

Society The Family Council

Theta Alumnae Hold Luncheon

Members of the Southern Oregon Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae club were entertained at a luncheon Monday at the home of Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer, 1856 Spring street.

Mrs. William Plummer, Grants Pass, national philanthropy chairman, reported on the progress of the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita, Kan. Kappa Alpha Theta is the largest single contributor to this worthy cause and is currently supporting the Occupational Therapy department. It will take \$25,000 annually to operate this department. To quote Mrs. Plummer: "This is indeed a challenge when one thinks of the number of stunts which have to be sold for style shows, antique shows, dances, teas, bridge luncheons, and the number of white elephant sales, and Christmas card sales which will take place during the coming year."

That the efforts of the sorority are not in vain is evidenced by this excerpt from a letter written by Dr. Martin F. Palmer: "A recent survey by an Eastern arm of business consultants singled out the Institute as an 'ideal' center, and the only one of its kind in the United States with the necessary elements present to attack all speech and hearing problems properly and with continuity."

Present from Grants Pass were Mrs. Plummer and Mrs. Ernest Vehrs; from Ashland, Mrs. Rodney Keating and Mrs. R. M. Turner; from Medford, Mrs. Frohnmayer, Mrs. John Dellonback, Mrs. Bayard Getchell, Mrs. William Peck, Mrs. Robert Hinman, Mrs. Fred Underwood, Mrs. Robert Shepherd, Mrs. William Prentice, Mrs. Aletha Vawter, Mrs. Frank Roelandt, Mrs. A. T. Lathrop, Mrs. Ray Casteline and Mrs. Norris Porter.

Camp Fire Girls

Skating Party
Rogue council of Camp Fire Girls will hold a roller skating party Saturday afternoon, February 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Rogue Valley ballroom. Both Blue Birds and Camp Fire Girls are invited. Members should contact their leaders and guardians for information and transportation.

Visit Museum
Shining Blue Birds visited the Jacksons museum last week as part of their participation in the current birthday project "Together We Make Tomorrow." The project gives the girls the opportunity to explore the past, present and future.

The group has completed hand puppets and will soon weave the material for the drapes and rugs for the stage. They are currently making table decorations for the birthday dinner which will be held in March to celebrate Camp Fire's 47th birthday.

Vicki Coltin is a new member from the Happy Times Blue Birds in Arcadia, Calif. Other girls making the trip to Jack-Patty Graham, Fay Hartsook, Carol Ann Hildenbrand, Patty Hoffman, Christine Martin, Vicki Sue Webster, Joan Zenor, Lydia Work, Jennifer Young, Carol Lungate and Terry Fletcher.

Mrs. Thomas Work assisted Mrs. Gerety with transportation.

The Medal of Honor was instituted by congress in 1862 as an award to both officers and enlisted men for exceptional and conspicuous bravery.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mildred T. — My parents aren't married!

Mrs. E. T. — We have lived a moral life.

Mildred T. — I am the youngest of my parents' four children and I always felt that our parents and our family life were ideal in every way. Recently, however, during a long talk with my mother I learned that she and my father had never been legally married!

I told my mother how shocked I was. After all, we have been brought up to respect morality and law. How can we accept the fact that our parents are not really man and wife? I haven't told my brothers and sister about this, but I know they feel as I do.

I feel that my parents should legalize their relationship and have a religious ceremony, but they don't want to go through with it.

Mrs. E. T. — My husband and I have lived together as man and wife for more than 30 years. We have raised a family and have grandchildren. How can we now go before a judge or clergyman to be married?

When I met my husband, we

had some wrong and false ideas about marriage. We soon learned that we loved one another very much and wanted to raise our children differently. I feel we have succeeded.

I am sorry this secret came out. I don't know why I ever told my daughter, but I certainly never expected her to react the way she has. We have led a more moral life than many couples who marry legally. My husband and I are very upset that Mildred has taken this thing so badly.

The Council: It is very likely that Mr. and Mrs. E. T. are upset not merely by their daughter's reaction, but by a long-pushed-aside feeling that they should do exactly as she recommends.

This secret did not come out accidentally, as Mrs. E. T. believes. It came out because it has long lain on her conscience. Possibly she wanted to test her daughter's reaction and be urged to take the very step she is now resisting.

The fact that she and her husband have led a righteous life outside of this one area and that they brought their children up to respect morality and law is in their favor, but certainly does not justify their withdrawal from a formality and ritual they now understand and endorse.

There are many practical reasons why the relationship should be legalized. Some states recognize common-law marriage, but others do not. There is the matter of old-age benefits, pensions, insurance, a will. Mrs. E. T. may have little or no legal rights as a wife. It is a simple matter to acquire a marriage certificate, which would entitle her to her full rights as a wife.

If the couple lives in an area where the issuance of marriage licenses is publicized, they can easily get one in another area where it is not. The clerk who issues the license will not probe into their personal lives. All they need do is comply with very minimum regulations set by each state.

As for the religious ceremony, any clergyman of their faith will be delighted to give this relationship the spiritual blessing it has lacked. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. can be quite confident that the clergyman will not embarrass them or hurt them. He will share in their happiness that they have come to take this step.

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Miami — (U.P.) — Mailmen who took 53 dog bites in their stride last year now have another nipper to contend with. Postmaster Samuel R. Valliere said one of the postmen was bitten by a mouse nesting in the back of a rural mailbox.

Gary Meredith Returns to Cave Junction After Trip

Cave Junction—Gary Meredith who represented Region 11 in the recent Eagle Report to the Nation at Washington, D.C., lived up to one of his Boy Scout promises last week.

In doing his good deed, the Cave Junction Scout missed his homeward bound plane from Chicago.

When Gary stopped to direct a fellow passenger, a Frenchman who spoke no English, he somehow lost connections for his own flight, and was stranded in Chicago two hours. He caught up with his schedule at San

Francisco, however, when weather grounded all flights temporarily.

Young Meredith returned to Cave Junction late Friday afternoon.

Among the most treasured souvenir of his trip Gary said, is the silver dollar and the "golf pencil" given to him by President Eisenhower.

In addition to breakfasts, luncheons and dinners with Washington notables, the 12 Eagle Scouts found time to browse through the Smithsonian Institute, visit the Lincoln

Washington and Jefferson monuments, visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and see the Nike installations near the capitol.

After appearing on the Arthur Godfrey television show, the boys went to Philadelphia where they saw the liberty bell, the

home of Betsy Ross, and other historical monuments.

The Scouts were impressed with National Boy Scout headquarters at New Brunswick, N.J., Gary said. They also visited the Schiff Scout reservation where men are trained for professional scouting.

Engineering as Vocation Discussed With Students

H. P. Bosworth Jr., vice president and assistant to the general manager of the California Oregon Power company, spoke Monday night in observance of National Engineers' Week to about 52 area high school students who plan engineering as a vocation.

He spoke at a joint meeting of the Rogue Valley section of the Professional Engineers of Oregon and the Medford sub section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at the Medford hotel.

The Rogue Valley section sponsored students from Myrtle Creek, Riddle and Canyonville high school in Douglas county

and Butte Falls, Phoenix, Ashland, Eagle Point, Illinois Valley and Medford high schools in Jackson county and Grants Pass High school in Josephine county.

Outlined Points
Bosworth outlined to the prospective engineers seven different points they should consider before entering engineering. He listed mathematics, science, high scholastic standards, public speaking, ability to sell an idea, hard work and the pace engineering has set.

Another event planned to emphasize Engineering Week will be a panel of the past three PEO presidents over KBES-TV on the Cal-Ore Panorama at 6 p.m. Thursday.

They are Robert Lee, civil engineer and Medford water superintendent; W. H. Fisher, chief electrical engineer for the California Oregon Power company; and Ford McCormick, consulting civil and mining engineer.

Bosworth is a civil engineer and Cornell graduate.

Little Fir Lumber Firm Makes Tests

Cave Junction—The Little Fir Lumber company new \$100,000 addition to Cabax Mills at Kerby, made its first test run this week.

According to Mill Superintendent Casey Piller, cost of the mill was originally set at \$50,000 but has now reached near the \$100,000 mark. It will employ at least eight additional men, with possibly more to be added later.

The new mill was to have been tested last week end, and opened for regular operations Monday, but a damaged motor delayed tests. A replacement 150 horsepower motor to run the new band hedrig was brought from Coos Bay Sunday.

Russians Say Shapely Legs 'Undemocratic'

Washington — (U.P.) — Hungarian ballet dancer Alice Kiss told a Hungarian refugee relief dinner Tuesday night that the Russians complained her long shapely legs were "undemocratic."

She said the Russians think even ballet dancers should have short, heavy legs like a Russian peasant.

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