



Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Bierma are shown cutting their golden wedding anniversary cake during an open house held in their honor Sunday, June 16. The Biermas, who live in the Griffin Creek district, have been Jackson county residents since 1927.

Reception Honors Couple On Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Bierma, Griffin Creek, were honored at a fiftieth wedding anniversary open house Sunday, June 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Witham, 1035 Murray avenue, Medford. Mrs. Witham is a granddaughter of the couple.

The Biermas were married June 11, 1907, and came to Medford in 1927 where Mr. Bierma operated a typewriter store and Mrs. Bierma was in charge of the ready-to-wear department at Montgomery Ward. He is now employed by Medford Office Equipment company. Mrs. Bierma retired last year after working 25 years for Montgomery Ward.

Mr. Bierma is a member of the Elks lodge, Jacksonville Masonic lodge, and the Griffin Creek grange of which he is a past master.

The honored couple had two children, Jack Bierma of Portland and the late Mrs. Dorothy Frazier of Aberdeen. They have six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

For the reception Miss Christine Bierma was in charge of the guest book, Mrs. Mary Kay Bierma presided at the punch bowl, Mrs. Elizabeth Howard and Miss Connetta Hinesly poured the coffee and Miss Linda Bierma cut and served the cake.

Out of town guests at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bierma and three children of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bierma of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bierma, San Pedro, Calif., and Mrs. Grace Bierma Jarvis, San Diego, Calif. The two men and Mrs. Jarvis are brothers and sister of the honored guest.

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Dinner Meeting And Installation Held by Women

Miss Voda Brower was installed as president of the Medford Business and Professional Women's club at a dinner meeting Thursday evening at the Rogue Valley Country club. This will be Miss Brower's second year as president.

Installing officers was Mrs. Harriet Watson, district chairman of southern Oregon, and member of the Medford group.

Also installed at the dinner were Mrs. Inez Friel, first vice-president; Miss Grace Stuhler, second vice-president; Mrs. Jean Mast, recording secretary; Mrs. Ruth Simmons, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Bertha Haskins, parliamentarian; Mrs. Anne Palmer, auditor; Mrs. Gertrude Blind, treasurer; Mrs. Friel, program coordinator; and Mrs. Frida Burger, Miss Viola Dietrich, Mrs. Watson, and Miss Laura York, directors.

Prior to the installation ceremonies Miss York spoke on the accomplishments of the club in the past and what is planned for the future.

Yellow chrysanthemums and tapers decorated the tables for the dinner and places were marked by place cards trimmed with tiny cork faces.

Miss Brower was presented a gift by the board of directors.

Approximately 40 members and guests attended the installation program.

The July meeting of the group will be a picnic.

Annual Picnic

Presbyterian Women's association will meet at the home of Mrs. Berthold Barnum, 3976 South Pacific highway, Tuesday, June 25, at 12:30 p.m. The annual picnic will be held and those attending are asked to take their own table service.

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Rogue Valley Scout Council Names New Executive Director

Miss Ruth Kilbourn of Medford assumed the duties of executive director for the Rogue Valley Girl Scout Council June 1.

Miss Kilbourn was graduated from Santa Ana Junior college in 1936, served as assistant librarian until November 1942 when she joined the Women's Army corps. She served as motor transport instructor, with the rank of first lieutenant. She received her discharge from the Army in March, 1946.

After moving to Oregon, Miss Kilbourn became active with the Girl Scout organization in Grants Pass, working as a leader of an intermediate troop, training chairman and later council president. In 1948 she enrolled at the University of Oregon and graduated with a B.S. degree in June 1950.

Miss Kilbourn has been an active member of the Medford Footlighters since 1951 and prior to that worked with the Pasadena Playhouse. She also studied dramatics when a student at the University of Oregon.

Miss Kilbourn attended the Girl Scout established camp director's training course at Issaquah, Wash., in 1947 and served as director of the Grants Pass day camp and established camp director in Salem, Oregon, that same year. In 1948 and 1949 she was in Alaska as camp director and in 1950 was at Camp Low Echo, near Medford, as archery instructor.

Miss Kilbourn was employed by the Jackson County Public Health commission from 1951 to 1953 and for three years after that was a caseworker for the American Red Cross in military hospitals. Returning to Medford in 1956, she was again employed by the local welfare commission, doing volunteer work in Girl Scouting during her free time. She has been assistant leader for Senior Troop 2.

Miss Kilbourn is a member of the Willamette Women's Post 161, American Legion, of Eugene and also a member of the National Rehabilitation association. Her parents reside in Grants Pass.

Mrs. William (Lois) Baker, field director for Rogue Valley Girl Scout council, is taking a leave of absence to join a social work study tour of Western Europe and Russia conducted by Dr. Negley K. Teeters, professor of sociology at Temple university, New York. Approximately 80 teachers, youth group and welfare workers comprise the study tour. Dr. Teeters has directed guided tours of this kind since 1951.

The group will leave New York Idlewild Airport July 1, and will visit 10 countries studying the social and youth conditions and welfare of the people and also their historic background. The tour will last 54 days and is planned on the basis of individuals bearing their own expenses. They will be allowed six semester hours of college credit in social studies.

Mrs. Baker will take leave from her office at the Girl Scout.

Heads of colleges and universities in America are variously known as rectors, presidents, chancellors, provosts and principals.

Dinner Meeting Held Sunday by Camp Auxiliary

Members and guests of Colonel Sargent camp and auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, met at the Redman Hall Sunday afternoon June 16. A potluck dinner preceded the meeting.

Members with birthdays in May, June, July and August were honored at the dinner. Mrs. Ralph Atwood and Mrs. Besse Johnston, members of the dinner committee, were also honored with gifts from the auxiliary members.

Mrs. Don Anderson, department president, gave a brief talk concerning her visitations to the auxiliaries throughout the state. She will visit Herbert Applegate auxiliary of Klamath Falls today.

Mrs. Mavis Ryan and Mrs. Myrtis Morgan were elected as delegates to the forthcoming department convention to be held in Grants Pass in July. Alternate delegates will be Miss Donna Unger and Miss Carol VanderSteen.

Guests at the dinner and meeting included Miss Virginia Wallis, general chairman of the department convention; Mrs. Esther Hoover and Albert Wallis, all of Grants Pass, and Miss Bette Schultz of Los Angeles, Calif.

The next meeting of the camp and auxiliary will be held the third week in October.

Leaders Attend PTA Conference; Pass Resolutions

Three parent-teacher association leaders from Medford attended recent leadership training meetings in the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers office in Portland. Mrs. Owen Kunkel, Jackson County council president; Mrs. Ray Alder, Medford Coordinating council president; and Mrs. Leigh Gustison, first vice-president of the Oregon Congress, met with other PTA leaders from throughout Oregon June 19.

A district meeting of county council presidents, coordinating council presidents, and other members of the Oregon Congress Board of Managers residing in Region 5 will be held July 30 in the home of Mrs. Gustison, 54 Summit avenue.

Membership in the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers increased 4 per cent during the 1956-57 school year. Mrs. Kunkel stated. She also reported that the annual school of instruction for Jackson County PTA workers is scheduled for September 19 in Medford.

Mrs. Russell Case, OCPPT president, reported to the group in the Portland session that the following resolution was passed by the annual convention body of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 19-22. "Be it resolved that the National Congress of Parents and Teachers commend the United States government for assuming world leadership to achieve an international agreement that will eliminate the testing and use of hydrogen bombs and other nuclear weapons, and far endeavor essential to the welfare of children and the peace of all mankind."

Barnhart Family Arrives from Guam

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barnhart and children, Christopher, Karen and Richard, have arrived in Medford from Guam to spend the summer with relatives. They are guests of Mr. Barnhart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnhart, 722 Dakota avenue, and Mrs. Barnhart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Denman, Chestnut street.

Mr. Barnhart, who formerly taught school in Prospect, taught seventh grade in the government school on Guam for the last two years. The family will return to Guam in August.

PRUNES WELL BATTERED
Scotia, N.Y. — Firemen battered their way into the apartment of Mrs. John McGinn here after a gust of wind blew a door shut, locking her out and smoke began pouring from the windows. The firefighters burst into the apartment in time to turn off the flame under a pot of charred prunes.

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