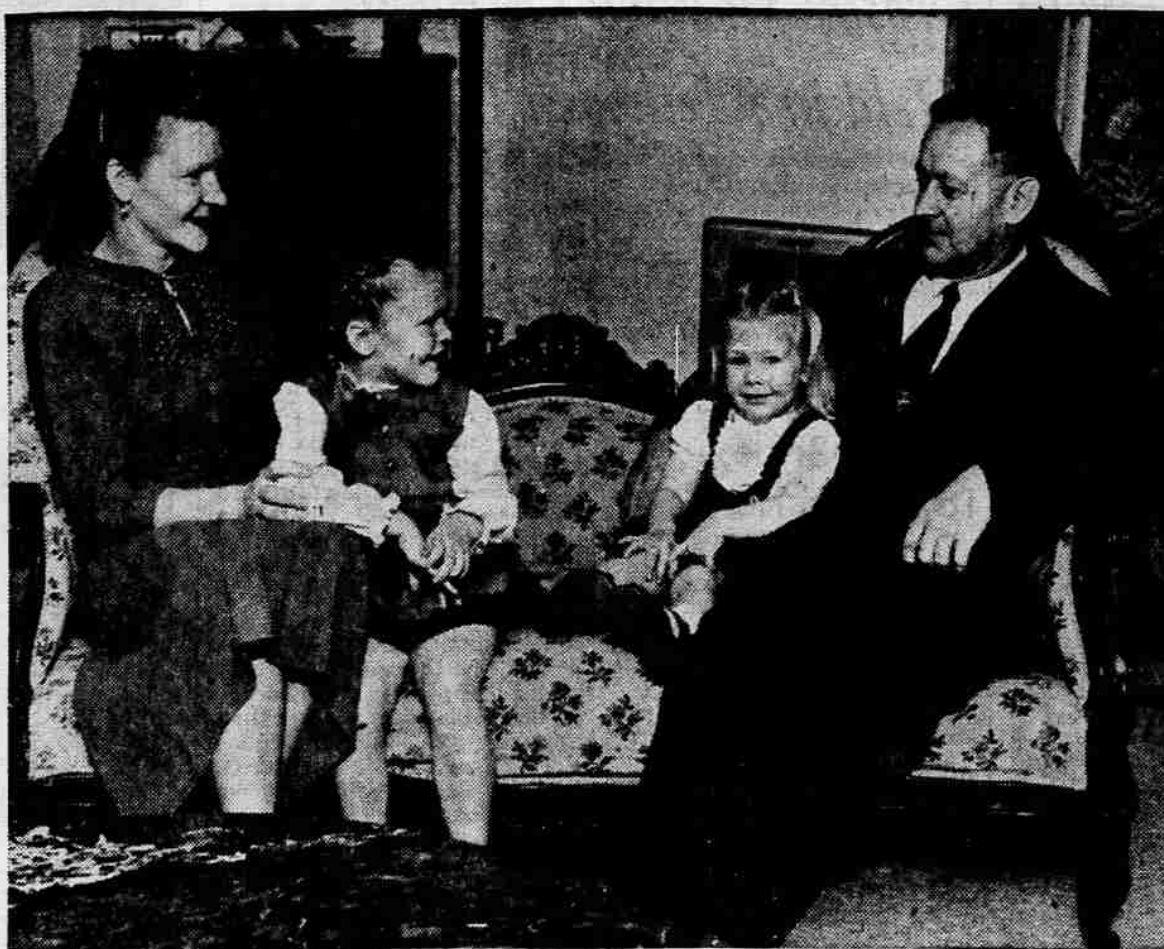




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In the News

By Olive Starcher

Today's pictorial page of The Medford Mail Tribune welcomes to Medford several families newly arrived in the city, notes the chartering of a new organization, The Medford Rose society, and the 35th anniversary of another, Crater Lake chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Newly arrived in Medford are First Lt. Lew Ayres of the United States Air Force and Mrs. Ayres (upper left). The officer is sector lieutenant for the southern Oregon area of the Ground Observer corps and was sent here to strengthen and enlarge the work of the corps. It is hoped that additional volunteers will enroll to aid the corps with its round-the-clock sky-watching program. The Ayres came here from Portland and live at 1443 East Main street.

Also with the USAF and the Ground Observer corps is Sgt. Bernard B. Moore (at left, second from top) shown here with Mrs. Moore and their two sons. Sergeant Moore is sector sergeant working with Lieutenant Ayres in the observer program. The sons are Robert, 6, in the first grade at Washington school and Bernard Jr., 9, in the fourth grade at Washington. The family lives at 511 Dakota avenue. Both the sergeant and his wife are natives of Tennessee.

Opening of an office in Medford by the Chicago and North Western Railway company brought two additional families to Medford. In charge of the office is Bert Havard (upper right) shown with Mrs. Havard at their home, 117 Crater Lake avenue. The Havards came here from Los Angeles, where they lived for 16 years, and before that both lived in Kansas City, Mo. Although neither has ever lived in a small city before, both are beginning to enjoy Medford and southern Oregon.

Working with Mr. Havard is Robert D. Stephensen, (third from top, left) who came to Medford from Eugene with Mrs. Stephensen and their two small sons, Jimmy, 3, and Eric, 6 months. The Stephensens, who live at 1004 West Fourth street, are graduates of the University of Oregon. Devoted guardian of the Stephensen youngsters is Prince, all white samoyed, which had posed quietly with the family group until the last moment when he stood up, just as the camera shutter closed.

Also newcomers to the city are Maj. Gen. James Hicks, Ret., (center above) Mrs. Hicks and their two daughters, Michelle, 2, and Betty Jo, 6. General Hicks, retired from the United States Air Force, had flown over the Rogue valley when he was in command of the air depot at Spokane, Wash., and decided at that time to live here upon retirement. He served in Europe just before retirement, having been in command of the Air Force depot at Chateau Roux, France, and Michelle was born in France. Mrs. Hicks native of Ohio, is a former school teacher and during World War II was a captain in the Women's Army corps. The general was born in Wyoming. The Hicks' home is at 40 South Modoc avenue, and Betty Jo attends Roosevelt school.

Medford Rose society received its charter during a meeting at the county courthouse Monday evening with Mrs. Nat Schoen, Vancouver, Wash., a director of the Northwest district, National Rose society, here for the presentation. Shown during the meeting are (below left, left to right) Mrs. Ward Spatz, first vice-president of the Medford group; Mrs. Schoen, Ernest Vehrs, Grants Pass, who operates a test garden for the national society; Mrs. L. G. Gentner, president, and Glen Brown, Ashland, second vice-president.

Crater Lake chapter celebrated the important 35th anniversary with a luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club, and a special guest at the event was Mrs. Albert H. Powers, Coos Bay, state DAR regent. Mrs. John W. Harbison, regent of Crater Lake chapter, presided. Pictured during the luncheon (below right, left to right) are Mrs. D. O. Hood, state second vice-regent; Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Harbison and Mrs. B. G. Harding, former state regent and an honorary regent of the Oregon chapter.—(Brainard photos)

