

## HILTS Many Attend Graduation

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN  
Hilts, Calif.—Among the families and friends attending the graduation exercises at Yreka High school June 1 were Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Smith and daughter Joan; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sprague and family; Mr. and Mrs. Reason Evinster of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fogel and daughter, Lena; Mrs. William Tallis and son, Terry; Mrs. Don Ward and daughter, Diane; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bonner; Cathy Monroe; Dorothy Fox; Robert Black; Jeri Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. John Nunez; Mrs. J. R. Smith and daughter Cheryl.

Mrs. Dorrance Riger of Ashland was guest speaker at the Community club convalescence party at Bur-Bel Resort, Thursday, June 13. Mrs. Riger was a former resident of Hilts and a member of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Simms and sons of Guernville, Calif., were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Green Tuesday. Simms is Mrs. Green's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rose of Seattle visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark and family of Vallejo were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rose and family.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fox and family were Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon and children of Salem. Another guest at the Fox home is Mrs. Fox's mother, Mrs. Anna Salladay, who plans to stay several weeks.

A Father's Day dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayris by their daughters and their families. They are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown and family of Gold Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sletten and family of Medford.

Mrs. John Barbera and daughters, Deanna and Pauline, of Redding spent several days last week with John Barbera and Judy.

Week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Barbera were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carpenter of Redding. Mrs. Carpenter is Mrs. Barbera's sister.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vieira on Father's Day were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sage and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vieira and daughters; and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rose of Seattle.

A week end guest of Dorothy Fox was Dell Ann Pilliard of Yreka.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King and Mr. and Mrs. Evan Maupin went on an outing at Lake of the Woods recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burns are in Riverside, Calif., on a business and pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Quamme, who moved to Reno, Nev., about a year ago are moving to Tuolumne, Calif., where Quamme is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Sief spent the week end in Mt. Shasta at the home of their daughter, Mr.

## Family Council

Jonathan T.—I don't want Natalie to go to work.

Natalie T.—I'll have the best baby sitter in the world.

Jonathan T.—My wife and I have been married eight years and have two children—aged 5 and 7. Before we were married we agreed that Natalie was to go back to work as soon as our children were old enough to go to school.

Since reading all about the problem of juvenile delinquency and working mothers, however, I have come to the conclusion that it is really a very bad thing for the mother to be away from home.

My salary isn't so hot, but I'm certainly able to provide for the family decently. Maybe I won't have the money to send the kids through college, but the way I see the thing it is much more important for them to grow into decent human beings—and they need their mother for that. If they have enough health and character, they can work their way through college. It won't hurt them.

Natalie T.—Jonathan doesn't mention the fact that I will have the best baby sitter in the world for the children—my own mother. She has volunteered to do the job because she knows how much it means to me to go back to work.

The additional money would mean a lot to us as a family in more ways than one. For one thing, Jonathan now works overtime and sees very little of the children. If I worked, he would give that up and be able to devote more time to them.

But it is not the money alone that counts. The fact is that I am a very nervous person and am often short-tempered with the children. I hate to be this way, but I can't help it. I feel that if I worked I would be so delighted to be with the children at the end of the day, I would always be cheerful and able to give them my full attention.

The Council: Religious and civic leaders, educators and social scientists often point out that the working mother is one of the big contributing factors in the juvenile delinquency problem. At a recent Washington conference of experts, however, it was pointed out that many children of working mothers get better supervision than the children of nonworking mothers.

It would be wrong, however, for mothers like Natalie to take this as the go-ahead signal. Just because some stay-at-home mothers neglect their duty, it can't be assumed that children will be better off if their mothers go to work. Many well-brought-up children of working mothers might be still better in many ways if their mothers had stayed at home. Delinquency or non-delinquency should not be the only standard by which to judge the child.

The problem is strictly an individual one. If Natalie is really bitterly discontented staying at home, as her "nervousness" indicates, it is possible that her children would be better off in some ways under Grandmother's supervision.

She should consider, however, that an older person is not physically equipped to give the best care to active youngsters. She should also realize that her youngest child will just be starting school. This is a period of great stress and strain and a child may have a tremendous need for the security of his mother's presence.

Since the additional income is not essential in this case, Natalie should ponder long and deeply on the possible effects of her working. She should remember that her mother may be "the best baby sitter in the world," but she is still a substitute for the real thing—Mother.

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**Two Local Men Attend Irrigation Celebration**  
William H. Hill, 215 West Jackson st., and A. A. Madden, Ashland, left yesterday for Boise and Richfield, Idaho, to take part in the semi-centennial of the first use of irrigation water in the Richfield area, it was reported Saturday. They will be gone about a week.

## Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS  
Ranger-Naturalist

Among the most audacious claim stakers in the world are many tiny songbirds weighing less than one ounce—and the chief weapon used in holding their clearly-bounded property is a definite challenging song delivered from a commanding perch.

Just for fun, see if you can define the boundary of your favorite songbird's territory and then see how evenly the birds have spaced themselves over the land or along the stream.



Males of the red-winged blackbird, robin and several song sparrows come north well in advance of the females—perhaps six weeks ahead. Upon arrival, each male stakes out his claim to a particular portion of the earth. Then climbing to a prom-

inent perch where he can be seen and heard, he cries out his title in song—actually a warlike proclamation of territorial rights and a warning against claim jumping by other males.

After the territory has been set up and held for some time, the female comes along. To her the male's defiant song is not one of warning—but rather a forthright statement of land ownership and an invitation to become a partner and build a nest.

**Wonderful Demonstration**  
I recently observed a wonderful demonstration of the cock's aggressiveness when a squirrel ventured near a small wren's nest. Between furious lunges at the squirrel's head the male wren perched on the treetop of a tree and sang as if to burst his lungs. Finally when the squirrel retreated, the feather-weight's cry was not to be contained—he sang with all his heart for a half hour.

Great variations exist among birds in stating real estate rights: a flicker proclaims his holdings by hammering persistently on dead stubs or on metal cave-troughs, all too often right over the bedroom window! The American ruffed grouse "drums," the prairie chicken, a close rel-

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atives, "booms" by deflating the air sacs in the neck.

Size of territory varies. A robin may need a rather extensive patch of lawn; a belted kingfisher may claim a mile of a stream; a barn swallow may claim only a small footage of an old barn rafter because his feeding range is the whole sweep of sky.

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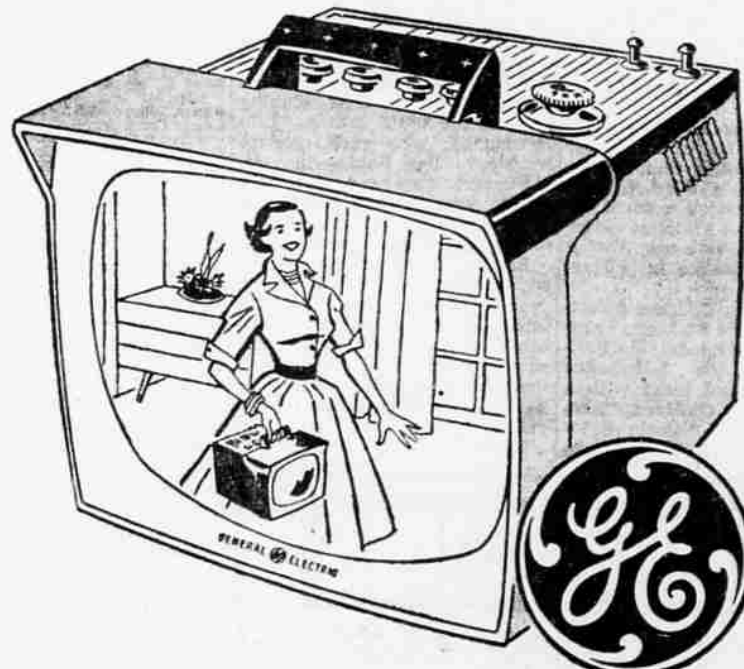
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