

# 19 Graduate From U. S. Citizenship Course Here

## Ceremony Ends Complicated Ordeal For New Citizens

Those who think of commencement in terms of elementary school, high school and college graduates, are forgetting about a small but certainly distinguished class of 1938 spring graduates.

It is doubtful that many local graduates could experience the feeling of accomplishment and pride more than a class of 19 individuals in Jackson county who received their citizenship papers last Wednesday.

For most of the group, the swearing-in ceremony in circuit court Wednesday morning and the banquet in their honor that night marked a climax to weeks, months and years of adjustment, concentrated study, disappointment and, finally, success.

### Agree on Advantage

Language barriers, legal technicalities, long delays and weighty personal responsibilities were among their lesser handicaps. They unanimously agree, however, that their greatest advantage was the knowledge, patience, understanding, and inspiration offered by their instructor, Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini.

Mrs. D'Albini, who lives at 308 North Ivy st., Medford, has been giving citizenship instruction on a strictly volunteer basis for 31 years. Her students, hailing from nearly every spot on the globe, probably number into the thousands.

"I believe that everyone owes something to his country," she said. "If he has a talent, he should make use of that talent for the benefit of his country. People have said I have the ability to help people learn, so I try to help them to learn to be good citizens."

### Taught Public School

She was born in Texas and taught in public schools there for several years before moving to Medford 36 years ago.

Comprising her most recent class were Mrs. Mabel Irene Roberts, 327 West Second st., Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald (Olive Margaret) Hall, 21 Willamette ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lawrence (Mary) Sands, 836 Laurel st., Central Point; Mrs. Rosa Veronica Johnston, Old Military rd., Medford; Mrs. Doreen Hansen, Table Rock rd., Medford; Mrs. Vera Ashland, 784 Ashland st., Ashland; and Mrs. Evelyn Ruth Stalker, 133 Willamette st., Medford, all of Canada; Luitzen Suierveld, route 1, box 473, Medford, of The Netherlands; Antoni Glogowski, 433 North Columbus ave., Medford, of Poland; Mrs. Ruth Martha Mercer, 2191 Crestbrook rd., and Mrs. Dorothea Mulhollen, 925 North Central ave., Medford, of Germany; Miss Anna Alexander Markoff, 215 Iowa st., and Mrs. Matilda Tillie Wolf, 1803 West Main st., Medford, of Russia; Mrs. Marguerite Marcelle Niquette, Rogue River, of Switzerland; Mrs. Eira Constance Weaver, 831 Garden way, Ashland, of Great Britain; and the Rev. and Mrs. James Thomas (Mary Elizabeth) Dixon, 110 Clover lane, Medford, of North Ireland.

### Stories Varied

The stories behind their arrival in this country are varied. For example, Glogowski is a Polish displaced person, who spent about two years in a concentration camp before coming here; Suierveld came here from The Netherlands under private sponsorship; and Mrs. Mercer came here as a German war bride. Others came here originally for educational purposes and decided to stay, and still others probably came to America just because they wanted to.

Mrs. D'Albini said most immigrants desiring citizenship start on the project as soon as they possibly can. The only fee is \$10



**MEMORABLE OCCASION**—Some of America's most recently acquired citizens are shown here with their husbands and wives at the banquet held in their honor at the Medford hotel. The dinner was sponsored by the Medford post



**ATTORNEY SPEAKS**—Robert Duncan, Medford attorney, was main speaker at the Wednesday citizens. He urged them to help Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini, instructor seeking citizenship, is shown at

to cover costs of investigation. "Acquiring citizenship has been made much easier in recent years," she commented, "so more people are making application sooner."

### Tells Procedure

She explained that candidates were originally required to file two applications before becoming citizens. The first was called a declaration of intention and had to be filed two years before the application for citizenship. If a candidate allowed more than seven years to elapse between his declaration and citizenship application, the declaration of intention became null and void. After that happened, it was necessary to start all over. Now only one application is required and the whole process is much less confusing, she said.

She explained that most people must establish five years residence in the United States before they are eligible to apply for citizenship. Those married to American citizens may apply in three years and those married to service personnel may apply after two years of residence. Those who join U. S. military services may complete citizenship requirements in even less time. Mrs. D'Albini said. For them the biggest task is supplying proof of legal entry into the country, she explained.

### Must Have Witnesses

After the required length of residence is established, witnesses must be acquired. They must be unrelated to the citizenship candidate and unrelated to the husband or wife of the candidate. Mrs. D'Albini pointed out that a candidate for citizenship must provide at least two witnesses at each town in which he has lived since his entry into the United States.

Supplying proof of legal entry into this country can be a complicated process, she said. The applicant for citizenship must tell of his port of entry, date he landed there and the name of the boat or plane in which he arrived. This sounds relatively simple, but Mrs. D'Albini cited

15, American Legion, and the Legion auxiliary. Their instructor, Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini, says the banquet is similar to a graduation program. The new citizens were sworn in during a circuit court ceremony here Wednesday morning.

tional, but Mrs. D'Albini urges the new citizens to be present. "It makes the day more memorable," she said, "and they all enjoy the program." Last Wednesday the Crater Lions club assisted with the banquet, which was held in the Medford hotel. Thirteen of the new citizens and about 45 other people attended, including various city, county and organization officials. Robert Duncan, Medford attorney, was main speaker for the evening. In addition to welcoming the honored guests to the ranks of American citizens, he pointed out problems existing in our government and urged them to help solve these problems.

Following the banquet, which is expected to become an annual event, an informal reception was held for the new citizens. Most of them readily stated the day had been a "big one" in their lives and one new citizen confessed she had been too excited to sleep well the night before.

The citizenship "commencement program" appeared to be as gratifying to Mrs. D'Albini as it was to the graduates. Just as the new citizens look upon her "as a mother," she regards them as very special offspring.

"The most rewarding part of this work," she stated, "is the deep, lasting and sincere friendships I make through my association with these people."

## O'Hara Denies Extra Pamphlets Made

Salem —(U.P.)— Dave O'Hara, state elections chief, has denied that an "extra" 139,000 voters pamphlets had been published for the primary elections and claimed there were only about 4000 more pamphlets than there were registered voters.

O'Hara explained he ordered 850,000 pamphlets in March before definite registration figures were in from county clerks so that the state printing department could get to work on them. On May 1, O'Hara said, between 35,000 and 40,000 new registrations were received from Multnomah county and lesser number from other counties.

The original order was lowered several times as printing went on and O'Hara pointed out that many late registration additions involved persons who changed their address. He said it was too late and too costly to bring the lists up to date.

## In County Schools

### GOLD HILL ELEMENTARY

Eighth grade promotion exercises of the Hanby Gold Hill school will be held Thursday, May 31, in the Gold Hill gymnasium at 8 p.m. The guest speaker, to be introduced by Superintendent Howard Jewett, will be Dr. Alex Petersen, physical education director at Southern Oregon college. Roland Griffith will introduce the class to the audience and present the outstanding student award.

Diplomas will be presented by Norman Gail, a director of school district 6.

Graduates include John Andrews, Joe Allen, Sharilla Blake, Daleen Clement, Terry Ernest Cooper, James W. Eldred, Howard E. Freeman, John R. Genaw, Dale Graham, Marilyn Hixson, Clarence P. Huntley, Richard Jones, C. William Kell, Jimmie McKibben, Russell Skov, Joan Skov, Chuck Turner, Derrell Williamson, Bob Wilson, David Bowen, Patrick O. Blouin, Robert K. Linderman and David L. Goodwin.

The sixth grade, under the direction of Bill Brewster and Marguerite Black, will present choral numbers and the school band, under the direction of Charles Cook, will participate in the program. Terry Cooper, class president, will recite Kipling's "If".

Tuesday, May 29, will be the last day for youngsters. School will close at the regular hour.

### WEST SIDE SCHOOL

The West Side eighth grade promotion exercises will be held at the school gymnasium Tuesday, May 29, at 7:30 p.m. Those graduating are Thomas Barry, Wayne Brown, Susan Crofoot, Jim Johnston, Richard Kengla, Jeff Porter and Terry Ryan.

Mrs. Katherine Heffernan, chairman of the West Side school board, will present the diplomas. After the program refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria by members of the West Side Mothers' club. School closes Friday afternoon, June 1.

## 20th Annual Catfish Derby Scheduled Here

The 20th annual National Catfish derby this year will be held Sunday, June 17, at Tou Velle State park on the Rogue river, 20-30 club members have announced.

Pat Greene is general chairman of the event, and Curt Butlerfield, club president, has charge of planning the day-long program.

Paul Morris is handling publicity and Don Wells is chairman of the selection committee for the queen and princesses.

Murry Smith is chairman for solicitations for prize money for contests to be held throughout the event. John Watkins is co-chairman.

### Entries Eligible

Contestants can enter catfish caught anytime before 3 p.m., June 17. Entries will be registered at the north end of the stage between 1:30 and 3 p.m. Any American citizen is eligible for the derby and catfish entered must have been caught by the

contestant entering the catfish.

Prizes will be awarded to the heaviest catfish, largest number of the catfish caught by any contestant, the youngest contestant entering one or more fish, and the oldest contestant entering one or more catfish.

Grand sweepstakes trophy will be awarded on the basis of overall fishing ability. Scoring will be on number of catfish, average length, average weight, general condition and appearance of catfish, and originality of costume of contestant.

## Medford Student Gets \$700 Scholarship

Eugene—Frederick C. Stammen, a junior from Medford, was awarded a \$700 scholarship at the annual spring banquet of Delta Nu Alpha, transportation honorary, at the University of Oregon May 23.

Stammen is majoring in business administration at the university.

The scholarship is awarded annually by the Republic Carloading and Distributing company of New York City to an outstanding student in the field of traffic and transportation.

Stammen, the newly-elected secretary of the local chapter of Delta Nu Alpha, is a graduate of Medford High school and lives at 209 South Orange st., Medford.

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## Mrs. Dickson Elected New GOC Chief Here

Mrs. John Dickson was elected new chief observer for Medford Post Ground Observer corps at a recent meeting in the courthouse. She will replace Mrs. Lucille Brock who has resigned.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Othar C. Rickey, secretary; Mrs. Lola McCallister, treasurer; and Alma Christianson, ways and means.

Wings were awarded Galen Bogenhoff, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Dodge, and Roy Hukill.

One hundred hour merit award badges were awarded Mrs. Reuben Arnold, Mrs. C. C. Poulson, and Charles Brainerd.

Virginia Cox and David Schatz were awarded 250 hour bars.

The Medford GOC has scheduled a picnic at Tou Ville park, June 10. Observers, their families and friends have been invited. Families are to bring their own basket lunches and drinks.

The Blue Water Bridge, connecting Port Huron, Mich., with Sarnia, Ont., is one of the nine longest cantilever spans in North America. The bridge, built in 1938, is one and a quarter miles long between terminal points.

## Thank You...

for making our 5th Anniversary and Open House, May 18th and 19th, a success!  
The following are the winners of the Free Prizes:

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## Miss Altheide to Read News From SOC in Fall

Ashland—Mary Lou Altheide, Southern Oregon college Sophomore from Grants Pass, has been selected to call in campus news to KJJC each Thursday at 11:30 a.m. it was announced by Hugh G. Simpson, director of information. The news is recorded at the time and later broadcast on the Rogue Valley Reporter program.

A member of Sigma Epsilon Pi, women's honorary, and of Sigma Tau, women's speech sorority, Miss Altheide also belongs to the Mountain club and to Westminster, a Presbyterian organization on campus. She is a sophomore in teacher education and plans to teach at junior high school level.

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**CANADIAN ROCKIES**—8 days from Seattle  
Via Spokane & Cranbrook to Banff (3 nights), with sightseeing...through superb scenes to Lake Louise, Moraine Lake, Valley of Ten Peaks, Columbia Ice Fields. Home via Snoqualmie Pass. Leave July 16, Aug. 20.

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