



Mrs. Fred H. Graten is shown here with her son, Freddy, 7, and daughter, Marilyn, student at Medford Junior High school. Freddy coaxed the family dog, Queenie, to pose by tempting her with bits of meat. Mrs. Graten, active in Girl Scout work, is day camp director this year and recently was installed president of Scottish Rite Women's club. The Graten's live at 1411 Euclid avenue.



Mrs. John Russell, 450 Haven street, is pictured helping her daughter, Deanna, with preparations for the annual dinner for first class Girl Scouts. Deanna's brother, Larry, 6, looks on with interest. Mrs. Russell, a Girl Scout member or worker since she was 10, recently was honored for her long service in scouting.



Miss Judy Takahira, who works at Sacred Heart hospital here, poses with her mother, Mrs. George Nagayama, at their home on Cottage street. The family has lived here many years, Mr. Nagayama coming to Medford first in 1909.

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A Day for Mothers

By OLIVE STARCHER

Sons and daughters throughout America will honor their mothers today. Typically American, Mothers' Day means gifts for "mom," special programs, dinners and church services and trips near and far in order that families may be together. In observance of Mothers' day, 1955, The Medford Mail Tribune today presents a number of Medford mothers with their sons and daughters, and the activities in which they engage.

The thought of a special day to honor mothers is not a new one. In England, for instance, the day was observed long ago and was called Mothering Sunday. It was held mid-way in the Lenten period. The Yugoslavs and other European peoples also observed similar days long ago.

Julia Ward Howe, author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" is credited with making the first suggestion that the United States observe Mothers' day. In 1872, Mrs. Howe suggested that June 2 be set aside as a day to honor mothers and a day dedicated to peace. For several years she held an annual Mothers' day meeting in Boston.

A campaign for Mothers' day was launched in 1904 by Frank E. Herring, South Bend, Ind., during a convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Kansas City. A short time later Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia began a lifelong effort for a nationwide observance of Mothers' day and she selected the second Sunday in May as the day for the observance. She also is said to

have originated the idea that white and red carnations should be worn in honor of mothers.

In 1914 both houses of the United States Congress passed a resolution recommending that Mothers' day be observed by Congress and the executive department of the government and in the following year the President of the United States was authorized to proclaim Mothers' day as a national observance each year.

Crater Lake aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles annually sponsors a Mothers' day program, and the 1955 event will be held today at the hall, 217 West Main street, at 1 p.m. All mothers are invited to attend and the state president, Dr. Floyd L. Utter, Salem, will speak.



Another of the city's young and attractive mothers is Mrs. Otto A. Ewaldsen, pictured here with her three children at the family home, 20 Ross court. Eric, 11, was reading when the photographer arrived, while eight-year-old Hans was preparing for a game of "catch." In addition to Mothers' day, the Ewaldsens will celebrate Karen's fifth birthday today. Mrs. Ewaldsen is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Swem, 38 Ross court.



Medford mothers, as do mothers everywhere, work for the welfare of their children and their communities. One of the annual welfare projects of the county is the benefit tea of the Jackson county chapter of the American Cancer society and pictured here are Mrs. George Schuler (at left) tea chairman, with Mrs. Mahr Reymer, Ashland, one of the hostesses for the event. It was held at Hillcrest orchard.



Also assisting with the Cancer society tea were (left) Mrs. Earle Jossy, Eagle Point, and Mrs. L. W. Bates, Medford, assistant chairman, who posed with the table entered by Medford branch, AAUW.



Mrs. Clifford Platz and her daughter, Dana, are a well-known mother-daughter business team. The two women operate Service Unlimited, employment and business agency.