

SMITH RIVER

By Ethel Goodlin

The Smith River Womens club met in regular session for their monthly meeting on Friday afternoon, Nov. 5. Guest speaker was Mrs. Reta Alksnis, wife of Dr. Alksnis of Crescent City, who is associated with Dr. F. M. Stump in his office.

Mrs. Alksnis, Latvian by birth gave a vivid and terrifying talk

of the conditions families must exist under the areas where wars have taken place.

She told of the Alksnis family life under the Russian occupation of Latvia, and the suffering the people went through. Mrs. Alksnis left her home land for exile in Germany, with her four months old son. The doctor was forced to work in the hospital and was drafted into Latvian hospital work for a year. Later the family was re-united and spent some time in displaced camps.

Later Dr. Alksnis and his family came to America under the Lutheran program for rehabilitation of displaced European fam-

ilies. At the close of her talk all sang "God Bless America".

A short business meeting was held with Mrs. Billie Brown, club president presiding. Reports were given by committee chairman.

Refreshments were served from a tea table, gay with a chinese red cloth, centered with a basket of fruit, carrying out the harvest theme. Tea chairman was Mrs. Pearl Shipley, assisted by Melita Kamph, Lucille Lawn, and Dr. Silvia Challoner.

The mantle was attractive with a bowl of bronze flowers and greenery, carried out in the autumn theme. Mrs. Mary Fisher

was in charge of mantle arrangements.

Rev. and Mrs. James Shelton and daughter, Amelia, left Thursday on a motor trip to San Clemente to spend Thanksgiving day with the parents of Rev. Shelton. Tom Mills will take charge of the services at the community church during the absence of the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kanberg of Martinez, Calif., were weekend guests of the formers brother Oscar Kanberg. They also visited their father S. A. Kanberg at the Rest Home in Crescent City.

SCHOOL NEWS

Pupils are looking forward to the Thursday and Friday Thanksgiving holidays, November 25 and 26.

—no school—

Christmas holidays have been set for Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24, and Monday and Tuesday, December 27 and 28, returning to school on Wednesday December 29. Christmas holidays have been shortened from the usual week after Christmas to the shorter period in order to allow for time to move into the new high school at the second semester.

—no school—

Pupils of the school received their report cards on Wednesday, November 10

—no school—

The Brookings Schools use the grading system in which a grade of "1" denotes exceptional; "2", above average; "3" Average; "4" below average and "5", Failure.

—no school—

Wednesday morning the high school held their student body meeting and assembly. The program included two short "skits" by the Dramatics Class and "Cheer Leader" tryouts.

—no school—

Mr. Dick has announced that the Girls' Chorus will give a Christmas choral program on Tuesday evening, December 21.

HAVE DINNER

The Brookings Bible Church held its monthly business meeting and potluck dinner in the church on Friday, Nov. 12. A planned turkey dinner was held with all the trimmings. A business meeting was held after the meal.

Sandra Sanders celebrated her 11th birthday on Monday, Nov., 15

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Robinson have moved to Oakland, Calif., to make their home.

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—Walt Whitman

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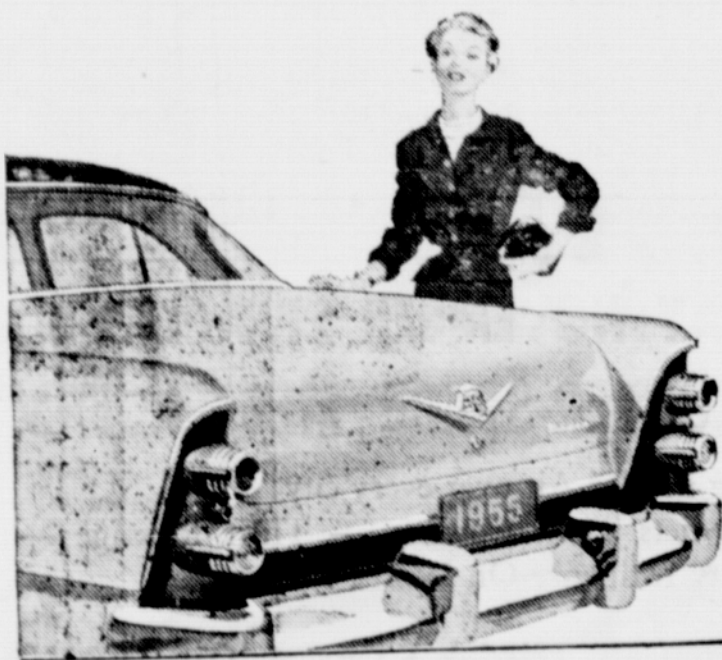
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