

Legislators and Wives Attend Official Events

By Frances Littrell
Wednesday eve of last week the state officials and members of the legislature and their wives were guests of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation. There were 275 of us present. The main dish was lamb curry served with rice, I thought, until they told us it was Buigiar wheat. It is transformed by cooking, drying, pearling and cracking and still it retains most of its nutritional values. It was a delicious meal and all prepared and served by their women members.

Thursday eve we went over to the Lowrys to meet their little boys, as they didn't come to Salem when Shirley and Phil came. They are dears, and we had a fine time and decided they should call me Granny Frances as Al's and my grandchildren and their friends do. Al had difficulty getting me to leave them.

Things were still a bit slow in the legislature last week, however the pace was faster than the week before. There were more meetings and they were longer, too. The House was recessed at noon on Friday until Monday a. m. Al had business in Portland, so we decided to drive up. With the new highway open, it's just a breeze into Portland from Salem.

While in Portland, we met Mamie Sleet and her daughter-in-law, Isabelle (Mrs. Richard Sleet). Had a nice visit with them.

Saturday was one of the few really nice days we have had, which made it perfect for Al, and he and Hobart Price had a golf game. In the evening we went to the Oregon and Oregon State basketball game in Corvallis. We had guest tickets from President Strand of Oregon State, and had seats right on the floor. It was a very exciting game. Afterwards, we were asked to have coffee in the stadium lounge, where we met Dean and Mrs. Lemon, and other members of the faculty. We had a nice visit with Mrs. Strand. The Strand's son comes to Medford for golf tournaments, and when there, he stays with the Bayard Getchells.

This year the legislature has in its membership three eligible bachelors, with two in the House. They are Representative R. Giesy from Monroe, and Representative William A. Grenfell, Jr., who is a second cousin of mine and a Democrat. In the Senate they have Senator Mark O. Hatfield, who just last week was voted the first citizen of the year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

We have had several Medford visitors, and it's such fun to look up and see a face from home. Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, (Jackson county clerk) was here last Friday to confer with Mr. Mann, Phil and Al in the interest of streamlining the laws pertaining to the absentee ballot, especially for the boys and girls in the service. Robert A. Elliott was in. His aunt, Mrs. Cecil Parsons, is in the Bill Room of the State House. H. F. Bosworth came by to say "hello" while he was here visiting his daughter and family. "Dime" Flynn has been here, too, for a meeting of the Oregon Cities league, and Hazel Smith was having lunch in the cafeteria one day. Social activity, too, is doing the increase this week. Tuesday a. m., Mrs. Lee V. Ohmart, wife of Senator Ohmart, gave a coffee for Mrs. Edward Geary, the speaker's wife and Mrs. Elmo

Smith, wife of the president of the Senate. Mrs. Smith is a small, dark, pretty woman with beautiful eyes. Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Roethlen, Mrs. Ohmart's mother, presided at the coffee urn. Wives of all members of the legislature were asked and also the women members of the House—there are four of them this year. Mrs. Ohmart is vivacious and attractive and very young looking. It amazes you when she says her son is 17.

At noon the Gearys and the two of us were invited to have lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Sites on their private car. Mr. Sites is president of the Union Pacific. They are a most charming couple. He makes you think of Herbert Marshall, and Mrs. Sites is a handsome and charming woman. It was interesting and fun, but we all had to go back to work at 1:30.

Al is concerned about the water resources bill and its effect upon Southern Oregon. I'm studying the report of the water resources committee now, and trying to condense it for him. It's no small task.

There seems to be some confusion about Al's committees. He is a member of the Commerce and Utilities, also Labor and Industry, and he is vice-chairman of the Highways committee. Next week there will be public hearings on several controversial bills.

The Highways committee is to meet February 2 in the morning on the bill to relieve school districts from paying state gas tax on school buses—also called for February 2 in the afternoon is a hearing on the proposal to have the State Tax commission establish the valuation of public utilities' property on which both taxes and rate makings are based. Tonight, there is one at 7:30 on raising unemployment benefits, and for that the C.I.O. has called a march on the Legislature. That I'm going to hear and see.

Oh yes, last night, the State officials and members of the legislature and their wives were guests of the Oregon Tradesmen's association for dinner at the Senator hotel. The dinner was perfect, and there were many lobbyists there. They are nice people, and they are professional and business men and women—yes, there are women lobbyists, too. . . . when the legislature is not in session. Governor Patterson referred to them as the 3rd House of the Legislature.

Just as the introductions started, Phil (Senator Lowry) received a telephone call from Medford; so when Governor Patterson got up to speak, he said, "Senator Lowry, you don't have to pay for being announced here. We do it for free." This, of course, brought applause.

It has been a busy week, both in the legislature and socially. We study and write letters, etc., in the evening after we have been out. We have found all the men and women of the legislature hard working and serious in their efforts for the State of Oregon. For many of them, and especially the young couples with children, it's a sacrifice. Some are living in inadequate quarters and are paying exorbitant prices for them. We feel Oregon is truly fortunate to have such fine men and women working for her—and I'm pleased my husband is one of them.

Scout Program Given Tuesday For PTA Event

Dad's night was observed by Washington Parent-Teacher association Thursday evening with a potluck supper in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Roland Holmes was chairman of the hospitality and serving committee. Assisting her were Mr. Holmes, Victor Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Matthews, L. Van Gordon and Mrs. John Hartsook.

Table decorations were arranged by Mrs. Roy Wilkes and Mrs. Ray Alder.

The kitchen committee, with Mrs. Taylor as chairman, was composed of Mrs. Van Gordon, Mrs. Russell Johnson, Mrs. John Conley, Mrs. Elaine Taplett and Mr. Taylor.

Mrs. Harold Hubler, club president, conducted a brief business session.

Mrs. Herbert Gifford, program chairman, introduced Clifford Hansen, Boy Scout director. The history of the United States flag was narrated by Mr. Hansen, while the various flags were displayed by a group of Scouts.

Those participating in the ceremony were Pack 6 Cub Scouts, Jim Snodgrass and Richard Bell; Troop 8 Boy Scouts, Richard Conley and Bruce Hansen; Squadron 14 Explorers, Jim Boyd, Derwin Lorge and Bryan Schroeder.

A film "Guard Our Country" was shown by M. Sgt. Bernard B. Moore of the United States Air Force Ground Observer corps. Sergeant Moore is stationed in Medford, and is in charge of the 36 observation posts located in Jackson and Josephine counties.

The next meeting of the PTA is scheduled for February 18 at 2:15 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The election of a nominating committee for the coming year will be held at this time.

Medford Woman Receives DAR Award For 30 Years of Citizenship Work

Mrs. G. Q. D'Aibini, has received an award of merit from the National society, Daughters of the American Revolution, in recognition of her "outstanding work for the preservation of the constitutional form of government" in the United States.

For more than 30 years Mrs. D'Aibini has conducted classes for foreign born persons seeking citizenship and during that time has assisted over 500 persons to become citizens.

Mrs. D'Aibini was presented the award at a meeting of Crater Lake chapter of DAR held January 22 at Girls Community club. She is a past regent of the chapter, to which she has belonged many years, has been active in the Republican party for an extended period and a few years ago was named Woman of the Year by Medford Zonta club for her work with the citizenship classes.

Theme of the meeting was "Patriotism in Our Schools." Mrs. O. E. G. Meyers gave a comprehensive report on the DAR approved schools, which consisted of two for underprivileged children which are owned and maintained by the National society, and 11 others which are approved. In the past four years the schools have been given \$1,700,000 by the society.

Elliott D. Becken, assistant superintendent of city schools, gave the main address entitled "Citizen Education in Our Schools."

A quartet composed of Mesdames McKay, Sousa and Peters, Ashland, and Della Weber, Medford, entertained with vocal selections.

Mrs. O. H. Brennenman was hostess for the meeting, assisted by Mrs. Stanley Chirgwin, Mrs. E. L. Miller and Mrs. C. L. Hopkins.



Mrs. G. Q. D'Aibini (Brainerd photo)

Herbs for Garden To Be Club Topic

Central Point — "Herbs for the Home Garden," will be the topic for a guest speaker at the Central Point Garden club at the home of Mrs. Donald E. Faber, Wednesday, February 2, at 1:30 p. m.

Dessert luncheon will be served by the hostess and Mrs. John Wisely and Mrs. Wallace West will assist.

Information concerning wild iris will be given for roll call.

Auxiliary To Hold Business Meeting

The auxiliary to Crater Lake chapter, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold a business meeting at VFW hall Tuesday, February 1, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Etha Wall and Mrs. Ben Allison are members of the committee.

Altrusa Project Approved By Employment Office Head

John Patton, manager of the local office of the Oregon Employment service, has given his approval to the newest project of Medford Altrusa club, that of financial aid to an older woman who needs training in order to obtain employment.

"The development of job opportunities for older workers presents a number of knotty problems," Mr. Patton states. "One of the most difficult is that of the older woman seeking to enter the labor market after a long period without work experience. The program of Altrusa club is a worthwhile and well planned attack on this particular problem."

Altrusa is offering a grant of \$250 to train such a woman.

When asked if this was a national problem, Mr. Patton went on to say that thanks to the medical profession, people are living longer than they formerly did—in fact every fourth person in the United States is now 45 years of age or older. "It is evident that we simply cannot afford to not use this tremendous labor supply," Mr. Patton continued.

Volunteers Give Party at Camp

Camp White — About 200 members of the Camp White domiciliary attended a VAVS party here Wednesday night. This was one of the monthly parties given by VAVS workers, headed by Mrs. C. Reese Braley, Medford.

Children of St. Mary's school, Medford, provided entertainment, and women of Sacred Heart Catholic church parish furnished refreshments.

Couple Returns

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Earhart, 11 North Peach street, returned last week after a two-week trip to California and Mexico. The first week they spent at Los Angeles while Dr. Earhart did advanced study in physical medicine at the Veterans Administration center. The last week they vacationed at Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico.

Sniders Leave

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Snider and children, Gary and Dee Anne, who have been visiting Mrs. Snider's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sater, 2394 Sunset court, left Friday for California to visit relatives. From there they will go to their home in Bay Shore, Long Island, N.Y.

Several Receive De Molay Degree

The De Molay degree was conferred on several young men during a meeting of the Medford Order of the De Molay last Wednesday. Those from Medford who received the degree are Edward Reinking, William Henderson, Leroy Knight, Raymond Dahl and Dennis Bradley. Several young men from Ashland also became members.

Several master Mason lodge men were at the session.

CLUB PLANS DINNER AT BARNEBURG HOME
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Speaker Announced By Women's Guild

Miss Mary Ellen Bell, who recently traveled in Europe, will speak for a meeting of Women's guild of Zion Lutheran church Tuesday, February 1, at 8 p.m. in the church.

This is to be the quarterly thank offering meeting.

Refreshments will be served by Lythia circle, which Mrs. Wendell Mattson is chairman. Visitors are always welcome, it is stated.

Get Together Club To Meet on Friday

Members of Get Together club will meet Friday, February 4, at 12:30 p.m., at the Moose hall, instead of February 2 as originally scheduled, officers said last week. The club meeting was postponed because of an annual "groundhog" dinner scheduled for Wednesday at the Moose hall.

A potluck luncheon will be served at the Friday meeting.

Grandmothers Donate Money To Polio Fund

A silver tea was served Monday at a meeting of the Grandmothers club as a March of Dimes, benefit. The tea and meeting were held at the Girls Community club. Mrs. Olaf Severson, president, presided and hostesses were Mrs. Mabel Nicholson and Mrs. Matilda Dietrich.

Visitors at the event were Mrs. Myrtle Coggins, Mrs. Clara Rhodes, Mrs. Margaret Starr, Mrs. Katherine Earl and Mrs. Lehman.

Two new members, Mrs. Lillian Capsey and Mrs. Myrtle Coggins, were at the meeting.

Mrs. Charles L. May and Mrs. Otto L. Gaston will be in charge of the meeting scheduled for February 28 at the Girls Community club.

A report was made on articles sent to the Jacksonville sanitarium. Members also plan to make another quilt.

Colorless nail polish can be used to mend small tears in net curtains.

Upper Applegate Club Elects New Officers

Upper Applegate — Mrs. Gerold Buck was elected chairman of the Upper Applegate Grange Home Economics club during a recent meeting held at the Buck home. Mrs. Otis Buck is the vice-chairman; Mrs. Morris Byrne, secretary; and Mrs. J. W. Sutton, treasurer.

The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Otis Buck, Wednesday, February 9 at 1 p.m. All Grange women interested are invited to attend. Those attending are to take articles to work on for a bazaar.

Women to Plan Annual Dinner

Sams Valley—Plans for an annual dinner for members of Sams Valley Ladies club and their families will be made at a club meeting Thursday, February 3, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Jack Korner will be the hostess.

Mrs. Milton Sanderson was hostess for the last meeting of the group. "Squaw basket" gifts were distributed.

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