



MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Back Yard Picnic

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In a region where eating outdoors is possible for several weeks each summer, picnics are one of the most popular types of gatherings for organizations.

Today's pictures were taken at a recent picnic meeting of the Shipmates class of First Methodist church, held in the yard of the Charles Hoppe home on Lazier lane.

Everyone comes to a picnic loaded down with food, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burk are shown (below) arriving at the Hoppe home. Mr. Burk is president of Shipmates class.

The kitchen committee is always busy just about serving time, and pictured (above) are Mrs. Anna Basore (at left) and Mrs. Ethel Severson as they came from the Hoppe's kitchen carrying plates of hot rolls and meat loaf.

Lots of hot coffee and iced tea were ready for the hungry members and their guests, and Mrs. Henry Conger is shown (lower left) pouring coffee. Seated at the table are B. E. Newton, teacher of the class, and Mrs. Newton, and Mrs. Clara Herring looks on.

At another table (top, left) Mrs. Hoppe was busy seeing that everyone had plenty of food. Seated at the table were (left to right) Henry Conger, James Fleming, being served by Mrs. Hoppe, Orlin Brewer and Mrs. Pearl Sigler, while the Rev. Hardwick W. Harshman, who had another dinner engagement and only looked on while the picnickers ate, stands at the far right.

Before dinner Mr. Hoppe, who raises orchids, took Carl Burk into the greenhouse to see the gorgeous blossoms. The two are shown (center left, with Mr. Hoppe at the right) examining the flowers. Mr. Hoppe, retired Los Angeles detective, is said to have inspired Author Rex Stout's fictional character, Nero Wolfe. — (Brainard photos)

