

## Earle - Shuck Ceremony Held in Hilts Church

Hilts — A double ring ceremony held February 11 at 7 p.m. in Hilts Community church married Linda Lee Shuck and Robert Frank Earle, Grants Pass. Pastor John Shaw officiated at the ceremony which was attended by members of the family only.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shuck and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Earle Grants Pass.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white lace street length sheath dress made by the bridegroom's grandmother. Her fingertip length tulle veil was held in place by a small flowered headband and she wore long white gloves. Her double strand of pearls with matching earrings was given to her by the bridegroom. She carried a nosegay fashioned of white carnations centered with a white orchid.

Miss Pat Hossick of Yreka, the bride's only attendant, wore a champagne sheath dress with matching headband and gloves and carried a bouquet of white gardenias. Candeligher was Miss Judy Moore, also of Yreka. She wore a light blue net waist length dress with matching headband and gloves and wore a gardenia corsage.

Best man was the bridegroom's brother, Thomas Earle, Grants Pass.

The bride's mother wore a two-piece chocolate brown wool suit and the bridegroom's mother was attired in a black velvet suit. Both wore orchid corsages.

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where the bridegroom is stationed with the Air Force at McClellan Air base.

The bride attended Yreka High school and graduated with the class of 1958. For the past several months she has been making her home in Sacramento and is employed with the Allstate Insurance Company. Mr. Earle attended school in Grants Pass.

Out-of-town guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. James Earle and Mrs. Earle's mother, and Thomas Earle, Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Staley and Gerald Staley, Dunsmuir, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Erling Hjertager and sons, Harold and Raymond, Callahan, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gray, Yreka; Mr. and Mrs. William Wiley, Hornbrook and Mrs. Ben Dawson Jr., Ashland.

A shower was given at the Community center Friday, February 13 for the bride by Mrs. Arthur Hartman, Mrs. Warren Fox, and Mrs. W. Snook.

The Valentine motif was used for the table and room decorations. Games were played. Present were Mrs. Melvin Barron, Mrs. Ben Dawson Jr., Mrs. Joe Foggiano, Miss Lena Foggiano, Mrs. M. G. King, Misses Phyllis and Barbara Alphonse, Mrs. Harry Burns, Mrs. Vern Burns, Mrs. Edward Staley, Mrs. Frank Graves, Mrs. J. R. Smith, Mrs. Harry Black, Mrs. Italo Martin, Mrs. John Shaw, Mrs. Ozzie Bernheisel, Mrs. Robert Goodwin, Mrs. David Sage, Miss Dorothy Fox, and the bride's mother, Mrs. Tom Shuck.

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When the Oregon legislature met in 1914, Miss Marian Towne served as representative from Jackson county — the first woman to be elected to the assembly and the second in the United States to serve as a state legislator. While in Salem, this portrait was made of Miss Towne by W. H. Parker, Salem photographer. Today Miss Towne is again living in Phoenix after spending the intervening years in law school, working for the state of Washington in Olympia, and in San Francisco. In California she was with the Women's Division of the San Francisco Welfare department, was at one time with the California Bar association and also worked as a research assistant at the University of California.

### Newlyweds Home From Honeymoon

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eugene Bobbett are now at home to their friends at 506 Kenwood avenue following their return from a two weeks wedding trip to Southern California.

Mrs. Bobbett is the former Miss Barbara Ann Edwards, 1122 Morrow road. The couple were married recently in a nuptial mass at Sacred Heart Catholic church.

Attending the bride at the wedding was Miss Pat Calloway. She wore a frock of red satin fashioned with balloon skirt and carried a bouquet of white carnations encircling red carnations.

Mr. Bobbett is in business with his father, C. P. Bobbett, at the Medford Battery shop.

### Speaker Named By Rose Society

Victor Boehle, Grants Pass, will speak for a meeting of Medford Rose Society to be held Monday, February 23, in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium. Mr. Boehle, who wins many prizes on his roses, will speak on pruning. A sale will be held during the evening and members are asked to take articles for this.

Perennials, slips, rooted cuttings, roses, herbs, bulbs and plants of all types will be welcomed, it is stated. It is also suggested that vases or usable garden equipment will be sold. Plants should be labeled if possible, it is stated.

Visitors will be welcomed at the meeting.

## First Oregon Woman Legislator Returns Home; Recalls Election

One Oregon citizen is watching the women in the 1959 Oregon legislature with more than average interest. The citizen is Miss Marian Towne, who in 1914 was the first woman ever to serve in an Oregon Legislative assembly, and the second in the United States. (The first was from Wyoming).

Miss Towne, born and reared in Jackson county, recently returned to Oregon from San Francisco and is living in Phoenix with her sister Mrs. Anna Smith. The house is one which their father, William Frank Towne, constructed about 70 years ago and used by family members ever since.

Last week Miss Towne recalled the circumstances which led to her decision to run for the legislature. Oregon gave women the vote in 1912, and at that time Miss Towne was working as an assistant to the county clerk of Jackson county, Will Coleman. One of her duties was to read and file copies of bills passed by the legislature which would affect the county and county government or procedures. After a time, Miss Towne came to the conclusion that many of the bills were poor ones and she decided that with even her small knowledge of government, she might do better.

Not long after this, Miss Towne talked with Judge W. H. Canon, who was also Medford's mayor at the time, and she asked his advice about her idea. Mayor Canon said "Good, go ahead and run." The prospective candidate also tried out the idea on George Putnam, then editor of The Medford Mail Tribune, and he also encouraged her. So she filed on the Democratic ticket, and was elected. She commented last week that it didn't take so much time, money and oratory to get elected to office back in 1914 as it does now.

A few of the men elected to serve in the same assembly didn't mind the idea of a woman colleague — but more of them did. One outspoken opponent was Ben Selling, who served as Speaker of the House. Nevertheless, Mr. Selling kept fresh flowers on the desk of the representative from Jackson county throughout the session. She never was quite sure whether he did this out of kindness, or to indicate that all a woman legislator was good for, in his opinion, was to tend flowers and look beautiful.

She also recalls that for some reason, most of her colleagues had thought she would be a large, domineering, Amazon-like creature with bold manners and a loud voice. What they found was a tiny woman (today Miss Towne weighs less than 80 pounds and wears size 3½ shoe) with a soft voice and pretty features.

One legislator in particular bitterly resented Miss Towne's presence, let it be known at every opportunity and boasted that he never spoke to her. After the session had been operating for a time, someone asked Miss Towne "Is Representative So-and-So speaking to you yet?"

"To tell the truth, I had been too busy to realize his animosity," she recalled last week. "So I said I hadn't noticed he wasn't speaking to me."

Miss Towne does not remember that any world-shaking bills were passed during her term in the legislature, but added that education, political reform and social legislation has been her main interests. She reminded her interviewer that Oregon pioneered initiative, referendum and recall legislation. Speaking of current issues, Miss Towne said she had been upset to read time and time again that citizens had voted down seemingly necessary school fund bills and added "It must be that we are fearful of getting too deeply in debt."

Studied Law

She did not consider running for a second term, but instead went to the University of Michigan and studied law for a year. Leaving school because of poor health, she rested at home for a time and when this country entered World War I she joined the Yeomanettes. She worked hard at the duties assigned to her and after a time came up with another idea. Miss Towne applied for a commission in the Navy. She still laughs aloud over the astonishment and displeasure which her superior officers displayed over this one captain in particular declared vehemently that "no woman would ever be an officer in the Navy."

Following the close of the war Miss Towne returned to the West coast and for a time worked in Olympia, Wash., as secretary of the state commissioner of health. Later she went to San Francisco where she lived for many years, working at first one position and then another as interest

and necessity dictated. She was employed by the California Bar association for a time, and during the depression of the Thirties, was employed in the Women's Division of the San Francisco Public Welfare department.

Musing over this last week, Miss Towne said "Nothing else ever influenced my thinking and my life as much as what happened during those months. People were disheartened, and humiliated. Men and women who had always been secure in their lives and their jobs found everything taken from them. Our office was in a building which had been a large home — from my desk I could see women approaching the door, knowing that they were applying for public aid. Some could scarcely bring themselves to come in — others would approach and at the last minute, turn away. Perhaps the next day, or the day after, they would return, because they were desperate.

### Luncheon Slated By DAR Chapter

A covered dish luncheon will be held at Girls Community club, 229 North Bartlett street, by Daughters of the American Revolution on Saturday, February 28, at 1 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. L. T. Haines of Southern Oregon college.

Hostesses will be Mrs. G. O. Taylor. Her assistant hostesses are Mrs. E. Earl Bradshaw, Mrs. R. E. Green, Mrs. W. W. P. Holt and Mrs. E. Ronald Rice.

### See Exhibit

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stewart and children, Jonathan, Janice and Joel, 317 Maple street, are in Portland today to view the works of the artist, Vincent van Gogh, at the Portland Art Museum. The show will continue at the museum until March 1.

Others were the exact opposite, aggressive and demanding. Some were real rebels."

Thinking back over this period of U.S. history Miss Towne said at length "People of my generation have lived in two worlds. The world as we knew it when I was a child simply doesn't exist any longer." She said the depression years and her work had brought the realization that some sort of public assistance is an absolute necessity if people are to retain their self-respect and dignity in times of stress and disaster. But Miss Towne believes that the pendulum may swing too far in the other direction and sighed over the fact that young people now often find life too easy and are too ready to believe that "the world owes me a living."

Well Informed

Oregon's first woman legislator is still keenly interested in almost everything around her. She enjoys reading in the field of social welfare, archeology and anthropology. She is well informed on political developments on both the national and international level, enjoys music and concerts and hopes before long to join Medford or Phoenix groups which will help her become oriented again in the county in which she lived as a child.

Still a staunch Democrat, Miss Towne believes that Franklin D. Roosevelt was a great president. She dislikes both Senator Lyndon Johnson and Representative Sam Rayburn and believes that the rich oil interests of Texas are exerting a bad influence in this nation. She is interested in John Kennedy, however, and plans to hear him speak when he visits Jackson county next month.

When her health permits, Miss Towne wants to return to the field of research. As far as Miss Towne is concerned, life is too short to do everything interesting and fruitful which waits to be done. —O.S.

Courtesy Girl Night Planned by Chapter

Courtesy Girl Night for Nevita chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will be held Tuesday, February 24, at 8 p.m. at the Masonic temple, Central Point. The Courtesy Girls will be in charge of entertainment, refreshments and decorations.



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