

New Housemother Follows Policy

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She is charming, poised and distinguished in appearance. She carefully follows the "golden rule" policy in her 24-hour daily job. She is Oregon's newest housemother, Mrs. Agnes Biotti.

"It's a known fact that people treat you just as you treat them—and I always keep this in mind while I'm acting as a mother for 331 girls," the housemother at Carson hall declares.

Perhaps this philosophy is why personable Mrs. Biotti finds it a pleasant task to be a housemother. She, along with the numerous freshman women she counsels, is just becoming acquainted with the campus and students.

Being a housemother in such a large place is certainly not a "routine" job, Mrs. Biotti asserts, for each day brings new and surprising experiences. Aside from her known activities of counseling confused women, enforcing dormitory regulations and serving as hostess to visiting dignitaries, she daily takes care of innumerable details.

Details Imaginative

These so-called "details" range from twice-daily visits to all sick girls to discovering the reason a girl's coat has mysteriously developed holes. She laughingly recalls one weekend when women from the fifth floor hooked belts together and lowered them from a window to secure food from a group of men—at 2:30 a.m.

Actually her job is very meticulous for she is responsible for reporting illnesses, room vacancies, bad conduct, misdemeanors, and general dorm conditions to Mrs. Golda P. Wickham, associate director of student affairs. She has weekly meetings with other dormitory housemothers, as well as her own floor counselors.

Entertains Women

Since she'd like to "really know" all the women in her large family, she spends the dinner hour with different women each night. She also bakes cakes and

invites different units to parties in her apartment.

Mrs. Biotti's interest in young people may have stemmed from her work as Campfire Girl and Scout leader in Idaho. She was president of her local Campfire Girl board for two years and also served on the national council for Campfire Girls.

Civic-minded Mrs. Biotti was a member of the American Legion auxiliary and various local lodges and an active worker in cancer and Red Cross fund drives in her Kellogg, Ida., home.

Turned Down Offers

Last year the tall, attractive grandmother of six was housemother at Whitman college in Washington. This year she selected her present position at Carson above two other housemother jobs and a managerial position offer.

She was born in Paradise, a small town in Oregon's Wallowa county. When she was two, she moved to Kellogg, Ida., which was her home for 30 years.

Most of her life has been spent as a housewife and mother. The oldest of her four children, Mack, 34, is a criminal investigator for the government and is stationed in Japan. He has one child, Donald, 32, father of two children, is with the appliance department of Sears, Roebuck in Salem. Robert, 30, father of three, is an instructor for helicopter fliers in the air force. Dorothy Lee, 21, the only daughter, is a senior in mathematics at Whitman.

When her husband, Henry, formerly a buyer for Bucknerhill and Sullivan Mining company, died suddenly two and a half years ago, Mrs. Biotti moved to Washington and from there to Eugene.

"The girls are extremely pleasant to me and I get an extra 'warm' feeling when I can be of help to any of them," she declares.

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The VA office in Eugene is located in the Hampton building, 610 Willamette street.

Wilson to Host Faculty-at-Home

The first faculty-at-home meeting of the term will be held next Wednesday at the home of President Wilson. The meetings are sponsored jointly by the YWCA and YMCA.

These informal discussion periods are held each term at a professor's home and are planned for the student to become better acquainted with faculty members.

Due to space limitations, the group must be limited to 20 people. Those interested in attending the meeting should contact Karen Kraft or Eileen Lindblad

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