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Hobbies Help Relax Housewife

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A hobby for everyone. It appears that's what we're headed toward. For in the past few years, people of all ages have been finding that hobbies can solve every problem from having too little to too much to do.

And the harried homemaker, we're told, should not exempt herself from the prescription. Fact is, a hobby can do double duty for the housewife: It can relieve the fatigue caused by the

day's tensions and also lay the foundation for a new way of life after the children have grown up.

As proof it's possible for you, an outstanding exponent of hobbies for housewives told her story in an interview recently.

The story reads more like a medical case book than like the history of a woman blessed with a "wonderful husband and four lovely children"—and an award-winning talent in painting.

"I've always put my husband and children first and yet, with all the difficulties, I managed to find some time for painting," Winnie Borne Sherman says.

"All the difficulties" began in 1929, just one year after the birth of Marjorie, the Shermans' first child, and shortly after the premature birth of Bob. Marjorie contracted pneumonia and Bob, bleeding dysentery.

Paul, who was born in 1933, developed asthma in 1935. By 1939 his weight was down to 25 pounds and the last born, two-year-old Lucy, had developed an allergic condition and rheumatic fever, which affected her heart and her eyes.

As she catalogued the family history, one wondered at Winnie Sherman's smooth, unlined skin and dancing eyes.

To what could she attribute her amazing hold on serenity?

"Well, I do have a wonderful husband. Then, too, I'm convinced that painting helped me to keep my balance through all the troubles."

"You know, I believe a woman owes it to her family to give them as much happiness as she can. And she can't do that unless she feels a certain amount of self satisfaction."

"For me, painting and the graphic arts were the obvious means of realizing that satisfaction. I have always loved art. I studied it at Columbia University, and in the early days of my marriage, I taught art to supplement my husband's income."

"But any woman can realize a similar satisfaction. She can try gardening or needlepoint, book binding, weaving—anything that is creative."

The past several years have been relatively peaceful for the Shermans. Lately, hospital visits have been joyful occasions. Daughter Marjorie, now living in Oak Park, Mich., has a two-year-old son. And Bob, a medical student, lives in Philadelphia with his wife and seven-month-old daughter. Lucy is almost completely cured.

With her children grown into healthy and happy adulthood (Paul attends Florida Southern College), Mrs. Sherman has had no problem, in her middle years, worrying about what to do with her spare time. By 1951 her accomplishment was impressively pointed up when one of her water colors won a prize at the Florida International Exhibition.

She has held one-woman shows in communities neighboring her New Rochelle, N. Y., home. And she has just had her first one-woman show in New York City, no small accomplishment for a wife and mother whose home-making years have not been easy ones.

Grandmother Makes Living As Circus Clown

By DOROTHY ROE
Of The Associated Press

Some grandmothers knit and others are Wall Street tycoons. But Rose Hanlon probably is the world's only grandmother who makes her living as a clown.

Mrs. Hanlon is a sweet-faced, motherly little woman who looks as if her most daring exploit would be trying out a new recipe for creamed chicken—until she gets into her clown suit. Then she's a jovial, roistering comic in white-face makeup and blinding giant polka dots who loves to make children laugh.

Among her most ardent fans when the circus makes its annual call at Madison Square Garden are her three grandchildren, Robert, Anita and Judy Patton, of Teaneck, N.J. The Patton youngsters delight in startling spectators by pointing at their favorite clown and shouting "Hi, Grandma!"

Mrs. Hanlon has been clowning with the circus for 10 years. Before that she sang and danced in various Broadway shows and worked out pantomime acts for the fun with her husband, William Hanlon and his brother Bill, who used to be in vaudeville.

Now all three Hanlons make up one of Ringling Bros.' most popular clown acts—and often it's Mrs. Hanlon who wears the pants in the act and her husband who is made up as a woman.

Though she is the only woman clown in the Ringling lineup, Mrs. Hanlon doesn't think there's anything strange about her occupation. She says:

"It's show business. And I've been brought up in show business. The art of pantomime is pretty special, and I enjoy it. Most of all I like to see the happy faces of the kids in circus season. If I can make the kids laugh, then I think that's a pretty worthwhile business."

Carol McKeon Grand Officer of Rainbow

Miss Carol McKeon of Evangelical Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, was appointed Grand Faith at the 28th annual Grand Session of the Order at Baker. The office of Grand Faith will lead to the office of Grand Worthy Advisor.

Miss Betty Anderson presided at the session as Grand Lecturer. Miss Anderson is a past worthy advisor of Evangelical Chapter and has been a student at University of Oregon.

The 1955 grand assembly will convene in McMinnville, home town of Miss Kay Macy, new Grand Worthy Advisor installed at Baker. There were more than 1,100 girls attending the meeting at Baker. Miss Mildred Patton of Baker was retiring Grand Worthy Advisor.

NOW Dinner, Business Meeting Thursday

Neighbors of Woodcraft will have a 6:30 polluck dinner, followed by a business session, Thursday at 8 p.m. at Knights of Pythias Hall, 1230 Lawrence St. Mrs. Viola Adams is chairman of refreshments.

Two Receive Nurse's Caps

OREGON MEDICAL SCHOOL, Portland (Special)—Miss Linda Muhr, Eugene, and Miss Betty Jane Kingsburg, Creswell, received their nurses' caps in ceremonies at the University of Oregon Medical School department of nursing Friday.

Miss Henrietta Doltz, director of the department, presented the caps. The ceremony indicates that the student has completed her preclinical education and is now ready for actual hospital training.

Miss Muhr is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Muhr, Eugene, and Miss Kingsburg is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kingsburg, Creswell.

Pupils of Mrs. Honey Presented in Recital

Piano students of Mrs. Lavina R. Honey were presented in recital at her home recently.

Pupils appearing on the programs were the following: Sandra Clark, Sue Hill, Jimmy Harrell, Yvonne Wheeler, Niccy Roach, Patsy Branstetter, David Cole, Sharon Hildenbrand, Patricia McCorkle, Dennis McCorkle, Sandra Rink, Karen Powers, Ann Berryhill, Colleen Carley, Gay Maxwell.

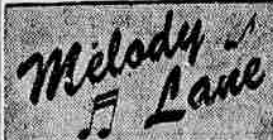
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California Woman Visits Relatives Here

Miss Minnie Sem of Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif., is a guest at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo D. Sem, 115 Hansen Lane. She also is visiting at the homes of two cousins, Mrs. Ejner Hentze and Mr. Hentze near Junction City, and Mrs. Axel Berntzen and Mr. Berntzen in the Danebo neighborhood.

Weekend guests at the Sem home were Mr. Sem's nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Jamison Pierce of Portland. The Pierce children, Janice and Jerry, who had been visiting at the Sem home for a month, returned home with their parents.

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By EVA GRAVES

Once in a while we like to conduct a little quiz in this column, and this time the question concerns our composer of the month. He was born on June 15, 1843, in one of the northern countries of Europe. Although his grandfather had come from Scotland, this composer became strongly identified with national feeling in his music in this northern country.

This composer's greatest fame perhaps rests in two suites for orchestra which had been first written as incidental music for two pianos. . . . these composed first in 1874 to Ibsen's "Peer Gynt." The picturesque and romantic music of "Peer Gynt" are also seen in the composer's famous piano concerto and in many beautiful songs that captured the flavor of northern folk tunes. This work earned him the title, "The Chopin of the North."

The composer's death in 1907 was an occasion for national mourning in his country, which was, if you haven't already identified it, Norway. And the name of this popular Norwegian composer was Edvard Grieg.

Musical guessing games can be fun . . . but you don't want to play any guessing games when it comes to choosing that musical instrument for yourself or someone in your family. That's a good reason for turning to a name that has long been a standard of excellence in music . . . the name HAMMOND. There's a Hammond organ model to fit any home . . . and each maintains the Hammond tradition of craftsmanship. See your exclusive Hammond dealer, GRAVES MUSIC & ART, 1235 Willamette St. Phone 4-9232.

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