

Central Point Group Holds Installation; Annual Picnic Planned

Installation of next year's officers was held at a meeting of Central Point Home Extension unit Wednesday, May 21, at the home of Mrs. Gaston Floux. New officers are Mrs. L. Wertz, chairman; Mrs. Tracy Muse, vice-chairman; Mrs. Charles Jantzer, treasurer; and Mrs. Walter Drennen, secretary.

Mrs. Otto Niedermeyer sang, and Mrs. Paul Snook presented the new officers with corsages.

The project lesson for the day, "Making Belts, Buckles and Buttons," was presented by Mrs. Arthur Straus and Mrs. Wertz. Mrs. Charles Jantzer, recreation leader for the day, showed members how to make corsages and sprays.

Mrs. Niedermeyer, Mrs. Robert Jantzer, Mrs. Donald Denman and Mrs. Gay Anderson attended the meeting as guests.

Plans were made for the annual picnic, which will be held at TouVelle state park on June 18.



The three women pictured here are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Augustana hospital nursing school in Chicago on May 22, 1902. They are (left to right) Mrs. George Getchell, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Martin Thorndahl, Eugene, and Mrs. Josephine Iverson, 60 Ross court, Medford. The trio celebrated with a dinner at the Medford hotel on the anniversary day. Mrs. Getchell and Mrs. Thorndahl are guests of Mrs. Iverson, and are remaining in Medford several days. (Brainerd photo)

Three Former Nurses Attend Fiftieth Graduation Reunion

Three women, who 50 years ago were graduated as nurses from Augustana hospital in Chicago, are holding a class reunion in Medford. The three are Mrs. Martin Thorndahl, Eugene, Ore.; Mrs. George Getchell, Seattle, and Mrs. Josephine Iverson, 60 Ross court, Medford. A fourth member of the class of 18 nurses had planned to come but was forced to cancel the trip.

Thursday evening, anniversary of the graduation, the three former classmates had dinner together at the Medford hotel, and yesterday afternoon they were guests of Miss Margaret Nason, Old Stage road, at a tea. The two visitors are spending several days here as guests of Mrs. Iverson and are having a fine time reminiscing about their days as undergraduate nurses.

The three women all worked as registered nurses following their graduation. Mrs. Getchell was a surgical nurse. She worked in Seattle for 10 years, and in Alaska for a year before retiring. Mrs. Thorndahl also nursed for several years, and for a time was head of a hospital at Cedar Falls, Ia. Mrs. Iverson nursed in Eau Claire, Wis., before retiring from the profession.

Although they recognize the advancements made in the nursing profession, all three said that nurses were well trained in their day too. At Augustana hospital only high school graduates were accepted as probationers, and after the end of two years of training, they were given a state examination before being registered. They believe that student nurses were given more practical training than they are now,

and less theoretical training. Some traditions remain the same, the three pointed out. As probationers they wore all-blue uniforms, as most hospital schools do today, then blue and white stripes when they advanced to full student status, and the all-white uniform with special cap which is still worn by present-day nurses.

Augustana hospital, where they trained, is still one of Chicago's finest and largest hospitals, they said, although now having a large, modern building erected in recent years. The three women all remembered Dr. A. J. Ochsner, said to be one of the outstanding surgeons of the time and who was on the staff of Augustana hospital, and his brother, Dr. Edward Ochsner, an outstanding medical expert. The two Ochsners were classmates of the famous Drs. Charles and William Mayo.

Augustana's superintendent of nurses when the three graduated was Miss Lela Pickard.

Mrs. Getchell and Mrs. Thorndahl are remaining in Medford

Plan Picnic

Ashland — Faculty and civil service workers at Southern Oregon college will enjoy a final social gathering of the year Monday in Lithia park, according to Dr. John D. E. McAulay. A picnic supper will be served at the park picnic grounds.

A good salad is a combination of tuna, cooked frozen or canned peas, and sliced celery. Stir in dressing made by combining pimento cream cheese with mayonnaise.

Presidents Invited To Club Meeting

The Toastmistress club will open their Monday evening meeting, May 26 to guests who may be interested in public speaking. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Girls Community club.

Newly elected presidents of clubs or organizations are particularly invited to the special guest night since the club is, to a certain extent, a training group for leaders and officers of clubs.

A parliamentary law skit showing the proper method of presiding, but done in a humorous vein, will be a part of the program.

Prepared speeches will be given by Mrs. Charles Thatcher, Miss Anna Streed and Mrs. Ben Anderson. Toastmistress of the evening will be Mrs. P. W. Foster; topicmistress, Mrs. Wallace Haskins; and speech evaluator will be Mrs. Lloyd Parsons.

Friends Church Plans Mother-Daughter Event

Women of Medford Friends church are giving a mother-daughter banquet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Harmony hall, the church social room.

Mothers and daughters who wish to attend are to phone their reservations to Mrs. Doris Roberts, Central Point or Mrs. Marjorie Crisman, Medford. Admission is free.

A program of toasts and music, highlighted by a brides' parade, is planned. Those who have their wedding dresses are to bring them to be modeled.

At Coast

Mrs. Fred Lawrence left Thursday for Brookings, Ore., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bolinger. Mr. Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawrence left yesterday for Brookings, and are to return today with Mrs. Lawrence.



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