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Mountain Quilt-Makers Enjoy Work



The members of the Golden Rule Sewing Circle finish several full size quilts at a meeting, plus some small crib-size ones. Members pictured are, from left, Nell Bistorious, Lillian

Owen, Beth Bradley, Dorothy Meyer, Florence Lionberger, Jo Dripps, Rudy Kasch and Gladys Farr. Members not in picture are Jennie Welch, Mardy Ammacher and Leannah Morris. (Sandy Post photo)

A sewing circle whose members never, never gossip may sound like something that couldn't be. Yet the girls of the Golden Rule Sewing Circle say there has been no gossip at their meetings during all the years the circle has mended clothing and made quilts.

"We don't even gossip about absent members!" they say. They do have a grand time, though, while they turn out quilts — big and little — at a speed that's next to unbelievable.

The one charter member of the group, Beth Bradley, is now living in Portland and makes the trip out to the mountain by bus each month to take part in the circle meetings. She has written a brief sketch of the group's activities since it was first organized.

Circle's First Meet

On Sept. 22, 1949, six women living on Truman road in Zig Zag met at the home of Melitta Harris, for the purpose of forming a sewing group to work for needy people.

These women were Luella Bloss, vice president; Elm Fish, secretary; Beth Bradley, treasurer; and Miss Minnie Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Wills, and Miss Minnie Krebs. Mrs. Harris, as the group's instigator, was made president.

For the next three and a half years this group, calling themselves the Golden Rule Sewing Circle, met regularly once a month for sewing at each other's houses. They collected good used clothing, mended or

made over same, and gave the re-vamped clothing to any needy family that they heard of.

They made a number of children's pajamas and other garments out of contributed material. They ate lunch together while they worked, or occasionally had a potluck dinner together, inviting husbands.

Maude Hailey, Gladys Perkins, Daisy Schafer and Hattie Bryant were added to the group.

Clothing Mended

In the year 1952-53, 21 bundles of clothing were repaired and given away. Meantime, several members of the original group had died, moved away or dropped.

Only Luella Bloss and Beth Bradley remained. They decided that the G.R. Sewing Circle should not be disbanded, but should be re-organized. They gave the funds remaining in the treasury to the Sandy Hospital Fund, and gradually added new members:

Dorothy Meyer, Jo Dripps, Gladys Farr, Genevieve Langdon, Leannah Morris, Nell Bistorious, Jennie Welch, Rudy Kasch and Marty Amacher and, recently, Florence Lionberger and Lillian Owen.

All of these except Mrs. Langdon are still active members. Beth Bradley is the only original member left. This group has met regularly every month from September to June, since February, 1954. They have lunch together, and they have made approximately 15 large quilts and 8 or ten baby quilts each year. These have been given away, first to any needy neighbors or to any family that has been burned out.

Secondly, to the Clackamas County Red Cross, to the Portland Sunshine Division, to the Salvation Army or, for a while, to the American Friends Service Committee.

Contributions Finance
The work of this group is financed through voluntary

contributions from members, and from the occasional sale of a beautiful quilt or two. Many donations of materials have been made by friends.

At the March meeting, held at Dorothy Meyer's, five large quilts were turned in, complete, also four baby quilts and seven afghans to be given to St. Jude's home in Sandy. Five quilt tops and the backs to go with them, are on hand to be put together.

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Bench Mark Arouses Interest

Clyde Sutherland, superintendent of Sandy elementary school, became intrigued with the statistics hinted at by the copper disk (bench mark) in the front step of the school and wrote to the Coast and Geodetic Survey office of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce to ask just what it recorded.

He received a sheaf of any-

thing-but-dull statistics. "His" marker, the very fine print explained, was EE 107. It is listed as being 400 feet north of the Mount Hood Loop highway, is a State Survey standard disk, placed in "the southwest corner" of the small concrete porch" in 1935.

It marks an elevation at that spot of 967.131 feet above sea level.

The statistics Sutherland received reveal a vast network of survey disks, some in odd and unexpected spots. All mark vertical elevation.

There is one at the Seventh-Day Adventist church, in the southwest corner of the front lawn, where the elevation is 904.919, showing the school to be some 62 feet higher than the Adventist church.

Marker at Scales

Other markers in Sandy are listed as being at the motor-truck scales, in the top of the southeast corner of the con-

crete wall around the scales platform; and at the post office in the south concrete wall, 1.2 feet east of the southwest corner, and about 1 foot above the sidewalk. The elevation at this point is 986.579 feet above sea-level.

The descriptions of locale of these markers are often involved. Take P.T.S. 4 (U.S.G.S.). It is "about 0.4 mile east along the Mount Hood Loop highway (Oregon 50) from the Community church at Sandy, at the T-junction of a private drive leading southwest to a brown bungalow, 47.6 feet southwest of the center line of the highway, 32.4 feet southeast of pole 294, 15 feet northwest of the center line of the private drive, and 10.5 feet south of a white wooden witness post." It is described in detail that includes who made it and the code lettering and numbering with which it is stamped and is said to be "riveted on the top of a 3½-inch iron pipe encased in concrete and projecting about 0.4 foot above ground."

With such descriptions to challenge the adventurous, bench-mark-tracking may become the successor to bird-watching and 50-mile-hiking.

Norblad Holds Academy Exams

Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore) has arranged with the Civil Service Commission to hold a preliminary qualifying examination July 8 to determine eligible candidates in the First Congressional District who desire appointment in 1964 to the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; the Air Force Academy, Denver, Colo., and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y.

Candidates for admission to the Naval Academy must be not less than 17 nor more than 22 on July 1, 1964.

Candidates for the Military Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy are eligible for admission from the day they are 17 until they become 22 years of age.

Candidates for these Academies must be actual residents of the First Oregon District, which embraces Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties, and must never have been married.

In order to make the necessary arrangements, applicants must notify Norblad, 1126 House Office Bldg., Washington 25, D.C., in writing not later than June 15, 1963, of their desire to participate.



Jeff Kubin and David Bernhardt, guards who helped protect science exhibits from over eager viewers who were tempted to touch, pause to admire this F-10 telescope built by Darel Seibert, Sandy. (Sandy Post photo)

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