

Court of Awards, Fly-Up Held by Jackson Scouts

Girl Scouts of Jackson school recently held a court of awards and Brownie fly-up in the school gymnasium. The program opened with a flag ceremony presented by girls from the sixth grade in Troop 158. Girls in the color guard were Captain, Patricia O'Hara; flag bearers, Ruth Milligan and Anita Ritchey; guards, Joan Ward, Sharyn Hamm, Janette Jones and Rosann Warren.

Mrs. John Russell, neighborhood chairman, welcomed parents and friends. She then introduced the leaders and praised them for their successful scout year. Guests present included Mrs. Gerald Gastineau, troop organization chairman for Medford district and guest speaker; Maurice Ritchey, established camp building chairman; Mrs. Ritchey, day camp chairman; Mrs. Wilmer Warren, Juliette Low chairman for Medford district; Mrs. Verna Corneil and Mrs. Martha Taylor, Howard school neighborhood; Mrs. Ivan Lusk and Mrs. Fred Lawrence, Medford Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary; Mrs. Precia Medley and Mrs. Sarah Watson, teachers at Jackson school.

The two second grade troops, with Mrs. Clifford Poulson and Mrs. George Turner as leaders, sang. Their song leader was Lois LeFaive.

Ceremony Held

Fifth Grade Troop 8, under the leadership of Mrs. John Mason and Mrs. Tom Anderson, presented the fly-up ceremony for the two fourth grade troops. The girls formed a horseshoe on the stage and a fairy, Connie Hurn, tapped her magic wand on the head of each girl as she came up the stairs to join the fifth grade troop. Flying up were Mrs. N. T. Jones with Troop 170, including Bonny Lee Grimes, Jackie Glines, Nancy Burger, Cheryl Rice, Sharon Ritchey, Margaret Doolen, Mickey Lynch, Maralyn Anderson; Mrs. William H. Roberts, Troop 13 and Maureen Donaldson, Ann Issacs, Laura Bell, Jeanette Coulter, Sandra Grant, Dee Bledsoe and Pamela Jo Roberts.

The girls repeated the promise and laws and received their wings and tenderfoot pin.

The third grade troops, with Mrs. Wilmer Warren and Mrs. John Lynch as leaders, sang two songs. They had as song leaders Kathleen Sanborn and Pat Warren.

A ceremony of the laws was presented by Mrs. Maurice Ritchey's sixth grade Troop 158.

Mrs. Gastineau spoke to the group on "What Scouting Is." She explained that the five points of scouting are girls, leaders, promise and laws, government and the community backing. She stressed the working together as a family as children are gone all too soon. She said that the badge program covered everything "from A to Z." Badges are not to be thought of as a symbol but what a scout can do, she concluded.

Badge presentations were made by each leader. Mrs. Mason presented members of Troop 8 with second class, animal raiser, child care, personal health, horsewoman, cook, games, homemaker, and reader badges. Girls receiving second class badges were Cindy Anderson, Judy Brookman, Carole Crenshaw, Carolyn Denton, Vivian Henderson, Connie Hurn, Donna Lee Krause, Carol Mason, Diane Paulsen, Roma Sims, Virginia Vaughan and Judy Zack.

Designers Show Summer Styles

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Paris — (U.P.) — Paris dress-makers greeted the rising temperatures and summer sunlight today with swirling light-as-air creations in their mid-season fashion collections.

Flowered chiffons and polka-dotted mousselines came in full-skirted styles which kept the new high-waisted look so popular in the big spring dress collections.

The mid-season shows seldom set trends, but new ideas are often tried out here before the designer launches them in the bi-yearly headline making shows.

However, these showings only endorsed the high-waisted small

bosomed silhouette without adding any revolutionary touches. The "canzou," or bolero, topped with a wide collar, as well as tailored suits.

Jean Desses favors an ensemble of white mousseline with grey coin dots for summer dancing. The skirt and duster coat are both cut in flowing petal panels.

Beachwear looks warmer and heavier than town clothes this season.

Dior shows a bright red, yellow, and black striped sweater with a monk-like hood to be worn over bathing suits or with slacks.

Fath features heavy cotton sailor blouses embroidered in peasant style. Lined with terry cloth, the blouses have matching beach towels and parasols.

Special Meeting
Planned by Lodge

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Mrs. Ina (Nelson) Pursel, who has taught in various schools of Jackson county for 40 years during the last half century, was honored at a dinner May 19 at Ruch school which marked her retirement. About 275 former pupils and friends attended. Pictured here during the dinner are (left to right) Mrs. Boyd Gibson, Mrs. E. G. Bailey (with back to camera) Nelson Pursel, Mrs. Pursel, John Harr, who served as master of ceremonies, and Miss Elizabeth Burr, who was county school supervisor in the earlier years of Mrs. Pursel's career. —(Photo by Morris Byrne)

Dinner Honors County Teacher Woman Ends Forty-Year Career

Ruch — A dinner honoring Mrs. Ina (Nelson) Pursel, who is retiring from a 40-year teaching career in Jackson county, was held Saturday night, May 19 at Ruch school. Approximately 275 people from various parts of Jackson county attended the event, which was sponsored by Ruch Parent-Teacher association.

The dinner opened with the Rev. Earl Best of Ruch Community church giving the invocation. The school band played "Memories" and other selections.

John Harr, superintendent of schools at Rogue River and a former student of Mrs. Pursel, was the master of ceremonies. He began by introducing Miss Elizabeth Burr, who was county school supervisor in the earlier years of Mrs. Pursel's teaching career. Miss Burr briefly recalled the early school days and the difficulties of transportation. Mrs. Una B. Inch, assistant county school superintendent, was introduced, but declined to speak, saying this was Mrs. Pursel's night.

After the introductions, John Harr reviewed the history of Mrs. Pursel's career. The guest of honor graduated from Council Bluff High school in Iowa; attended Iowa State Teachers college; took one year at the University of Chicago; did practice teaching at the University of Iowa; came to Oregon in 1906 and taught at the Palmer Creek school district. She continued her formal training by attending Southern Oregon college to keep abreast of the times and methods.

Mr. Harr told how Mrs. Pursel rode horseback to school for six miles over the old Mule Hill grade. It was a treacherous journey, complicated by the horse teams carrying ore from the old Blue Ledge mine. It was the only way, and a very narrow one. Her journey also involved crossing the river on a cable trolley. In 1908, she retired temporarily to marry Nelson Pursel who then was operating a sawmill at Upper Applegate. They purchased a farm and she was then occupied for a while with household duties. In 1923, she went to Watkins school, which was a log house situated on the grade above French Gulch, and then in the new school house in 1924. She served at Ruch from 1936 to 1941 and was school principal. She also taught at Coletine, Little Applegate, Uniontown and at Table Rock. With the exception of the years at Table Rock and Coletine, she has principally taught in the Applegate.

Mrs. Pursel served a second time at Ruch in 1950, until this present time of her retirement.

Later in the program, Mr. Harr asked all of Mrs. Pursel's former students from the various schools where she had taught to stand and be recognized. Among these were two different families representing three generations each that were taught by Mrs. Pursel. One family was Mrs. Gerald Buck, her son, Dow Lewis, and his son, Paul Lewis. The other family was Mrs. John Byrne, her son, Morris Byrne, and his daughter, Rita Byrne. Four generations were also present at this event. They were the guest of honor, Mrs. Pursel, her daughter, Mrs. Fred West and Mrs. West's daughter, Mrs. E. G. Bailey, and her two children, Donnie and Susie.

After introducing Mrs. Pursel's former pupils, Mrs. Inch

taught the community group the words of a new song honoring Mrs. Pursel. It was "Happy Holiday to You" to the tune of "Happy Birthday." Elmer V. Ayres led the group in singing. After this, Mrs. George Redhead led in group singing.

Near the conclusion of the ceremonies, John Harr presented Mrs. Pursel with a gold heart-shaped locket with the years 1906-1956 engraved on it, which was given by the community. Mrs. Pursel thanked everyone, and expressed her pleasure and gratitude by saying, "To work for you, and with you, has been my joy."

The program closed with a reception.

Mrs. Pursel received many gifts, cards, letters, and pictures of the old school days. A cake was given by Mrs. Albert Nelson.

The following committees helped with the program: Decorations, Mrs. George Sample and Mrs. W. H. Ziegler; pictures, Bob Webb, Dow Lewis, and Morris Byrne; guest book and gifts, Mrs. George Redhead; program, Boyd Gibson; food and kitchen, Mrs. Stanley Larson and Mrs. Rex Davis; invitations and arrangements, Mrs. Don Lewis and Mrs. Edmund Ramsay.

A steer was donated for the barbecue dinner and acknowledgement is given to Medford Meat company for butchering and dressing the meat. Others who assisted were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barker, who were in charge of cooking the meat; Bill DeShazo, who made the special barbecue sauce; Mrs. H. Vessell and Mrs. Mildred Vessell, who helped cook the meal; Mrs. James Corson, who transcribed the program; Kenneth Nivens, who painted a mural depicting the old Ruch school; Clyde Sutherland and Jacksonville schools, who contributed the tables; Mrs. Harry Helms, who donated iris; Mrs. Albert Nelson, who made the school slates, and many others.

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Dental Assistants Install Officers

Annual installation of officers of the Southern Oregon Dental Assistants society was held at a dinner meeting at the Dardanelles May 23. Eighteen members were present and guests included Dr. and Mrs. Lee Mellish, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond McNair, Dr. and Mrs. L. Paul Walker, Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Thompson and Dr. Bruce Stanley.

Miss Betty Niedermeyer gave a brief account of her activities for the past year. Dr. Mellish, who has been society advisor for the past year, spoke briefly as did Dr. Stanley, who will be advisor for the coming year.

Vocal selections were given by Mrs. Donna Hogan.

Mrs. Frances Dempster was installing officer and Mrs. Iris Morgan, conducting officer. New officers installed at the candlelight ceremony were Mrs. Irene Cuy, president; Barbara Hayes, vice-president; Mrs. Anne Bateman, treasurer, and Mrs. Marian Lusk, secretary. Gifts were presented to the retiring officers.

Mrs. Culy also received a gift from her employer, Dr. Walker, his wife, and Dr. Stanley.

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