

# 'Gene Henry' Speaks to Group

## Difficulties Of Writing Discussed

"Writer's Cramp" and the varied forms it assumes were discussed Thursday night at the monthly dinner meeting of the American Association of University Women by Mrs. H. H. Sheldon, author, under the pseudonym of "Gene Henry," of a series of Saturday Evening Post stories and of a recently published novel, "Miss Bronska." The meeting was held in the Pine Tavern.

The first writer's cramp mentioned by Mrs. Sheldon was her slight feeling of awkwardness because she was not a university graduate, although she had been educated in private schools. Reasons why people write, as outlined by the Bend author, are two-fold: Writing is a futile effort to exhaust the urge to express oneself; writing is an effort to make money.

The question most frequently asked her, said Mrs. Sheldon, is "How can I learn to write?" And the answer is the only one—"simply by writing."

Most crippling of all forms of writer's cramp is the author's own limitations, his lack of experience, his attempts to understand human emotions and to be sympathetic in the characters he portrays. Most obvious of all forms of the ailment, the speaker said, is the difficulty in finding time to write. However, anyone anxious enough to write, she pointed out, will make the time and place.

A tongue-lashing of the American people for their taste in reading material was delivered by the speaker, who asserted, "Our reading reflects absolutely the mind of the country."

Tracing the decline of France in June, 1940, Mrs. Sheldon pointed to the degenerate type of literature written and read by the people of that nation. The United States is getting to be just as bad in its choice of reading matter, she declared, stating that the readers want off-color literature, and writers are giving it to them because it makes easy money.

"That trend should alarm us, as literature seeks the trend of the country's thought," she stated.

The concluding writer's cramp discussed by Mrs. Sheldon, and the most inevitable of the group, is the public reaction to the author's work.

Preceding Mrs. Sheldon's talk, Mrs. Barbara Lieutten Steinhauer invited all members to a special dinner meeting, to be given Monday evening at 6 o'clock in the library auditorium by the literary and international relations groups of A. A. U. W. Miss Eleanor Stevens, state librarian, will speak on "Why Read Poetry." All members bringing food to the planned potluck supper featuring foreign foods are asked to have the food at the auditorium by 5:30 p. m. Monday, in order that the dinner may start on time, so that members may attend the concert at 8:15 o'clock.

Bend high school students contributed musical numbers, as follows: Janet Johnson, cornet solo,

## New Kind Tag Day Progressive Dinner Party Is Given



In Los Angeles Mrs. Harvey Slenz fastens new identification tag around neck of her son, Harvey, as he leaves for school.

## Stork Shower Held Wednesday

The home of Mrs. K. J. Holman was the scene Wednesday evening of a stork shower, honoring her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Blucher.

Present at the party were: Mrs. Clifford Goodwin and daughter, Joan, Mrs. Frank Whitney, Mrs. Roger Whitney, Miss Juanita Morley, Mrs. Eric Hilton, Mrs. R. E. Dean, Mrs. Harold Goodwin and daughter, Nancy May, Mrs. O. H. Rowland, Mrs. Fritz Wallan, Mrs. Axel Hakanson, Miss Claudia Koho, Mrs. Charles Blucher, Mrs. Tom Shultz, the guest of honor and Mrs. Vida Tiller, of Pacific City.

Games were played during the evening, and a prize was won by Mrs. Eric Hilton. Refreshments were served.

## Prize Winners Told

Winners of prizes at a public card party held Thursday evening in Sather hall by the Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge were: Mrs. Walmah Francis, high, and Mrs. Ralph Cooper, second.

The committee to serve refreshments following Monday night's meeting of the I. O. O. F. lodge is: Mrs. Clair Barnett, chairman, Mrs. Flora Gough and Mrs. Grant Salisbury.

accompanied by Lloyd Hansen; Helen Hudson, piano solos.

## Redmond P.-T. A. Makes Awards

Redmond, Feb. 21 (Special)—A large crowd attended the Parent-Teachers meeting held Friday evening at the grade school.

A short business meeting conducted by the president, Mrs. Earl Hallock, preceded the program, planned by Mrs. Wade Short, Americanism chairman of the American Legion auxiliary.

The four winners of the essay contest in the seventh and eighth grades were read. Awards of defense stamps were made by Mrs. Short.

The winners in the seventh grade were Jimmie Cox and Shirley Maddox; eighth grade, Shirley Tuck and Mildred Funk. Subjects of the essays was "Characteristics of Good Americans."

Mrs. W. V. Glazier, Mrs. Leonard Downs and Mrs. Alex Heston were the judges.

Rev. Devere Penhollow of Sisters was guest speaker, emphasizing the virtues of faith and belief in the lives of Washington and Lincoln.

Miss Bertha Larry's room was awarded the attendance plaque for February.

Singing, led by Rev. Penhollow, and Mrs. Flora Hedrick, pianist, completed the program.

Miss Roxie Tallent and Miss Helen Pierson, teachers, assisted by Mrs. Charles DeRoos and Mrs. Fred Hodecker, served cookies and coffee.

## Valentine Day Is Meeting Theme

The Evergreen circle of the R. N. A. lodge met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. B. Colver. Mrs. A. C. Culler was assistant hostess.

Mrs. Colver, who was in charge of entertainment, made Valentine day the theme of the party, and games were in this motif. Birthday cakes, honoring Mrs. Colver and her mother, Mrs. Margaret Zufelt, were featured decorations.

Next meeting of the circle will be at 2 p. m. Thursday, March 5, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Hahn, 339 Riverside. Mrs. Winona C. Egg will be assistant hostess, and Mrs. T. J. Sanders and Mrs. M. B. Smith will have charge of entertainment.

## Departure Feted At Surprise Party

A farewell surprise party was held Wednesday night, honoring Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ries, who will leave soon to make their home in Portland. The party was held at their home.

Present were: Mrs. P. R. Buckingham, Mrs. Irene Casey, Mrs. Murel Nehl, Mrs. Walter Douglass, Mrs. George Shoop, Miss Pauline Arnold, Mrs. Archie Walter and Mrs. Jack Gordon.

The Sunshine club of the Pythian Sisters lodge will meet at 2 p. m. Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Jack Wise, 946 Delaware. Members are asked to bring their Red Cross sewing to this meeting.

The young married group of the First Presbyterian church will meet at 8 p. m. Tuesday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Rath, 164 Hawthorne.

## Veteran Fliers Of World War Ready to Serve

### Old-Time Pilots and Civilians to Be Used In Air Patrol Work

Portland, Feb. 21 (Special)—Nineteen thousand private fliers—many of them gray haired veterans of 1917-18 air battles against the Boche—are ready to "go upstairs" for home and country on the Pacific coast and intermountain west.

And the regional commander of civil air patrol in the west—Harry Coffey of Portland—believes the old timers "can still show the youngsters a few tricks."

"Civil air patrols are already doing a great job in the east as observers and guardians of the air lanes," he said.

"We should be in operation out here in the west within two months."

Coffey estimates there are 4000 private owned planes in his region, which comprises Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii.

"These planes are not suited for combat flight, but they are light and ideal for patrol work," he said.

## Day of Prayer Program Held

Redmond, Feb. 21 (Special)—Approximately 100 women attended the World's Day of Prayer Friday afternoon at the Community church. Mrs. A. C. Cameron gave the opening remarks.

The theme was "I Am the Way." Women from the various churches participated. The group included: Mrs. E. Foster, Mrs. William Harbison, Miss Bertha Houmard, Mrs. Guy Zering, Mrs. S. S. Martin, Mrs. Edward Skulicity, Mrs. Frank McDonald, Mrs. H. H. Hughitt and Mrs. Dick Morgan.

Musical numbers given were: A quartet from the Baptist church, Mrs. M. Peden, Mrs. O. Weninger, Mrs. Guy Zering, Mrs. Ralph Arnsmeier; two duets, Mrs. Houmard and Mrs. Zering, and the other, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Hughitt. Congregational singing, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Victor Clark, interspersed the program. Circle two arranged the seating and circle three served the tea. Mrs. Joe Peden and Mrs. Victor Clark presided at the tea table.

## SOCIAL CALENDAR

- Monday**
  - 6:30 p. m., A. A. U. W., special meeting, library auditorium.
  - 6:30 p. m., Beta Sigma Phi, at Pine Tavern.
  - 8 p. m., Eastern Star, Masonic club rooms.
- Tuesday**
  - 2 p. m., Degree of Honor card party, Sather hall.
  - 2 p. m., Quest club, Mrs. M. R. Sutherland, 1644 W. 4th.
  - 2 p. m., Circles 2 and 3, Catholic Altar society, parish hall.
  - 2 p. m., Sunshine club, with Mrs. Jack Wise, 946 Hill street.
  - 7:30 p. m., Social pinocle, with Mrs. Alice Soderstrom, 856 Ogden.
  - 8 p. m., bridge, with Mrs. George Chambers, 1655 West Second.
  - 8 p. m., First Presbyterian church young married people's group, at home of Bruno Rath, 164 Hawthorne.
  - 8 p. m., Degree of Honor, Sather hall.

A business and social meeting will be held by the Eastern Star on Monday night, in the Masonic club rooms at 8 o'clock. A delegation of 20 will be present from Prineville, bringing the traveling flags. Formal presentation of these flags to the Bend chapter will be made at a special ceremony.

The Degree of Honor is to hold a social meeting on Tuesday at 8 p. m., in Sather hall. Games are to be played and refreshments will be served. Officers announce that the public is invited to the party.

A meeting of the Degree of Honor drill team will be held from 7 to 8 Tuesday night in Sather hall for practice. The captain of the unit has announced. This will be preliminary to the Degree of Honor social meeting.

The Lutheran Ladies aid will hold a rummage sale in the basement of the First Lutheran church Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26, 27 and 28. Mrs. P. B. Johnson is general chairman of the sale.

The Quest club is to meet at 2 p. m. Tuesday with Mrs. M. R. Sutherland, 1644 W. 4th. Mrs. Marie Nettleton is in charge of the program.

Post Noble Grand club will meet Wednesday at 2 p. m. with Mrs. N. R. Kittleton, 104 Franklin. Mrs. Roy Van Vleet is assistant hostess.

The Tuesday Bridge club will meet at 8 p. m. on February 24, at the home of Mrs. George Chambers, 1655 West Second.

First Presbyterian sewing circle will meet Tuesday at 2 o'clock with Mrs. Sadie Lucas, 42 Hawthorne.

In 1941 class 1 railroads put 80,502 freight cars in service—largest number in any year since 1929.

## Civilian Defense and Red Cross News

Fuller explanation of the duties of several of the new committees appointed by the county defense council has been given in a bulletin from the state defense council.

Duties of a consumer interest committee, of which Gerald Jensen is chairman, will include attempts to raise sub-standard living conditions; production surveys; investigations into price increases for rents, food, clothing and fuel; an education program on thrift and waste prevention in all phases of life.

Physical fitness is encouraged by a "Hale America" committee, of which Howard George is chairman. Citizens of every age group will be given the opportunity to participate in physical activities of a vigorous nature. The plan is not to interfere with recreation programs already initiated by schools, but merely will seek an extension of such programs through wider participation, the state bulletin stresses. Strenuous physical activity will not be forced upon older persons, but there will be provision for their needs in the physical fitness program.

The chairman of the committee for conservation of cultural resources is Phil F. Brogan.

Training of auxiliary firemen signed up under Bend's civilian defense program will begin on February 24, this coming Tuesday. Fire Chief Tom W. Carlon and Engineer Leroy Fox announced today following a conference with George Simerville, defense coordinator. Training will consist of outside work, weather conditions permitting.

All auxiliary firemen in districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been asked to report at the Bend fire hall in old clothes not later than 6 p. m. Tuesday. This will be the first outside drill for the auxiliary firemen, who will be called on to play their part in the protection of the city should a bombing or other emergency occur. Auxiliary firemen from other districts will be called in later.

It is the plan of the Bend fire officials to train the auxiliary firemen carefully, first teaching fundamentals. Practice work Tuesday night will probably be confined to hydrant hookups, coupling and the placing of lines of hose. In an emergency, auxiliary firemen assisting under the city defense program will be required to do this work without direct supervision, inasmuch as the town has been divided into districts. Also, it is pointed out, the federal government is to provide Bend with three pump units, for use of the auxiliary fire battlers.

Should cold or snowy weather prevail Tuesday night, a postponement of the outdoor class may be necessary, but all auxiliary firemen from districts 1 to 6 have been asked to report at the fire hall regardless of the weather.

## YOUR FEDERAL INCOME TAX

A Series of Articles Prepared by the Bureau of Internal Revenue of the U. S. Treasury Department. Clip and Save the 49 Installments

No. 42  
Deduction for Tax on Motor Gas

If an automobile is used for both business and pleasure, those maintenance and operating expenses which constitute allowable deductions for federal income tax purposes should be allocated to the two uses on the basis of the time the car is used for each. For example, if the total expense of operation and maintenance, plus depreciation, for the taxable year amounted to \$800, and the car was used three-fourths of the time for business and the balance of the time for pleasure, the available deduction, for federal income tax purposes, would be \$600.

In general, taxes are deductible only by the person upon whom they are imposed and by whom they are paid. If the state law imposing a tax on gasoline by its terms imposes the tax on the consumer and not on the dealer, the consumer may deduct as a tax, for federal income tax purposes, the amount of the gasoline tax paid by him; but the taxpayer must have kept records of the payments of such taxes in order that the deduction may be substantiated as is required by the regulations. The federal gasoline tax is not deductible by the consumer. The taxpayer may ascertain whether a state gasoline tax is deductible by the consumer or the dealer by addressing an inquiry to the collector of internal revenue for his district.

In any case where the gasoline purchased is used for business purposes, the tax may be regarded as a part of the cost of the gasoline and deducted as a business expense; but in such case the gasoline tax cannot be deducted separately as a tax under the item of taxes.

A forest ranger reported he kept deer out of his vegetable garden with moth balls—the odor was too strong for sensitive nostrils.

## MORE ABOUT Gov't Agencies

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ment. Its employees work under civil service regulations.

The largest part of all the income of the federal government comes from internal revenue taxes, Musa stated. The only other sources of income are customs or import duties, and sale of the public domain—the latter no longer of great importance as a source of revenue.

There are more than 80 separate internal revenue taxes, and the collector in each state is responsible for the collection of all of these, within his state boundaries. Internal revenue taxes are levied by congress, and may be imposed on any object or service which is deemed necessary.

(Monday—State Highway Department.)

**WOMAN DIES IN WRECK**  
Klamath Falls, Feb. 21 (AP)—Miss Claire Leonard, about 45, San Francisco saleswoman, was killed late yesterday when her car skidded off The Dalles-California highway 18 miles north of here and landed on a railroad track 15 feet below.

**PLAN BENEFIT**  
Redmond, Feb. 21—At the weekly banquet of the 20-30 club held in the banquet room of the Redmond hotel Friday evening, plans were completed for the one-act skit which the club will present to the public, March 6. This will be a benefit for the local Parent-Teachers' association's treasury.

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## Machine Shop Class Sees Film

Machine shop operations in a big eastern plant were studied by members of the Bend defense class last night through the medium of films, presented by Chet Collins, west coast representative of the Thompson Tool company. Thompson's appearance before the local defense class, taught in the high school machine shop, was arranged by Gilbert Moty.

In the absence of Eugene V. Clark, Simeon H. Sawyer, new machine shop instructor, was in charge of the class last night. Sawyer came here from Portland, to assist with the local work.

"Inasmuch as Mr. Collins only comes to Central Oregon about three times a year, we consider it a stroke of good luck to secure his films for showing before our classes in Bend," Sawyer said.

## CLUB ORGANIZED

Prineville, Feb. 21 (Special)—A Crook county 4-H baby beef club was organized this week with Warren Reynolds of Prineville as leader. Percy Reynolds was elected as president; Bill McCormack, vice-president; and Van Moore, secretary. Other members of the club are John Ross, Edgar Ross, Victor Livingston and Melvin Klaus. These boys have been feeding calves since early in December. E. L. Woods, county agent, stated.

## BLANKS RECEIVED

Redmond, Feb. 21—Mrs. George Heighes announced that she has received the extra blanks for the registration of Redmond women in the mobilization campaign. Mrs. Heighes placed the blanks in the hands of her assistant registrars, who went to work at once. Two hundred blanks were received from the central Portland office Monday out of the estimated 700 needed, this retarded the work.

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