

Insurance Women Stress Education At Session Here

Education was the theme of a breakfast meeting of Region IX of National Association of Insurance Women held Sunday morning at the Medford hotel. The breakfast closed a week end session planned by Insurance Women of Jackson County which included a picnic in Lithia park Saturday evening followed by attendance at the Oregon Shakespearean festival performance of "As You Like It" in the Ashland festival theater. Later the group assembled in the candle room of the Medford hotel for a midnight supper.

Speakers at the breakfast session included Miss Gladys Main, Seattle, a past national president; Mrs. Sadie Ward, Tacoma, Region IX director; Mrs. Amy Seidler, Salem, education chairman for the region; Mrs. Lea Knudsen, Grants Pass, public relations chairman; Mrs. Girouard Davidson, Portland, public safety director; Mrs. Eva Brower, Portland, organization chairman.

Also speaking briefly were officers of various clubs in the region. They were Mrs. Olga Andrew, Seattle; Mrs. Marjorie Johnson, Portland; Mrs. Ouelia Tennent, Roseburg; Mrs. Mary Frame, Coos Bay and Mrs. Chris Young, Klamath Falls and Mrs. Roberta Daniel, Medford.

Program outlined. Speakers outlined the programs which clubs have used in the past both to educate association members on all phases of the insurance business and to educate office staff members. In addition it was stressed that clubs should not stop with "education for business" but branch out into other fields as time and interests dictated.

Mrs. Daniel, first president of the new Medford club, and present education director, stated that the local organization had found that the educational program was the main interest of both members and potential members. She praised Medford agents for their cooperation in the women's group.

One of the most ambitious programs was that outlined by Mrs. Andrews, Seattle. She stated that the Seattle club has worked out a course in insurance which runs a year and covers broadly all phases of insurance. Most Seattle agents urge employees to take the course, and pay tuition costs, she said.

Mrs. Brower, who has organized seven clubs in the region, reported on the national convention in Philadelphia which she attended.

Mrs. Knudsen reported that the Grants Pass club had not attended the Saturday night events since they conflicted with the annual gladiolus festival in that city, and insurance women had entered a float in the river parade. The Grants Pass members also provided gladiolus blossoms to decorate the breakfast tables.

The program closed with a general discussion of insurance problems with Miss Main as leader. Miss Main is a CPCU-Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter—a status achieved by a few underwriters after a rigid course of study and instruction, it was said. There are but 1500 at present in the United States. Insurance Women of Jackson County plan to set up a class here for both men and women and work towards the CPCU goal.

The Jackson county women were praised for the success of the regional meeting, first held here by the association, and expressed the idea that it might be made an annual event during

Miss Sherry Adam Returns to City From California.

Miss Sherry Adam has returned to Medford after spending several weeks in California where she visited Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Freese, aunt and uncle, of Bakersfield. The Freese's daughter, Judi Freese, has visited in Medford.

Miss Adam traveled to California with her mother, Mrs. Betti Boyle, and they visited Disneyland and Los Angeles before traveling to Bakersfield.

Prior to her return to Medford Miss Adam spent a week with the Freese's at their cottage at Lake Tahoe where Mrs. Boyle met them last weekend and then returned to Medford. Miss Adam will be a sophomore at Medford High school this fall.



RICHARD TRAVIS—Landis-Shangile Photo.

Travis To Replace Ayres in Crusade

Richard Travis will replace Cliff Ayres as service division chairman for the 1957 United Medford Crusade, according to General Chairman Robert A. Johnson.

Ayres is leaving Medford for an Army training school, and has resigned the post.

Travis served last year as laundry and dry cleaning section head. Section leaders selected for the coming crusade: John Lusk, amusements; Edward Barnett, communications; Reese Alexander, general insurance; George Bruse, life insurance; Richard Henselman, real estate; Jack Fitzgerald, transportation; Mildred Anderson, beauticians; Lowell Shepard and W. H. Reichstein, cafes; Orville Hamer, barber shops; Murray Dumas, laundries and dry cleaners; Richard Miller, finance companies; Ort Miller, taverns; Jack Creager, utilities; and Lloyd Johnson, motels and hotels.

Johnson announced that Robert Cunningham is replacing Don Monteith, who recently moved to Klamath Falls, as assistant chairman of the retail division.

Travis is a member of the American Legion, Elks, and United Commercial Travelers lodges. He, and his wife, and three sons live at 1042 Mt. Pitt ave.

Government Warns Against False Hope In Curing Malady

By JOSEPH L. MYLER
United Press Correspondent
Washington — The government as an act of mercy cautioned victims of an incurable malady today against false hope.

The malady is "Lou Gehrig's disease" or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

It is almost invariably fatal. Medical science knows of no effective treatment for it.

In recent months dispatches have appeared in newspapers around the world reporting that a German physician, Dr. Artur Boss of Schwenningen, claimed some success in treating ALS sufferers.

According to Edward M. Glick, information officer of the Public Health Service's National Institute of Neurological Diseases, the German reports sowed a bitter seed which since has borne fruit in needless heartache.

Desperate Inquiries. The institute has received many hundreds of desperate inquiries from ALS victims or their relatives, in this country and abroad, who had read of the German doctor's claims.

It has been Glick's unhappy duty to dash the hopes of the stricken. He has done it by letter, telegram, telephone and even cable.

"To the best of our knowledge," he says, "there is no known cure for ALS, nor is there a treatment which is fully effective."

ALS is a degenerative disease of the nervous system. First there is weakness of the limbs, then a wasting of the muscles, finally involvement of the brain and death.

Death usually occurs about three years after the first symptoms are diagnosed.

The malady is called "Lou Gehrig's disease" after the famous Yankee first baseman who died of it in 1941.

There are 15,000 to 16,000 cases of Lou Gehrig's disease in this country alone—and an estimated 4,000 deaths a year from ALS.

Air Material Handles \$10 Billion Business

Dayton, Ohio—The Air Material Command, with headquarters at nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, transacted more than 10 billion dollars' worth of business last year.

Base information officer Capt. Dennis McClendon, said 31 per cent of the amount went to small business.

The AMC can deliver material at an average speed of 150 miles per hour from the time an order is placed until it arrives at its destination, McClendon said. The command employs 228,000 persons, most of whom are civilians.

Chicago—Dietary note for expectant birds: Mrs. Madlynn Slingsby says that her parakeet Micky, who is working on her 95th egg, spikes her diet with an occasional glass of beer.

Degmans Arrive For Visit Here

Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Degman and son, Bob, arrived in Medford Saturday evening and are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Cottingham, 1329 Queen Anne avenue. The Degmans formerly lived in Medford and now make their home in Wenatchee, Wash.

The family came here from Klamath Falls where they attended the wedding Saturday afternoon of the couple's oldest son, Elliott Sanford Degman Jr., and Miss Eleanor Ann Jackson. The ceremony took place in Peace Memorial church.

Wedding Set

Hilts — Mrs. R. Smith and daughter, Joan, recently attended a bridal shower given at the Hornbrook Bible church by the Ladies' Missionary society for Miss Nancy McMasters of Hornbrook. Miss McMasters and Roger Smith have set their wedding for August 23 at Hornbrook Community church.

Miss McMasters is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McMasters, Hornbrook, and Mr. Smith's parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith of Hilts.

Meeting Set

Medford post and auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold the first fall meeting Tuesday, August 20, at 8 p.m. at Veterans' hall, 42 North Front street.

Well Water Found Popular in Chicago

Chicago — A well in a forest preserve in a corner of the city has become popular. People line up for hours some evenings to fill their glass jars and pitchers with well water.

"Maybe it has some quality which makes them feel better," Gerald O'Connor, assistant superintendent of maintenance and operations for the forest preserve district said. "But whatever the reason, they sure flock here."

Water gourmets come to the well all hours of the day and night, and carry home water for drinking, cooking and mixing cool summer drinks.

Charles Mercurio said he's been going to the well for water for 15 years. "My wife's been going to the well for over 30 years," he said. "You have to go out there during the day or else you stand in line for quite a while at night. People go out there with 10 and 20 gallon containers."

Mercurio, a bartender, said he uses the water to mix drinks. "It makes a better highball."

Loss of life in the hurricane that struck Galveston, Tex., Sept. 8-9, 1900, has never been determined. It is estimated at between 5,000 and 8,000.



HIS THIRD DFC—Maj. Samuel W. Tyson (left) veteran Military Air Transport Service pilot, receives his third Distinguished Flying Cross in Washington from Gen. Thomas D. White, Chief of Staff of the USAF. Tyson brought in a crippled C-97 Stratofreighter transport with 67 persons aboard to a safe emergency landing in Hawaii August 8.

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Suspension of Rate Increase Is Sought

Salem — Immediate suspension of a proposed new tariff that would boost the price of natural gas to pipe line users \$5,500,000 annually was sought by Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan today.

In a letter to the Federal Power commission, Morgan urged that everything possible be done to induce the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp., to withdraw its 17 per cent rate increase application.

Under Federal law the FPC has no power to suspend the new rates for "interruptible" power to industrial users which will affect 56 Oregon plants starting Sept. 5.

But the FPC does have the authority to suspend the operation of new tariffs and schedule a hearing where the company must justify the proposed rates on the basis that they are reasonable, Morgan said.

The commissioner said he thought the rates should be suspended on grounds the company had been in operation less than a year and that new rates were based on only five months of actual operation.

He added that impact of new rates might be too severe on local utilities that have just undergone expensive conversion programs.

Television To Spot Troubled Motorists

Pittsburgh — A closed circuit television system will be installed in a split-level tunnel here to spot motorists in trouble and rush assistance.

The tunnel TV will employ cameras inside the 10-million-dollar Ft. Pitt Tunnel now under construction. A spokesman for the state Highways Department said drivers of stalled cars won't even have to leave their vehicles to summon help.

The cameras will spot disabled cars and two trucks will be dispatched immediately to avoid traffic tie-ups. Eight cameras will be used in the system to keep a 24-hour "eye" on traffic flowing both ways through a giant hill near this city's "Golden Triangle."

The Highways Department guarantees there will be no commercials.

Popular Man Gives Water During Drought

Wakefield, Mass. — One of the most popular men in Massachusetts during the drought was selectman Kenneth Morang. He gave away water.

Morang, who has a private well in his back yard, put up a big sign on his front lawn: "You can have all the water you want." He said his home was crowded with people bringing all sizes of containers, from bottles to trucks.

Dog and Cat Change Places Inside Pipe

Ft. Thomas, Ky. — The question is, said Bob Diemar, how did George get out of that 15-inch sewer pipe first?

George is Diemar's mostly beagle dog, which chased a cat down the sewer pipe. After several hours of trying to get him out by cajolery and with the aid of a garden hose, to no avail, police were called.

They set off a black powder shell that made a loud bang and a lot of smoke.

Sure enough, George came scooting out the other end of the pipe — closely followed by the cat.

But Diemar figures there must have been some real scrambling when George and the cat changed places in the pipe.

Cases of Port Wine Ready for Bostonians

Boston — In the store-rooms of S. S. Pierce Co., world-famous Boston grocery firm, are 25 cases of port wine which will be delivered to as many Bostonians on their 21st birthdays.

About 15 years ago the grandfather of a new Boston baby boy bought a case of wine for the infant. It will be delivered in the 1960's.

Friends heard about it and did likewise when their own grandsons were born. A case of wine costs the grandfather a minimum of \$30 with storage charges approaching the purchase price.

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