

## National Society Honors Gold Hill Herb Authority

Mrs. John D. Holst, Gold Hill, member of the Rogue Valley Herb Society, recently received the 1958 Award of Merit given each year by The Gerard society.

The society is a national educational organization incorporated for the encouragement of the study of plants of usefulness to man in the past, present and future, and the preservation of the knowledge to be found in the ancient herbals. Membership in the organization is by invitation and Mrs. Holst was invited to join last year.

Mrs. Holst was a founder and first president of the Rogue Valley Herb Society and has written articles which have appeared in the "Sunset" and the "Herb Grower" magazines.

The document cites the local woman for "sharing her extensive knowledge of herbs with hundreds of thousands of people."

The book, "All the Herbs of the Bible" by Winifred Walker, was sent by The Gerard society trustees to Mrs. Holst. She has loaned it to the local society's library.

The national society maintains a library and large garden of herbs at its headquarters in Falls Village, Conn.

Mrs. Holst will speak on "A Sundial in the Herb Garden" at the Tuesday, February 24, meeting of the local society. The meeting will be held at the Girls Community club, Medford, at 1:30 p.m., with Mrs. John Ostrander and Mrs. Arthur Kneass, hostesses.

Mrs. Holst will explain the history, use, parts and ornamental value of the sundial and give various types of sundial mottoes.

Mrs. Kneass will read the poem "The Night Cometh" which was written about sundials by Aline Kilmer and roll call response will be a favorite sundial motto. The exhibit by members will be "the pages from your scrapbook on sundials."

Mrs. Ostrander, who recently returned from a visit to Mexico City, will tell of the herbs and gardens which she saw in that country and Mrs. Frank Carson will tell of the herb gardens and exhibits she saw in Arizona and southern California.



A family gathering February 15 celebrated the 61st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, 424 King street. The Taylors, who have lived in Medford since 1927, were married in Urbana, Ill.

## Sixty-First Anniversary Celebrated by Taylors

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, 424 King street, were honored February 15 with a family party in observance of their 61st wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Taylor recalls that she did not carry flowers for the wedding as none were available during the winter. Following the ceremony the couple went by horse and buggy to the family farm outside Urbana. The farm, a government grant to the Taylor family when virgin land, is still owned and farmed by the Taylor family.

The Taylors have two children, Mrs. O. K. Roughton, Urbana, and Howard Taylor, Medford. There are 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Taylor, who is now retired, started the Taylor Produce company in Medford after leaving Illinois. Mr. Taylor will celebrate his 85th birthday August 3 while Mrs. Taylor will be the same age July 29.

Twenty relatives attended the recent event at the Taylor home.

Caroline Denyer, were given 200 point merit pins.

Those awarded merit pins included the Misses Diane Lewis, Donna Paulos, Cheri Paulazzo, Patricia Ellis, Janice Barker, Elizabeth Howard, Colleen Riley and Cheryl Potucek.

Preliminary plans for a rummage sale to be held Saturday, March 14, were discussed.

Prior to the meeting a dinner was held at the Jackson hotel honoring Mrs. Good-nough and Mr. McIsaac.

## Pythian Lodge Opens Contest; Party Planned

A membership contest was inaugurated last Monday at a meeting of Talisman lodge, Knights of Pythias, with George N. Fisk and J. B. Yarbrough as captains. The local member roster will be equally divided to assist them in bringing candidates into the lodge; the winning side will be honored at a dinner to be furnished and served by the losers.

Thermopylae lodge, Grants Pass, is staging a similar contest and accepted a challenge whereby the lodge initiating the most members in a set period will be treated to a dinner by the losers, Edwin W. Lester is Grants Pass chairman and Don Lacy is master of work of the local lodge. Morley B. Lamp is proficiency chairman.

February 23 has been voted as entertainment night and practice in the rank of esquire will be held. Refreshments will follow according to Kadin, chancellor commander of Talisman lodge.

Saturday, February 28, a pinocle party and box lunch is scheduled in the Pythian building at 8 p.m. Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters and their friends are invited to attend; ladies are asked to bring a box lunch. Numbers will be drawn to determine supper partners. Coffee will be served by a committee, with Rae Jack as chairman of the Knights and Mrs. Edward Bostwick for the Pythian Sisters. A fee will be charged those playing cards and for each box lunch. This is the first of a series of get-together parties of members and their friends, planned for the year ahead.

Three candidates were initiated into the rank of page February 9. The rank of esquire will be conferred Monday, March 2, according to Don Lacy, master of work.



Mrs. Mae Logan

## Royal Neighbor Supervisor Here To Visit Lodge

Mrs. Mae Logan, Portland, state supervisor of the Royal Neighbors of America was recently honored at a covered dish dinner at the Pythian hall by the local group.

While in the valley she was also honored at a coffee hour Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Carl Pearson, 118 Clark street, oarle.

Also present at the dinner was Mr. Logan.

The program included a reading by Connie Russell and the Rogue Valley Blacklighters square dance group presented several dances. Sharon Ferris, Randa Martin and Sharon Huffman gave a pantomime of the Chipmunk song and the Story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Centennial theme was used for the dinner which included the use of kerosene lamps for lighting.

## Chairman Named For Spring Show Of Garden Club

Central Point - Mrs. Ralph Hixson was appointed chairman of the annual spring flower show of the Central Point Garden club at the February meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Leo Ghelardi on Old Stage road. The show theme will be "Wings Over Oregon."

Mrs. C. H. Ault and Mrs. Walter Sutherland assisted Mrs. Ghelardi in serving dessert. The valentine theme was used for the menu and table decorations. The centerpiece was a sprayed manzanita branch hung with tiny valentines made by the hostesses.

Guests were Mrs. Karl Janouch and Mrs. Elmer Waits, Tulalee, Calif., a niece of Mrs. Ault.

Mrs. R. D. Kay gave the horticulture lesson on cactus. She named a number of better known cactus and stated there are over a thousand varieties. These range from tiny ones to those over 70 feet in height, and each has its own built-in storage system for water. Some receive shade from their needles, many have beautiful flowers, some produce edible fruit and a beverage is derived from another type.

Mrs. John Holmer talked on birds, describing the linnet, commonly known as the house finch. She said it is about the size of the sparrow, brownish in color with bright red breast and forehead and stripe over the eyes. They are numerous in the east as well as this vicinity. Mrs. Holmer said, and while they do some damage to fruit, this is compensated for by the good they do in eliminating insects from the trees. The finches like to nest near a house, are interesting to watch, are beautiful in color and have a more musical song than the sparrow, she said.

Mrs. L. C. Gorden brought an arrangement made with driftwood and red camellias. Mrs. Kay displayed lenten roses with mauve tinted thyme and the succulent, hen and chickens, with the same tint on the edge.

Prizes were won by Mrs. Steve Benson and Mrs. Henry Conger. Corsages went to Mrs. Wallace West and Mrs. Sutherland.

Following the meeting the group toured Rogue Valley and Hoppe's greenhouses.

Data on schools, colleges, and careers is available at the Jackson County library for the use of teen-agers, parents and teachers.

## Voters' League To Sponsor 'Go See' Courthouse Tour

Seventeen offices of county officials in the Jackson county courthouse will be on the "Know Your Country" tour by the Medford League of Women Voters Friday, February 27.

League members and other interested citizens are to meet in the courthouse auditorium at 10:45 a.m. to make the hour-long tour of the courthouse's three floors. An informal luncheon will be served in the auditorium at noon, with county administrative officers as special guests. Members of the county court will discuss some of the current problems briefly during the noon hour.

All persons interested will be welcome at the tour and luncheon, according to Mrs. Hugh Collins, league president. Reservations may be made by calling SPring 2-9997.

The "Go See" trip is part of the league's two-year study of county government. Committee members assisting in the study include Mrs. Harry Danielson, Mrs. Ben Day, Mrs. Tom Goff, Mrs. Eric Wentworth, Mrs. R. D. Mc-

Gregor, Mrs. Robert Minear, Mrs. Fred Danielson, Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Mrs. Richard Frederick, Mrs. Wright Scoville, Mrs. Richard Hogan and co-chairmen Mrs. John Ousterhout and Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter.

### Are You Average?

New York—UPI—The average person spends about 12 to 13 hours without hearty food between the dinner meal and breakfast.

## Lodge Announces Degree Ceremony

Willard E. Hunter and cast, under the direction of Knute H. Lindgren, will confer the thirteenth degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the benefit of the spring class of candidates, Monday, February 23, at 8 p.m. in the Masonic temple.

Preceding conferral of the degree, Commander Lloyd E. Hamlin will preside at a stated meeting of Medford Council of Kadosh, and Venerable Master Carl H. W. Oestreich will officiate at a stated meeting of Medford Consistory.

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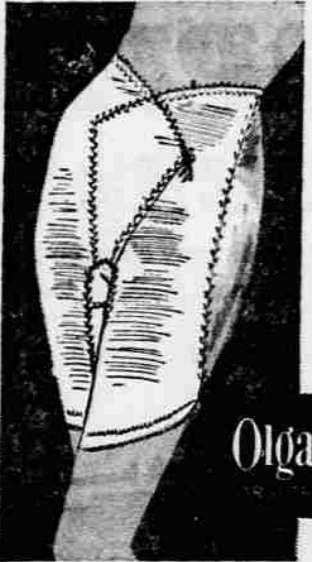
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## Medford Bethel Has Invitation; Guardian Visits

Initiation and inspection was held Wednesday by Bethel 14, International Order of Job's Daughters, at the Masonic temple.

Initiated were the Misses Melinda Turner, Sherilee Shouts, Sharon Hale, Carolyn Edwards, Susan Elmgren, Paulette Chinn, Karen Corneil, Elinor Olson, Donna Lou Taylor, Nancy Zimmerman, and Ann Douglass.

Mrs. Edward Goodnough, Eugene, grand guardian for Oregon, and Harold McIsaac, associate grand guardian, inspected the Bethel.

Honored guests were Mrs. McIsaac, grand chaplain; Mrs. W. K. Sult, grand marshal; L. H. Manning, grand inquest; Miss Jane Foust, past honored queen, North Bend; Miss Barbara Gordon, senior princess, Bethel 55; Miss Linda Creather, senior princess, Kirby, and Miss Doris Knapp, visitor from Wisconsin, past honored queen.

Miss Janice Evernham, Miss Sylvia Morris and Miss Micki Noble were awarded 500 point merit pins while the Misses Sharon Knight, Pauline Denyer, Jean Pletsch, and

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## Mrs. Riley Applegate Installed as Officer

Mrs. Riley Applegate was installed vice president of Olive Rebekah Past Noble Grands' club at the last meeting, held at Girls Community club. Mrs. Dolly Love conducted the ceremony.

Initiated were Mrs. Lee Garrett, Mrs. Fred Scharer, Mrs. W. L. Walden and Mrs. James Hoskins. Mrs. Garrett was presented a past noble grands' pin.

Mrs. Kenneth Stockhoff, Mrs. Esther Coleman, Mrs. Alice Smith were guests.

Mesdames Walden, Applegate and Ivy were the committee for the evening. The next meeting will be March 12 and at that time past presidents will be honored.

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