



IT'S BEEN packing and unpacking this year for Ginger Wilkinson as she visited her assigned 61 OES chapters in Oregon. Here she's packing again for an early morning start to Portland.

### Ginger -- We Think You're Great!!

Heppner, in fact, all of Eastern Oregon can take pride in having Virginia Wilkinson, better known to her friends as Ginger, as the next Worthy Grand Matron for Oregon's Order of Eastern Star.

On June 23 she will complete her first three years as line officer whose duties have prepared her for the BIG YEAR. She has served as Associate Grand Conductor, Grand Conductor and this year as Associate Grand Matron.

It was husband Dick, who encouraged her to accept the responsibility of these offices. Her poise and graciousness have remained constant in spite of weeks of living "from a suitcase" . . .

Dear Dorothy:

You mentioned the other day that you'd like to do an article about my Eastern Star work, so thought I'd jot down some things that might be helpful. I have just completed instructing Chapters in 58 cities and towns in the Willamette Valley, the Coast and Southern Oregon. This is my third and last year of instructing, the first year being 45 chapters in Eastern Oregon, and the second year I was assigned 61 Chapters in Portland and vicinity. This is set up so that at the end of 3 years each Grand Line Officer who in the fourth year will succeed to the office of Worthy Grand Matron, will have visited every Chapter in the State. In this way we have personal contact with our members, which is not only one of the most rewarding things about our work but also very necessary since in the next 18 months I will have over 500 people to appoint on committees! We have over 34,000 members in Oregon.

#### Sees Oregon

In my travels about the State I have enjoyed our wonderful scenery and discovered many places and things I had no knowledge of before, and enjoyed the hospitality of people in all walks of life who opened their homes to me and provided for my comfort and enjoyment in every way possible. Each School of Instruction was preceded by a dinner at which I was the honored guest — and believe me this is a challenge to the waistline! Also in many cases there would be a coffee hour the next morning — so you can see there are many social enjoyments on top of all the work involved. My duties these past three years have been to instruct and correct the Ritualistic work of our Order — it has been most interesting.

My work right now consists mainly of setting up next year's schedule of 57 District Meetings which will be held all over Oregon, plus Receptions, Chapter Anniversaries and out of state visits; making Grand Officer and Committee appointments, and making plans for Installation which will take place June 23 at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

#### Selects Color Scheme

It is also my prerogative to choose the formals the Worthy Matrons Committee Members, Grand Representatives, Grand Officers and Grand Pages will wear during my year — each group is identified by the dress chosen for that particular group, and generally the dresses carry out the color scheme of the Worthy Grand Matron. All of this is kept "top-secret" until the night of Installation, when the groups will appear in their new formals for the first time.

and from then on they are worn to all official functions in that particular year.

(Ginger has chosen her colors and her flowers. Her personal flower is a gardenia and she prefers a single blossom which she is very apt to tuck into her hair. This must make a striking picture of the white blossom on her dark hair.)

Her years on an Eastern Oregon wheat and cattle ranch has prompted her to choose a less than elaborate setting for her installation and presentation of the Grand officers. Chapters all over the state are working to follow the setting she has chosen. All decorations at the Coliseum must be fire proof. Between three and four thousand people are expected to attend the evening functions.)

#### About OES

Don't know if you want any background concerning our Order—it is International in scope—there are Chapters in China, Japan, the Philippines, Germany, Italy, Puerto Rico, Scotland, even Africa, and of course in all 50 of our United States, and is the largest Fraternal Order of men and women in the world. Our purposes are primarily beneficent. Each year in Oregon we give about 25 Scholarship Awards to people needing financial assistance in the field of religion — anyone may apply for this assistance — no Masonic or Eastern Star connection is necessary. We also help maintain a home for our aged in Forest Grove—I am on this board for three years beginning this year. We also support special projects, such as the Blood Bank, Cancer Research and Youth Involvement—we sponsor Rainbow for Girls and work with Jobs Daughters and DeMolay for Boys. Membership in the Eastern Star is attained through Masonic relationship — the wives, daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, granddaughters and step-daughters, step-sisters, and step-mothers of Master Masons are eligible to apply for membership.

Going through the Grand Line is a physical, mental and emotional challenge and leaves little or no time for personal activities. It involves much cooperation and personal sacrifice on the part of one's husband, but both Dick and I believe too many of our traditional rights and privileges are falling by the wayside due to indifference and apathy and this is our contribution to trying to perpetuate some of the worthwhile and meaningful things we enjoy as free people. Besides, now I don't always have to explain where HEPPNER is — many Eastern Stars know!

—Virginia Wilkinson

#### Neighbor Night February 12

The local Church of the Nazarene announces the February Neighbor Night service will be held Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Following the singingspiration and special musical numbers, Pastor Everhart will present a slide series entitled "Christ's return in our Day".

#### Mary M. Johnston Services Saturday

Mary M. Johnston, 86, died at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Wednesday evening, Feb. 3. She was born on July 16, 1884 in Ireland and had been a resident of the Heppner community since 1912.

She was born in Carndonagh County Donagal, Ireland, daughter of Bernard and Catherine McDevitt. She came to the United States with her parents when she was eight years old. The family first settled at Pendleton where she attended St. Joseph's Academy. Later they moved to Juniper Canyon where she lived until her marriage to Pat McDaid in 1901. They lived in and near Ione. They had six children all of whom are living except Bernard who died in infancy.

After Mr. McDaid died Nov. 5, 1912, she moved to Heppner where she has lived since. She was married to Allen Johnston on Nov. 19, 1919. They had two children.

Mrs. Johnston was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Neighbors of Woodcraft for 50 years.

Her husband, Allen, preceded her in death in 1957. Survivors include two sons, Edward McDaid of Tigard and James Johnston of Heppner; four daughters, Agnes Sperry of Heppner, Kathleen Gentry of Portland, Anna Robertson of Toledo, Ore., and Ann Marie Wilson of Heppner; three sisters, Cassie Fitzpatrick of Pendleton, Anna Smith of Pilot Rock and Mar-

garet McDevitt of Pendleton; and one brother, Daniel McDevitt of Milton-Freewater. Also, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The Rosary was Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church. Funeral Mass was held Feb. 6 at the church with Father Raymond Beard officiating.

Miss Marguerite Glavey was organist. Casket bearers included Jerry Davidson, Gregory Johnston, Mike Davidson, Ralph Johnston, Richard Johnston and Frank V. Gentry, all grandsons of Mrs. Johnston.

Vault interment was at Heppner Masonic Cemetery with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of the arrangements.

#### Many Ione Students Enter Essay Contest

The Ione American Auxiliary is proud to report they had 42 entries from the Ione Jr. High and High School students for the Americanism Essay Contest, "The American Flag". This is the greatest number of entries ever to be recorded for Ione.

Mrs. Garland Swanson was chairman for the contest and spoke at both the Jr. High and High School generating student enthusiasm.

The winners will be determined by a panel of three judges not connected with the Auxiliary and results will be announced at the end of February.

# Washington's Birthday SALE

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