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Longtime Resident Honored On Ninety-Fourth Birthday

Mrs. Sophia Demmer, 823 Sherman street, observed her 94th birthday anniversary January 20, at her home. Numerous friends called including some from Jacksonville hill where Mrs. Demmer at one time lived. For the occasion Mrs. Demmer made a birthday cake and served coffee to the guests who arrived to visit with her.

She was born January 20, 1842 in Austria-Hungary, and came to this country in 1880 and to Kansas where she was married to Matt Demmer in 1881.

Professor Is Speaker

Members and guests of Alpha Rho chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Mamie Sleeter, 1715 East Main street, to hear a talk by Dr. Loren Messenger of Southern Oregon college.

Dr. Messenger's topic was "Love's Miracle in Marriage." He told the group that the most important reason for American marriage today is the need for companionship. But, he pointed out, this companionship should be a mature companionship with understanding and acceptance of each other. He also stressed the importance of emotional maturity in a successful marriage. The speaker stated that modern marriage, though still deeply emotional, is mature emotion and love based on everyday living—a companionship that grows each day by meeting problems together.

Dr. Messenger then showed a film entitled "Marriage Today." This film also discussed emotional maturity in relation to a successful marriage. A discussion period followed the film.

The cultural program for the evening was given by Mrs. Henry Schroeder. She continued with the topic "Love's Miracle in Marriage" and discussed the need for love in a marriage and home to provide security and to help in solving problems.

During the business meeting the members discussed the Valentine dance which they are planning for February 11 at the Jackson hotel. It will be a formal party for members and guests.

Guests at the meeting were Mrs. Robert Kline, Mrs. Richard Riggs, Mrs. W. C. Judy, Mrs. Gerald True, Miss Barbara Flickinger, Mrs. Wayne Giles and Mrs. Raymond McKnight.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Paul Dix and Mrs. T. R. Lytle.

Next regular meeting of the sorority will be held February 13 at the home of Mrs. William Tycer, 1100 Mt. Pitt avenue.

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Central Point Couple Now Home After Auto Trip Through Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. James R. W. Gregg, route 2, box 818, Central Point, recently returned from a trip to old Mexico and report that "it was the experience of a lifetime."

They entered at the border towns of Nogales, Ariz., and Mexico.

"The first thing I did," Mr. Gregg explained, "after passing customs, was to get lost. Being a side street we had our first introduction to Mexican life, hogs, goats, chickens and half-naked children everywhere and filth in the gutters. It does not seem possible that on the north side of this fence, (woven wire that separates the United States from Mexico, at this point) is a clean street, as usually found in our American cities and just across is all the filth one can imagine. However, we found this condition to be worse along the border than further into Mexico. From Nogales, state of Sonora, we followed a good highway, quite often dodging cows or burros as they have no stock laws.

Little Different

"This part of Mexico is very little different from Arizona from Tucson west to the Colorado river, a dry semi-desert country with occasionally a large area under irrigation or being put under irrigation by the Mexican government. It is said that these projects will ultimately cover some 2,500,000 acres. There are great fields of cotton with cotton picking machines being used. Other up-to-date equipment was in use in this area but in other places conditions were just the reverse.

"At Guaymas we needed a flat tire repaired and stopped at a fine looking service station. After watching the attendants, however, I discovered they knew nothing about the work. Because I was sure they would not get the work done without puncturing the 'Life Guard' tube in the tire, I asked to purchase an ordinary tube, which they assured me they had. But when they went to look for it they didn't. The manager left to get a new tube and after 1 1/2 hours, he returned with one. When the workmen had taken off the wheel nuts excepting the last one I asked if they didn't intend to put a jack under the car. This they also did not have so I got out the one we had in the car. We still are wondering how they expected to change the wheel without something to hold up the car.

Leave Highway

"Another 150 miles south to Navojoa, in Sonora, we left the main highway for a side trip of 30 miles to the city of Alamos in the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains. This city is said to be the oldest white settlement in North America and still populated. It was established in 1531 and silver was discovered in the surrounding hills. At one time it had a population of about 30,000 but now only 2,872. During the height of the mining days the Spaniards who settled there worked the mines and became wealthy, building fine homes, churches and government buildings. Then the mines ran out and wars took their toll with the result that the descendants of the rich Spaniards are living there in near poverty, but still proud.

"Some outsiders are moving in, buying up old buildings, rebuilding them and making homes there. This is a very expensive way of spending the balance of one's life, for one can live there for about one-half of what it costs to live in this country.

M-K Crews

"Along one of the main highways out of Navojoa we saw Morrison-Knudsen crews with hundreds of tractors working on irrigation systems for the Mexican government. Canals through here appear to be about 75 feet wide and 20 feet deep and continue for many miles.

"From Culiacan, a city of over 48,000 persons we continued to Mazatlan, across the tropic of Cancer, and from then on we were in the tropics.

"Mazatlan, with over 40,000 population is an old seaport and now is a fishing resort. Along the beach are fine hotels and homes and broad concrete highways. The city itself has remained the same with narrow, cobblestone streets, and homes built flush with the sidewalks on all four sides of the block, leaving the center of the block for a patio, usually filled with flower gardens.

"To the south we saw fields of bananas and cactus. The cactus resembled century plants with slender blades. We learned that these were maguay plants from which the juice is extracted and made into tequila, the national drink of Mexico.

Take Side Road

"We traveled on about 160 miles south of Mazatlan where the highway continues into the mountains for Mexico City and at this point, because of the altitudes, we turned onto a side road and went to the coastal town of San Blas, a sleepy little village, where we were told, the first padres landed and established a seaport.

Cocoanuts were growing on the hillsides and banana plantations were everywhere.

"While there we learned of a trip which we could make up a jungle river and met another American, from Los Angeles, who could speak Spanish. He was interested in making such a trip with us.

"We arranged with a Spaniard who lived there and who had an outboard motorboat to make the trip up the jungle river. In places brush met overhead and had to be cut out for a passageway, while in other places it was open overhead where we could see many beautiful birds. The water was clear even where very deep and full of fish.

Visit Natives

"We visited at a banana plantation at a hut where two families lived and it was interesting to see the native home of framework with thatched roof of palm fronds and no side walls.

"One of the women gave us bananas, the largest I ever saw, in fact so large that I measured one which was 14 1/2 inches in length. These bananas were not tasty and we learned that the natives either fry or bake them. We found that the short, stubby bananas which they raise are very good without cooking.

"Papaya was growing about the Mexican home as well as gourds which they use for baskets, dippers and other utensils.

"We returned again to the beach after going down river and stayed near the Spaniard's home and business. He operated what he called a restaurant where he sold Mexican foods but mainly soft drinks and beer. The restaurant also was made with a thatched roof on a frame. The chickens roosted in the framework over the tables and in the morning were all over the tables, the stove and where they worked in the kitchen. However this made no difference to us for we did not eat there.

"We now were 930 miles south of the border and from here we began our return trip.

Leave San Blas

"Leaving San Blas we had to climb from sea level to 3,200 feet and the gasoline was so poor (there is only one grade) it caused the heads of three pistons to break off with the result that we were stuck. We were towed by a truck for about 30 miles and then by taxi to Tuxpan to a repair shop. The driver took us to a hotel where it cost us \$1.28 for the both of us per day.

"This occurred on Friday and on Saturday the mechanic came to me with a list of parts necessary, all in Spanish and I could not read a word of it. He and the hotel owner tried by telephone to reach Guadalupe, about 186 miles south, to order parts, but the telephone was out of order and the same was true in trying to reach Mazatlan.

"All that was left to do was for the mechanic to go to Guadalupe to try to get the parts. He thought it would take 800 pesos for the parts and expenses and when I gave him that amount I had a strange feeling that I'd never see him again. He then told me he did not work Sunday but he did start south that evening and by Monday night he had returned to Tuxpan. The trip had cost him another 100 pesos which I gave him. He did have all the parts needed and a bill for them. He proved to be an honest man. Only \$16

"When it came time to pay for the work he asked for only 200 pesos, in other words \$16 in our money, for which both he and his helper had worked a part of Saturday and then for two full days. The entire cost with the parts amounted to \$88.

"Next day we drove to Culiacan where after being unable to locate a grocery store, we asked a policeman to direct us. He motioned for us to get into the car and for me to sit in the middle. He took the wheel and away we went, the speedometer at 40 miles an hour all the time down the narrow streets and through traffic signals.

He parked the car across a street and when we came out from buying the groceries we found traffic tied up for two blocks with trucks and cars standing by but not a one of the drivers complaining. The policeman just stood there in full uniform and the law was in full command. We returned the same way through red lights and all I and I thanked him the best I knew how; we shook hands and waved goodbye. The officer had had the time of his life pulling that stunt with a foreign car.

Best Present

"Christmas morning we crossed the border back into the United States. Both of us said that getting back into this country with all its faults, was the best Christmas present anyone could give us. However, in all fairness to the people of Mexico, we found them kind to us, always doing their best to help us, even to going out of their way, and they all seemed honest and happy people.

"We traveled 2,152 miles and we consider it a most interesting trip despite engine trouble and the fact that we could speak no Spanish. It was an experience of a lifetime. Having put our trust in God we were guided through in safety and home."

Mistletoe Members Pledge Fund For Memorial Hospital

A pledge has been made by members of Mistletoe club of Royal Neighbors of America lodge toward the fund for the proposed Rogue Valley Memorial hospital. The action was taken during a luncheon meeting Wednesday at the Girls' Community club.

Mrs. W. H. Arnold furnished entertainment and Mrs. Randolph Huggahl spoke regarding the care and preservation of new fabrics.

Mrs. Carl Pearson conducted the business session and refreshment committee members were Mrs. Huggahl, Mrs. Harry E. Miller, Mrs. Floyd Bewley and Mrs. A. R. Allen.

Next club meeting will be February 8 when a dessert luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m.

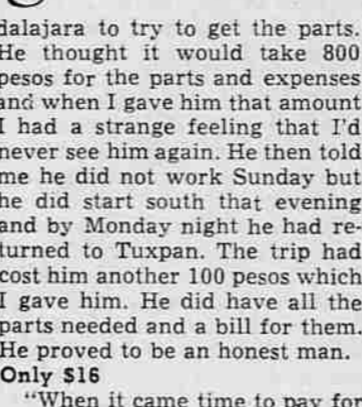
Nevita Social Club To Meet on Monday

Central Point—A meeting of the Social club of Nevita chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held Monday, January 30 at 1:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Robert L. Hague, 2641 Connell avenue, Medford.

Dessert will be served.

Those who need transportation should call Mrs. D. R. Allred, telephone 2-5923, or Mrs. George Brownell, telephone 3-1078.

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Nevada Family To Reside Here

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Knoll and daughter, Carolyn, and son, Rick, have arrived from Reno, Nev., to live here. For the present they are making their home at 1221 West Eighth street. He is a sales representative from Keystone Bros., of San Francisco and has northern California and all of Oregon as his territory. They expect to make their home here permanently.

The daughter is a sixth grade student at Washington school and their son has enrolled as a second grade student at the same school.

Mrs. Knoll was active in Girl Scout work in Reno, being a member of the Girl Scout Leaders' association and also a neighborhood chairman for Girl Scouts, as well as editor of a Scout bulletin. She was also first vice-president of a parent-teacher association unit.

The Knolls also are interested in square dancing and were officers of one of the Reno square dance groups at the time of their departure.

Past Chiefs' Club Announces Meeting

Past Chiefs' club of Pythian Sisters will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Mabel Nicholson, 821 North Central avenue.

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Mrs. James Cech and Mrs. Mabel Nicholson will be hostesses for the next club meeting.

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CALENDAR

Sunday

12 noon to 4 p.m.—Roxy Ann court, smorgasbord for members of Masonic bodies, families and friends, Medford Masonic temple, 218 West Main st.

3 p.m.—Concert at Medford Senior High school auditorium by Philharmonic orchestra. Miss Paulsen Carter, pianist, soloist.

Monday

1:30 p.m.—Social club, Nevita chapter, OES, Mrs. Robert L. Hague, 2641 Connell ave., Medford.

8 p.m.—Dance, Camp White domiciliary, sponsored by auxiliary to Barracks 14, World War I veterans, at domiciliary theater.

Tuesday

12 noon — Girl Scouts, leaders, committee members and chairmen, luncheon, St. Mark's guild hall, Fifth st., and North Oakdale ave.

7:30 p.m.— Medford Truth Center, "Unity," Room 203, Holly bldg.

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.— Upper Applegate Extension unit, Mrs. Robert Sorber, Big Applegate.

10:30 a.m.—Lake Creek Extension unit, Mrs. Ed Meyer, Salt Creek rd.

12:30 p.m.— Get Together club, 11 Newtown st.

1 p.m.— Chapter CP, PEO, Mrs. Jack Sanborn, 1310 West Main st.

1:30 p.m.—Central Point Garden club, home of Mrs. Donald E. Faber.

1:45 p.m.— Contemporary Book club, Mrs. N. B. Bender, 1941 Westerlund dr.

2 p.m.— Wednesday Study club, Mrs. C. L. Coyle, 708 Park st.

7 p.m.— Chapter CG, PEO, Mrs. Robert L. Lee, 1818 Woodlawn ave.

8 p.m.— Past Chiefs club, Mrs. Mabel Nicholson, 821 North Central ave.

8 p.m.— Medford Jaycettes, Mrs. James Ashe, 1007 South Holly st.

8 p.m.— Roxy Ann HEC, Grange hall.

Thursday

10:45 p.m.— West Side Extension unit, Mrs. Ernest Niedermeyer, Aspen dr.

2 p.m.— Sams Valley Ladies club, F. E. Wallace home, Highway 234.

2 p.m.— Medford Garden club, Pythian bldg.

6 p.m.— Annual "ground hog" dinner, served by women of Church of the Brethren, at church, 345 North Mary st., open to public.

7:30 p.m.— Valentine dance of Lively Rogues, Ashland Elks club.

8 p.m.— Civic Music concert, American Piano trio, Medford Senior high school auditorium.

8 p.m.— RNA, Pythian bldg.

Friday

10:30 a.m.— Butte Falls Extension unit, home of Mrs. Albert Hofman.

11 a.m.— Griffin Creek Extension unit, Mrs. George Large, 1000 Shafer lane.

11 a.m.— Medford Truth Center, "Unity," Room 203, Holly bldg.

1:30 p.m.— Elk-Trail Parent-Teacher association, school cafeteria.

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