

Annual Week Planned by Secretaries

In recognition of the contribution of secretaries to business, industry, government and education, Mayor Earl Miller has declared April 24-30 as National Secretaries week and Wednesday, April 27 as National Secretaries day.

According to Mrs. Lilyan Miller, Akron, Ohio, national president of the association, national Secretaries week is not intended to glorify the secretary, nor is it the occasion for the employer to present his secretary with an orchid. However, it is a week during which the attention of the country will be focused on the part the secretary has played in building the American business world.

NSW, co-sponsored by NSA and Office Equipment Manufacturers institute, is not a commercial venture, according to Mrs. Jean Brown, president of the local Rogue River chapter. Its purpose is to make a secretarial career attractive to high school and college graduates; to encourage practicing secretaries to equip themselves as administrative assistants to their employers by participation in education programs; to urge management's cooperation in elevating the professional standards of secretaries.

Rogue River chapter is observing the week with a secretaries workshop, held at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, April 23. Other events scheduled are participation in the Southern Oregon Round Table program and Hadley's Fashion Show revue. Both programs will be on KBESTV this afternoon.

Chairman Names District Workers For Music Week

Names of the chairmen for National Music week activities in the valley were named last week by Mrs. Ernestine Hartley, Ashland, who is the Jackson county chairman. Music week begins May 1 and closes May 8. Mrs. Lorraine Evenson will coordinate the musical events planned in Medford schools; Miss Helene Robinson for Southern Oregon college; Bernice Windt for Ashland schools and Richard Michalis in the Gold Hill and Rogue River areas.

The Ashland Song Writers club, known as the Tunesful Harmonies, will present an evening of music May 2 at the Ashland Junior High school. The two-hour program will open at 8 p.m., and the public is invited. "This program should be of special interest to those in the valley," Mrs. Hartley explained.

A closet shoebag, pinned to the side of an ill child's bed, provides handy compartments for crayons, paste, scissors and other tools of quiet play.



Miss Arlene Arnold
(Brainerd photo)

Tell Engagement Of Valley Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Arnold, 1915 Stewart avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Arlene A. Arnold, to Loyal G. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Smith, 300 Oregon street, Jacksonville.

Miss Arnold is a dental assistant and her fiancé is employed by the Evergreen bus lines.

No wedding date has been set.

Prospect Group Elects Officers At Last Meeting

Prospect—Mrs. Fern Karjala was elected president of Prospect Parent-Teacher association at a recent meeting of the group. Mrs. Frank Boothby is the new vice-president; Carl Bennett, treasurer, and Mrs. John Kerby, secretary.

Delegates to the state PTA convention will be Mrs. Karjala and Mrs. Kerby and their alternates are Mrs. Boothby and Mrs. Al Beddingfield.

The next meeting of the association is planned for April 26 at 8 p.m. Dessert will be served, with parents of first grade students in charge of the refreshments. A display and demonstration of instruction materials being used in schools now will be on the program.

A meeting of the executive board was held April 18 at the home of Mrs. Jack Hollenbeck at Red Bluff.

DAV Auxiliary Plans Meeting on Tuesday

Disabled American Veterans auxiliary, Jackson County unit, will hold a social meeting Tuesday, April 26, at 8 p.m. in D.A.V. hall, 1515 North Riverside avenue. A box social which was planned has been postponed. Ladies are requested to take cakes.

Mrs. Lester Moser, 65 Winema Way, was hostess for the sewing club of the auxiliary Thursday, April 21. A potluck dinner was served at noon and the afternoon was spent in sewing for the auxiliary.

Miss Dolly Carr And John Weber Plan July Rites

Mr. and Mrs. Dale B. Carr, 1511 West Main street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dolly Carr, to John Richard Weber, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Weber, 2937 Barbara street, Ashland.

Both Miss Carr and Mr. Weber are graduates of Medford Senior High school and she is employed at the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. Her fiancé recently received his release from the Army after serving for 16 months in Korea and Japan.

The wedding is set for July.

Butte Falls Unit Elects Officers; To Plan Exhibit

Butte Falls — Mrs. Clyde Moore was named chairman for next year when Butte Falls Home Extension unit met at the home of Mrs. Earl Remsen. Other officers elected were Mrs. Remsen, vice-chairman, Mrs. Duane Burton, secretary, and Mrs. Ray Trefren, treasurer.

Mrs. William Edmondson reported on the child safety conference held at Southern Oregon college and impressed upon the aware of hazards around homes, which increase accidents for small children.

A lesson on home repairs was given by Mrs. Leslie Casey and Mrs. Donald Smith. By means of some mysterious boxes, they completed the program by having as many impromptu repair demonstrations as there were members present.

Mrs. Remson, Mrs. John Fuiten and Mrs. Ted Fredenburg will be the committee to plan a copper tooling exhibit for the county festival at Central Point Grange hall May 5.

Next meeting of the local unit will be a potluck luncheon at Mrs. Ted Fredenburg's home. Miss Eula Wintermote will present the lesson.

The second workshop on re-finishing wood furniture was held at the city hall Wednesday. Mrs. Donald Smith and Mrs. William Edmondson taught the class.

Phoenix Woman Hostess for Club

Rogue River College Women's club held the last meeting at the home of Mrs. R. W. Frame in Phoenix. A program by Mrs. Alice Willets, Mrs. D. R. Sloan and Mrs. Victor Birdseye brought the members up to date on fashions, education and house furnishings.

Serving at the April meeting were Mrs. A. F. Arney, Mrs. W. E. Haskins, Mrs. H. L. Snodgrass and Mrs. Bert Stanciliffe.

Miss Nancy Van Valzah entertained the club with two flute solos and two piano numbers.

The next meeting will be May 14 in Ashland with Mrs. Esther Reid as hostess.

Potpourri

Potpourri's notebook is bulging this week—notes gathered while we circulated among the Episcopalians, Republicans, Methodists and Girl Scout workers, and ate far too much food. Mrs. Frank Bash said Monday noon that she felt like she was on a merry-go-round, and it was a good description of our week, too.

The merry-go-round was pretty crowded at the Elks temple that night when some 515 Episcopalians from all parts of western Oregon attended a banquet. We again sat at the same table with Mrs. Bash who greeted Potpourri with her friendly smile and asked "Are we boarding together this week?"

If any of the church banquets minded the shoulder-to-shoulder seating arrangements or the slowness of serving, they gave little indication and passed the time talking and singing such old-time favorites as "I've Been Working on the Railroad."

When all had finally been served Bishop Dagwell reported on the state of the church in Oregon and told of the new missions organized, the churches erected or enlarged and the plans for hospitals, including the new Community hospital building here. Bishop Dagwell said towards the end of his talk that whenever he thought back over the years of his church leadership in Oregon, he had an image of "devoted women in kitchens." "Many a group has eaten its way to parochial solvency," said the bishop.

We don't know how much "solvency" there was in the dinner for Chef Danny Marmo of the Medford hotel who cooked steaks for the big crowd, but we do know he was mighty glad when the ordeal was over. Potpourri called the chef Tuesday morning to find out how many had been served and he said, fervently, "I don't want to wish myself any older, but I'm mighty glad today is finally here."

The Episcopalians ran out of food Monday night, and had to send over to the Medford hotel for more steaks, but the Republican women had food left over from luncheon Monday noon. So the speaker, busy Mrs. Paul Geddes, took the plane back to Salem bearing enough of the delicious noodle, meat and cheese concoction to serve her family that evening.

The notebook just runs over when we listen to Mrs. Geddes talk about Republicans, her favorite topic. Here are some leftover thoughts: There are fewer women participating in politics in this "enlightened" country than in any other major country of the world. Mrs. G. says, in Turkey, for instance, 15 per cent of the parliament members are women—in the United States only two per cent of the members of congress are women. American women are spoiled by the men, says Mrs. Geddes—"they're too good to us."

Listening to Mrs. Geddes we remembered a United Press "canned" story which came in last week about how the major political parties are marshalling the women for the coming campaigns. Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts Republican, was quoted as saying "Women aren't 'mere' anymore" and presidential assistant, Howard Pyle, was quoted as saying "Given the proper collection of dedicated women you can elect anyone to anything. As long as women work shoulder to shoulder, digging in, you can't beat 'em." The Republicans better round up a few more like Mrs. Geddes.

Tuesday noon we listened to another "dedicated" woman—Miss Laura Heist who spent more than 30 years in India as a Methodist missionary. Impressed by Miss Heist, we lingered after luncheon to ask questions. Did she think Nehru had communist sympathies? "Nehru is no more Communist than you or I," said Miss Heist emphatically. "He is an intelligent, patriotic man working desperately to maintain peace. I consider him the greatest man in the world today, with the possible exception of Winston Churchill." She went on to say that Nehru believes in a "positive and not a negative" neutrality.

Miss Heist, who has strong political beliefs but is a little fearful of expressing them in a public address, nevertheless did speak out against this Christian nation following what she thinks is an un-Christian foreign policy and said our youth, who now go abroad in great numbers, should be trained and encouraged to be good representatives of this country. The conduct of some is so un-Christian and sometimes so downright bad that they largely undo the work of missionaries, diplomats and those trying to foster friendly relations between this nation and others, Miss Heist says.

During the Methodist luncheon Potpourri enjoyed talking with the Rev. Thomas Dixon and Mrs. Dixon while we ate delicious hot blueberry muffins and drank the spiced tea prepared by Mrs. J. S. Heatherington, our table hostess. For this annual luncheon the Methodist women take to the church their own dishes and silver, so our food was served on Mrs. Heatherington's pretty new all-white Spode china and the table was decorated with a row of tiny little glass baskets in pastel colors filled with wee bouquets of spring flowers.

Miss Heist urged Potpourri to read Chester Bowles' recent article on India in the New York Times, so we in turn urged her to read Bertrand Russell's "Man's Duel With the Hydrogen Bomb" in the April 2 issue of the Saturday Review.

Lord Russell, who began by saying that he was not writing as a Briton, or a European or as a Westerner, but simply as a human being poses this question: Shall we put an end to the human race, or shall mankind renounce war?

The author points out that many of the world's best informed scientists are saying that a hydrogen bomb war might well put an end to the human race and proposes that a commission of men from neutral nations be empowered to draw up a report on the destructive effects of the bomb, the report to be presented to the governments of all Great Powers. He believes that the powers might then be led to some agreement.

Finally writing of the potential sublimity of man, Lord Russell concludes: "Is all this to end in trivial horror because so few are able to think of Man rather than of this or that group of men? Is our race so destitute of wisdom, so incapable of impartial love, so blind even to the simplest dictates of self-preservation that the last proof of its silly cleverness is to be the extermination of all life on our planet? For it will be not only men who will perish, but also the animals and plants, whom no one can accuse of Communism or anti-Communism."

Mr. and Mrs. Al Littrell of Medford were recently the subject of a feature story in the Oregon Journal, one of a series written by Frances Blakely on husband and wife teams in the Oregon legislature this year. Miss Blakely, who can remember when it was unheard of for a representative or senator to take his wife with him to the legislative sessions, has been spending one day a week at the capital this spring to do the series.

Miss Blakely wrote that "Frances Littrell has done a lot to put women on the legislative map this session by writing an excellent column for several newspapers in southern Oregon."

Notes on the lighter side: A TV announcer recently disclosed that a certain Medford dairy now has milk for sale in "half gallon quarts."

A Medford teacher received a letter last week which was addressed to Mrs. Paul Evensen, 620 South Oakdale ave., Medford, and then began "Dear Miss Veidt." O.S.

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Phoenix Gardeners Hold Spring Show In Community Clubhouse; Many Attend

Phoenix — About 275 guests attended the spring flower show of Phoenix Garden Club held last Sunday. Theme of the show was "Melody of Spring." At the entrance into the clubhouse building was the gateway into an informal garden, with wild flowers and plants in a woody setting, and a pool with goldfish surrounded by a picket fence. Above the garden was a musical score, with musical notes depicting the theme. On the stage was a patio, with umbrella table and garden chairs. Mrs. A. C. Lewis was staging chairman for the show.

A number of unusual flower and dried arrangements were brought by members. A bird display was set up, featuring different types of birdhouses donated by the Monarch Feed and Seed company. The 4-H clubs entered an exhibit showing what they are learning about forestry and conservation.

Arrangements were exhibited by the garden clubs of Central Point, Eagle Point and Medford. Commercial exhibits were received from Rogue Valley greenhouse, featuring coleus and Easter lilies; from the Southern Oregon nursery, and the D. W. Chase greenhouse; from Arcady Gardens, featuring pelargoniums.

A special feature of this year's show was a special projects room, which featured table settings for different occasions. A bride's table was the center of attraction, with a wedding cake and orchids which were air-expressed from Carola orchids, S. San Gabriel, Calif.

A child's birthday party table, a formal setting featuring a spring flower arrangement, a brunch table, a patio table, a buffet for a fish dinner, centered by an arrangement in a fishing creel, an Easter table featuring ceramics made by Mrs. William Elsen and Mrs. Jewell Parr were displayed.

There was also a Montana table, featuring pictures of the Bitterroot valley, with the bitterroot plant and flower which is the Montana state flower; and also samples of Montana ores. One wall was covered with plaques made from dried flowers, seeds, and cones.

Mrs. Charles Hockersmith displayed a group of wild flowers in a native setting, centered by a moss covered log brought in from the woods. There were a number of miniature arrangements, placed on different types of whatnot shelves.

Background music during the afternoon was furnished by Mrs. T. A. Lowe, and by records. A program in the afternoon featured songs by 5-year-old Luanna Loffer, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Loffer, a piano solo by Mrs. T. A. Lowe, a solo by Miss Kay Fisher, and dance numbers by a group from Colleen Hope's Dance studio.

Mrs. Charles Hockersmith was flower show chairman.

Jacksonville PTA Elects Officers

Jacksonville — Mrs. Melvin Hall was elected president of the Jacksonville Parent-Teacher association recently. Other officers elected included Mrs. Leona Gilinsky, vice-president; Mrs. Russ Crowley, secretary; and Warren Davis, treasurer.

Members of the high school sewing classes modeled dresses made in school at the meeting.

Secretary Plans Talk on Hobbies For Altrusa Club

A hobby talk and exhibit will feature a social meeting of Altrusa club Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Virgil H. Mohr, Old Stage road.

Miss Grace Smith, secretary of the club and a skilled craftsman, will present the program. Following the talk, Mrs. Dorothy Young will show slides of Altrusa projects being carried on in chapters in the tenth district which includes Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Western Canada.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Virginia Sherwood and Miss Smith.

Mrs. Bertha Haskins, president will hold an executive board meeting at her home Monday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m., to act on reports of a committee planning the Altrusa benefit to raise funds for the educational training grants sponsored by the local club. This committee includes Mrs. Francis Grant and Mrs. Edith Baker, cochairmen assisted by Mrs. Judy Stoll, Mrs. Esther Mohr and Miss Smith.

Quilting Bees Return; Pay Off Church Debts

Ecru, Miss. —(U.P.)—Old-fashioned quilting bees have been revived to pay off a church debt.

Twenty-five members of Friendship Baptist Church near here meet weekly to put nimble fingers to work on quilts that they sell in Mississippi and Tennessee.

Proceeds are used to retire bank notes which built a new home for the pastor, and other church improvements.

Five to seven patch-work quilts are turned out during each of the all-day bees, which are virtually extinct in Southern rural areas.

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