

McLEOD Christmas Party Held

McLeod-The Prospect Lion's Auxiliary held their annual Christmas party Monday evening, Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. Leo Hoag.

Games were played, Christmas gifts exchanged, after which refreshments were served. There were 22 members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ditsworth of Ashland were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson of Laurelhurst rd. recently.

The Eagle Point Teachers association, which includes Elk-Trail, Shady Cove and Eagle Point, held their annual Christmas dinner at Rogue River lodge Saturday, Dec. 13. Guests were introduced during the evening and after dinner Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Those attending the debate scrimmage at Hedrick Junior High school in Medford Saturday, Dec. 13, were Mrs. Carl Scott and daughter, Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hume and daughters, Jackie and Joey, Suzi Chub and Debbie Dunlap.

Eagle Point students participating were Carol Scott and Lana McGrew as a team, Joey and Jackie Hume as a team and Suzi Chub and Debbie Dunlap as a team. Bert Simmons was the Eagle Point advisor.

The HEC of Upper Rogue Grange held their annual Christmas party Dec. 11 at Eastin's Rogue Haven. There were 15 women present.

After a potluck dinner the business meeting was held, which was followed by the exchange of Christmas gifts. New chairman Dorothy Tockstein was installed at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gillespie have gone to Salt Lake City because Mr. Gillespie's mother is quite ill.

The Masons held their Christmas banquet at Upper Rogue Grange hall Saturday night. The affair was held in honor of their wives.

Mrs. Richard Barber and daughter, Lynda Leigh, of Gold Beach spent the weekend at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barber, who live on the Rogue river.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Truax, who died of a heart attack in Medford Dec. 8, was well-known in this area, having

88 Cases of Flu Reported Last Week

A total of 88 influenza cases were reported in Jackson county last week, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health physician, has reported.

Of the total, 30 were reported in Phoenix, 28 in Medford, 10 in Ashland, 8 in Shady Cove, 5 in Central Point, 4 in Trail, 2 in Butte Falls and one in Jacksonville.

Other communicable diseases reported last week include German measles, Central Point 8, Medford 3, scalp ringworm, Medford 1; trench mouth, Ashland 1; measles, Medford, 30, Phoenix 4; mumps, Prospect 4, and Medford, Central Point and Shady Cove 1 each; pneumonia, Prospect 2; strep throat, Jacksonville and Trail 1 each; infectious mononucleosis, Ashland and Central Point 1 each.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE
Alburg, Vt. —UP— Mrs. Vincent Westover's baby son has 21 years to decide whether he wants to be an American or Canadian citizen. He was born in this Vermont town on the Canadian border after Mrs. Westover rushed to a doctor's office here. The mother is a Canadian who lives in Quebec Province. Immigration officials said the baby would have a dual nationality.

Gray, Mrs. Lewis Dusenberry, Mrs. L. B. Ansted and Mrs. Arthur Hume. Games were played and refreshments were served.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. G. H. — My husband died less than a year ago and a few months ago his best friends proposed to me. I put him off at the time, but now I feel that I would like to accept him.

My married daughter, with whom I've been living, is all upset by the idea. She doesn't see how I could ever consider marriage before a full year has elapsed. But she doesn't understand how lonesome I feel. My daughter and son-in-law have tried to make me feel at home here, and I adore the children, but I can't help feeling like a stranger in a place that doesn't belong to me.

My daughter has made me feel ashamed of myself for considering this idea. Is it really so terrible?

Beverly L. — Mother really did shock me when she came out with this idea. I never ex-

The blood of the lobster is white.

entiling him to call both countries home until his 21st birthday.

consider him?

The Council — Beverly seems to be confusing a lot of different feelings and is, therefore, in a poor position to give her mother any advice about the proposed marriage.

Possibly, out of a certain sense of rivalry with her mother, Beverly likes to see herself as more loyal to her father's memory. This is rather unfair as this kind of "loyalty" costs Beverly nothing. Rather, she sees herself enhanced in her own eyes because of it. It is likely that her mother's unstated feeling about her husband goes much deeper and is less selfish.

Beverly's implied accusation that her mother is deserting her father's memory by considering marriage to a man who might not measure up to the deceased man's standards is cruel as it is foolish. Noble though he may have been, Beverly's father's opin-

ions cannot be taken as the final word about anyone. We assume that he was human and capable of error and distortion. Even if he were essentially right in his criticisms, Mrs. G. H.'s suitor may make a good husband despite all his faults.

Mrs. G. H. ought to put Beverly's unsound objections out of her mind, and take on the responsibility for a more careful appraisal of her own situation. She should be aware that this early period after her husband's death is a rather dangerous time. In their grief and loneliness widows sometimes make important decisions they later regret.

If this proposed marriage is really a good thing for Mrs. G. H., nothing will be lost if she takes her time and considers carefully. She should try to get her bearings socially so that she will be able to

consider her future in terms of what possibilities will be open to her in the next few years of her life.
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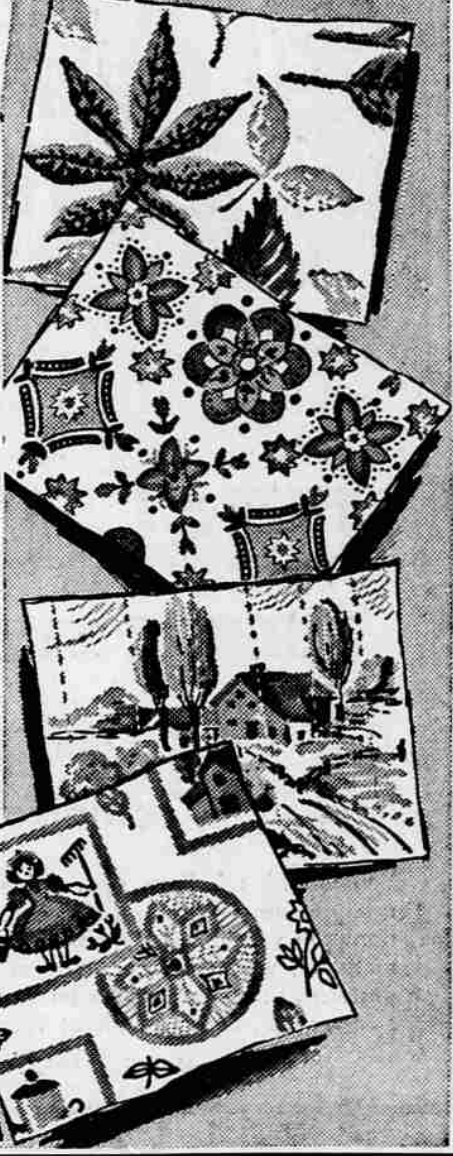
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