon the tragic life of different members of this family, including the Emperor Franz Joseph, the intriguing, unfaithful last powerful ruler of the Hapsburgs, and that of his beautiful wife, Elizabeth.

She said that one might question her repeated reference to the catacombs, tombs and graves, but that was because those were the things that impress one in Vienna and because it was a city of dead hopes, dead ambitions and dead ideals. She wished that she might say that it was a death that precedes resurrection, but could not, yet wondered what they might think and feel now, what were their hopes and ambitions, when, after the World war, they had so desperately little.

Merrill Parties

Many Social Affairs Given in Valley Town This Week

MERRILL—Society took an upward swing this week with Easter only two weeks away. Mrs. J. Lloyd Loomis and Mrs. K. C. Burkes were co-hostesses at a delightfully arranged evening for faculty members of the high school and the elementary building, the party guests gathering in the cafeteria of the grade school.

Games and refreshments were on the program and the hostesses greeted Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Oelrich, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shinn, Miss Thelma Storey, Miss Mildred Shipman, Miss Betty Evanson, Mrs. Virgil Barron and Robert Cristner.

Tuesday afternoon after school Miss Dolores Steele and Miss Lois Simmons were honor guests at a joint birthday party planned by their mothers, Mrs. J. R. Steele and Mrs. Kenneth Simmons. A host of pretty gifts were presented to the young honor guests and a round of hilarious games added to the fun. Refreshments were served to Betty Chin, Patti Taylor, Nada Brainard, Francis Phillips, Jacqueline Sevey, Virginia Carson, Eleanor Hunnicutt, Lois Lee and Joan Kandra, Dorothy Simmons, Pauline Moore, Marjorie Maulding, Laura Lou Hill, Lorraine Mitchell, Eileen Noonan, Kathryn Wilson and Marian Weston.

The J. O. C. Sunday school group of the Presbyterian church installed officers preceding a social hour in the annex this week with Mrs. E. N. Eagle going in as president; Mrs. J. L. Haskins, vice president; Mrs. Frank Hunnicutt, secretary, and Mrs. Mabel Hunnicutt, treasurer.

Members of the Altar society of the St. Augustine's church this week furthered plans for the dinner to be served on April 24 when the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of the Baker diocese meets in Merrill. One hundred guests are expected among them high officials of a number of churches. The society met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anton Suty on the Merrill-Malin highway.

Malin and Merrill groups of the society plan a pre-Easter apron and cooked food sale for the Saturday before Easter at Sanford's store with



GRAND GUARDIAN

Phyllis Poole, the grand guardian of Job's Daughters in Oregon, who will preside during the Grand Council session to be held in Klamath Falls on April the seventeenth, the eighteenth and the nineteenth. Mrs. Poole lives at 1860 Melrose street in this city.



BALLOONS AT SHIRLEY'S PARTY

Shirley Johnston was hostess to a group of little friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston on Pacific Terrace on her birthday anniversary last week. Seated, left to right, Flig Ann Perkins, Frances Stearns, Mary Sue Hayes, Sally Jean Greenleaf, George Brandt, Marilyn Brandt, Sylvia Hillis; second row, Sheila Gillen, Donna Jean Henry, Marva Boyd, Ann Hart, Mary Frances Hooker, Diane Oldenburg, Sara Hart; standing, Jean Queens, Coral Lee Robertson, Nancy Roselle, Patty Teale, Shirley Johnston, Karen Drury, and Donald Johnston.

—Picture by Wesley Guderian of The Herald and News.

TOWEL SHOWER HONORS MEMBERS OF STUDY CLUB

The Independent Study club met at the home of Mrs. Estella Smith, 419 Pacific Terrace, Thursday for a potluck luncheon at half past one o'clock. Covers were laid for Mrs. Katherine Evans, Mrs. Helen Eiting, Mrs. Ipha Brown, Mrs. Arthur Stone, Mrs. Nettie Good, Mrs. Lizzie Little, Mrs. Fannie Goddard, Mrs. Louise Borton, Mrs. Kate Crowson, Mrs. Pearl Marin and four visitors, Mrs. Vivian McCumber, Mrs. Laura Schack, Mrs. Grace Bock and Mrs. Paul LesMersters.

A towel shower honored the birthdays of Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Billings, Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Eiting. The next meeting will be held Thursday, April the seventeenth, at the home of Mrs. Pearl Marin, 2304 Home avenue, when dessert will be served at half past one o'clock. The potluck dinner scheduled for the Community hall on April the eighth has been postponed to April the nineteenth. These affairs are held each month for members and friends.

the Tulalake group holding a similar sale at Earl's in Tulalake.

Mrs. Suty who was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Steve Takacs, served refreshments following the business session for Mrs. John Kandra, Mrs. James Lacey, Mrs. Hugh O'Connor, Mrs. John Giacomini, Mrs. Degan, Mrs. Jerry Ahern, Mrs. Jess Dieter, Mrs. Dan Barry, Mrs. Dan Cashman, Mrs. Kelleher, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Tom O'Keefe, Mrs. Gene Hammond, Mrs. W. E. Hammond and Father O'Connor.



QUEEN

Vernalta Pomeroy, honored queen of Bethel 2, Portland, who will give the tribute to the Bethel flag during the Grand Council session here on the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth of April.

PROM PLANS ANNOUNCED AT MALIN

MALIN — Three attractive high school girls, representing the seniors, juniors and sophomores have been chosen to run for queen of the annual junior prom to be held Friday evening, April the eleventh in the high school gymnasium. Frances Howell was chosen by the seniors, Muriel Watkins by the juniors and Barbara Nyhart by the lower class. Runners up will escort her majesty during the evening as princesses. The coronation ceremony is slated for early in the evening on the prom night.

The decoration motif is being kept a secret by the host class but Vincent Zumr, president of the juniors, announces that this year's prom will be one of the most outstanding to be held in the Malin gymnasium.

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased from any of the juniors or at the high school office.

Miss Elizabeth Moomaw is faculty advisor.

Weed Girl Is Recent Bride

Showers Follow Announcement of February Wedding

WEED — Ann Helene Kegg and Henry C. Darrell have announced their marriage which took place in Reno, Nevada, on February the twenty-third, at a ceremony solemnized by Rev. Brewster Adams, pastor of the Baptist church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kegg, and a senior at the Weed high school. The couple will reside in Weed.

A shower honoring Mrs. Darrell was given at the home of Mrs. A. H. Kent when those honoring the young bride were Mrs. Clarence Kegg, Mrs. W. B. Dumble, Mrs. Clyde Church, Mrs. Don Colvig, Mrs. H. G. Eddy, Miss Mary Dumble, Miss Arella Schramm, Miss Margaret Riley, Miss Nada Costen, Miss Margie Zibull, Miss Betty Lou Riley, Miss Virginia Eddy, Miss Alma Jean Zwansiger, Miss Marcella Austin, Miss Vada Cornell, Miss Irma Johnson, Miss Mary Ellen Gibson, Miss Nadine Baker, Miss Grace Morrison, Miss Joan Broad, Miss Cynthia Cheney, Miss Mary Alice Phillips, Miss Margie Phillips, Miss Doris Mitchell, Miss Edith Acutt, Miss Joyce Best, Miss Ethel Paulson, Miss Peggy Clark, Miss Betty and Doris Kent and the hostess.

Those at the shower given at the home of Mrs. W. Riley on Liberty street were Mrs. Leslie Keyle, Mrs. Orley Shaffer, Mrs. W. B. Dumble, Mrs. Ella Sullaway, Mrs. Elsie Bussey, Mrs. John Kerkes, Mrs. Amy Welch, Mrs. Gladys Washington, Mrs. J. J. Murphy, Mrs. Dora Lynch, Mrs. R. Gould, Mrs. Betty Ford, Mrs. Edyth Anderson, Mrs. H. A. Mitchell, Mrs. James Hannah, Mrs. Jim Stephenson, Mrs. Clarence Kegg, Mrs. Emery Weed, Mrs. Lily Nelson, Mrs. Lallie Davis, Mrs. Jewel Rhodes, Mrs. Clyde Church, Mrs. Vinnie Hoy, Mrs. C. E. Williams, Mrs. Frank Heberle, Mrs. Evelyn Williams, Miss Eleanor Williams and Miss Helen Kostiz. Hostesses on this occasion were Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Heberle, Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Kerkes.

The verse group of the Writers League will meet Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. G. Proctor, 635 North Eighth street.

MRS. BRINK HOSTESS TO SEWING CLUB

The Merry-Go-Round club met March twenty-sixth at the home of Mrs. L. J. Brink, 2241 Orchard avenue.

A pleasant afternoon of needlework was enjoyed by club members. Greetings were sent to Mrs. Jessie Rivers, club member who is in a hospital in San Francisco. At the close of the afternoon, refreshments were served to Mrs. S. R. Berry, Mrs. Clara Price, Mrs. H. C. Brown, Mrs. Glenn Stivers, Mrs. G. C. Tatman and Mrs. Ruth Matthews by the hostess assisted by Mrs. W. C. Milkey and Mrs. Alta Randall.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ruth Matthews, when the birthday of Mrs. S. R. Berry will be celebrated.

GUESTS ATTEND MEETING OF CANTON CRATER

An instructive meeting was held by the Ladies Auxiliary of Canton Crater on Thursday evening, March the twenty-seventh, at the IOOF hall when honored guests were Chevalier A. R. McLaughlin, department commander, and Lady Viola McLaughlin, hospital matron, of McMinville, and Mrs. E. Herring of Newberg.

Members of the auxiliary in attendance were Ladies Tilton, Cantrall, Martin, Steinmetz, Hurn, Uerling, Sandell, Beck, Redkey, Estes, Motschenbacher, Keesee, Shuey, Wohlander and Bean, and Chevaliers Cantrall, Grubb, Keesee, Sandell, Coan, Lund, Redkey, Nelson and Munsell.

The next meeting of the canton will be on April the tenth when there will be initiation and all members are requested to be present in uniform.

Camp Fire Official To Visit Klamath

Eldora DeMots, National Field Secretary, To Meet With Local Organization April Eighth

"The privileged girl needs to belong to a youth organization just as much as the underprivileged youngster," says Eldora DeMots, national field secretary of the Camp Fire Girls for the northwest district. Tall and friendly, with a grand sense of humor, Miss DeMots thoroughly enjoys carrying on her program of education in Camp Fire leadership and membership extension through the states of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho.

"Work in a group such as the Camp Fire Girls develops the leadership ability which a girl may have," Miss DeMots explains, adding that it is just as important to train leaders for the future as it is to help those who have had limited opportunities.

A criticism which often confronts character-building organizations for young people, according to Miss DeMots, is that those who most need the contacts in such clubs are the ones who are not in them, largely because of the financial cost. "Any girl who wants to make the effort and who is in a community where a Camp Fire group has been started can become a member," the Camp Fire field secretary explains, in answer to this charge. "If a girl is enterprising and industrious," she continues, "she can earn enough to pay all her expenses of membership."

As an example of the money-making activities of Camp Fire Girls, Miss DeMots cites the doughnut sales which are held by many groups. "It may be an annoyance for housewives to go to the door during these sales," she remarks, "but we hope most of them realize that the sales are meant not only to help the girls financially but to teach them to make a good appearance, to be courteous, to develop those qualities which help them sell themselves as well as merchandise. We know, too, that the money which the girls earn is spent more carefully than that which is given to them. They are learning to give value for money received. They are also learning to work together, for we regard the sales as a definite group project. Camp Fire Girls take pride in earning or saving the money for their dues. Shirley Temple, who certainly is far from underprivileged, earned the money for her dues by sweeping and dusting the upstairs of her home."

To those who think that the Camp Fire organization is merely a club for fun and parties, Miss DeMots explains that there is an educational purpose behind all the good times. "We hope to give each member a happy group experience and at the same time teach her cooperative living which is the backbone of democracy," she says. "We want to bring out creativeness, originality and self-expression. That is why we have such a wide program of hand crafts, citizenship projects, a nature lore, study of the home, and so on, covering over a thousand fascinating things to do. Through these activities with a purpose each girl can find something which specially appeals to her."

Born in Minnesota, Miss DeMots has behind her a long pioneer ancestry from the Netherlands. She took her B. A. degree at Fresno college, where she majored in health, physical education, and recreation. She was in charge of the health and physical education department of the Kern county high school and junior



Eldora DeMots

college in Bakersfield, California, before coming into the Camp Fire organization. A college course in group leadership led to Miss DeMots' interest in the program of the Camp Fire Girls. Later, when she began teaching, she became guardian of a group, and directed camp in Bakersfield for four summers. In 1931 she joined the national staff of the Camp Fire Girls. Miss DeMots is right in step with progressive educational theories, and has attended summer sessions of Fresno college, the University of California, University of Hawaii, and Columbia.

Miss DeMots will be a luncheon guest of the Camp Fire board Tuesday noon, April the eighth. A meeting of all Camp Fire Girls, Camp Fire guardians, Blue Birds, and their leaders will be held at the Fremont school Tuesday at four o'clock. Mothers of the girls are also invited.

SOCIAL CLUB'S PLANT SALE DATE CHANGED

The plant sale being sponsored by the Rebekah Social club has been postponed from April the fifth to April the twelfth and will be held in the former location of Spencer's linen store on North Ninth street. Each member of the club is asked to bring a plant early the day of the sale.

The committee includes Mrs. Margaret Smith, Mrs. W. J. Steinmetz, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Martha Baker and Mrs. Wohlander.

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