



Miss Avadna Peterson  
(Landis-Shangle photo)

**Avada Peterson.  
Kenneth Boshears  
To Wed This Year**

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Peterson, Hometown, Ida., announce the engagement of their daughter, Avadna, to Kenneth Boshears, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miner Boshears, 408 South Grape street.

Miss Peterson was graduated from Oregon State college where she was affiliated with Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She is on the faculty of Jefferson school, Medford.

Mr. Boshears was also graduated from Oregon State college and was a member of the college chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He is a pharmacist with Medford pharmacy.

The engagement news was announced here at a party given January 4 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clynton Crisman, 2525 Merriman road. The bride-elect's parents were here for the event, which also celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

Miss Peterson makes her Medford home at 106 South Ivy street.

An early summer wedding is planned by the couple.

**Summer Wedding  
Planned by Couple**

The engagement of Miss Mary Rice, Bellview, Wash., to Duane R. Sherwood of Medford was announced last month by Miss Rice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rice of Bellview. Mr. Sherwood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sherwood, 1020 Jasper street, Medford. The announcement was made during a holiday party at the Rice home.

The bride-to-be, a teacher in the Portland school system, was graduated from Whitworth college, Spokane, Wash. She was elected to the Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities.

Mr. Sherwood will be graduated in June from Idaho State college, Pocatello, Ida. He is a member of Rho Chi, pharmaceutical honor society.

An early summer wedding is planned.



Loretta May Darby  
(Classic photo)

**Parents Announce  
Bethrothal News**

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Darby, 43 North Peach street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Loretta May, to Charles L. Houston, airman second class in the United States Air Force. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Houston, 1014 Maple Park drive.

Miss Darby is a student at Medford High school; her fiancé is stationed at Ardmore Air Force base in Oklahoma.

No date has been set for the wedding.

**Mrs. Frank Hussong  
To Be Club Hostess**

Mistletoe club will meet Wednesday, January 23 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Frank Hussong, 56 Barneburg road, Medford.

The morning will be spent in sewing and members are asked to take scissors and thimble. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon and table service is required.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Hussong, Mrs. E. M. Lovell, Mrs. Alma Hill and Miss Blanch Arnold.



Miss Mary Rice  
(Wong photo)

**Phoenix Club**

Phoenix — Phoenix Thursday club will hold the monthly business meeting Thursday, January 24, at the home of Mrs. Delano Sloan, Mrs. R. L. Mullen and Mrs. Douglas Roach will be co-hostess. The meeting is set for 8 p.m.

**Tell Engagement  
Of Miss Miller,  
Albert Harrison**

Mrs. Esther Miller, 433 Ardmore avenue, announces the engagement of her daughter, Carol Kay, to Albert Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Harrison, 1003 South Peach street.

Both young people are 1956 graduates of Medford High school and are attending Southern Oregon college. Miss Miller is a pre-nursing student and Mr. Harrison is majoring in merchandising.

No date has been set for the wedding.



Miss Carrol Kay Miller

**Chapter to Honor  
25-Year Members**

Central Point—Nevita chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will honor members who have been in OES for 25 years at a meeting Tuesday, January 22, at 8 p.m. in Masonic Temple, Central Point.

Mrs. George Brownell and Mrs. Bruce Grieve are chairmen for the meeting.

Davis, using the title "Picking Dolls from Pear Trees" wrote an article for the July 1948 issue of the publication and Miss Whitman's article, devoted to her miniature hats, was carried in the December 1956 issue of the magazine.

Other members of the doll club are Mrs. Carl Fichtner, in whose home on South Holly street the group picture for today's issue was made. Mrs. Lois Fretwell, Jacksonville. Mrs. Polly Offutt, Mrs. Michelle Rossi, Mrs. Paul Bulkin of Shady Cove and Mrs. Marie Pierce. The women work together or alone, as time and circumstances allow, but all agree that making dolls, repairing them and making clothing and accessories is a fascinating and rewarding enterprise.

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Miss Mary Lou Murphy  
(Classic photo)

**Medford Couple  
Engaged to Wed**

Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Murphy, 616 Franquette street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lou, to Richard E. Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Wallace, 1965 Sunset drive, Medford.

Miss Murphy was graduated from Medford High school with the class of 1955 and is employed by Charles W. Reames, local attorney.

Mr. Wallace also attended Medford High school and served with the paratroopers. He is now employed by Kline Logging company.

No date has been set for the wedding.

**Program Planned  
For Howard PTA**

Howard Parent-Teacher association will hold the first meeting of the new year Tuesday, January 22 at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room, Sam Taylor of Elk Lumber company, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Taylor has arranged an hour long program of tape recordings taken from all over the world.

E. Ronald Rice will direct the Girls' chorus in a few numbers. This meeting is open to all parents and the public at large as well as PTA members. Refreshments will be served.

**Electa Social Club  
To Meet at Bowers**

Electa Social club will meet with Mrs. Dana W. Bowers, 48 Rose avenue, Friday, January 25, at 1 p.m. for dessert and a business meeting. This will be a birthday meeting. Mrs. Floyd Murray and a committee will serve.

**Chapter  
To Initiate**

Reams chapter, Order of Eastern Star will meet Thursday, January 24 at 8 p.m. at the Medford Masonic hall. There will be initiation of new members.

Mrs. Don Chase and Mrs. William Brooks are chairman for the evening.

**Butte Falls Club  
Hears Program on  
Cacti, Succulents**

Butte Falls—The topic of cacti and succulents was presented by Mrs. Harry Dalton at the January meeting of Butte Falls Garden club last week.

Plants known as succulents can be briefly described as those which are capable of surviving long periods of drought, the speaker said. They usually possess fleshy or succulent moisture-storing leaves, stems or tubers. In many of the plant families, or groups having similar characteristics, one may find one or more of that broad classification called succulents.

All of the plants in the cactus family are succulent, but all succulents are not cacti, she added.

A famous desert plant collection can be found in the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, Calif. These gardens are now more than 50 acres in size, of which 15 acres are devoted to growth of cacti and succulents. Cacti native to the western hemisphere have greater range in form, size and appearance than any other plant family, Mrs. Dalton said. Their brilliantly colored flowers of satiny texture are not surpassed in beauty by those of any other plant group, not even by orchids or water lilies.

Hylocereous undatus, perhaps the most widely known of the night blooming cereus, has flowers that often are 10 inches across. Harrisia Regelli, a different type of night blooming cereus, can be readily trained to climb. Also found here is a specimen of the golden barrel cactus of Mexico which is about 30 years old and weighs approximately 400 pounds. Another commonly called barrel cactus is nearly three feet high and about 25 years old.

The business meeting was preceded by special devotions led by Mrs. John Fuiten. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Elga Abbott.

**Crater Lake Chapter,  
Daughters of the American Revolution,  
will meet Saturday, January 26,  
at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs.  
O. T. Heyerman, 125 Winema  
way. Dr. Auther S. Taylor of  
Southern Oregon college will  
speak on historical landmarks  
of Oregon.**

**Unit to Hear Talk  
By Psychiatrist**

Applegate — Dr. Harry K. Danielson, psychiatrist with Southern Oregon Child Guidance clinic, will speak for the next meeting of Applegate Health unit. It will be held Monday, January 21, at 1:30 p.m. at Ruch school.

Dr. Danielson will talk on the clinic and medical facilities available in southern Oregon to promote good mental health. A question and answer period will follow.

Everyone in the Applegate valley is invited to attend, and child care will be available.

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**Medford Women Make Dolls as Hobby**

Life is seldom dull for those with hobbies. Miss Frances (Fannie) Whitman and Mrs. Henry Davis, featured on today's picture page, are both business women and housekeepers, but they spare moments from these occupations are joyfully filled by making dolls, doll clothing and a hundred and one other objects related to the hobby.

The two have gathered around them a small group of women also interested in doll making, repairing and collecting and are spreading their enthusiasm, knowledge and interest in dolls as a hobby.

Miss Whitman, who lives at 510 South Fir street, began eight or ten years ago to make doll heads. After a bit of experimentation, she concentrated on china heads as being more beautiful and longer-lasting than other types. She uses liquid clay, pouring this into a plaster of paris mold. After it has stood for a time, she pours off the surplus water and lets the clay dry to the proper texture before removing from mold.

The doll head is then smoothed with a silk sponge and made ready for the first firing. There are a number of commercially operated kilns in the valley, and Miss Whitman patronizes one of these. After the first firing the product is called bisque, and some dollmakers work with the bisque heads.

**Heads Smoothed**  
Miss Whitman smooths the head again, using a fine sandpaper called garnet cloth, and the piece is then glazed and fired for the second time. At this stage Miss Whitman paints on the first coat of coloring material for hair, eyes, lips, etc., using china mineral paints and the tiniest of brushes. The pieces are fired after the first painting, and given a final firing after the last touchup of color.

To make the bodies Miss Whitman uses muslin or saten filled with sawdust, kapok, cotton, ground cork or ground rubber. She usually makes legs and arms of the china, painting the hands and shoes. After completing the body, she decides on the type of costume and makes the clothing. In addition to underclothes and dresses, Miss Whit-

man makes hats, fans, jewelry and other accessories.

Her tiny doll hats, also pictured on today's front page, are correctly proportioned and exquisitely fashioned from straw, felt, braid, velvet, silks, tiny flowers, bits of feather and small quills. She uses both thread and milliner's glue.

**Native Resident**  
Miss Whitman, born and reared in Jackson county, says that her mother taught her to do various handwork as a small girl, and that she has enjoyed creating various objects ever since.

She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Whitman, her father having been one of the valley's early day lawyers. Her grandfather, John Doty Whitman, and a partner, J. H. Stewart, planted the first commercial fruit orchard in Medford, the tract being situated within what is now the city limits. The orchard was planted where the streets of South Holly, South Grape and South Fir streets adjoin Stewart avenue; Whitman and Stewart avenues are named for the two men.

Mrs. R. T. Nichol of Medford is Miss Whitman's sister, and her brothers are Olin T. Whitman, Medford, and Orrin W. Whitman, Astoria. Her mother was the former Sarah North and the family came to Oregon from Adel, Ia., in 1885. John Henry Whitman, in addition to practicing law, founded the first title and abstract company here. He was a cousin of Marcus Whitman, well known Oregon pioneer.

**Chance Incident**  
Mrs. Davis, who says many think that dollmakers are a bit "tetched in the head" moved to Medford several years ago during the pear packing season. She picked up a gnarled pear one day which she thought looked like a head, and from that chance incident grew a hobby which has brought her nationwide recognition. She peeled the pear, shaped it into a head and hung it to dry.

As time went on she experimented with the process of shaping the heads and coloring the features and was delighted to find that the natural drying process resulted in a wrinkled and

wisened face which she could make extraordinarily lifelike by the addition of certain coloring material, eyes, nose, etc. She also uses a preservative to lengthen the keeping qualities.

Mrs. Davis makes wigs of many materials, but mostly uses theatrical crepe. The bodies, even the hands and feet, are constructed from wire and a composition which Mrs. Davis perfected herself. The hands are the most difficult, she says, adding that sometimes she expends four times as much labor on a hand as it would take to carve four heads.

**Character Dolls**  
When the body is completed Mrs. Davis makes clothing suitable for whatever character the doll is to portray. If it is a historical doll, she first studies books and old magazines to determine exactly what the clothing should be and attempts to faithfully reproduce material and detail.

Her dolls are often shown at work—reading a book, using scissors or even playing a hand organ. These articles and accessories she finds and buys in all parts of the United States and foreign countries, or makes herself if what she wants cannot be found otherwise.

Mrs. Davis' dolls win prizes and are in museums. The Hermit of the Rogue, pictured today, won second prize in a national contest and is now in a doll museum in Santa Claus, Ind. She sometimes makes dolls for special collector's orders, and not long ago was asked to submit a design for an "Oregon" doll which a certain firm wishes to feature. The design was accepted and presumably the dolls will be produced before long.

Mrs. Davis also makes heads from other materials, such as nylon hose, apples, nuts and papier-mache. She often makes dolls for pairs, families or groups, and sometimes creates "rooms" or other background for doll scenes.

Mrs. Davis and her husband make their home at 429 South Grape street.

Both Mrs. Davis and Miss Whitman have written illustrated articles for a national magazine, Profitable Hobbies. Mrs.



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