

Mrs. Hale Honor Guest
At Spring Club Luncheon

By MRS. F. G. HAVEMANN
The Eugene Fortnightly Club
Guest of honor at the spring
luncheon meeting of Eugene
Fortnightly Club was Franc Odell
Hales (Mrs. C.H.) the only sur-
viving charter members of the
group.
Mrs. Hales, now in her 90th
year, was for many years a resi-
dent of Eugene, but now lives on
the Hale holly acres, located on
the hills above the North Fork
of the Willamette near Saginaw.
She was born at The Dalles, Ore-
gon, in 1864, the daughter of
Judge James A. Odell and his
wife, Margaretta Grubbs.
The father of Margaretta was
born in England and was a ship
builder by trade. After emigrat-
ing to the United States, he fol-
lowed his trade along eastern
waterways, coming eventually to
the new Oregon country from
near Chicago. He was accom-



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Daughter Born

A daughter weighing 8 pounds,
4 ounces, was born to Second
Lt. and Mrs. Frank K. Hoorbeck
June 22 at Camp Pendleton,
Calif. Lt. Hoorbeck is serving
with the 3rd Marine Division in
Japan. Grandparents are Mr. and
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panied by two of his sons and
they located on a farm near Cor-
vallis. The younger son then re-
turned to bring his mother and
the remainder of the family in-
cluding Margaretta by way of the
Isthmus of Panama although his
first trip had been by wagon
train across the plains.
Margaretta, already in her
teens, entered Willamette Uni-
versity in the early '60's, perhaps
through the influence of Jason
Lee's oldest daughter who had
married her brother. Attending
the university at the same time
was a young southerner, James
A. Odell.
The Odell name was a familiar
one to Willamette valley for a
brother George was a practicing
physician of early Eugene, while
another brother, General William
Odell, had been appointed sur-
veyor general for the state. It was
for him that Odell Lake on the
upper Willamette River received
its name.

EUGENE HOME

James Odell and Margaretta
Grubbs graduated in the class of
1863, were married and went to
The Dalles where he engaged in
the practice of law. Their daugh-
ter Franc was born the following
year. Fortune smiled on the
young couple at the beginning
and James was soon advanced to
the position of judge, but when
their small daughter was scarcely
three his health declined and he
they moved to Eugene where he
could have the care of his
brother.

He practiced his profession
there until his death a few years
later. Mrs. Odell then engaged in
teaching for a number of years
and made a home for her grow-
ing daughter, returning later to
The Dalles for a short time. Dur-
ing her girlhood in Eugene,
among Franc Odell's companions
were the Dorris sisters, the Col-
liersons, May Underwood and
Lucy and Philura Murch. This
group formed the habit of gath-
ering regularly at the Odell home
to read aloud from the classics
and better magazines of the day.

CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS

When Franc returned to enter
the University of Oregon, her
association became even closer
with Philura Murch since they
were both interested in the sub-
jects of music and languages.
When Philura went abroad to
study she exacted a promise from
Franc to join her there eventually
and this the latter decided to
do instead of taking her degree
at the university. Matters were
further complicated by the ar-
rival in Eugene of a young man
of English birth, Charles H.
Hales by name, who had arrived
by way of Port Hope, Canada,
and engaged in a partnership
with William Preston, dealer in
leather goods.

A casual acquaintance with
Miss Odell soon grew into a more
serious relationship and eventu-
ally she reached a place of deci-
sion as to whether she would fol-
low her original plans or accept
his. She resolved the situation
by doing both.

HOME ESTABLISHED

In 1890, Charles and Franc
Hales established their home at
the corner of Sixth and Pearl
streets where three daughters
were born, Beatrice (Mrs. Selov-
er) who makes her home with
her mother, Elizabeth, a librarian
in the Eugene Public Library,
and Virginia, Mrs. Perry Ashcraft
of Roseburg.

The countryside adjacent to
Eugene had great appeal to the
Hales family and while they long
retained their town home they
spent much of their time at their
rural one. Following Mr. Hales
death in 1937, Mrs. Hales decided
to make it her permanent home.
Advancing years have been no
problem to her for she continues
to enjoy the interests that have
always filled her life, the beauty
of the quiet country side, the
songs of the birds, her flowers,
the holly orchard, music, fine
books and the close association
with her daughters.



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MISS CHERE PARNELL of
Springfield was installed re-
cently as honored queen of
Job's Daughters, Bethel 30.

Society, Women's Organizations
ANN CONNELL, Society Editor

WRC Concludes State Meeting

Miss Ann Banks, St. Francis
High School student, was pre-
sented a \$150 scholarship award
on the opening day of Depart-
ment of Oregon Woman's Relief
Corps recent convention for an
essay, "The American Flag."
Allison Christian Church of
Eugene was presented a large
silk flag by the group on the
opening day, also.
New officers for the coming
year were elected by the group.
Officers are the following: Mrs.
Florence Wick, Portland, Corps
Joseph Ridge, president; Mrs.
Milton Knight, Eugene, senior
vice president; Mrs. Mae Lind-
strom, North Bend, junior vice
president; Mrs. Edna Look, Hood
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stedt, Portland, treasurer;
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Mrs. Hattie Reeves. Board mem-
bers are as follows: Mrs. Charles
Smith, Eugene; Mrs. Lottie
Shields, Mrs. Jennie Cuin, Mrs.
Low Ella Peat.
Delegate-at-large to the na-
tional convention is Mrs. Mary
Schnase, with Mrs. Stella Wood-
ward, alternate. Delegates to the
national convention are Mrs. A. J.
Bier of Springfield, Mrs. Stella
Starr, Mrs. Lucille Mangum, Mrs.
Ethel Davis of Eugene, and Mrs.
Mable Pritchard. Alternate dele-
gates are Mrs. Alta Brown, Mrs.
Cora Millet, Mrs. Esther Brown,
Mrs. Floy Ward and Mrs. Rose
Mills.
Appointive officers are the fol-
lowing: Mrs. Lila Shank, secre-
tary; Mrs. Marie Green, council-
lor; Mrs. Alta Brown, field offi-
cer; Mrs. Louise Lippit, patriotic
inspector; Mrs. Isabel Beals, press
correspondent; Mrs. Nellie Baker,
senior aide.
Concluding activity of the con-
vention was installation of offi-
cers. Past Department President
Mrs. Ann Federson, Portland, was
installing officer, assisted by Mrs.
Bonita Johnson, installing con-
ductor, and the four colors. Mrs.
George Thompson, Eugene, de-
partment president, presided at
all sessions of the convention.

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