

Former Camp White Secretary Writes Of Life in Iran; On Foundation Staff

Shopping in Iran is an exciting experience according to Mrs. D. J. Dooley, the former Thalia Doty of Medford. Mr. Dooley is an agricultural engineer with the Near East Foundation, and Mrs. Dooley described life in Tehran in a letter recently received here by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barneburg.

"This is a city of about 1,000,000 and it is a mixture of nationalities and religions," wrote Mrs. Dooley. "Friday, Saturday and Sunday are not good shopping days, as the Moslems close on Fridays, Jews on Saturdays and Christians on Sunday. In addition to this, afternoon shopping is also out as nearly all the stores close from noon until 4, and then everything is open until 8 or 9 o'clock.

"Shopping is interesting because one can find merchandise from all countries. I have looked at materials from France, England, Italy, India, Japan, Russia, Iran and the United States. We had an interesting time shopping for a radio with two short waves, long wave and medium wave bands. It has the names of all the foreign stations printed on it. He saw many models of German, Dutch, English, French, Italian and Swiss manufacture.

"It is the same with cars—Buick, Ford, Chevrolet, Pontiac and others all have agencies here; most of the taxis are the small British make cars and the larger taxis are mostly German. Besides all these makes there are Italian, French and Danish models. All these, with horses, donkeys and cars (pushed and pulled by animals and men) make traffic a problem.

"Iran's best work is in the line of arts—copper work, silver, paintings and designs and rugs. Every place has Persian rugs—even in front of the booths at the Fair! Persian homes have rugs on the floor and no furniture. They sit, eat and sleep on the floor. Iran exports tons of crushed rose petals, henna, cotton and rugs in addition to oil.

"Most of Delmer's work takes him out to the village of Mamanzan. He has a staff of 26 Iranians. Some ideas and suggestions are adopted, and just as many are not, so at times progress is very slow. He is busy now on a demonstration plot, doing the work by machine. Most all of the villagers use oxen and wooden beam plows. They think our steel plows are too heavy. They scratch the surface of the ground and sow the seeds on the clods. Delmer was recently appointed representative of Near East Foundation and Ford Foundation on the Minister of Agriculture's Irrigation council of 8 to plan an irrigation program for Iran. They conduct the meetings in English, even though Delmer is the only American.

"There are many interesting places to go and things to see. I've been to the Archeological and Ethnological museums and the Fine Arts School and Museum. The government has set up a school to preserve Persian arts, and we saw masters training others in rug weaving, design creating, damask weaving, ceramics, painting, mosaic, inlay, carving etc. It was very interesting and the work very beautiful. In the archeological museum culture is preserved in items dating back to 6,000 B.C. and the intricate design of gold and silver jewelry and graceful shapes of pottery made during the Islamic period were surprising. In the Ethnological museum wax figures, perfect in every detail to wrinkles on feet and neck, and hair on fingers and chests, were clothed in garments of all the tribes and from all professions and walks of life; many other items depict tribal life and Persian customs.

"American movies (old ones, however) are available at the Officers' club and the United States Information Service. The Persian theaters show a lot of American films too, but stop every few scenes to flash Persian

translations on the screens. There are also Iranian productions. The Persians really love to go to the movies and at show time the streets are jammed. We get American radio programs over a local Army station, and British Broadcasting system. Leading American magazines are available, but high.

"There are quite a number of good restaurants and hotels where Americans feel it is safe to eat, and we have enjoyed eating out very much. The cooking is mostly French, and very tasty. The service by the waiters is really super. In warm weather patio and garden dining is popular, and the gardens are beautiful with pools, underwater lights, garden lanterns, flowers and shrubs.

"There are a lot of Americans here—Army, Point Four, Embassy—many firms under government contract, etc. There is an American grade school with over 200 enrolled, and many attend the Community school with other European children. This being the capital city there are many embassies here—Russian, British, Pakistan, Indonesian, German, Austrian, French, Polish, Afghanistan etc. The city is a mixture of old and new, in architecture and belief. Many of the Persian women, especially the educated and well-to-do, dress in latest fashion, while others adhere to the old Moslem custom and wear chaddars, a cloth that covers them from head to ankle.

"We have enjoyed all varieties of fresh fruits and vegetables, and nuts, which are all quite reasonably priced on the local market. We get very good pork and bacon from an Armenian butcher, as well as lamb and beef. A lot of the beef is tough, as they do not believe in feeding out an animal as we do, but with my pressure cooker and meat tenderizer, we do ok. We get fresh eggs and chickens from the Foundation poultry farm, Danish butter and all canned foods, flour, Crisco, etc., from the Embassy Co-op store in which we have a share. These items are expensive, but it is a privilege to be able to buy American goods. I do quite a bit of baking, but we also enjoy the loaves baked by an Armenian, and find the flat bread hot from the local brick ovens to be very tasty. We haul our drinking and cooking water from the embassy deep well, but we are located only two blocks away.

"We live on the ground floor of a 4-story (four apartments) building less than a year old, and the other tenants are American. The front entry hall opens on the sidewalk, but in the back we have a garden, pool and patio, all enclosed by a high brick wall. Ceilings are high, walls stucco finish, floors tile and inside as well as outside

United Nations Film Shown on Wednesday For Women's Circle

The filmstrip "To Live Together as Good Neighbors," portraying the growth and activities of the United Nations in this country and abroad, was shown to Circle 6, Women's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist church, by Mrs. Oliver P. Taylor Wednesday evening. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Leo Ballance.

Final plans were made for the annual father and son banquet to be held in the church the evening of February 14 under the sponsorship of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Methodist Men. Mrs. James Baumer conducted the business session.

Guests for the evening were Mrs. George Ward, visiting in Medford from Bandon, Ore., and Mrs. R. V. Carter.

President Speaks for BPW Club

Public relations was the topic of a talk given by Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, for a dinner meeting of Medford Business and Professional Women's club Thursday night. It was held at Roxy Ann Grange hall, with women of the Grange preparing and serving the dinner.

Because there is a shortage of workers in the United States at present, qualified men and women can "pick their boss" the speaker said. He outlined to his listeners some of the qualities and conditions which should be considered when applying for a position with an individual or firm, or when considering an individual for employment.

Points to consider are: Does he have adequate skill and experience for the job, does he have good references, does he make a good impression, how does he talk, does he handle an application with care and intelligence, is he a "clock watcher," is he thinking of the future and does he have a stable employment record.

Other characteristics mentioned by the speaker which must be considered in employers were: Is he secretive and unsocial, is he poised and expeditious and does he confine his "bossing" to the office.

Other public relations ideas brought out by Dr. Stevenson were to the effect that every person on a staff should be provided with a successful experience, since "nothing succeeds like success" and that every person needs status in his group. Dr. Stevenson mentioned the importance of "thank you" and "please" in contacts with staff members, and also the value of learning correct names and nicknames.

The speaker also said "jobs must be worthwhile" and told of an experiment in which workers refused to do a "worthless" job even though they were paid for it.

Dr. Stevenson also spoke of the need for inspirational leaders among workers and said "an institution is only the shadow of those at the head of it." The value of advice, guidance and praise in the daily life were mentioned by Dr. Stevenson, who also added that many ideas worked equally well when used in social groups and in the home.

Mrs. Harriet Watson, president, presided over the meeting and Mrs. Marie Peirce introduced Dr. Stevenson.

Groups Announce Coming Projects For Shady Cove

Shady Cove—Steelhead post and auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will participate in two civic projects in the Shady Cove area scheduled for early February. First will be an annual dance to benefit the March of Dimes drive scheduled for Saturday night, February 4, at the VFW hall.

The other is a proposed project to secure 150 blood donors so that the bloodmobile may include Shady Cove in the next visit to the area, the date set for February 7. Anyone who can donate to the blood bank should telephone Mrs. Dan Krotz, to register.

Announcement of the projects were made at a meeting of the auxiliary recently when Mrs. Harry Birch, president, presided. Mrs. Wanda Hanson became a member at the meeting, and Mrs. Charles Harkness, Medford, was appointed musician.

A report also was made by the community service chairman, Mrs. Krotz, on work and number of hours spent by the auxiliary during the recent flood disaster.

Mrs. Jim Hopkins, senior vice-president, reported for Mrs. Dale Sawyer, civilian defense chairman, who could not be at the meeting because of an injury received the day of the meeting.

Mrs. Jim Cassal spoke of work done by the auxiliary at Camp White domiciliary during the holidays. Refreshments were served.

Chapter to Meet At Drummond Home
Chapter AA, PEO will meet at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 25 at the home of Mrs. C. I. Drummond, Ross lane. Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. R. J. Cunningham and Mrs. E. B. DeVoe.

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DeMolay Installs Officers

Bruce Kellington was installed master counselor of Medford chapter, Order of DeMolay, in ceremonies held January 11 in Medford Masonic temple. The installation was followed by a dance, with music provided by Bob Ayres' orchestra.

Bill Madden, retiring master counselor, served as installing officer. The new master counselor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kellington, 87 Perrydale avenue.

Others installed were Dick Swinney, senior counselor; Jim Pletsch, junior counselor; Jim Materie, senior deacon; Earl Knight Jr., junior deacon; Jay Walker, senior steward; Ray Dahl, junior steward; Kennis King, orator; Curtis Cook, chaplain; Gary McCurdy, marshal; Steve Fabrick, standard; Don Floyd, almoner; Don Green, Bill Foote, LeRoy Knight, Dick Sorenson, Kent Ballard, Bruce Thompson and Greg Milnes, preceptors.

Grand Guardian To Visit Bethel

Central Point — Mrs. Velma Green, Portland, grand guardian of Job's Daughters, will be entertained at a nohost dinner Thursday, January 26, in the Jackson hotel, Medford.

The visiting officer also will inspect the Bethel's work during initiation ceremonies to be held after the dinner at the Central Point Masonic temple, at 7:30 p.m. Guardian council members and officers will attend.

The first meeting of the new term with Miss Vicki Noel as honored queen was conducted January 12. Miss Anita Conger, junior past queen, escorted and introduced her. Refreshments were served by Miss Marla Abbott and Mrs. Abbott, Miss Ellen Ward and Mrs. Ward, Miss Earlene South and Mrs. South.

Members of the guardian council met January 16 and future meetings of the group will be held the third Mondays in each month.

League Members Consider Floods, Zoning and Adoptions for Program

Flood conditions in this area were discussed Wednesday morning at a unit meeting of Medford League of Women Voters, while members were choosing local study and action items for the year's program.

Interests ranged from conservation, better laws and better understanding of adoptions to county zoning.

The women in particular discussed watershed control as a deterrent to flooding of rivers and creeks. It was pointed out that the long range principles as set forth by the soil conservation program, as opposed to short range or the expedient procedure of high dams only, fits with the league's record of working from a long range viewpoint rather than being busy continuously with only immediate objectives.

From a conservation standpoint the loss of timber in the watersheds, the loss of forest topsoil and the loss of agricultural soils on which plant, animal and human lives depend, seems to outweigh the personal property losses, costly as they are, it was explained.

The problem will be considered at a league meeting scheduled in February.

Other groups of the vicinity have already begun to work toward solving the problem, including members of garden clubs. Books which have been suggested on the subject are "Our Plundered Planet," by Osborne, and "Vanishing Lands," by Jacks and White. The latter publication is recommended by John Tiggart, a newcomer to Medford, who is a member of the soil conservation service.

Safety Expert To Be Speaker In Eagle Point

Eagle Point—C. C. Haggard, safety expert for The California Oregon Power company, will speak and give a demonstration on electrical safety at the next meeting of Eagle Point Parent-Teacher association. It is set for Tuesday, January 24, at 8 p.m. in the high school library.

Mr. Haggard's appearance was arranged by Vernon Bonebrake, safety chairman for the unit.

A discussion of the needs of the community's youth during leisure time is also planned.

New Officers

New officers of the Women's Missionary council, Medford Assembly of God-church, are Mrs. Harold D. Kahl, president; Mrs. William T. Jeffery, vice-president; Mrs. Meredith E. Stansfield, secretary and Mrs. Nelson, treasurer.

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