

Medford Woman Awarded Grant By Altrusa Club

Altrusa International Founders Fund committee this week awarded a vocational scholarship grant to Mrs. Edna Eloise Moore, 342 Mae street, Medford, according to Mrs. Maude Coddling, president of the local service club. The grant of \$250 was given to Mrs. Moore for a complete business course which she plans to take at Medford Business college.

This is the second such grant awarded in this area since the club has adopted the project of furthering the business and professional education of mature women. In the last two years, four women have been given short refresher courses in teaching, and business or given equipment through the clubs local funds. In addition a national grant was awarded last year to Mrs. Lena Castle of Ashland to study practical nursing.

Medford Altrusa club contributes to this national funders' fund, and sets aside \$250 each year to meet the needs of older women who find they must enter the business or professional field to support themselves or help educate their children. In addition the club voted recently to give \$100 to buy a needed piece of equipment for the proposed Rogue Valley Memorial hospital. This gift will be dedicated to the memory of Miss Ruth Nelson, a charter member of Altrusa and formerly supervisor of Community hospital.

Thursday, March 22, the club will meet at the home of Mrs. Bereth Hopkins at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Hopkins will be assisted as hostess by Mrs. Edna Mole, Mrs. Bertha Haskins, chairman of Altrusa Information will be in charge of the program which will include initiation of new members who have entered the club this year.

Sweaters that are properly sused and dried need no ironing. But for a neat finish, you can press the button and button-hole ribbon strips on carigans. Work on the wrong side, over Turkish towel padding.

Program Given For Garden Club

Gold Hill—Several talks on gardening subjects were given at the last meeting of Gold Hill Garden club at the home of Mrs. George Dorman. Luncheon was served.

Mrs. Roy Cameron's subject concerned new varieties of annual plants, and Mrs. Dorman spoke regarding herbs and their uses. Mrs. J. G. Kofahl gave a horticulture report while Mrs. Elizabeth Hauffman lectured on culture of tuberous begonias.

During the business meeting Mrs. Ferd Jones, Mrs. George Dorman and Mrs. Lester Parker were appointed to a committee to act on flood control papers.

The group planned to meet April 18 at Camp White with the Men's Garden club. The women will take refreshments and will show floral culture slides. The next club meeting in Gold Hill will be April 20 at the home of Mrs. John Cogswell.

At the recent meeting four guests attended and one became a member, Mrs. Virgil Ronoe. The others were Garry Evans, Garry Dusenberry and Linda Parker. Flower arrangements were furnished by Mrs. Kofahl, who had daphne with flower plum blossoms and Mrs. Dorman who had laurustinus and heather.

Reames Chapter And Social Club To Hold Sessions

Reames chapter Order of Eastern Star, will meet Thursday, March 22, at 8 p.m. at Medford Masonic hall. Initiation and instruction are planned.

Mrs. Frank Morgan and Mrs. O. D. Frazee will be chairman and co-chairman.

Reames Social club will hold election of officers at a meeting Wednesday, March 21. Luncheon will be served at 12 noon.

Those who have birthdays in January, February and March will be honored and all Order of Eastern Star members are invited.

Mrs. Frank Little will be chairman.

Potpourri

"Writing is a combination of ditch-digging, mountain climbing, treadmill and childbirth." This definition is credited to the American novelist, Edna Ferber. Miss Ferber probably referred to creative writing, but many a weary newspaper reporter will agree with her words.

Last week brought plenty of the ditch-digging and treadmill sort of writing for Potpourri and the weather, a trip up into the Siskiyou and the glorious evening sky provided the mountain climbing thrill, missing from our work. And whatever the week brought, it brought variety.

Last Sunday the two of us took advantage of the wonderful bright blue sky—the first such sky in many a week, and drove Highway 99 to that spot on top of the Siskiyou where the California mountains suddenly unfold to the south, while the head of the household tried his hand at taking colored pictures of snow scenes, we looked at Mt. Shasta and the snow-covered ranges through the big glasses. It was a gorgeous day — but mighty cold in the wind.

Monday we indulged ourselves in food. Potpourri, along with more than a hundred other women of the valley was a guest of Mrs. Alec. Tummers at Mon Desir for what she called a provincial luncheon. Mrs. Tummers—Julie, loves to cook and her friends and patrons enjoy what she cooks.

Mrs. Tummers, whose parents come from Florence, served an Italian menu. The main dish was tasty frittata, a combination of eggs, milk, Parmesan cheese, leeks and herbs, the leeks having been brought from California since they are seldom on the market here. With this went a dark green finely chopped salad of romaine, endive, celery, leeks, onions and Italian tuna fish, tossed with "Julie's Dressing," one of her own recipes.

The dessert was ciacde, little rolls of very thin, crisp dough filled with liqueur-flavored cream. The rolls, a delicacy flavored with anise seed which Italian women are skilled in making, are now made in bakeries in San Francisco. Also new to most of the women present was the cresconi, a sweet cookie, which Mrs. Tummers served with wine before luncheon. These are made chiefly from white of egg and sugar, and though hard to bite into, instantly dissolve into a smooth paste on the tongue. Cresconi is another delicacy which most Italian women formerly made and which are now chiefly produced in bakeries.

While the guests had their coffee, Carl Werner of the California wine industry showed a sound movie.

Mrs. Tummers has been especially busy lately for she has been teaching a class in international cookery at the YMCA. Mrs. T. tells her classes that the much-talked about and written-about French cookery is actually Italian in origin and backs up her belief with material from "The Italian Cook Book," by Maria Luisa Taglienti.

The foreword of the cook book states "Italian gastronomy was born in the luxury of Imperial Rome, and all through the centuries it has been one of Italy's national treasures. But somehow grande cuisine, or the art of fine cooking, is nowadays almost entirely associated with France. Yet, as a matter of fact it actually stems from Italy, and a wealth of what are thought of as French dishes are really Italian in origin."

"The Columbia Encyclopedia states 'Modern cookery derives from Italy and dates from the Renaissance.' When Catherine de'Medici went to Paris she took Italian cooks and so great was the interest aroused in the revival of an ancient art that noblemen took to cooking, and cooks were enriched and honored."

"Catherine de'Medici when leaving Florence in 1533 to become the bride of the Duke of Orleans and the future Queen of France, not only brought along Italian cooks, but also a battery of utensils, molds and other items not to be found in France, including the fork. She adored pastry, and many were the delicacies her well-trained chefs prepared for her and the court of France. And I think that she would have felt amused had she been able to foresee that someday in practically every good restaurant in the world trays would be passed bearing, in some instances the originals, in other derivations of her desserts — and all called 'French Pastry!'"

Thursday found us listening to Dr. J. Corwin Hinshaw talk for the annual meeting of Jackson County Public Health association, and then we rode out to Medford Meat company for the tour planned by Medford League of Women Voters. Maybe we shouldn't come right out and say this, but we were more interested in the conversation which we had with Miss Dorothy Collard, public health nurse supervisor, and Miss Dorothy Huskey, public health educator, after the luncheon, than we were in what Dr. Hinshaw had to say.

Dr. Hinshaw's reference to this country's "superior system" of medical care brought interesting comparisons from these two well-informed health workers on conditions in the Scandinavian countries and from that we turned to talk of health problems yet unsolved in this nation.

Earnest Miss Huskey finally said "If our minds are smart enough to come up with a plan for mass killing, we surely are smart enough to work out a good plan for mass medical care."

The tour of the meat packing plant, with its sights, smells and sounds, added greatly to the variety of experience which we mentioned, before, and since it was this writer's very first trip to a slaughter house, added to our fund of information about the nation's food production.

Potpourri took surreptitious notes about the many good looking suits and dresses we saw at the luncheons Monday and Thursday, and then finally decided to discard them in favor of some figures supplied by Mrs. Curtis Hopkins, county clerk. Mrs. Hopkins is all stirred up about the fact that so many citizens aren't registered for the coming primaries — about 13,000.

Here are the clerk's statistics: The estimated population of the county is 65,790, the population under 21 is 24,721, those with less than six months residence number 2,500, the estimated number eligible to register is about 38,568 and the actual registration to date (Tuesday) was 24,988. So there you are — about 13,000 short.

More than 7,000 voters failed to do so in the last election, the clerk's record show, and as sure as the sun shines, a great many of these are going to show up at polling places come election day and find out they can't cast a ballot.

Recipe for spring: Take one sunny day with bright blue sky, add the cheerful song of a meadowlark, the smell of clothes freshly dried in the soft breeze and of the first purple violets, cover all with one deep blue evening sky and decorate with a sliver of moon and bright Venus. Result—deep contentment for all earthlings who took time to mix the ingredients.—O.S.

Phoenix Gardeners To Be Hostesses For District Meet

Phoenix—Plans for the Siskiyou district convention of garden clubs were completed at a recent meeting of Phoenix Garden club. The convention will be held April 26 at Phoenix Community club.

Mrs. Al Lewis, president, appointed committees on arrangements. They are decoration, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. A. J. Harper and Mrs. George Hartley; registration, Mrs. W. I. House, Mrs. D. E. Lewis, Mrs. Vaughn Quackenbush and Mrs. Johnny Klassen; hostesses, Mrs. Thomas Carter, Mrs. Walter Grochowski, Mrs. Chris Wolff, and Mrs. R. E. LeVander; corsages, Mrs. Charles Hockersmith; policing, Mrs. Mona Ferns and Mrs. Guy Cobleigh; plant sale, Mrs. George Bourne, Mrs. T. A. Lowe, Mrs. George Crawford and Mrs. H. H. DeJarness.

A film, "Wildflowers of the West" was shown by Joseph Hock of Conger-Morris. The film was produced by the Richfield Oil company.

The nominating committee named for the coming election is Mrs. L. O. Penland, Mrs. Olin Poe and Mrs. Saul Cox.

Guests at the meeting were Mrs. Estella M. Lewis of Merlin, Oregon, Mrs. Jo Williams and Mrs. Wallace Martin of Medford.

Student Competes In Speech Tourney

McMinnville — Miss Janet Coyle, Medford, a student at Oregon State college in Corvallis, was among more than 500 college students from 40 different colleges and universities in seven Western states competing in the 26th annual Intercollegiate Forensic Tournament of Champions at Linfield college, McMinnville.

Some 50 trophies were given to winners in this contest which is one of the largest held annually in the United States. The more than four-foot-high revolving grand sweepstakes trophy was awarded this year to Pacific Lutheran college of Tacoma.

Students were present from colleges in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, California, Utah and Nevada to compete in 13 different divisions of speech competition including Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Miss Coyle is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Coyle, 708 Park street.

Announce Speaker For Hedrick PTA

Dr. Clifford Miller, assistant professor of social sciences at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, will be guest speaker for a meeting of Hedrick Junior High Parent-Teacher association Monday, March 19, at 8 p.m. Dr. Miller spent five years teaching in Nairobi, Kenya Colony, Africa, and will speak and show pictures of his experiences there.

Officers for the coming year will be elected. Refreshments will be served after the business meeting by eighth grade room mothers.

Wednesday Study club will meet in the home of Mrs. G. B. Canode, 1716 Crown avenue, Wednesday, March 21, at 2 p.m. Mrs. C. L. Coyle will review the book, "The Virginia Exiles" and Mrs. R. W. Smith will present a selected short topic.

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