



Mrs. Edith Baker, 555 Haven street, is an underwriter for Standard Insurance company. Mrs. Baker belongs to Altrusa club and First Presbyterian church, where she leads Sunday school and youth groups. Her son, James, graduated from the University of Oregon a short time ago as a music major, is now awaiting orders to report for Army service, and Mrs. Baker's married daughter lives in California.

Women Go To Work At Any Age

By Olive Starcher

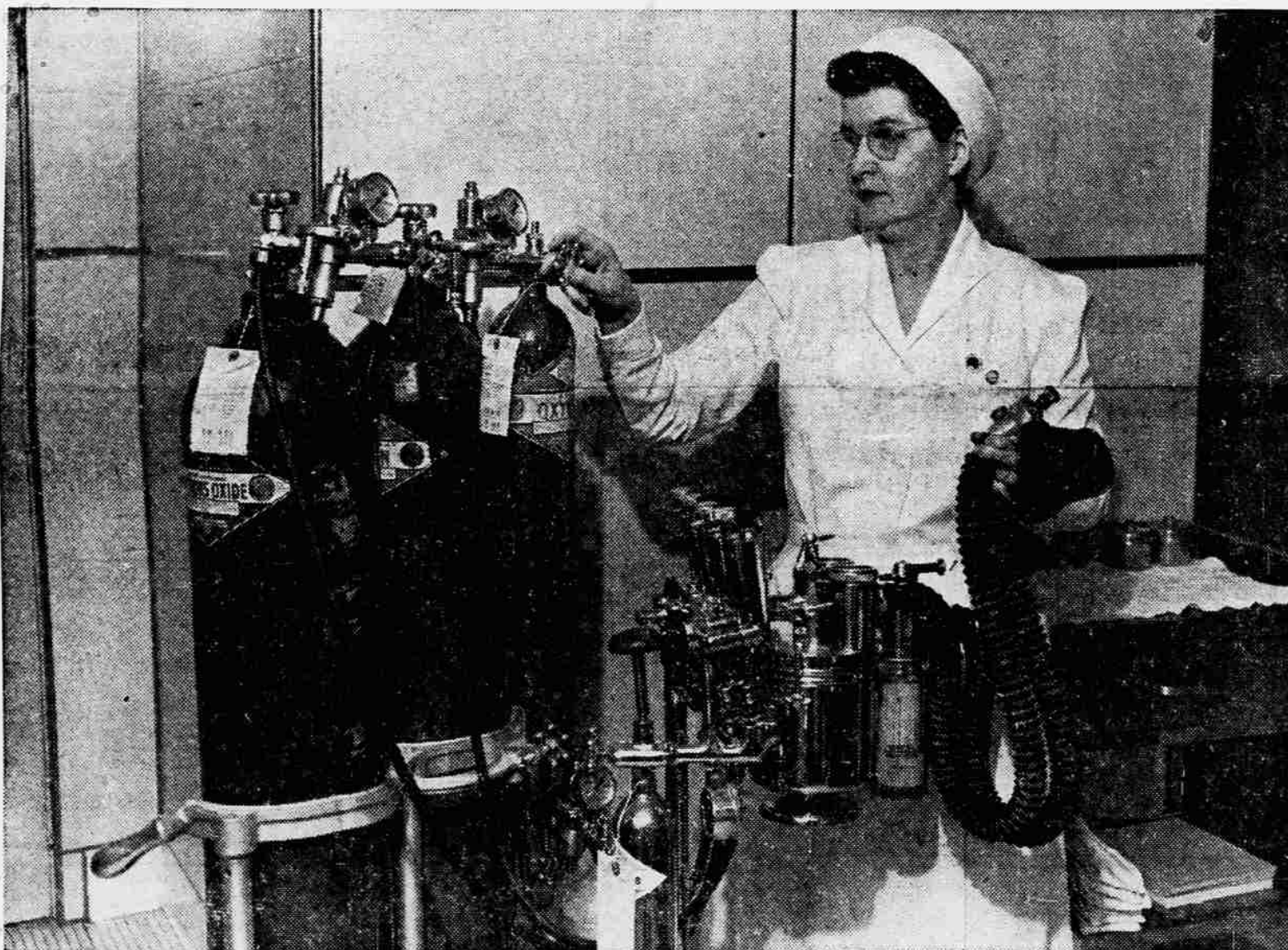
Women of the United States, playing an increasingly important role in the life of the nation, each year are entering the business and professional world in larger numbers. This is attributed partly to the high standard of living, which induces many women to supplement the family income, to the fact that women were so necessary to industry during the last world war, and to the fact that, on the average, women live longer than men.

The Medford Mail Tribune today joins with the Medford club of Altrusa International in saluting the business and professional woman and particularly those who have entered or re-entered business or a profession after marriage and raising a family; and are successful in their chosen work. Altrusans' national and local project is study of the employment problems of women past 35, and Medford Altrusa club last month set aside the sum of \$250 which will be given as a grant to some Jackson county woman to aid her in obtaining training or taking refresher work in order that she may become gainfully employed. Mrs. Enid Rankin, Altrusa member, heads the local project.

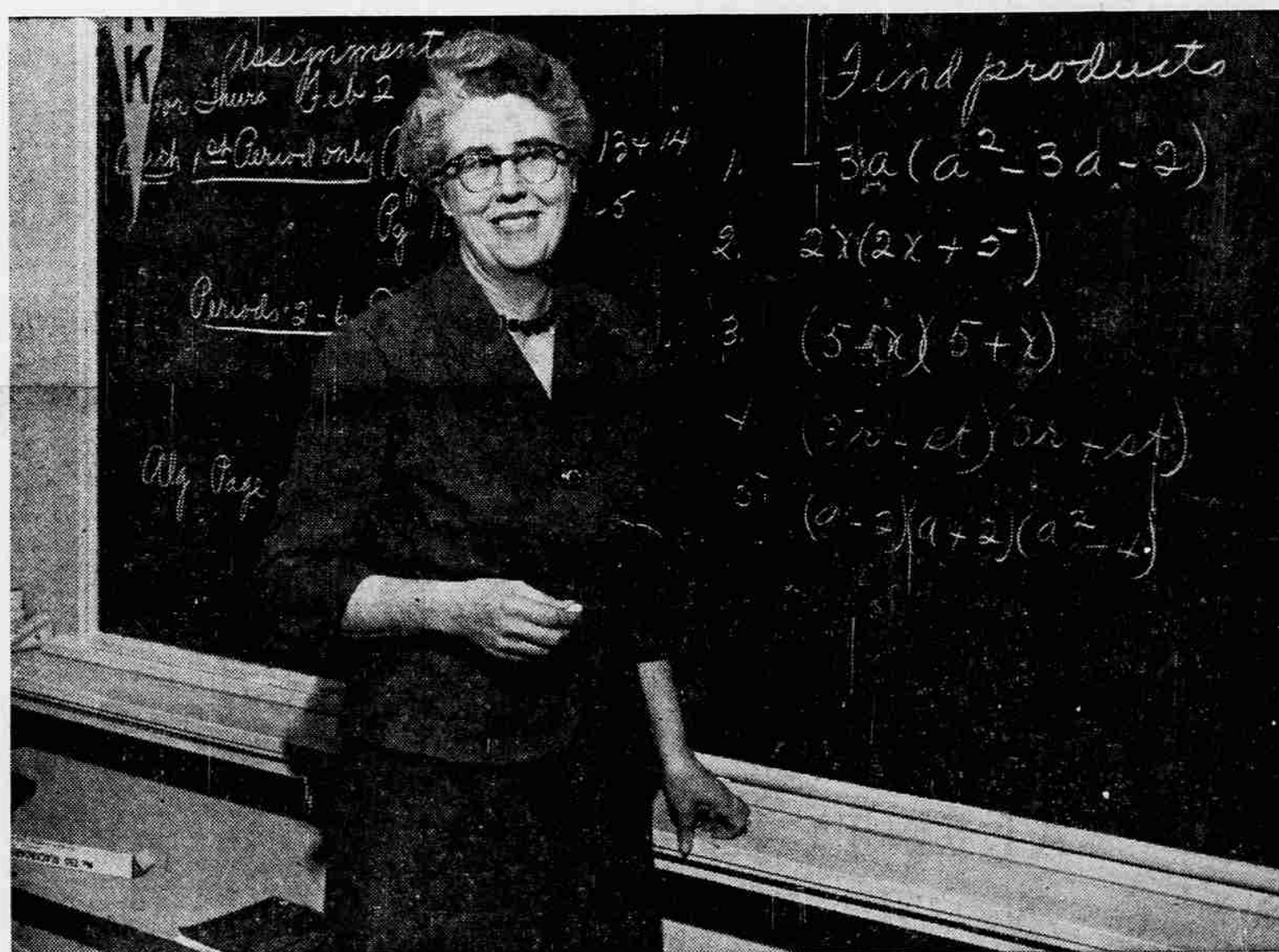
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Mrs. Dollie Miller is a saleslady in the women's ready-to-wear department of Mann's store, and in her more than 10 years with the firm has earned a long list of customers who ask for her services when they go to the store. She has two married daughters, Mrs. Robert Emmens of Langley Field, Virginia, and Mrs. Charles Clay, Manhattan Beach, Calif., and five grandchildren. Mrs. Miller, who lives at 15 Mistletoe street, is the widow of a former Medford business man.



Mrs. Nellie Laing, 260 Beatty street, in recent years took nurse's training at Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, and later special training in anesthesia at University hospital, Cleveland, O. She is now on the staff of Community hospital as an anesthetist. Mrs. Laing, mother of two daughters, first worked as a bookkeeper at the hospital after the death of her husband and then decided on the nursing career because it offered security and a life of service. Her daughters are Sandra, junior at Medford Senior High school, and Sharon, student at Medford Junior High school.



Many women have returned to the teaching field in recent years under the pressure of the teacher shortage and because of a desire to help their communities and their families. One of these is Mrs. William (Eula) Foley, Central Point, who taught at Medford Senior High school before her marriage and now is on the faculty of Medford Junior High school as a mathematics instructor. The Foleys, who formerly lived in Medford, have three sons, Benson, freshman at Oregon State college; Winston, senior in Medford High school and John, freshman at Crater High school.



Mrs. J. D. McPherson, 119 North Ivy street, is secretary to the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church in Medford. Mrs. McPherson, a widow, is a registered nurse having trained at Medicine Hat General hospital in Alberta, Canada. After the death of her husband Mrs. McPherson decided against re-entering the nursing field, and instead enrolled in a business college for a short time to study typing. After a period of studying at the school and at home, Mrs. McPherson was able to find employment with the church.



Mrs. Jean Hart is owner of the women's clothing store in Medford which bears her name. Mrs. Hart, who taught home economics after graduating from college, first set up a shopping service after the death of her husband, Robert Hart, and then expanded it into a full-scale clothing establishment. She is the mother of two daughters, both now students at Oregon State college where Mrs. Hart also attended school. Miss Ann Hart is a junior in home economics and Miss Sara Hart entered OSC as a freshman last fall. Mrs. Hart's home is on Glen Oak court.