



NEW NEIGHBOR—Mrs. Frank Staley of Amsterdam, Holland, is meeting many new friends in the Dexter-Trent area where she and her husband recently arrived to make their home. The couple is shown at the time of their marriage, Dec. 4, 1954, in Amsterdam, when Mr. Staley was stationed with the U.S. Army in Hauna, Germany.

Pair to Live Here; Married in Reno

Mr. and Mrs. William Sachs are at home in Eugene at 531 W. 10th St., Eugene, having returned from their wedding trip. The couple was married June 18 in Reno, Nev. Mrs. Sachs is the former Mrs. Eva Davies of Cottage Grove. They travelled into northern California, visited Sacramento, and returned home by the coast route.

Son Visits on Leave

James Leroy McAllister, formerly of Rt. 1, Veneta, who is serving in the armed forces, is home on leave this week. He is visiting his mother at 1085 E. 46th Ave., Eugene.

AROUND THE TOWN

MARTHA BARNFORD Camp 16, Daughters of American Veterans, will have a potluck luncheon on Thursday at 12 noon at Veterans Memorial Bldg. Members with birthdays in April, May or June will be honored. All members are asked to bring their own table service. A business meeting will follow at 1:30 p.m.

DEGREE OF HONOR executive meeting will be held Thursday at the home of Mrs. Edwin Sheeley, 346 E. 31st Ave. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m., with Mrs. Henry Henderson assisting the hostess.

MOTHERS CLUB of Boy Scout Troop 54 will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Don Davis, 607 W. 5th Ave. Mrs. Byron Johnson and Mrs. Allen Kelly will be co-hostesses. Mothers of all troop members are invited.

ECHO SPRING-ETTES CLUB will have a picnic for members and their families Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Skinner Butte Park. One of the nicest new fabric combinations is cotton and silk. In a jacket dress, it combines the happy features of both and is as spring-like as a crocus.

Dutch Bride Given Warm Welcome By Residents of Dexter-Trent Area

By EDNA RAMP
Of the Register-Guard

When the girl in the Dutch navy uniform failed to keep her date with the American soldier on furlough in Amsterdam, Holland, the civilian populace came to the rescue.

And that's how 16-year-old Petronella Geeruida Douven attending an Amsterdam band concert with friends met Frank Staley of Dexter, Oregon.

Eight months later they were married—after a courtship complicated by army regulations, 10 o'clock curfews in Petronella's home, and an eight-hour train ride from Frank's army base to Amsterdam.

The couple arrived in Dexter recently, following his release from army duty in Hauna, Germany. They bought a car in New York and drove to Oregon—not even stopping for sight-seeing because "we were so anxious to get home."

Frank's mother, Mrs. John Crawford, lives in Eugene, and two of his brothers are in Dexter. Frank is the fourth generation of the Williams clan which settled the Dexter area, so there were plenty of relatives and friends on hand to welcome the couple home.

GIVEN NICKNAME

"Already I know so much people here," bubbled the blue-eyed, golden-haired Mrs. Staley, as we chatted this week.

She quickly annexed the American nickname of "Nellie" and has made a whirlwind conquest of the women of the community, who note, "we love her already and think she's the sweetest thing!"

She was a bit worried about coming to a new country, Nellie admitted, thinking no one would be able to understand her. She had been learning English from Frank.

"I pick everything fast up," she said, the words coming in a hurried tumble.

Actually, the language barrier is a very small one—Nellie smiles and she isn't a stranger.

"People say 'Hi there' and I say 'Hi there,'" Nellie beamed, surprised at how easy it is to be friends with these Americans.

GETS SUNBURNED

Almost everything in her new homeland delights the merry, fun-loving girl from Holland: a gift of loganberry jelly from a neighbor; the two white kittens, Tommy and Puss, which someone has given them; the little house they've rented at Trent; the bridal shower given by the women of the community (She was a bit dubious about that at first mention of the party for she interpreted a shower to mean a bath).

A few things she's having to get used to: the bugs which "scare me to death" and taking gas at the dentist's office. "You wake up and you feel so funny."

Oregonians may think they're short on sunshine this summer, but Nellie's finding it a much hotter sun than it was in Holland—in fact, she burned her head the first day she went out fishing on Dexter dam.

As to fishing itself: "You call that fun!" she scoffed, insisting she needed "some salt to put on the fish's tails," since they wouldn't come to her and she "couldn't just sit and wait."

Hereafter, Nellie says, she'll handle the boat and the others can fish. She's an expert with boats, bicycles and horses, but hasn't mastered the American automobile. One boat ride she didn't like, she admits, was the big one on the rough Atlantic crossing. "I was so seasick," Nellie enjoys the American stores and is happy to be able to get a dress that fits—she weighs about 100 pounds—takes a size 7!

American cooking gives her no worries—"She hasn't had a bit of trouble and is a wonderful cook," boasts husband Frank, who works as a choker-setter for a logging company.

Over the recent holiday, Nellie and Frank accompanied the family on an outing to Odell Lake. Nellie already discovered she enjoyed camping when she assisted her sister-in-law, Della Staley, a Girl Scout leader, on a recent camp-out.

Some days she's a bit homesome for her parents: Cora and Francis Douven and Frank's sister, Johanna.

Annual Reunion Held By Pioneer Hadsall Family

Members of the Hadsall family had their 26th annual family reunion at Skinner Butte Recreation Center recently. The Hadsalls were among the first pioneers settling in Western Lane County, in and near Mapleton and on Hadsall Creek.

Members of the family present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hadsall, Lebanon; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hadsall, Oregon City; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hadsall, Vickie Gail and Judith May Carlson, Portland; Chester Hadsall, Bandon; Mr. and Mrs. Heber Barnum, Oakridge; Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hoffman and Jim, Jack and Lois Ann, Coos Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hadsall, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Peterson and Rodney and Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hadsall and Cindy and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Charles

T. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Moore and Janet and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore and Arthur, all of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Moore and Marjorie and Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Julia Tengs and Steve and Terry, Mrs. Phebe Shear, Mr. and Mrs. Don Michel, Miss Connie Palmateer, Mr. and Mrs. William Shear and Jeff and Tommy, Bobbie Richardson, Ricky Shear, all of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson and Dick and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Johnson and Fred, Sharon and Shirley, all of Springfield.

Guests were: Mrs. Ozella Collier, Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tietz, Harold Tietz, Lydia Graneman, Oregon City; Terry Ford, Portland; Jessie Perkins and Harold Stinson, Eugene.

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Mother Turns To Plumbing

CHICAGO (AP)—Although it does not exactly fit the public's conception of a Southern woman, Mrs. Lucille Oellerich of Augusta, Ga., is a master plumber.

She registered at the 73rd annual convention of the National Assn. of Plumbing Contractors held in Chicago.

As one of the few women plumbers in the country, she can wipe a pipe (solder two pieces) as quickly as she can Southern-fry chicken, and she likes both jobs equally well.

Mrs. Oellerich became a plumber through the office door. Originally a school teacher, she married a plumber and helped out in his office. When her husband died six years ago, she studied the trade's techniques, passed the examination and became a master plumber.

She operates her own plumbing contracting firm, is secretary and treasurer of the Associated Plumbing Contractors of Georgia and is a member of the Plumbing and Heating Contractors Assn. of Augusta.

The tiny, brown haired woman, mother of a young civil engineer, thinks plumbing is more fun than school teaching.

"But," she said, "Southern women proved they could do anything when necessary during the Civil War."

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