



These three women had many things to talk over when they met in Gold Hill recently. Raised in the same farming community in Missouri, the women had not been together for 55 years. Pictured (left to right) are Mrs. Thomas Robinson, 78,

Gold Hill; Mrs. Frank Foster, 83, Davis, Calif., and Mrs. Sam Routh, 81, Gold Hill. The reunion was held recently when Mrs. Foster came to Gold Hill to visit her friends. (Routh photo)



The toy manufacturers always seem to keep up with the trend of events, no matter how fast they develop. Medford shops this Christmas season are filled with toy missile launchers, rocket devices and satellites—copies of Vanguard, Alpha, Jupiter, and all the rest of the space age wonders. To go with these are guns, tanks, planes and all sorts of war-making gadgets—more than enough to worry a peace-loving parent.

There's a variety of cuddly stuffed toys—sad eyed dogs, Teddy bears and comical monkeys; some are small, some are bigger and some are just enormous. While touring the shops Monday Potpourri saw Sneaky Pete's Magic show, blackboards, chemistry sets, puppets, paint sets, coloring books, toys that push and pull, toys that run on batteries; there must be everything that a youngster could ask for.

Including dolls. Heaven knows how much money is spent on dolls every December. There's baby dolls that cry and drink and roll their eyes; little sister dolls and cowboy dolls and bride dolls and dolls with pink silk hair. Honest. But what really surprised the society editor was the sight of a grandma doll. She had grey hair and wore glasses. Really smart looking grandma, too.

If you're one of those parents or grandparents who think the younger generation isn't working hard enough in school, you might be interested to know that the kids agree with you. A few days ago the mail brought a story about a survey made by "Compact," a magazine for teen-agers published by the firm which puts out "Parents." The magazine polled the younger generation and the answers came back "high schools are too easy."

High school students themselves said there are too many elective courses, and too much emphasis on extra-curricular activities. They added that schools should not be geared to the poor students and that more math, science and foreign languages should be required.

One student who answered the questionnaire said anyone in his school who tried to make good grades was considered a "creep."

Which reminds me that about 8 or 10 years ago a girl attending Grant High school in Portland said "we make fun of anyone who studies hard. Most of us wouldn't be found dead with home work." She later entered one of the colleges in Oregon and almost flunked her freshman year.

A big headline in the "Food, Fashions, Family and Furnishings" section of the New York Times last week said "Waistlines Due to Return in Fashions Next Spring." At a luncheon in New York City given by the Fashion Group, 46 manufacturers showed some of their spring designs. "American designers are sneaking back to a fitted middle," wrote Nan Robertson of the Times.

Wide belts and sashes are being used, Empire sheaths curve in toward the body instead of hanging straight; hemlines are about one inch below the kneecap.

Sleeves are short, and gloves will be a must—even coats and suits have sleeves above the elbow. Shoulder pads are not making a comeback, but the effect of width at the top is achieved with muffers, stoles, giant collars, capelet sleeves, jackets and scarves.

And checks of every conceivable size and type were noted.

One club notice which should have been in today's paper, isn't. It just starts off by saying "The HEC will meet," but fails to say which Home Economics club. Since almost every Grange in the county also has an HEC, and since the society reporters didn't have time for research, it's still on our desk, instead of in type.

Gay Pauley sent along this little story from New York last week: "Christmas gift suggestions for the woman who has almost everything: A \$5,400 dress zipper, in 18-carat gold, studded with diamonds, rubies and sapphires. When not in use as a zipper, it can be converted into a bracelet or necklace says the jeweler, Van Cleef and Arpels."

Potpourri has been facing a gloomy fact. Neighbor Jeanette, along with husband Harold and small daughter, Denise, has moved to the other side of the valley. Neighbor Jeanette is that rare creature who is always cheerful and smiling, one who knows how to tell a joke or take one, practically never borrows anything, was willing to keep the dog, water the lawn and otherwise to make herself useful when Pappy and Potpourri were away, cheerfully offered to iron when the load in the basket got too high for us and every few days handed over the back fence half of a cake, or some muffins, maybe a pumpkin or apple pie or some other home-made delicacy. Do you wonder that we are disconsolate?

Someone once wrote (Coleridge, maybe) that "love is a flower but friendship is a sheltering tree." Wise man.

Wilbert Scheer, personnel director of Chicago's Blue-Cross Blue-Shield, is responsible for this remark about women executives. "Once a woman has found her level and established herself, then to be a success in management all she has to do is four things: look like a girl, think like a man, act like a lady and work like a dog!"—O.S.

**Gift-Wrapping Class Planned**

Two classes in gift wrapping will be held at the Senior Activity Center, 601 East Jackson street, Monday, December 8, and December 14. The classes, scheduled from 1 until 3 p.m., will be held instead of the general craft classes usually held at that time.

Mrs. Ena Foss will teach the class which will include how to cut boxes to sizes needed and wrapping for mailing. The class is open to all over 50 years of age and no registration is needed. Persons interested in attending should take their own wrapping paper, ribbon, seals, scissors and gift boxes.

**Rogueette Circle**  
Rogueette circle Military Order of Lady Bugs will meet Tuesday, December 9 at 8 p.m. at the Veterans hall. Plans will be made for the holiday season at Camp White.

**Former Schoolmates Hold Reunion After 55 Years**

Gold Hill—Three women who lived in the same farming community as girls held a reunion recently in Gold Hill. It was the first time in 55 years that they had been together.

Together were Mrs. Frank (Anna) Foster, 83, from Davis, Calif., Mrs. Sam (Hanna) Routh, 81, and Mrs. Thomas (Louise) Robinson, 78, both Gold Hill. The reunion took place while Mrs. Foster was a recent houseguest in the home of her first-cousin, Mrs. Robinson.

The three women grew up in a little farming community near Stockton, the county seat of Missouri. They attended school together in a small old fashioned one-room school building called Liberty. They were devoted friends throughout their childhood and until

a few years after their marriages, then each lost contact with the others.

The Sam Rouths and Thomas Robinsons migrated to the same state of Colorado a few years following their marriages. After about 15 years, the Robinsons heard of the location of the Rouths, and went to Manzanola, a distance of 80 miles, for a visit. During these years four girls and a son had been born to the Sam Rouths, and two girls and a son to the Robinsons.

When the two families met, a romance developed between Carl Routh and Miss Jewel Robinson. Their marriage took place seven months later, strengthening the friendship between Hannah and Louise. The two often talked of Anna and wondered where she might be. Five years ago Mrs. Robinson learned through a niece in Missouri that Mrs. Foster was living in Davis, Calif. Now a widow, she makes her home with her only child, Mrs. Price Getenger, whose husband is affiliated with the University of California at Davis as public relations director.

Mrs. Robinson and her family moved to southern Oregon 28 years ago and since that time has resided on Fourth avenue in Gold Hill. The following year the Sam Routh family came to Gold Hill to make their home also on Fourth avenue where Mrs. Routh resides at this time, a few houses distance from her friend.

Mrs. Routh is active spite of her 81 years. She belongs to Gold Hill Garden club, of which she is a 25 year charter member, and Amethyst Rebekah Friendship club, of which she is also a charter member. She regularly attends Amethyst Rebekah lodge, and her main hobby is knitting sweaters for members of her family.

Mrs. Robinson spends her leisure hours sewing, and visiting her many friends of all ages in the community, referring to them as her "adopted families."

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