



Mrs. Pearl Owens Gillis . . . With favorite book.

AMERICAN MOTHER—1949

**Texan Mother of 6 Wins Honors in Annual Vote**

New York (AP)—The American Mother of 1949 is a tiny Texan, mother of six, whose world has been her church and music. She is Mrs. Pearl Owens Gillis, 60, of (831 East Harvey street) Fort Worth, Tex., chosen by the American Mothers' committee of the Golden Rule foundation.

Mrs. Gillis, wife of a postal department employee, is the mother of four boys and two girls, all of them musically inclined.

She has long been active in the Baptist church, local welfare activities and during the depression years took eight young college students into her home.

One of her sons, Dr. Carroll O. Gillis, is a foreign missionary

**Brush College Boys Organize New Club**

Brush College—The boys of Brush College have organized a 4-H Livestock club and decided upon "College club" as its name. The principal animals in the project are pigs, rabbits and beef.

The College club will meet at the home of members on the first and third Tuesday nights in the month. Leonard Kinkaid is leader.

The officers include Jimmy Kinkaid, president; James Rowe, vice president, and Stewart Mathis, secretary. Other members are Charles Kinkaid and Larry Wacken.

**Mrs. Welton Hostess**

Mt. Angel—Mrs. Robert J. Welton entertained at a family reunion at her home Sunday in compliment to her house guests Mr. and Mrs. Ray Welton, who have been visitors here for the past week from their home in Superior, Wis. Those present included the honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Welton, Jr., and family of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Albin Bean and family of Oswego, Mr. and Mrs. Melchior Uelman and children, Michael Welton and the hostess, Mrs. R. J. Welton.

of the Southern Baptist church, currently on furlough. Another is Don Gillis, a production director of the National Broadcasting company in New York. Dr. Everett Gillis, a third son, is a college professor of English and the fourth, Lewis, is a composer and arranger of music.

Both daughters are married and live in Fort Worth.

The American Mothers' committee has selected a national mother and 48 state mothers for the past 15 years.

Selections are based on her success as a mother evidenced in her children's character and achievements. She must reflect religious and moral integrity, courage, cheerfulness, patience, affection, kindness, understanding and homemaking ability. She must have, as well, a sense of civic and international understanding and be active in community work.

Mrs. Gillis was notified of her selection in Fort Worth last week-end. She will come to New York, appear on a number of radio programs, speak at Mother's day ceremonies on May 8 on the Central park mall and be honored at luncheons and receptions.

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**Roberts Grange Gives Degrees**

Roberts—At the grange meeting, Mr. and Mrs. John Earnest received the third and fourth degree obligation.

In the agriculture report, it was advised to dust the strawberries for the spittle bug and also not to use the DDT spray on cows as it has been found to show up in the milk and the meat.

There was a summary of the bills and resolutions passed at the legislature in the legislative report, and through the shortage of steel the Independence bridge will be delayed until fall.

The resolution to change the meeting date of the grange from the third Monday to the third Saturday was read and voted to delay the second reading until the October meeting.

It was announced that on account of the annual school meeting in June, the grange will hold their monthly meeting the second Monday. It was voted to observe church Sunday on May 22, the chaplain to choose the meeting place.

The lecturer, Mrs. Melvin Trindle presented the following program: group singing; reading by Mrs. S. L. Minard; which was followed by the song "The Old Rugged Cross" song by Mrs. Floyd Plank, reading by Mrs. Chas. Fulton; an educational talk on Farm Forestry by E. D. Hanneman; contest which was won by Mrs. S. L. Minard and Mrs. Chas. Fulton.

Guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Spillcke and Mrs. Olga Northrup of the Red Hills grange. Mrs. Frank Soltenberger and Mrs. Chas. Fulton served on the supper committee.

**Hanrahan to Head Woodburn Rotarians**

Woodburn—Dr. John M. Hanrahan was elected president of the Woodburn Rotary club at a meeting of the board of directors held last week.

Lyman E. Seely was elected vice president, P. C. McLaughlin was re-elected secretary and William E. Dunn, Jr., was elected assistant secretary. The president and vice president will form the board of directors with Dr. Delbert Reed, Philip LaBarr, Winton J. Hunt, Pat DeJardin and William Merriott. The new officers take over July 1.

Winton J. Hunt, the retiring president, has been appointed chairman of the club service section for the joint Rotary Conference which will be held at Spokane May 15, 16 and 17. A large group of members and wives of the local club will attend the conference.



Weight Problem—Compo and Susan are weighed by London zoo keeper K. G. Smith because Susan, refusing to be weighed alone, forced Smith to weigh Compo and subtract.

**Residence at Dallas Damaged by Blaze**

Dallas—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Al Holter, 209 Jefferson street, was seriously damaged by fire of undetermined origin Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

Fire Chief Walter Young stated that the blaze apparently started in the vicinity of the electrical switch box and spread to the attic and kitchen. Although the family, which includes two children, was away at the time, firemen succeeded in saving most of the furnishings. The contents of the home was damaged by smoke, however.

The house is owned by Clay Gordon Huntley and is fully covered by insurance.

**Mrs. Ediger Heads Webfoot Home Unit**

Fairview—At the annual election of officers Mrs. Peter Ediger was elected president of the Webfoot Home Demonstration unit at the April meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockoff in the Dayton Prairie district. Others were: Mrs. Ivan Gubser, vice president; Mrs. John Allison, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ray White, librarian.

There were 18 members and two guests present. The guests

**Early Bridges Nearly Finished**

Mill City—Vincent Palmer of Portland, head engineer in Mill City for Consolidated Builders Inc., states that construction of the temporary bridge crossing the Santiam river upstream from the dam sight, is nearing completion this week.

The big job being undertaken now is the excavation for an upstream portal tunnel for diversion of the river. One of the large bulldozers has been transferred to the other side of the river to work on the project. To gain the desired location the machine had to be taken in a round about way over the top of a mountain, then down the opposite side, which was almost perpendicular.

In the attempt the machine had to be held back by cables tied around trees and finally the job ended by having to bring another bulldozer over the hill to rescue the first one. Palmer, accompanied by several other men, made a trip to the dam sight Friday to take pictures for official use.

Work on the housing project is showing more progress this week. Concrete for the

foundation of three of the houses had been poured by Friday and it was thought that studding for one would be up within a few days. The construction of 25 houses as formerly announced, has been cut to 22 in number, for the reason that more ground has been allowed for each home.

The Mill City council issued permits for the construction of 18 of the homes this week. Foundation for one house is to be poured each day. The men of key personnel for the Detroit dam are anxious to get their families here, as the offices are open six days a week, which does not allow them to make the trip home very often.

**Mehama Couple Buy Home in Stayton**

Stayton—Mr. and Mrs. Orville Herrold of Mehama are planning to move into the home at 606 Sixth street which they have recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Monte Rountree. Herrold is a partner in the Herrold-Philippi Motor company in Stayton, and there are two daughters, one of which is of school age.

The house was built about two years ago by the Rountrees, but he was recently transferred by the Shell Oil company from Stayton to Eugene. Mrs. Rountree, who has been teaching the second grade in the Stayton grade school, has been assigned as a teacher in the primary department of the Eugene public school system. They have bought a home in that city and will move there as soon as the school term ends here.

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