

Garden Valley Girl In Mexican School

Lola Irene Maris of Garden Valley road is in Mexico City this summer where she is attending Mexico City college, the only institution of higher learning in Latin America that follows the same credit system as universities in the United States.

Miss Maris says that one of the advantages of studying at the col-

lege is that of being in the cosmopolitan and international environment of the country's capital city.

Many of the students live in Mexican homes where they not only become proficient in Spanish but also are able to observe first hand the family life and customs of the country.

The exchange rate of 8.65 pesos for \$1 makes it possible for students with small incomes to take in jai alai games, bullfights, and other entertainments typical of the country. After ruins, old Spanish palaces, and world-famous beach resorts are all within easy reach of the student, both geographically and financially.

Miss Maris received her B. S. degree from State Teachers college in Ashland and served in the U. S. army as a WAC in World War II and was a teacher in the Oregon school system before coming to Mexico. She is taking special work in the Mexico City College Summer Workshop, designed for teachers in the United States wishing to learn about Latin American education, history and culture.

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TOP FLOAT—Grand parade winner of the Sutherlin Timber Days celebration is the Sutherlin Business women's float pictured above. The club was awarded a \$75 prize for the replica of a

park scene which was replete with children. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

In The Armed SERVICES

Pfc. David E. Hausotter, son of Mrs. Paul E. Hausotter of Riddle, recently received his graduation certificate from Parks College of Aeronautical Technology of Saint Louis university where he has been attending a fifteen-week basic course in aircraft maintenance. He will now be sent to an air force specialist school for further training.

Private Hausotter had previously been assigned to Lackland AFB in Texas before being sent to Parks college for his basic aircraft instruction.

He is a graduate of Riddle high school.

Patients Attend Local Car Races

Forty patients from the Veterans hospital attended the hard-top car races at Douglas County Fairgrounds Sunday.

They were admitted free to specially-blocked off seats by the racing association. Two military organizations, the Cooties and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, made the outing possible.

In charge of group was Bus Williams, grand hospital chairman, and Paul Erno, local hospital direc-

tor. They wish to express their appreciation for the courtesy extended by the racing association. This is one of the many activities that are provided by the Cooties and Veterans of Foreign Wars for the enjoyment of the patients. The patients were accompanied by delegates from the Cooties, who were dressed in full regalia. Members of the racing association have invited patients to attend the races anytime during the season.

Mineral Club Plans Exhibit At County Fair

The Umpqua Mineral club is planning to hold its mineral ex-

hibit this year in conjunction with the fair at the fairgrounds. Members will exhibit their choicest specimens of gem stones, minerals, fossils, etc. Also planned is actual lapidary operation, showing how the hobbyist goes about his art of cutting and polishing his specimens.

The occupational therapy department of the Veterans hospital has been asked to include an exhibit of work done by patients.

In past years, these shows have been received with great local enthusiasm and interest, and the timing and location of the exhibit as part of this year's fair will make it available to many visitors who

might not otherwise be able to see it, it is announced.

Douglas Prune Crop's Outlook Reported 'Good'

The prune crop, one of Douglas county's most important fruit crops, shows promise of being "pretty good" this year, in the opinion of J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent.

If prices stay at reasonable levels, the more than \$300,000 which last year's crop brought can

be doubled, Parker asserted. However, this will vary with the weather, sizing, crop and prices, he said.

Actual price quotations on prunes are not available at present but Parker points out that Office of Price Stabilization regulations stipulate that canners can only pay prices between \$50 and \$67 for prunes per ton if the prices are to be allowed in figuring costs.

Prunes at present are a "fair size for the season," said Parker, explaining that large-size prunes draw better prices.

Harvest will probably start between Sept. 1 and 10—close to Sept. 1 for French prunes and slightly later for Italian prunes.

The bulk of Douglas county prunes generally stay in the area

to be dried although canneries buy larger amounts some years than others, Parker explained. Canners usually take the Italians, which generally run more numerous than the French.

The reason for generally declining revenues from prunes lies in the general decline of prune prices, over-production and loss of European markets, said Parker.

Acres devoted to prunes has steadily declined as a result, Parker maintained, with farmers putting in alfalfa and permanent pasture instead.

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