

'Official' Families

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January has brought a number of changes in the roster of officials serving the city, county and in state offices. Medford has a new mayor and four new councilmen, the county has a new assessor, a new district attorney and a new county commissioner. When the legislature convenes in Salem Monday, one new representative from Jackson county will take his place among those from other counties of Oregon.

Today The Mail Tribune is pleased to introduce the wives and families of these new city, county and state officials who will be serving the citizens of Medford and Jackson county in the months to come.



The family of John Snider, Medford's new mayor, enjoys games and hobbies together. John Jr., 13, (at right) and Douglas, 12, have learned to play chess with their father. Mayor Snider and the boys also like to tinker with model airplanes and gasoline engines. Mrs. Snider and Mary Ann, 7, have been making mosaic tiles in recent weeks, and each holds one of the completed pieces. The Snider home is at 2327 East Main street, and all three children attend St. Mary's school.



Mrs. Thomas Reader, wife of the new district attorney of Jackson county, is pictured here in their apartment at 135 North Ivy street. Mrs. Reader, a registered nurse, is on the staff of one of the city's clinics and is a member of Medford Jayettes. She trained at St. Anthony's Nursing school in Oklahoma, and the two met when both were attending the University of Oklahoma.



Mrs. Ray J. Schumacher is the wife of Jackson county's new assessor. The Schumachers, who live at 126 Portland avenue, have been in Medford for 32 years, first in merchandising and later in real estate. Formerly a professional musician, Mrs. Schumacher now plays the piano purely for pleasure. The Schumachers have a daughter, Mrs. R. L. Grigsby, and three grandchildren who live in Portland.



Robert B. Duncan, newly elected representative from Jackson county to the Oregon legislature, will be accompanied to Salem this month by Mrs. Duncan and the couple's five children. The sons and daughters are Nancy, 12; Angus, 10; David, 5 (standing in front of Angus); Jamie, 4, and Laurie Ann, 2. Mrs. Duncan plans on serving as her husband's secretary during the session. The representative's mother, Mrs. Eugene Duncan, will come from Bloomington, Ill., to help care for the children while her son and daughter-in-law carry on the legislator's duties at the capitol. Mr. Duncan leaves this week end and his family will join him later. The family home is at 1500 Terrace drive.



The wife of the new county commissioner, Mrs. Ralph James, is an artist. Mrs. James began painting when but nine years old, and years ago while still living in New York City, some times sold her work. She paints in oils, and particularly enjoys doing mountain and marine scenes. Mr. and Mrs. James, who came to Medford 17 years ago to live in Sams Valley, have three daughters living in southern California. The couple attends the neighborhood Gospel church in their community.



The wives of Medford's four new councilmen pose here for The Tribune photographer. They are (left to right) Mrs. E. F. Hall, Mrs. R. L. Van Sickle, Mrs. Alva Bradford and Mrs. James Dunlevy. Mr. Hall is owner of Central Drug company and the family lives at 712 East Jackson boulevard; the Van Sickle home is at 53 Myers court and Mr. Van Sickle is an insurance adjuster; the Bradfords live at 1023 Mt. Pitt avenue and Mr. Bradford is a barber; Mr. Dunlevy is manager of radio station KYJC and the family home is at 408 Ardmore avenue. The four wives assembled at the Van Sickle home for the photograph.