



Mrs. Celia Shearin, 2414 Starlight lane, who celebrated her 91st birthday earlier this month, has enrolled in a correspondence course to study short story writing. A former pediatrician and gynecologist, Mrs. Shearin may write about her early career in medicine.

90-Year-Old Woman Enrolls In Writing Course as Hobby

At the age of 90, Mrs. Celia Shearin decided to try her hand at short-story writing. Mrs. Shearin, who celebrated her 91st birthday November 2, does a lot of reading and came to the conclusion that she could write as well as some of the authors who have their material published. She enrolled in a correspondence course given by a school in Chicago, and hopes to polish her style enough to sell short stories.

Mrs. Shearin could very well base some of her stories on her own life, for she was one of Indiana's early day women physicians. She practiced medicine for 15 years in Kokomo, Ind., after graduating from the Physio-Medical School of Indiana.

Born in Cass county, Indiana, November 2, 1866, Mrs. Shearin states that since her family was poor, she had to make her own way in the world. She first served as a nurse, and since the doctors she worked with, often praised her aptitude for medicine, she at length enrolled in medical school. Since she had to earn her way, it took her a number of years and she was 32 years old when she began to practice as Dr. Celia McDonald.

Later she married John Shearin and when her husband, a "land promoter" wanted to move to Ohio, Mrs. Shearin gave up her practice and the two went to Lima. With her savings Mrs. Shearin bought a 10-room Colonial type house and later purchased a light plant in order that it might have electric lights. She carries a picture of the house in her purse.

Moving further west, the Shearins first went to Idaho. Their possessions filled an entire freight car, she recalls, and the couple and Mr. Shearin's sons even brought two horses, ducks and geese from Ohio. In 1923 they continued west to Phoenix, Ore., and Mrs. Shearin has lived in Jackson county since that time. She now makes her home with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Vesta Shearin, 2414 Starlight lane.

Mrs. Shearin, who specialized in pediatrics and gynecology, still continued her interest in medicine, but has a keen distrust of modern drugs. A good patient, she takes them because her doctor prescribes them, but vows that "they burn the stomach out."

On Mrs. Shearin's 91st birthday the staff of Sacred Heart hospital gave her a party. Two nurses, Mrs. Mona Talbot and Mrs. Lila Strowbridge, baked birthday cakes and ice cream was sent up from the kitchen.

Plans were discussed for the December 6 bazaar, luncheon and dinner to be held at the First Christian church at the executive board meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship November 13.

Chairman for event include Mrs. Lee Bailey, bazaar chairman, and Mrs. Carl Pearson, luncheon and smorgasbord. The booths and food will be discussed at the circle meetings this week.

she was presented many birthday cards.

Bright-eyed and with a sharp memory, Mrs. Shearin enjoyed talking with this reporter last Monday and said she could hardly wait for the attack of asthma which hospitalized her to subside so she could get on with the business of learning to write.

Bazaar Planned Friday at Church

Women of First Presbyterian church, Medford, will hold the annual pre-holiday bazaar Friday, November 22 at the church. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A smorgasbord will be served, beginning at 11:30 a.m. with turkey and ham featured, and a ham dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. Food, including homemade venison mince meat and fruit cake, will be on sale.

Mrs. William Farrell, general chairman, states that a number of unusual features marks this year's bazaar. One is a booth where children's books will be sold, another is an "attic treasures" booth, and a third is one where children's clothing will be sold.

Mrs. Charles W. Lemery's original Christmas decorations will also be on sale.

The public is invited to attend.

Minister To Show Pictures for Union

The Rev. Lee Green will show pictures of his missionary work in the Belgian Congo at a meeting of Woman's Christian Temperance union to be held Thursday November 21, at Girls Community club. Music will be provided by William Bullock and the devotions will be given by the Rev. Lloyd Breese.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Maude Walton, Mrs. Jennie Hutchinson and Mrs. Sarah Rhoades. The meeting is at 2 p.m.

Christmas gifts for the Children's Farm Home, which is operated by the State Women's Christian Temperance union, will be received at this meeting. It is asked that money be given, and the home staff will purchase what is most needed. However dish towels, bedding, rugs and similar articles are acceptable.

Methodist Guilds To Hold Meetings

Two Methodist guilds will meet this week.

Ruth Esther unit, Wesleyan Service guild, will meet in the fireplace room of the First Methodist church Monday, November 18, at 8 p.m.

A program on the United Nations will be presented by Miss Voda Brower and Mrs. Harriet Watson. Mrs. Mary Guy will give the devotions.

Gladson unit of the guild will meet Tuesday, November 19, at the home of Mrs. Frank Ross, 1325 Winchester avenue. Mrs. Justin Smith will be guest speaker and will talk on the United Nations.

Knights to Confer Rank of Esquire

The rank of esquire will be conferred upon a class of pages tomorrow by members of Talisman lodge, Knights of Pythias. The session will begin at 8 p.m. in the Pythian building, fifth and Grape streets.

A chili supper will follow the initiatory work, according to James P. O'Duane, chancellor commander. Visitors and a large attendance of members are expected, he said.

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Potpourri had been thinking of starting a one-woman crusade against the new chemise dress. The reason was purely personal—the editorial figure looks bad enough in a dress or suit with some fit to it, but in one of these new chemise creations that hang like a sweater from neck to hemline—well, we just don't want to contemplate the prospect.

But maybe others will carry on the crusade without our help. The San Francisco designer, Stephanie Koret, showed her spring line a few days ago, and it didn't have any chemise or sack dresses. Then the word coming from the fashion show in Los Angeles said that the chemise look had been mostly ignored. The famous Irene, who pays no attention to the Paris influence for the most part anyway, showed only one dress with a "relaxed waistline" according to reports. Howard Greer, another American designer, said "we favor a feminine, flattering silhouette that leaves the bust, waistline and fanny where God placed them," according to the Oregonian's Jane Allen. Another designer, Edith Small, shortened hemlines and broadened shoulders. Miss Small said she liked the chemise look, but only if it has a fitted front and loose back.

The fashion writers reporting from Los Angeles mentioned that both suits and coats were of many lengths, that many dresses still have the floating panels, that the sheath dress is still popular and that the new spring hats will mostly dip to one side.

One sharp Medford woman has found a way to pay back a firm which bothered her with attempting to sell a service over the telephone. One day she was inconveniently interrupted in the middle of an important household chore, and was about to give the caller a sharp reply when she had a simply brilliant idea. Pretending to be interested, she learned the name of the local manager. Later she looked up his telephone number and, picking a time when she was sure he would least want to answer the phone, the woman called him up. Not once, but several times. Then she told him her opinion of a firm which bothered busy housewives with telephone calls.

Potpourri had another one of those calls last week, and so we just asked the caller "how would you like to come home from a long, busy day at the office, cook dinner and settle down for an hour's rest and then get up to answer the phone and have someone try to sell you insurance?" The caller admitted she wouldn't like it.

"Today my words are sweet and tender, for tomorrow I may have to eat them" said a radio entertainer the other day. And Potpourri is admitting, as gracefully as possible, that we are ready to eat our words about modern art.

For years we'd been uneasily wondering if we weren't missing something when it came to modern art, but for the most part we just said it was nonsense, or that four-year-old Willie could do as well. Then one day Eugene Bennett gave us a book, and not too long after that Warren Wolf just said flat out "you don't know what you're talking about when it comes to art."

So, we read the book, and others, and we talked about art with artists and we went to shows and museums here, in Portland, San Francisco and other cities; gradually we began to understand and appreciate. This fall when an art appreciation course was offered, with Mr. Wolf as instructor, Potpourri enrolled. The class ended Wednesday night, and while six weeks didn't make us an expert we did learn a lot, and heartily recommend Mr. Wolf's course to those who would like to enjoy art more.

Mr. Wolf, who himself paints in the modern style, readily admits that all modern art is not good and that in some cases, final judgement on an artist's work is not possible. "But we must go on seeking and trying to understand," is his idea. And the seeking brings its own reward.

Mrs. Hugh Collins, president of the League of Women Voters, urged her friends to go to the league tea last Saturday not only to hear about this important organization but to make new acquaintances and to see two beautiful silver services.

The society editor, who usually just watches other people pour, this time had the enjoyment of using one of the handsome tea services which are to be found at social events in Medford. The one we used belongs to Mrs. Charles J. Walker Jr., the former Ruth Bowne. Mrs. Walker, who lived in Medford when her parents, Walter and Alice Bowne, made their home here years ago, inherited the beautiful service and told Potpourri that it was brought from England more than 100 years ago by her great-grandfather, E. B. Sutton. Mr. Sutton, a ship captain, was well known in trade and commerce circles in New York City and a New York street bears the Sutton family name.

At the other end of the tea table Saturday was a similar, and equally beautiful service owned by Mrs. John Day. Strangely enough, the two women are second cousins and have one name in common—Mrs. Walker is Ruth Bowne Walker, and Mrs. Day before her marriage was Mary Bowne Parsons. Mrs. Day's silver service, however, was purchased by her husband who saw it in a Denver shop once during a convention and finding it very handsome, brought it back to Medford as a present for his wife.—O.S.

Teachers to Speak For Talent PTA

Talent — Mrs. Kay Baalman and Karl Hayes will explain the pilot program for mentally retarded children carried on by the Oregon Department of Education at a meeting of Talent Parent-Teacher association Thursday, November 21 at 8 p.m. in the high school building.

A film will be included in the program.

A room count will be taken at the meeting and the room having the highest proportionate attendance will receive a prize. Mothers of third grade students will act as hostesses for the social hour.

Adult Bible Class

To Hold Luncheon

Adult Bible class of First Christian church will meet in Fellowship hall at the church Thursday, November 21.

A covered dish luncheon will be served at 12 noon. Rolls and hot drinks will be furnished by the committee.

A program will be held at 2 p.m. at which time colored pictures will be shown by Mrs. May Ayers, who recently visited Hawaii.

The regular monthly business meeting will be presided over by the class president, Mrs. Mabel Buchanan. Chairman of the luncheon and program committees, will be Mrs. Fred Daugherty.

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