

Large Numbers Of Farm Women In Labor Force

The wage-earning wife isn't found just in cities and the suburbs. More and more country women — especially married women — are working now.

The 15-year trend for rural women to get jobs is likely to continue, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

About a fifth of all rural or farm people working for wages are women. A fourth of all rural women between the ages of 20 and 50 are in the labor force — and many of them off the farm. A million of these women living on farms are employed in non-farm work.

A new pattern of employment showed up in the 1950 census. It showed married women going back to jobs in their thirties and forties when children no longer needed their full-time attention.

More than half of these working women from the country are wives living with their husbands. The big increase came from middle-aged wives rather than the younger women.

Types of jobs they're getting show a trend, too. As men move out of some jobs, women move in. For instance, women cooks in restaurants and institutions are increasing, but not men. There are more waitresses — not waiters. Women are gaining as bookkeepers, cashiers, telephone operators and in sales positions. More women are being employed in textile mills and other manufacturing plants.

The figures also show that more women are employed in agricultural work — often seasonally — replacing men who have taken jobs off the farm.

Rural women with professional or semi-professional training still are employed as teachers, nurses and technicians.

Chores of Stewardess Same as Housewife

Washington—(U.P.)—The life of an airline stewardess seems glamorous, but along with the many advantages offered by air travel are the same chores that a stay-at-home housewife faces. Delta-C&S Air Lines reports that its stewardesses served 869,414 meals in 1954. They served 2,590,176 cups of coffee, a half a million hot chocolates, 447,256 glasses of lemonade and 221,735 half pints of milk to thirsty passengers.

And they did all this without aprons.



William Jordan, who was 95 years old March 17, still likes to play the violin and piano, and danced at the birthday party given in his honor at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Pitcock, 1014 West Tenth street. Mr. Jackson, born in the Whiskey Gulch area which was then in Jackson county but later became a part of Josephine county, was a stagecoach driver, freighter and hotel operator in his younger days. (Landis-Shangle photo)

William Jordan Celebrates 95th Birthday by Dancing

A 95-year-old Medford man recently celebrated his birthday by dancing and playing both the piano and the violin. William H. Jordan, whose vitality is a source of wonder to his relatives and friends, was honored March 17 at a birthday party at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Pitcock, 1014 West Tenth street, and helped to entertain the guests with his music.

Mr. Jordan, one of the early day stage coach drivers in southern Oregon was born in 1860 at the family home in Whiskey gulch, a section which was then part of Jackson county but later became Josephine county. His father was James Jordan and his mother the former Mary Louisa Fidler.

As a young man, Mr. Jordan drove a mail and passenger stage from Grants Pass to Waldo, a town on the road to Crescent City which no longer is in existence. He drove for the Idaho Stage line, and said last week that he had never been held up by bandits and could not recall any exciting incidents of his stage coach days.

Later Mr. Jordan and his wife, the former Emma Jane Thompson, daughter of a pioneer Grants Pass family, ran the Pioneer hotel at Merlin. Mr. Jordan also ran a livery stable and drove a freight wagon from Merlin to Galice and recalled that in those days the Rogue had to be ferried at the point where the bridge is now located between Merlin and Galice.

Mrs. George Dean Program Chairman For Herb Society

Mrs. George Dean, program chairman for the March meeting of Rogue Valley Herb society held Tuesday at Girls Community club, gave a talk regarding teas. Mrs. C. C. Sater discussed herb teas and stated that most herb teas are brewed by the infusion method, but that bergamot, horehound and monarda are usually a concoction brew.

Mrs. M. Heckenberger explained that woad was the only source of blue dye prior to the discovery of indigo. Mrs. C. E. Henderson read verses by Ellen Young Carothers in regard to varieties of herbs and Mrs. Stephen Counts presented the English violet as the herb of the month.

Mrs. Sater was appointed chairman of the program committee for next year. Working with her will be Mrs. R. T. Nichol, Mrs. Counts and Mrs. Arthur B. Kneass. Mrs. Sater and her group will present the April program and study. Mrs. Counts, president, presided for the recent meeting.

Brush cooked yams with lemon juice, roll in sugar, dot with butter and bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees in the oven of your gas range.



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Pear Festival Is Theme for Annual Sojourners Party

"Medford Pear Festival" was the theme Thursday for decorations at an annual guest-day party of the Medford Sojourners club. Spring flowers were used with reproductions of pears. Nearly 100 members and guests attended the event which was held at the Medford hotel. A desert luncheon was served.

Mrs. H. H. Howard was hostess chairman with officers of the club assisting.

Prizes were won by Mrs. Jack Weddle, Mrs. H. L. Alford, a guest, Mrs. Ted Quinn and Mrs. O. W. Ludwick. Birthday congratulations were extended to Mrs. Douglas Hinesly.

Guests attending were the Mesdames F. R. Gottfried, Ed Pease, Mike Beck, Eugene Orr, L. C. Page, L. M. Hamilton, Gene Foy, Laura Aldredge, W. R. Haggard, W. R. Robinson, D. R. Lue, S. C. Watkins, H. L. Alford, N. E. Burke, I. G. Nicholson, J. E. Arrington, E. M. Olson, S. P. Hall and Harold J. Gregory.

Inactive members present for the occasion were Mrs. A. R. Schoenberg, Mrs. L. E. Bean, Mrs. Ruby Wright, Mrs. L. Edington, Mrs. F. E. Fisch, Mrs. Ken Black, and Mrs. John Mansfield, who has returned to Medford to make her home.

Introduced as new members were Mrs. Alice Andrews, Mrs. Owen Middlekauff, Mrs. Roy Stein, and Mrs. Donald Anderson.

Prospective members attending were Mrs. Millard Daugherty, Mrs. Clarence Woodard, Mrs. Harry Reams, Mrs. Ted R. McLean, Mrs. Carl W. Guenther, Mrs. J. F. Lance, Mrs. Walter D. Hicks, Mrs. Nils A. Edin, and Mrs. F. J. Glonning.

Winners at bridge were Mrs. Ed Pease, Mrs. S. C. Watkins, guests; and Mrs. Eugene Ricker and Mrs. K. L. Denton, members. Guests winning pinocle prizes were Mrs. H. J. Gregory, and Mrs. Carl W. Guenther, and members winning were Mrs. Weddle and Mrs. Victor Kasser. Canasta prizes were won by Mrs. N. E. Burke and Mrs. I. G. Nicholson, guests and Mrs. Rosella Theesfeld and Mrs. J. G. Clark, members.

The next meeting of the club will be held April 14 at the Medford hotel at 1 p.m. Newcomers are invited to attend club meeting and to become members. Any newcomer who has not been contacted will be welcomed at the meetings, or may obtain more information by calling Mrs. Gene Chamberlain, telephone 3-4277.



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