



Miss Ann Padgham, Medford, was among the women students on the University of California campus at Davis who gave an aquacade last night as one of the windup features of the 1956 Cal Aggie Picnic day. Pictured above are Miss Donna LeStum, Palo Alto; Miss Joan DeCarli, Stockton, and Miss Padgham. Miss Padgham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Padgham, and is a sophomore in the college of letters and science. Miss Padgham's brother, Henry, was Picnic day chairman in 1953.

### President Honored At Banquet

Members of Colonel Sargent auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, gave a banquet at Redman hall Sunday, April 15, in honor of their department president, Mrs. Fred Schwietering, Eugene. Mrs. Schwietering made her official visit to southern Oregon at this time.

Other guests included Department Commander B. S. Boland, Portland; Department Senior Vice-Commander Ray Antrim, Aloha; Mrs. Mary Gates, Eugene, department secretary; Mrs. Margaret Holt, Creswell, department musician; department aide Fred Schwietering, Eugene; Past Department Commander A. J. Bush, Portland; Mrs. Hattie Bush, Portland, department guard.

Department officers from Medford were Mrs. Anderson, department senior vice-president; Mrs. Harry Barneburg, department aide, and Mrs. Hans Rammin, department color.

Guests from Grants Pass included Mrs. Kathryn Sweetland, president, Rogue River auxiliary; Mrs. Sallie Cotter, Ernest Cotter, Mrs. Ted Cotter and two daughters Nancy and Susan, Miss Virginia Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wallis, and Mrs. Margaret Osborne. Mr. and Mrs. Renne Grosh attended from Ashland. Mrs. Grosh is department song leader. Medford guests included Mrs. Mollie Keene, Harry Barneburg and Don Anderson.

Mrs. James Cech presided at the meeting of the auxiliary after the banquet and Commander Carl Thompson for the camp. Final plans were discussed for the annual carnation sale to be held on the streets of Medford May 11-12. Mrs. Winifred Vail will be general chairman of the sale, with Mrs. Barneburg co-chairman.

Mrs. Sweetland stated that there would be an officers and drill team practice in Grants Pass Sunday afternoon May 6 in the VFW hall. Mrs. Schwietering was presented a green orchid corsage and a gift from the auxiliary. Miss Donna Unger presented the department president with a gift and sang a solo.

Monday, April 16, Mrs. Barneburg, national hospital chairman and her alternate, Mrs. Grosh, arranged for the department officials, Mr. and Mrs. Schwietering, Mr. Boland, Mr. Antrim and Mrs. Gates, to visit the domiciliary center at Camp White. They were accompanied by Mrs. Cech and Mrs. Bessie Johnston. They toured the buildings and visited with the veterans.

**NEW SWITCH**  
Production has started of a new type of household light switch that turns light on and off through the use of a dial instead of the normal button or flip switch. The switches are equipped to glow in the dark. They are also space-savers, with three small dials requiring no more plate area than a single lever switch plate.

Greatest part of Canada's electric current is generated by water power.

### Zinnia Most Popular Annual; Has Many Varieties and Sizes

By EDNA KING MANDEVILLE

Everybody (well, most everybody) loves zinnias. They are perhaps our most popular annual, colorful both in the garden and in the home, blooming over a long period and lasting for several days after being cut.

Then, too, zinnias are so easy to grow. They not only withstand hot summer weather so harmful to other flowers, but also are not subject to the ravages of insects or plant disease. In fact, about the only trouble ever experienced with Zinnias is some "mildew" which can usually be quickly controlled by dusting with sulphur, or by thinning the plants to allow for greater air circulation. In addition, zinnias can be transplanted readily, and do surprisingly well in almost any soil.

"But they must have their faults," I hear you say. True, they are not fragrant, and they will not climb a trellis, but outside of that they're just about perfect. Though most everyone is acquainted with zinnias, many people do not realize how many varieties and sizes there are of this popular flower. Each year new ones are added.

**Standbys Named**  
The old standbys, of course, are the giants of California zinnias. They are very large flowers, measuring 5 inches across and up to three feet high. They are available in a wide variety of mixtures and colors, such as the Miss Willmott (soft pink), purity (white), daffodil (canary yellow), salmon queen (salmon rose), and cherry queen (red).

Next in popularity come the dahlia flowered strains, so called because of their resemblance to giant dahlias. In this group we have such well-known varieties as Will Rogers (red), exquisite (two-tone pink), and meteor (deep red).

Among the large zinnias another important type are the giant hybrids, or cactus flowered zinnias. The twisted petals of this strain make it much less formal in design than the other giants. Leading colors are the blaze (a recent all-American winner featured by Mandeville and King company), the floradale scarlet, and ice cream, a truly cream-colored zinnia.

In the slightly smaller class, the cut and come again zinnia, seems most popular for bouquets. Its name, of course, comes from its ability to bloom and

bloom again. A slightly lighter color in this group is known as sunshine tints.

Another type worth noting is the fantasy, whose petals are curled and twisted. The fantasy comes in several attractive colors such as stardust (golden yellow), wildfire (scarlet), and melody (lavender).

Next in size come the lilliputs, attractive little button flowers on plants growing about two feet tall. Some of the outstanding colors are black ruty (crimson), little red riding hood (scarlet), rosebud (soft pink), and valencia (burnt orange).

**Tom Thumb Smallest**  
The smallest of all zinnias is the tom thumb, whose flowers are usually as large as the lilliputs, but whose plants are much smaller. Occasionally some plants are found growing taller than the others, and about the only thing to do with these is to pull them out, and let the dwarf ones fill the intervening spaces.

It might be well here to mention one of the most interesting and unusual new zinnias. It is called Peppermint stick. Its flowers are striped red and white, red and yellow, and purple and white. Although the strain does not run 100 per cent striped flowers, the few solid colors do not detract from the bizarre effect of a bed of peppermint stick. A most unusual bouquet can be had by filling a case with just the red and white striped flowers.

A final word about two varieties that really aren't zinnias at all. The Haageana, one of my own favorites, is usually called a zinnigold because of its resemblance to both the zinnia and the French marigold. And the creeping zinnia is really a Sanvitalia Procumbens. Both varieties are interesting and well worth getting acquainted with.



Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Williams, Shady Cove, try their hand at gold panning in a desert wash near the vacation capital of Phoenix, Ariz., and the Valley of the Sun. This was their first visit to the Phoenix area. (Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Photo)

### Committee Women at Work On Homemakers' Festival

Names of committee women, who are working on the annual Homemakers festival set for May 1 and 2 were announced last week. The event will be held again at the Central Point Legion hall and this year for the first time a public open house will be held so that all interested may view accomplishments of work done by unit members during the past year.

The Central Point unit and county alumnae committee women, with Mrs. Arthur Straus in charge, will conduct the open house activities which will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m., May 1.

Refreshments also will be served under direction of Mrs. Charles Jantzer and Mrs. Paul Snook. Organ music will be furnished through the courtesy of the Music mart.

A list of the exhibits and exhibiting units for the festival also were announced.

Woven baskets and trays will be shown by the Lake Creek and Shady Cove units; baskets, and fabric lampshades will be from Prospect, New Applegate unit, Medford Parents, Howard, Willow Springs, Evans Valley, Valleyview, Eagle Point; gifts, and wrappings, Butte Falls, Lone Pine and Westside, while hobby work and cake decorating will be shown by Oak Grove members.

Baskets and uses of color in the home will be furnished by Shady Cove; draperies and lampshades, and art of pressing, Reese

Creek, Lone Pine and Sams Valley; new fabrics, Ashland; rugs and baskets, Upper Applegate; Ceylon study materials, Central Point, and candles by Griffin Creek.

The Medford unit will exhibit all projects of the year in the form of a May pole to be shown in Mann's Department store windows.

On May 2, the festival day, registrations and assembling programs will be done by members from Reese Creek, with Mrs. Ben Gardner in charge.

Ushers will be from Westside; name tags will be furnished by Shady Cove and Butte Falls; songs will be led by Mrs. Leola Edge; pianist will be Mrs. Pete Rosenberg; table decorations furnished by Ashland; flowers for the stage, Oak Grove; planning program, county committee, and luncheon will be served by the Home Economics club which will be held at the Central Point Grange hall.

**FRUIT SALAD DRESS-UP**

New York—(U.P.)—To vary the dressing for fruit salad, combine 1/2 cup fresh orange juice with 1/4 cup of fresh lime juice, 1 cup of salad oil, 3/4 teaspoon of salt 1/2 teaspoon of sugar and a dash of ground black pepper. Beat with a rotary beater. Stir in 1/2 cup of grated raw apples, if desired. This dressing also is good on head lettuce.

### Butte Falls PTA Elects

Butte Falls—Mrs. Harry Dalton was elected president of Butte Falls Parent Teacher association at a meeting Monday evening. Mrs. Charles Capello is the new vice-president; Mrs. Charles Ferguson, secretary, and Mrs. William Edmondson, treasurer.

The next and final meeting of the organization for the current school year will be May 7.

The junior and senior classes of Butte Falls High school will present a play, "Tiger House," May 4, it was announced at the meeting.

Students of the high school who took part in a student government day in Medford recently, gave reports on the commission to which there were assigned.

Miss Patty Irwin served on the welfare commission; Dale Ray Smith acted as chairman of the dog control commission; Vernon Arnold took the county clerk's position, and Donald Ellis was on the court house custodian committee.

The students were introduced by Art Backlund, sponsor.

Reports on an amateur night program held March 30 was given and revealed that the event was a success. Appreciation was extended to those who worked on the program and refreshments.

### Girl Scouts Give Tea for Mothers At Wonderly Home

A Mothers' tea honoring the memory of Juliette Low, founder of Girl scouting in America, was recently given by Troop 130, McLoughlin Junior High school. The tea was held in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Wonderly on Palm st.

The program for the tea was planned by Mieke Noble and Deanna Russell. Linda Wicker told the mothers about the Juliette Low world friendship fund. A pantomime was presented by Sandra Gross, Diane Griffith and Barbara Donahoo.

Two musical numbers were played by Connie Paulsen, Mildred Boyd and Deanna Russell on their clarinets. Marjorie Wonderly closed the program by telling the mothers about the work the troop has completed towards their curved bar rank.

Table decorations were yellow daffodils and green leaves. Each mother was presented with a yellow daisy corsage. Present for the tea were Mrs. Gilbert Gross, Mrs. Howard Boyd, Mrs. Byron Griffith, Mrs. Donald Paulsen, Mrs. Kenneth Wonderly, Mrs. E. Wahlstrom, little Karen Wonderly and Mrs. John Russell, leader of the

### Valley Women Invited to Show At Mann's Store

Valley women are invited to see Gloria Swanson designs known as "Conservation Pieces," which will be modeled tomorrow at Mann's Department store. The shows will be given twice, one at noon, and the last at 3 p.m. The styles are furnished by Puritan Dress company of New York City.

Details will be given by Robert Collins, commentator, himself a designer and stylist. Professional models will show the apparel. He has been with the dress firm for eight years and has worked closely in the designing with Miss Swanson for some six years. Mr. Collins also has designed evening clothes for custom dressmaking.

The shows are informal and the department store personnel stresses that all women interested should feel free to attend.

The human eye is said to be 30,000 times more sensitive to dim light than is the thermopile, one of the most sensitive physical instruments devised.

### Howard Garden Club Announces Program For Tuesday Session

Howard—"All About Birds," will be title of the program for Howard Garden club members Tuesday, April 24 when they meet at 1 p.m., in the home of Mrs. J. R. Campbell, route 2, box 379D, Merriman road.

Mrs. Charles May and Mrs. Wayne Smith are cohostesses for the afternoon and members are to take plants for an exchange. Mrs. Albert Stocks was hostess for the club's last meeting held in March.

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