

# Society

## Teacher Leaves For California

Miss Susan Drummond has left Medford to take a position as teacher in a kindergarten in Palo Alto, Calif. Miss Drummond, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. I. Drummond, Ross lane, taught last year in Hawaii and last fall served as a temporary instructor for the kindergarten for the hard-of-hearing children maintained here by Junior Service League.

## Students Here

Miss Ann Hart and three guests, Miss Patty Keller, Longview, Wash., Arthur Bevens, Alhambra, Calif., and Wesley Jacobs, Portland spent the last week end here with Miss Hart's mother, Grant road, Central Point. All three young people are seniors at Oregon State college.

## Announces Meeting

Rogue River — Women's association of Hope Presbyterian church will meet Thursday, January 19, at 7:45 p.m. at the church. All women of the district are invited to attend.

## CALENDAR

**Wednesday**  
7:30 p.m. — Butte Falls HEC, home of Mrs. Ernest Smith.  
7:30 p.m. — Rogue Valley Navy Mothers club, Mrs. Guy Cobleigh, Phoenix.  
7:30 p.m. — Bethel 14, Job's Daughters, Medford Masonic temple.  
8 p.m. — Crater Lake Reserve association, upstairs, VFW hall, 42 North Front st.  
8 p.m. — Medford Jayceettes, at home of Mrs. Larry Allen.  
8 p.m. — Amethyst Rebekah lodge, Gold Hill IOOF hall.  
8 p.m. — Roxy Ann HEC, Grange hall.  
8 p.m. — WSCS, First Methodist church, Circle 6, Mrs. Leo Ballance, 1832 Woodlawn ave.  
**Thursday**  
9:30 a.m. — Leadership training conference by Rogue River Woman's Baptist association, at Eastwood Baptist church.  
10:30 a.m. — Lone Pine Home Extension unit, Mrs. Warren Helsoe, Hillcrest rd.  
11 a.m. — Medford Truth center, "Unity," Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pense, Central Point.  
1:30 p.m. — Ruth Circle, Mrs. A. Brewold 2646 Jacksonville hy.  
2 p.m. — Sams Valley Ladies club, home of Mrs. C. W. McDonough.

## Mackie Speaks On Buildings Codes at Rotary Luncheon

A regulatory law is only good if it safeguards rights of the majority of people affected. Herbert E. Mackie, city building inspector and architect, told the Medford Rotary club Tuesday.  
Speaking at a Jackson Hotel luncheon meeting, Mackie applied the observation to the building code of the city of Medford, patterned after that adopted by the Pacific Coast Building Officials conference. More than 800 cities of the United States as well as Tokyo, Japan, and Honolulu, T.H., use the code as the basis of regulating building.  
Many problems go hand-in-hand with growth, Mackie said. Medford is continually faced with revisions in zoning and building to meet increasing population needs. Extensive building code changes are now being studied in view of anticipated expansion of the city and to meet local conditions.

**State Control Needed**  
Need for a state control over non-metropolitan structures to meet standards of stability and safety was noted.  
As city architect, Mackie designed the Medford municipal airport building, which has been acclaimed a model of its type. He was introduced by E. N. McKinstry, city engineer and Rotary chairman.  
Dr. Ernest Nichols of Beverly Hills, Calif., who has been associated with Disney studios, imitated birds by whistling. Shelby Tuttle introduced Dr. Nichols.

## Loughran Announces Piano Instructions

Emil Loughran, who arrived in Medford this week from San Francisco, has announced the opening of studios for the instruction of piano and organ pupils.  
Loughran, who instructs in both classical and popular music, said he will accept both beginning and advanced students. His family, staying in Seattle temporarily, will join him here within a few weeks.  
He can be contacted through Purucker Piano house on Central ave., or the Lusk Piano company on South Riverside ave.  
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## As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

**Popularity is Not Worth the Price**  
To be popular, a person must pay the price. But there are limits to the price that should be paid.

"I am worried about my daughter who is just 16 years old and a high school junior. She likes parties and boys and wants to be popular with the boys so she will have plenty of dates. To be popular, she insists, she must be permitted to do many of the things her father and I disapprove of, such as riding around in a car with a boy, going to places to dance where they serve liquor, and staying out much later than we think a girl of her age should be out alone with a boy. But, she is so afraid the boys will think she is tied to our apron strings that she does these things no matter what we say. She claims all the other girls are allowed to do them and that we are old-fashioned in our ideas."

"I am afraid she will get a bad reputation if she keeps on doing these things but I don't know how to stop her. How shall I handle this problem?"  
Mrs. H. T.

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(A) If you are sure all the other girls your daughter goes with are permitted to do the things you and your husband disapprove of, you must decide which is going to be more important to your daughter, not only now but in the future: popularity with the boys or a reputation that will win her the type of husband she will be happy with.

In the teens, girls and boys rarely see beyond their noses. They think mainly of the present and what is important to them right now. That is what our daughter is doing. She wants to be popular, no matter what price she must pay for it, and she does not realize that the price may be too high.

**Difficult To Live Down**  
Point out to her that a bad reputation is something that is difficult, if not impossible, to live down. This should make her stop and think twice before doing something that will win her the reputation of being "fast" or "cheap."

Then, at the next PTA meeting, take up the matter of hours, places of entertainment and riding with boys. Many of the other parents are doubtless also concerned about these matters and would gladly cooperate with you in setting stricter rules for their own teenagers.

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## Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS  
Ranger-Naturalist

Salt is an inexpensive commodity today because it is easily available in large quantities. In view of the low price, why not scatter a generous pinch or two at least on some of our popular myths? And so, on to another serving of Fact vs. Fancy.

**Fancy:** "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, and waste its sweetness on the desert air."  
**Fact:** Like many another student, I memorized Thomas

snowshoe hares — not rabbits, which is incorrect — is a slow one. It is a molt of one coat and the growth of another. The process takes months. What's more, temperature and ground color have nothing whatever to do with it. The change is entirely due to the calendar — or, to hours of daylight and darkness. As a result, an early snow winter can find a hare conspicuously brown long after the snow falls; or an unseasonably early spring, with bare ground, will find him glaringly white.

Keep a captive hare in a heated brown room in winter and he will put on his heavier, longer, thicker winter robe at the same time as the hare in the nearby woods; or put him in a cold, white room in spring, and he will put on a lighter, shorter, thinner summer coat, on time, in season.

As evidence of this slow change, if bereft of a tuft of his fur in autumn, the new growing hair will be snow-white although the complete over-all change will be a couple of months away; or, conversely, should he lose a tuft of white fur in late winter, it will be re-

Gray's immortal Elegy in a Country Churchyard. But, good as the lines are, they are far from accurate.  
No flower ever blushed unseen or wasted its sweetness on the desert air — or any other. The assumption is totally wrong. Flowers were blooming with color and wafting their odors upon the air long before Thomas Gray was moved to pen his noble thoughts. And these flowers were doing so long before man ever walked upright. By no stretch of the imagination was that color and odor intended to please man.

The flower was doing it for a very good and selfish reason: self-perpetuation. Its color and scent is strictly for the birds, that is, the few that smell flowers; and for the bugs who both see color and smell odors. The color and fragrance is there to entice them to come and help themselves to a free-will offering of nectar and in doing so cross-pollinate the flower and thus insure seeds. Further, many a plant covers the seeds with colorful, tasty flesh to entice animals and birds to eat and carry them and thus spread them to new land.

**Wasted? Unseen? Don't you believe it.**  
Thus humans, including Thomas Gray, happen to like certain of these colors and odors or have become "conditioned" to like them is simply a matter of luck.

**Fancy:** A scorpion, when hard pressed, rather than be taken prisoner or to remain alive in bondage will commit suicide by striking himself and injecting his own poison.  
**Fact:** All creatures except an occasional man go to great lengths to live and remain alive. When caught in a trap, not a few will even chew off their legs to gain freedom. And, legend notwithstanding, even the scorpion does not commit suicide. But even if he wanted to, he couldn't do it as prescribed by man. Why? For the simple and good reason that a scorpion is immune to its own poison.

**Fancy:** Snow-dwelling animals such as snowshoe rabbits change from their summer habit of brown to winter robes of white within a matter of days following the first snowfall.  
**Fact:** The color change of

## County Teen-Agers Active In March of Dimes Work

Jackson county teen-agers are bending their efforts to the March of Dimes "in grand style," it was announced today by Greg Milnes, county Teens Against Polio chairman.  
Committees have taken collections at most basketball games, candy sales have been conducted at the games and in the schools. Several pop bottle collections have been made and others are planned, and numerous dances are on the schedule, Milnes said.

**Coast-wide Publicity**  
Medford high school has received coast-wide publicity over radio station KGO in Oakland, Calif., as the only school to use that station's J. Snyder disc jockey show as a March of Dimes project. Milnes said students vote at their respective schools for the top 10 records and send their selections to the station.

The high school Junior class has scheduled a dance at the YMCA on Jan. 28 with music by Bob Ayres sextet. The Juniors also are "licking polio" with the sale of suckers, donated by local candy companies at the school. This project will soon be extended to the downtown area, Milnes said.

A portable record player has been donated by Swems' Gift shop to be used as a prize in a guessing contest. Tentative plans call for a car washing project, a shoe shine stand and a guessing contest, all in the downtown area.

**Chairmen Announced**  
Milnes announced the following chairmen at work on the

placed with a growth of tawny brown hair.

As to be expected, the hair-change is orderly; it begins at the head and back and ends on ears and feet.

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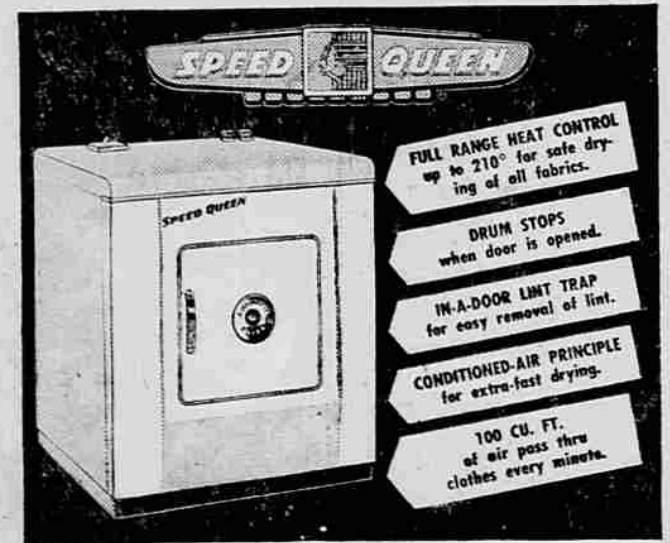
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