

### Woman Observes 96th Birthday At Tea Thursday

Mrs. Mattie Railsback was honored at a tea Thursday, December 8, which observed her 96th birthday anniversary. The event was held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Marsh, 38 North Orange street.

Mrs. Railsback, born in Benton county, Iowa, lived in that state until 1932 when she moved to California. In recent months she has made her home with the Marshes.

She is the mother of five children, Charles Railsback, Glendale, Mrs. G. H. Knupp and Mrs. P. H. Strickland, both of Whittier, Calif.; Stanley Railsback, Waterloo, Ia., and Mrs. Marsh. A younger sister and brother live in Iowa.

Mrs. Railsback has eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. One grandson, Larry Marsh, and his two sons, John and Bob live in Medford at 2227 East Main street.

Mrs. Railsback is in good health and enjoys handwork, having recently finished making a wool afghan. She attends Zion Lutheran church.

For the tea Thursday Mrs. Marsh covered the refreshment table with a cloth of holiday green and loops of Christmas tinsel. The centerpiece was of red carnations.

### Navy Mothers

Central Point—The Christmas party of Central Point Navy Mothers club is to be held Wednesday, December 14 at the home of Mrs. Homer Brown on North Old Stage road. Those who need transportation for the all-day meeting are asked to be at the Central Point post office not later than 11 a.m., that day.

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Mrs. Mattie Railsback celebrated her 96th birthday anniversary December 8, and was honored at a tea given by her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Marsh, 38 North Orange street. Mrs. Railsback, who wore a corsage of pink rosebuds on her dark dress, just completed the afghan shown in the picture. She was born in Benton county, Iowa, and lived in that state for many years.—Brainard photo

## CALENDAR

**Sunday**  
1 p.m.—Cebu swamp, Military Order of Lizards, Mrs. James Cech, 2877 Springbrook rd.  
1 p.m.—Jackson County chapter, Associated Council for the Blind, St. Mark's Guild hall.  
3 p.m.—Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon, concert, Medford Senior High school auditorium.  
**Monday**  
12 noon—Scottish Rite Women's club, Medford hotel.  
12:30 p.m.—Adarel Past Matrons club, OES, Mrs. Edward Pease, 130 Vernada Pl.  
1 p.m.—Howard Garden club, Mrs. James Wicker, 809 Adams lane.  
1:30 p.m.—Retired Teachers association, Mrs. Bertha Baughman, 100 Lincoln st., Ashland, transportation, 12:30 p.m., from Jackson hotel.  
6:30 p.m.—Chrysanthemum circle, NOW, annual dinner, Moose hall, 11 Newton st.  
7:30 p.m.—Candlelight and Vesper circles of First Presbyterian church, home of Mrs. Ralph Thompson, 18 North Modoc ave.  
7:30 p.m.—Butte Falls Parent Teacher association, high school.  
7:45 p.m.—Gorsline Missionary circle, First Baptist church, Mrs. Gary Shuler, 17 Corning crt.  
8 p.m.—FL club of Olive Rebekah lodge, 2262 Delta Waters rd.  
**Tuesday**  
10:30 a.m.—Oak Grove Home Extension unit, Mrs. Lyle B. Thurman, 3379 Jacksonville highway.  
12:30 p.m.—First Presbyterian church circles, Charity, Mrs. A. A. Ingram, 1513 Terrace dr.; Faith, Mrs. C. Reese Braley, 245 Valley View dr.; Mercy at church, Eighth and Holly sts.; Temple, Mrs. Allen R. Smith, 102 Black Oak dr., and Trinity, Mrs. Gaston Floux, route 1, box 50, Central Point.  
1 p.m.—First Presbyterian church circles, Bethany, Mrs. Richard Alley, 3 Greenway circle; Grace, Mrs. C. H. Wendt, Ross lane, and Hope, Mrs. A. Z. Dean, 1006 South Oakdale ave.  
2 p.m.—Sams Valley Christian builders, home of Mrs. Robert Galloway.  
7:30 p.m.—Eastwood Baptist church, all-church Christmas party, home of Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Earhart.  
7:30 p.m.—Medford Truth center, "Unity," Room 203, Holly Theater bldg.  
7:45 p.m.—Medford Toastmistress club, Christmas party, Mrs. Clarence Wilson, 401 Ardmore ave.  
8 p.m.—Bow Bells chapter, DBE, Girls Community club.  
8 p.m.—American Legion auxiliary, Legion home.  
8 p.m.—Nevita chapter, Christmas party, OES, Central Point Masonic temple.  
**Wednesday**  
10:30 a.m.—Medford Home Extension unit, Community hall, Priddy st.  
11 a.m.—Roxy Gardeners, home of Mrs. Floyd Fogelquist.  
11 a.m.—Central Point Navy Mothers club, Christmas party, home of Mrs. Homer Brown, North Old Stage rd., transportation from Central Point post office.  
12:30 p.m.—Chapter AA, PEO, Mrs. V. J. Robinson, 1917 East Main st.  
12:30 p.m.—Women of Rotary, Rogue Valley Country club.  
1 p.m.—AAUW afternoon book review group, Mrs. Neil Davidson, 1708 Lenora dr.  
7:30 p.m.—Auxiliary to Jackson County Medical association, Mrs. Charles Lemery, 200 Windrosr ave.  
8 p.m.—Jacksonville PTA, at school.  
8 p.m.—Eagle Point Parent Teacher-Student association, high school library.  
8 p.m.—Roxy Ann HEC, Grange hall.  
**Thursday**  
10 a.m.—Jacksonville Garden club, home of Mrs. Harold Reed.  
1 p.m.—Just Folks, Christmas party, Mrs. E. R. Gilstrap, 35 Geneva st.  
4:20 p.m.—Lecture by Dr. John Waterman, director, mental health section, state board of health, courthouse auditorium, (extension class, Psychology 407-507.)  
6:30 p.m.—Past Noble Grands club, Christmas party, IOOF hall.  
7:30 p.m.—Lively Rogues, Ashland Elks club.  
8 p.m.—Roxy Ann court, Order of Amaranth, Medford Masonic temple, 218 West Main st.  
8 p.m.—Talent PTA, Talent high school.  
**Friday**  
11 a.m.—Medford Truth center, "Unity," Room 203, Holly Theater bldg.  
7 p.m.—Ladies Mounted troop dinner, Jackson County Mounted Sheriff's posse club house.  
7:30 p.m.—Crater Lions auxiliary, Mrs. Warren Brenner, 2208 East Main st.  
**Saturday**  
2 p.m.—Crater Lake chapter, DAR, Mrs. T. J. Gifford, 419 South Oakdale ave.

## Potpourri

We've decided Medford firemen need another roof over their heads. Well, over the court just outside the station, anyhow. When Potpourri and Cameraman Bob Dyer visited the firehall last week to take today's pictures, it was pouring down rain.

The bicycles, tricycles, wagons and other discarded toys which the fire laddies make over for distribution at Christmas, are dumped on the court and are completely unprotected from the elements. Some of them are in pretty poor condition to begin with, and the rain probably doesn't do them any good.

The dolls and stuffed toys, of course, were stacked inside the station. They would certainly be ruined by the rain. The stuffed toys present a problem to the firemen and their co-workers, Medford Lady Lions. Even when in good condition, these must always be cleaned and with some types of the toys, this is impossible.

Potpourri has visited the firemen before when they were head-over-heels in the toy work, and we are always impressed with the way they transform the articles brought to them. One of the men said they often get discouraged — day after day of pawing over heaps of what appears at a casual glance to be junk to find what can be salvaged, and then more hours of hard work to renovate the articles.

But the rows and rows of finished toys must be a source of real satisfaction, since the men know how much joy they bring to children on Christmas, and the days to come.

After leaving the fire hall we went up to the Robert Bauman home to visit Girl Scout Troop 19 which helped Lady Lions this year with the dolls. The girls wash the dolls that dirty, clean up their wigs or devise new hair, and make new clothes, probably with considerable help from the mothers. One doll had her hair up in pin curls.

Mrs. Jonathan Middleton, who makes dolls each year as a charity Christmas project, has partially solved the hair problem — she just snips tresses off her own head. A year or so ago Mrs. Middleton said she cut off most of her hair in order to have enough for the dolls, but Mr. M. objected — he likes his pretty wife better with long hair. So Mrs. Middleton let it grow again and this year she is just cautiously cutting a little here and there — so it really doesn't show.

Mrs. Middleton made this year's angel dolls with pipe-cleaner bodies and wooden button heads on which she paints the faces. Then she makes pantaloons and gowns of net, lace or other material trimmed with bright beads, sequins, or other glitter. The fairy wands are cocktail picks with stars on the end. When she doesn't have enough human hair for the wigs, she uses material which resembles hair; some of it this year is a pretty gay color.

Dr. Gerald Dierdorff added a note to a story which his wife sent to the Tribune last week — and it almost was printed. Mrs. Dierdorff, who is national Christmas seal sale chairman for the auxiliary to the American Osteopathic association, wrote out a story about how she was flying to Chicago for a meeting of the auxiliary. Husband Gerald added a note which read: "She is survived by her poor, struggling husband and three children," and delivered it to the desk of the women's editor. It was almost in Potpourri when a horrible thought struck and it was laid aside until Mrs. D.'s safe return.

Mrs. Dierdorff's plane didn't crash, but was grounded overnight in Denver, and then again in Omaha because of bad weather. She also has an interesting story to relate about a taxi driver who turned out to be a university graduate doing a bit of undercover sleuthing for a certain Chicago official, and how "swapped" checks in the airport restaurant ended in her meeting an author. Maybe the P.O. customers should start taking their own lights along. Trying to fill out a money order blank in the dim light of the postoffice, we moved from the customer's desk over to the window presided over by Budd Gail and voiced our complaint. "I buy my own light globes, or the lights here wouldn't be any better," retorted Budd G.

Shades of Scarlett O'Hara! We've heard about brides wearing six petticoats, but this, it seems, is nothing. Tuesday, when Vangie Freed dressed for her wedding to Waldo Copley, she put on ten. One was trimmed in blue to provide the traditional "something blue," thought to be necessary for a bride.

Vangie's friends were impressed with her thoroughness in planning. Determined that the ceremony would go off with the "military precision" which Mrs. Emily Post says is necessary, the bride marked the church floor with pieces of paper before the rehearsal, the various papers indicating who stood where. The planning paid off, and the ceremony was silk smooth, so far as this minor authority is concerned.

The Alfred S. V. Carpenters, off to spend Christmas with the Burton Daughertys, their son-in-law and daughter, at Christmas in the Virgin Islands, prepared their Christmas cards for mailing before they left. The Carpenters, who make a habit of sending small gifts rather than just plain cards, this year mailed out plastic shower caps along with Merry Christmas wishes.

Mrs. Mattie Railsback, who at 96 crochets afghans, enjoyed a party given in her honor Thursday. Mrs. Railsback, who recalls many interesting events of the past, can still recount how her father came home after fighting in the war—the Civil war.

Mrs. R. enjoys talking about her two great-grandsons, children of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Marsh and explained with great relish how these two small fry settled the question of having two grandmothers. They call Mrs. H. J. Marsh "grandmother," and Mrs. Railsback is known to them as "Mattie."—O.S.

### Sorority Chapter Announces Party At Sleeter Home

A Christmas party was planned at a meeting of Alpha Rho chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Roger Note, 614 Eleventh street.

The party will be held at the home of Mrs. Mamie Sleeter, 1715 East Main street, Monday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. Hostesses will be Mrs. Sleeter and Mrs. K. L. Denton, who serve as director and sponsor of Alpha Rho chapter.

Mrs. Edward Bunnell and Mrs. Roger Note were elected co-chairmen of the annual card party which will be held in February.

The group voted to present a Beta Sigma Phi silver bracelet to the member who gives the most outstanding cultural program during the year.

Mrs. Jonathan Middleton, formerly a member of Alpha Chi chapter, in Columbus, Ohio, transferred her membership to the Alpha Rho chapter.

"Your Day Socially" was the topic presented by Mrs. Donald Lue as the cultural program for the evening. Mrs. Lue discussed

the correct table settings to be used for formal and informal dinners and read some sample menus. She also mentioned some of the important factors to consider when giving a formal tea. After the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. J. C. Chapman and Mrs. G. J. Adl-finger.

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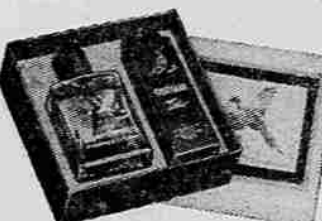


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Talent—Talent Lions were hosts for a dinner which honored wives of members and which was held in the Hunt Room of Tally-Ho restaurant, Talent, December 7.

Lion President Al Grabber and the auxiliary president, Mrs. William Gleim, conducted a short business meeting during the dinner.

Table decorations followed the Christmas theme.