

Gold Hill — Gold Hill PTA will sponsor a coffee at the home of Mrs. Paul Molloy Tuesday, October 15, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

All interested persons are invited to attend and luncheon will be served for those who come at noon. Proceeds will go toward the year's project for the school.

Native Daughter Recalls Early Jackson County Days

"Rugs were my downfall," said 84-year-old Mrs. James M. Cantrall from her bed in Sacred Heart hospital. Mrs. Cantrall, cheerful and good-natured in spite of a serious injury, has made hooked rugs for a hobby for several years. Recently when she stepped out of bed and on to one of her own creations, it slipped and she fell, breaking a hip. But Mrs. Cantrall comes of hardy pioneer stock, and she



Mrs. James M. Cantrall, 84, Jacksonville, who has lived almost her entire life in Jackson county, is recovering from a broken hip suffered when she fell on one of her own handmade hooked rugs. Mrs. Cantrall, pictured during her stay at Sacred Heart hospital, was born Winifred Stanley, daughter of Mary Louise Ross and William Jasper Stanley. Her father was the first superintendent of schools in Jackson county and her maternal grandfather, Col. John England Ross, fought in the Indian wars in southern Oregon as a young man. Ross lane is named for the family.

is already talking about the lemon pies she will bake and the rugs she will make when the broken bone is healed.

Mrs. Cantrall's family made history in the days when southern Oregon had but a few settlers. Born Winifred May Stanley, Mrs. Cantrall's parents were Mr. and Mrs. William J. Stanley and her mother, Mary Louise Ross, was a member of the family for whom Ross lane in Jackson county was named. Her grandfather was Col. John England Ross, early day settler and soldier in the Indian wars of southern Oregon. Colonel Ross, born in Ohio in 1818, came to Oregon in 1847 and in 1853 married Elizabeth Hopwood, Thomas Hopwood, of Hopwood, Pa., had married Elizabeth Peach and the couple, with their nine sons and daughters, lived in a house located about where Mon Desir inn of Central Point now stands.

John Ross and Elizabeth Hopwood were the first white couple to be married in Jacksonville, and the second in the county, Mrs. Cantrall recalls. Elizabeth

is to be found there, also. Mrs. Cantrall says that one of the stories told about her grandfather concerned the time, in a playful mood, he pulled an iron kettle down on his head. But when the fun was over, and he tried to remove the kettle, he couldn't. Eventually a blacksmith was found who removed the kettle from the head of the mortified and infuriated colonel.

John and Elisabeth's daughter, Mary Louise Ross, was the first white girl born in the city of Jacksonville, pioneer records show. Her birthday is given as October 8, 1853; her death as May 31, 1913. Her brothers and sisters were Jane Elisabeth, Abarrilla, Lewis Ganung, Adelaide, George Brown, Thomas Drew, Margaret, Minnie and John Edgar, the youngest, who was born in 1872.

First Superintendent

Mary Louise was married to William Jasper Stanley on December 13, 1871. Mr. Stanley was a school teacher, and later he served as the first superintendent of schools in what is now Jackson county. Their first child was Winifred May, born December 13, 1872, and now Mrs. Cantrall. Winifred's mother had gone to school at the pioneer Jacksonville Catholic academy, but by the time Winifred was ready for school, a public



Col. John England Ross, early day settler and soldier in the Indian wars in Jackson county, came to Oregon in 1847, married Elizabeth Hopwood and became the father of 10 children. One of his granddaughters is 84-year-old Mrs. James M. Cantrall, who still makes her home in Jacksonville.

system had been established. One of her teachers was Hattie Newbury, sister of the late Gus Newbury, who also taught school and later became one of the county's leading attorneys.

Winifred was the eldest of a family of six, and her younger brother and sisters were Helen Ross Stanley, George Claude Stanley, Margaret Lee Stanley, Elizabeth Stanley and Lewis Frederick Stanley. Lewis is the only other member of the family still living, and he now makes his home in Birmingham, Calif.

Moved to Ashland

Scarlet fever was a dreaded disease in the early days, and Winifred became one of its victims. As a result, she suffered with impaired hearing the remainder of her life. When she was 17, the family moved to Ashland and later she was married in that town to Ethan Allen Hildreth on April 3, 1898. Mr. Hildreth was in the confectionery business of Thornton and Hildreth.

The Hildreths had two sons, Harold S. Hildreth, Menlo Park, Calif., who recently visited his mother, and Ross E., Portland. Later the Hildreths separated, and in 1918 Winifred was married to Mr. Cantrall, who died in 1943.

Mrs. Cantrall made her home in Portland for a while, but returned to Jacksonville to live "because all my friends are here."

She found happiness designing and making the handsome wool hooked rugs, which often are gifts to her friends. She also enjoyed quilting, and has made many coverlets in this fashion. Gardening and cooking occupied much of her time before her accident, and she particularly enjoyed making such delicacies as lemon pie for her friends who played cards together for recreation.

So rapidly has this indomitable woman recovered from the shock of her accident that last week she was permitted to leave the hospital and is being cared for in the home of Mrs. Olive Glassford, a nurse who lives at South Stage road.

Lady Elks

Lady Elks will meet Tuesday, October 15, at 1 p.m. for a salad luncheon and afternoon of cards in the ladies party room. Committee for the meeting will be Mrs. M. M. Herman, Mrs. Frank Little, and Mrs. L. J. Schade. All wives of Elks members are invited to attend.

After oiling a sewing machine, stich through a blotter several times to soak up the excess oil and protect fabrics against stain.

Secretaries Hold Annual Dinner

Rogue River chapter, National Secretaries association (International) held its annual membership dinner Thursday evening in the Candle room of the Medford hotel.

Guest speaker was Warren Brenner, typing instructor at Medford High school. Mr. Brenner spoke on the old and new in typing—not only in machines but also in the teaching methods now used. He stated that since 1950, abrupt and startling changes in the teaching of typing have occurred, with three areas of instruction vital to typing stressed. These areas are technique, speed and control.

Guests and prospective members attending were Mrs. Roberta Smets, Mrs. Janet Baker, Miss Dianne Bowlin, Miss Phyllis Brownlee, Mrs. Marjorie Eaton, Miss Barbara Robbins and Miss Nancy Myrick.

The traditional candle and flower ceremony was used in the initiation of Mrs. Alta Bledsoe.

Mrs. Virginia Schuster, local chapter president, announced committee chairmen for the 1957-58 term. Committee heads appointed by Mrs. Schuster are finance, Mrs. Kathryn Thomas; membership, Mrs. Gloria Reaves; civic, Mrs. Alta Bledsoe; publicity, Mrs. Darlyne Rudd; bulletin, Mrs. Gwenn Caster; education, Mrs. Jeanne Brown; by-laws, Mrs. Marion Langley; and crappook, Mrs. Gladys Rice.

A special meeting of all NSA members to discuss "Boss Night" plans will be held Monday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Gloria Reaves, 1453 Poplar drive.

Past Matrons

Central Point—Past Matrons' club of Nevita Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Central Point will resume monthly luncheons with a meeting at the home of Mrs. Leonard Freeman, Wilson road, Central Point, Wednesday, October 16, at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Leta Kyle will be co-hostess.

Fresh Anjou Pears Make Good Salad

Fresh Anjou pears make a delicious salad. For Pear Duet salad use 6 ripe pears, 1 pint cottage cheese, 1 large green pepper, 18 green olives, salad greens, parsley and paprika.

Wash, halve and core fresh pears. Arrange two pear halves on crisp salad greens on 6 individual salad plates. Place a spoonful of cottage cheese in the center of each pear. Cut green pepper into thin rings. Place several slices on each plate with green olives. Sprinkle cottage cheese with paprika. Garnish with parsley and serve with favorite dressing. Serves six.

Chapter CG, PEO, will meet Wednesday, October 16, at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Eddie Simmons, 2210 Capitol avenue, with Mrs. R. E. Mencke assisting. The program on "Knowledge" will be given by Mrs. R. J. House.

Portland Agent To Speak in City

G. F. Jacobson, Northwest Underwriters, Portland, will be guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Insurance Women of Jackson county and the Rogue Valley Association of Insurance Women of Grants Pass, Tuesday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. The dinner meeting will be held at Henry's Broiler, Medford.

Mr. Jacobson, who owns and operates the Northwest Underwriters, representing Lloyd's of London at Portland, recently returned from a trip aboard. Included in the trip was an annual visit to London.

The speaker will fly to Roseburg Monday where he will address a group of insurance women before arriving in Medford the following day.

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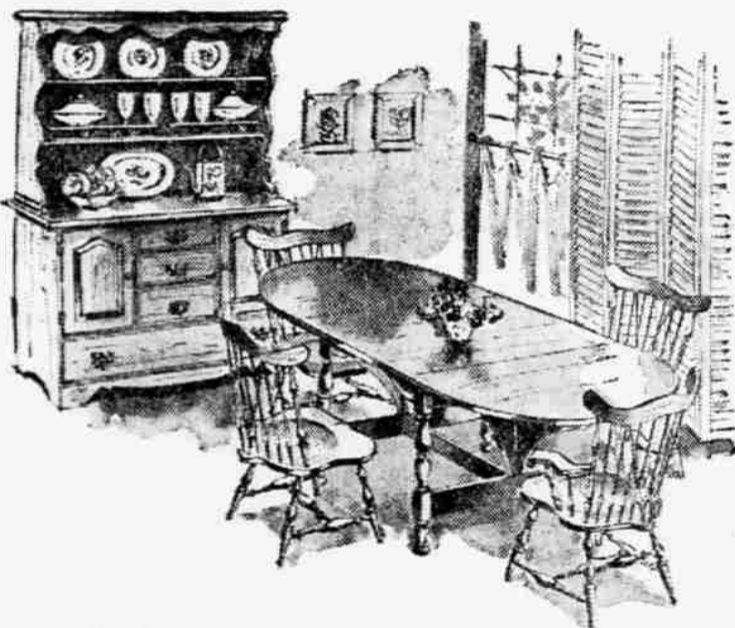
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