

## Ashland AAUW To Name Award Winner Saturday

Ashland — Ashland American Association of University Women will announce the annual Woman of the Year at a May breakfast set for Saturday, May 17, at Trinity Episcopal parish house.

Five finalists, chosen out of 11 names submitted by 20 Ashland civic and service groups of women, are Mrs. Chester Fitch, Mrs. Gunvor Clute, Mrs. Charles Gettling, Mrs. Herbert Lewis and Mrs. F. E. (Jack) Holt.

Also nominated were Mrs. Alice Willis, Mrs. Francis Silver, Mrs. Carl Peterson, Mrs. Mabel Winston, Mrs. Alice Applegate Peel and Miss Cora Mason.

Final selection is made by a board of Ashland men. The award will be presented by Mrs. John Cotton, 1956-57 Woman of the Year. Mrs. Marvin Kocks is chairman of

the project.

Mrs. Winston, a past state and regional president of AAUW, will install new officers for the branch. They are Mrs. Bill Sampson, president; Miss Irene Hollenbeck, vice-president; Miss Florence Williams, treasurer and Miss Lenise Christopher, secretary.

Mrs. Howard Gang, retiring president, will report on the annual state convention.

Committee chairmen will be introduced. They are Mrs. Leo Solar, education; Mrs. Franklin Sturges, international relations; Mrs. Norman Christlieb, social studies; Miss Ruth Beber, literature; Mrs. Otto Wilda, arts and crafts; Mrs. Herbert Lewis, status of women; Mrs. Lloyd Pennington, fellowship; Mrs. Marshall Woodell, legislative; Mrs. Elmo Stevenson, publicity; Mrs. Warren LaBounty and Miss Ginie Kent, program; Mrs. Elliott MacCracken, hostesses; Mrs. Clyde Gwaltney, music; Mrs. Herbert Cecil, mass media.

Hostesses for the breakfast are Mrs. Harry Skerry, chairman, Mrs. Eldon Powell, Mrs. Loren Messenger and Mrs. Mahr Reymers.

## Founders' Day To Be Observed

Founders day will be commemorated and convention reports given at a luncheon meeting of Epsilon chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, to be held Saturday, May 17, at Rogue Valley Country club at 12:30 p.m.

Miss Delie Whisenant will give the convention report. Installation of officers is also planned.

Hostesses will be Miss Yeta Olson, chairman, Mrs. Betty Powell, Miss Ethel Reid, Mrs. Blanche Canode and Mrs. Maxine Smith.

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## Poppy Day Workers Organized

A corps of women volunteers to distribute memorial poppies here on Poppy Days, May 23 and 24, is being organized by Medford unit of the American Legion auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Merle Jarmin, poppy chairman. The local corps will be part of an army of volunteers, estimated to number 150,000, which will distribute poppies throughout the nation on Poppy Days.

The volunteers will include members of the auxiliary and their juniors. In addition to distributing the memorial flowers, they will receive contributions for the welfare of disabled veterans and needy children of veterans. Poppy day contributions provide a large part of the financial support for the auxiliary's extensive rehabilitation and child welfare programs.

"We feel that our Poppy day volunteers perform a real patriotic service when they make the memorial flowers available to everyone," said Mrs. Jarmin. "Wearing a poppy is a personal salute to those who died defending our country and should remind us all that life itself is not too much to give when America is in danger. And with the poppy our volunteers offer an opportunity to aid those still suffering from results of war, the disabled and the needy children."

"We are calling upon all auxiliary members who are able to volunteer for Poppy day service and are receiving enthusiastic response. We are also expecting important reinforcements from other organizations, especially young women's groups of the city. We hope to have enough poppy workers to cover all parts of the city and offer poppies to everyone."

## U. S. Influence Felt in Kitchen Of Englishwomen

Chicago — The most powerful American influence on Britain occurs not in diplomatic councils but in the kitchen.

So says Gordon Evison, British commercial consul to Chicago.

"The average person in Britain no longer makes fun of Americans for their gimmick-fetishes. They want gimmicks themselves," Gordon said at a recent housewares show.

"We're increasingly aware of a need for gadgets, especially since domestic help is so hard to get."

But, he said, the British still are far behind in the appliance and housewares field. Hot water heaters, central heating devices, and refrigerators are luxury items.

"We don't get the sweeping changes in appliances that you do because we're more conservative with regard to change. We don't replace belongings so rapidly," he added.

"In the United States, many items are bought because they are first decorative, then useful. Not so abroad. It's a lack of kitchen sophistication, caused by less emphasis on keeping up with the Joneses."

One American institution that has not caught on in Britain is the supermarket because the British housewife shops from day to day and has a vast appreciation of sociability.

"She doesn't have all these women's clubs," Evison said. "So she's got to have somewhere to gossip with her friends. You can't do that in a supermarket."



Three members of the Colleen Hope Dancers, which will be a featured attraction of the stage show at the 1958 Medford Home Show, are the Misses Louise Lull, Rosemary Tokar and Sharon Laing, shown (left to right) above in costume for the act. The third annual Home Show opened yesterday at the National Guard Armory and runs through Sunday, May 18.

## We're All Hicks At Heart Says Dude Ranch Operator

By GAY PAULEY United Press Woman's Editor

New York — Most of us are Hicks at heart. That's why all the Westerns on television and the boom in the dude ranch business, says Miss Gladys Jaques.

Miss Jaques — pronounced Jakes — a one-time stenographer from Brooklyn, is the boss of a 1,000 acre ranch near New Boston, Mass., in the Berkshire mountains. She believes she may be the only woman in the country in sole charge of a dude ranch operation.

"Most of the ranches are run by husband and wife teams," she said. Miss Jaques is married to a New York sales executive, but said she is the sole boss back at the ranch.

"I cater to city slickers from the New York and Boston area," she said in an interview at the couple's Manhattan apartment. "But our cowboys are genuine; we bring them in from the West. They summer with us and winter in Arizona."

"There's something about ranching which appeals to almost everybody," she said. "Look at all those Westerns on television. Parents come and bring their kids and we get a lot of elderly people. About the only exercise they want is to sit on the front porch and rock."

She is affiliated with the Eastern Dude Ranchers association, which has members in New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

"As a kid I milked cows and rode horseback to school," she said, "so ranching isn't exactly new to me." When she was 15, her father died and the family moved back to Brooklyn. The store had been sold so she became the breadwinner, going to work as a stenographer for what is now the Chase Manhattan bank.

As she pounded a typewriter, she planned how she could return to the country she loved. A dude ranch sounded like the solution.

**Found Spot**

After World War II, she found the spot she wanted — an old homestead once the property of Gilbert Clark, a famous New England watchmaker. In 1949, she quit the bank and formally opened "Lost Wilderness" to herself and she hoped, some guests. A dozen showed up the first summer.

Today, the ranch accommodates as many as 100, is valued at \$250,000, and includes stable, corral, swimming pool, cottages in addition to the main house, 35 horses, four full-time cowboys, a Western music band and other assorted help.

The boss is at the ranch most of the year, but when the winter weather is too rough or in summer when she wants a break, she comes to town.

"The change is nice," she said, "I don't mind roughing it in the city once in a while."

## Musical Program Planned at Party Saturday Night

The Nonettes and Madrigal singers from Medford High school, under the direction of Lynn Sjolund, will entertain at the annual fund raising party of the estate and endowment fund committee of Reames chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. It is set for Saturday evening, May 17, at Medford Masonic temple.

The event has been planned as an evening of fun, with refreshments later in the evening. There will be a number of prizes. Mrs. Fred Purdin is chairman of the refreshment committee.

All Eastern Star members and friends are invited to attend.

## Harlan Bosworth To Be Speaker For Conference

Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., a vice-president of The California Oregon Power company and member of Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association, will be one of the speakers for the annual conference of the OUNA which opens Saturday in Salem.

Mr. Bosworth's topic will be "The Hopes and Dangers of Nuclear Power in a World Seeking Peace." The speaker has made a study of the scientific aspects of nuclear power in connection with his work as an engineer for COPCO, and since serving in Europe with the United States Army during World War II, has been keenly interested in international relations and the peace movement.

Mrs. Bosworth, also active in the Medford UN chapter and a member of the state board, will also attend the annual meeting. Others from the local chapter will be Mrs. Kenneth Murray, chapter treasurer; Mrs. W. H. Morrow and Mrs. Zelta Van Valzah.

Sessions will be held at the Hotel Senator in Salem. Speakers for Saturday's luncheon will be Philip Hitchcock, former state senator for Oregon and a leader in the

## Luncheon Planned For Past Matrons

Ashland — Members of Mary E. McCall Past Matrons' club of Alpha chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will be hostesses for the annual past matrons' party Monday, May 19. It will be a potluck luncheon in the Ashland Masonic hall at 12 noon. All past matrons of the valley are invited to attend.

One of the valley chapters entertains at the annual event each spring. Mrs. John Murphy is president of the Ashland group.

## Support Stockings Can Be Glamorous

New York — Support stockings now can be glamorous, too.

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Republican party, and Robert Y. Thornton, attorney general for Oregon. Mr. Bosworth will speak for Sunday's luncheon. A reception will be held at the home of Judge and Mrs. James T. Brand Saturday evening.

## Dance Planned On Anniversary

Hilltoppers Square Dance club will hold a dance Saturday, May 17, in observance of the club's third anniversary of organization. The dance will be held at the old Wagner Creek school, located two miles west of Talent on Wagner Creek road. Dancing will begin at 8:30 p.m. During intermission club members will serve a supper of Italian spaghetti and French bread; women attending are asked to take a salad or dessert. All square dancers are invited. Francis Cronin and guest callers will call the squares.

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