

Mrs. Brannon Attends FAO Sessions Between Shopping

BY JANE EADS
WASHINGTON (AP)—Mrs. Charles W. Brannon, accompanying her husband, the Secretary of Agriculture, to the Rome conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization recently, made warm friends among the people of Italy.

An avid sightseer and shopper, she impressed the Italians with her interest in their country's culture and development.

"I felt it a distinct privilege as an American citizen to view Italy's old culture and to make a first-hand acquaintance with these warmly friendly and industrious people," she told me.

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Special Courses To Be Offered By YWCA

The Ladies Day Out program for YW wives is offering a special course in "Creative Arts and Crafts for Mother and Child" on Thursday morning at 9:30, beginning Jan. 17. The class will be taught by Mrs. Stanley Butler, who taught a similar course in Cleveland at Western Reserve University. Mrs. Butler also gave a lecture on "Crafts for Children" at the AAUW Child Study group in Salem last November.

The course is offered to the mothers to teach them activities they can do at home with their children and family. The importance of helping children to develop awareness in their eyes and ears, and to develop skill in their fingers is stressed by the teacher.

A nursery is provided for the pre-school children of the mothers who attend. The art activities include in the course will apply best to the two-year old through the first few graders.

Other Classes
The other classes being offered during this session include two evening bridge classes. Mrs. Ellington will teach the Tuesday evening class that begins Jan. 15. The Thursday evening class beginning the same week, taught by Mrs. Arthur Lewis, will be particularly for couples. Several husbands and combinations have already registered, so it is necessary to make registrations immediately.

A lampshade class will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The first meeting on Jan. 16 will feature a display of lampshades made during the last term, to demonstrate the many possibilities. Mrs. Frank Way will be the instructor.

Registration by telephone is necessary, with fees payable at the first meeting of the class.

Further announcements will be made later in the week, reports Mrs. Robert E. Brooks, Young Adult Program Director.

Employed Women Meet

The Employed Girls Club of Ainsworth Chapter O.E.S. will meet at 1100 Chemeketa St., Tuesday noon, Jan. 8, for luncheon. Mrs. Ed Perrin will be hostess and those attending are asked to bring a soup bowl and spoon. The new officers for the next term are Mrs. Charles W. Bottorff, President; Mrs. G. A. Sherman, Vice President; Mrs. Otis Cass, Secretary; Treasurer and Mrs. LeRoy J. Stewart, Publicity.

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Miss Martha Allen, national executive director of Camp Fire Girls, who will be a guest of the Willamette Area Council on Thursday. A coffee, luncheon and banquet have been planned in her honor.

National Camp Fire Director To Visit Here

Miss Martha F. Allen, national director of Camp Fire Girls, Inc., will arrive in Salem on Thursday, Jan. 10, for her first visit to the Willamette Area Council, according to Miss Enid Wolcott, Executive Director of Camp Fire Girls. During her short stay in the Willamette Area several functions are scheduled by the Camp Fire Girls Council members in Benton, Marion and Polk County districts.

Marion County leaders, board members and other friends of Camp Fire will have an opportunity to meet Miss Allen and talk with her at an informal coffee hour to be held at the First Methodist Church in Salem Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. S. M. Zeller of Corvallis, chairman of Camp Fire Girls Region VI comprising Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington, members of the Area Board and Miss Wolcott will entertain Miss Allen at luncheon on Thursday. Thursday afternoon the Benton County Camp Fire council and other friends will meet and talk with Miss Allen at an informal tea in the Union Building at Oregon State College in Corvallis.

Highlight of Miss Martha Allen's visit will be the annual dinner meeting of the Willamette Area Council to be held in the Chamber of Commerce Hall in Dallas Thursday night, at which time Miss Allen will be the guest speaker.

Been With Camp Fire 10 Years
Miss Allen has been associated with Camp Fire Girls, Inc., since 1941 when she became assistant national director. Her wide experience in administration, education and community relations has aided her in making the organization one of the nationally-recognized youth agencies in the country. Miss Allen has been national director since her appointment in April 1943. She will visit only two Oregon Councils while in Region VI on this trip.

A native of Cherokee, Alabama, Miss Allen graduated from Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Mississippi, and received a master of arts degree from Columbia University, New York. Prior to association with Camp Fire Girls, Miss Allen was connected with the Metropolitan Authority in Cincinnati, Ohio. She also has served with the United States Department of Agriculture's Resettlement Administration and Farm Security Administration in the Greenbelt, Maryland, housing projects and at one time was associated with the Board of Pub-

Rev. Moore to Be Speaker

The Rev. Brooks H. Moore, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Salem Woman's Club on Friday afternoon at the Club house at 2 o'clock. He has chosen for his subject, "The Second Half."

For the musical program Miss Catherine Petersen will play a group of viola numbers, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Christian Petersen.

At the business session and board meeting preceding at 1 p. m. Mrs. Merle Travis will preside. Mrs. O. Virgil Hume is chairman of the tea committee.

Dr. Derthick to Speak

Dr. Charles Derthick of Willamette University will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the McKinley Mothers Club on Monday night at the school at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "Mental Health in Relation to Children." Mrs. Lloyd Davenport heads the refreshment committee and assisting are Mrs. R. T. Melin, Mrs. Elvin Thomas and Mrs. Roy Wright. The hospitality committee includes Mrs. Paul Ronniger and Mrs. Robert Hamilton.

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Weavers Guild at Bagnall Home

Mrs. George Bagnall will be hostess to members of the Salem Weavers Guild on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. Fred Gilbert, Miss Alice Creary Brown and Mrs. Frederick Hill Thompson.

Mrs. Kenneth Long, who was in San Francisco recently, will discuss some of the work being done by California weavers and prices charged, while Mrs. Thompson will discuss and demonstrate variations of twill.

Nile Club Will Elect Officers

Election of officers will highlight the meeting of the Salem Daughters of the Nile Club on Monday at the Masonic Temple. There will be no regular morning sewing preceding the noon luncheon. Mrs. Virgil Golden is president of the club.

Mrs. Carl B. Armppriest is chairman of the luncheon committee with Mrs. Charles C. Harris the co-chairman. Assisting will be Mrs. Estill Brunk, Mrs. Charles D. Wood, Mrs. I. M. Doughton, Mrs. F. B. Keeler, Mrs. John Imbab, Mrs. Eldon T. Armstrong, Mrs. Byron Simmonson, Mrs. Lyle E. McCau-

ley, Mrs. F. G. Fulton, Mrs. Earl T. Andersen, Mrs. Len M. Marvin, Mrs. Frederick C. Klaus, Mrs. Elvin Thomas, Mrs. James W. Tindall, Mrs. Fred Viesko and Mrs. W. D. Henry.

Joint Installation For Pythians

Pythian Sisters and Knights of Pythias will hold a public installation on Jan. 9 at the Beaver Hall. Mrs. Wayne Stanton will be the installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Vernon Decatur and Mrs. A. A. Neiderberger.

Mrs. Ralph Wilcox will be installed as most excellent chief for Pythian Sisters and Vernon Decatur as Chancellor Commander

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