



### Mrs. Elmer Ness Winner Of Toastmistress Contest

"Self Inventory" was the title of the speech given by Mrs. Elmer Ness which won for her first place in the Medford Toastmistress club annual speech contest held February 25, at Girls' Community club. Mrs. Ness presented her talk as taking inventory of the boxes on the closet shelves, these boxes representing character qualities in a person's life. She stated that introspection can help to overcome mistakes along life's road.

Second place winner, Mrs. Clarence Rolls, entitled her speech "Fidelity". She stressed that fidelity is the quality that marriage, politics and nations need to keep them running smoothly. "Ready for the Road", subject of Miss Anna Streed's speech, pictured the various roads one may choose in childhood and the ultimate results of each. Mrs. C. H. Redmond's speech "Challenging Today's Women" was a comparison of opportunities of the American Women and

that of the Russian women. Mrs. Clarence Wilson, toastmistress, explained briefly the changes in the contest rules, before introducing the speakers. Main change made was that the contestants were informed 24 hours in advance of the final contest what their subject would be; each was given a choice of one of three subjects.

The contest committee, Mrs. Effie Kurtz, chairman, Mrs. Wallace Haskins and Mrs. Ellen Lynner made all arrangements for the meeting. Judges were Dr. Leon Mullings of Southern Oregon college, Mrs. L. W. Buonocore, Al Bradford of Medford Toastmistress club and Mrs. Mary Catherine Powell, Grants Pass Toastmistress Club.

Miss Irene Barclay, club treasurer, was presiding officer for the evening. Topic-mistress, Mrs. John Schroeder presented topics to members for impromptu speeches on the Oregon Centennial Table decorations, the work of Mrs. Thomas Ball, chairman, Mrs. Harry Marshall, and Mrs. Jack Cummings, were covered wagons, campfires, small forests, picks and shovels reminiscent of the early days.

The refreshment committee was Mrs. James VanderSteen, chairman, Miss Irene Bailey and Mrs. Lloyd Neilson.

Invocation and flag salute were given by Mrs. C. A. Thatcher. The education talk, "Effective Expression", was presented by Mrs. Bernice Kunzman was lexicographer and timers were Mrs. Ethel McIntyre and Mrs. Thatcher. Program evaluator was Mrs. Janet Babcock of the Grants Pass Toastmistress Club.

Guests for the evening were Mrs. Frank Price, Mrs. Mary Hornby of Crescent City, Mrs. Eloise Winkiebleck and Mrs. Edgar Sitton.

An invitation from the Grants Pass Toastmistress Club was accepted and the two clubs will hold a joint meeting on March 17, at Rogue Riviera. The meeting of Medford Toastmistress Club for March 11, has been cancelled.

The Council speak-off will be April 12.

**Tasting Party**  
New York - (UPI) - To introduce a new vegetable to the young child, try a "tasting party." Offer a small portion of the new vegetable at about two week intervals. The child will enjoy this game of "developing a taste" for the unfamiliar offering.



Potpourri and Photographer Bob Vroman came back from last week's picture-taking with heads buzzing with dates, names and information about Jackson county and Oregon history. While at the H. L. Alford home we learned more about the Applegate family, particularly Mr. Alford's grandfather, Lindsay, who lived in the Ashland area. In addition to the Applegate heirlooms pictured on today's front page, Mr. Alford has a number of other objects, including a west coast directory published in 1867. The book resembles the Polk directories familiar to business people of today. It listed 16 residents and businesses for Ashland, possibly the ones which the publishers' agent considered the most important.

Mr. Alford also has a copy of A. G. Walling's History of Southern Oregon, published in 1884. It has always amused Mr. Alford that Mr. Walling fails to mention his grandfather except once incidentally as a member of a group whose activities the historian was describing.

At the Gordon Warner home the reporter and photographer spent a fascinating two hours looking at historic diaries, maps, letters and journals, many written by the late William Mason Colvig. W. J. Warner, son-in-law of the well known early-day lawyer who was termed "Judge" by many of his friends and "governor" by the younger men of the family, has many stories of this colorful man.

William Colvig came to Oregon from Platte county, Missouri, as a small boy with his parents, arriving in Portland in 1852 and later moving to the Canyonville area. William's father, William Lyngae Colvig, was a physician.

William and his brother, Volney, were among the men who made up the volunteer Company C, First Oregon Cavalry. They thought they were going to be sent south to fight in the Civil War - instead they remained in Oregon and William, who was company clerk, went on an expedition into the area which is now roughly Klamath, Lake and Malheur counties. William drew a crude map of the territory - the first ever made, and the map was later sent to Washington, D. C. for copying. The original is one of the family's most cherished possessions.

Mr. Warner recalls that Doctor Colvig and his wife, who had 10 children of their own, also raised two of the Woodford boys, the Woodfords being related. The Woodfords also remained in this area and became one of the well-known families.

William Mason Colvig, who married Adelaide Birdseye, spoke the Indian language well and set down in his writings material which the Indians told him. This includes the beautiful Indian fable, told to him by the Klamath chief Lakek, about the origin of Crater Lake. The "judge" always defended the Indians, and maintained that they were honest, intelligent, honorable people whose lives had been ruined by the coming of the whites.

When Potpourri asked Mr. Warner about Mr. Colvig's judgeship, Mr. W. smiled and said his father-in-law had been given the title by fellow citizens and recalled that the "judge" had been wont to say in fun that the only thing he was a judge of was good whiskey.

Mr. Warner enjoys telling another story about "the governor," who remained rugged and individualistic until his death when he was in his 80's. One day a man called the judge an insulting name. Without hesitation Mr. Colvig, then well past 80 years of age, drew back his fist and socked the offender.

During the picture-taking at the home of Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, Mrs. Ulrich and Photographer Bob discovered that she had been a playmate of his mother, the former Mable Reeve, when the two had both lived in Jacksonville as girls. Mrs. Ulrich, who was Marie Nickell, and Mable Reeve, now Mrs. E. Vroman, were both born in Jacksonville, and Mrs. Ulrich recalled the other Reeve children, Della, Lena and Clarence, whom she had also known.

Reminiscing about former days in Jacksonville, Mrs. Ulrich said that she and her chums sometimes traveled to Woodville, now called Rogue River, to visit the Birdseye family and other friends. By horse and buggy, the trip took an entire day. The travelers would spend the night in Woodville, visit the next day and the third day would be spent on the return trip.

Mrs. Ulrich was born in the brick house which stands near the Jacksonville museum. The home belonged to her grandfather, Judge P. P. Prim (Mrs. Ulrich's mother was Ella Prim), who came across the plains in the early 1850's when the gold fever was on the land. He later was one of Oregon's first chief justices of the state supreme court, and was one of the founders of the Pioneer Society of Oregon in 1879.

Potpourri was especially interested in the painting by Dorland Robinson which Mrs. Ulrich owns. This gifted young woman, daughter of the pioneer physician, Dr. J. W. Robinson, died rather young but some of her works are prized possessions of Jackson county families. Her father established a drug store in Jacksonville which served residents for many years and then for a time ceased to operate. It was recently re-established and is now being operated as part of the Foster chain in the county.

All this talk about heirlooms and antiques and family treasures brought up this question in the news room: How old must an object be before it can be considered "antique." Pal Peg offered her definition - an antique is furniture which is paid for - O.S.

### Women of Moose Hold Session With National Regent

Several members of the Medford Women of the Moose with Mrs. Lola Wolf, grand regent from Moose Heart in Illinois, during a recent airport stopover in Medford.

The local members had been unable to attend a meeting in Eugene last week where Mrs. Wolf spoke. Between planes at the Medford airport the women discussed the lodge.

Attending the two hour session were Mrs. Harvey Wyatt, senior regent; Mrs. Leo Webster, Mrs. Ray Martin, Mrs. John Keener, Mrs. Yetta Flowers and Mrs. William Dean.

### Sorority Plans Dinner Meeting

Members of Epsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma are asked to note the change in a dinner meeting date from March 12 to March 5. It will be held at Hoover Elementary school at 6 p.m.

Guests will be selected members of all future teacher organizations in Jackson county along with their advisors. Mrs. Betty Lou Dunlop, Southern Oregon college, will moderate a panel discussion on some phase of education. Mrs. Mabel Winston will bring greetings to the high school students from the college.

Mrs. Virginia Wait, co-ordinator of cafeterias for the Medford schools, is dinner chairman.

### Winners Announced By Riverside Club

Winners in the Riverside Bridge club's regular duplicate game last Wednesday have been announced.

In the north-south position winners were Mrs. Paul Hatton and Roy Pruitt, first; Mrs. Richard Milestone and Mrs. William Knope, second; Mrs. George B. Dean and Mrs. Paul McDuffee, third.

Winners in the east-west position were Mrs. John Dougherty and Mrs. Sam Van Dyke, first; Mrs. Walter Winner and Mrs. Mary Trout, second; Mrs. Jack Mitchell and Mrs. Fred Purdin, third.

### Election Planned By PEO Chapters

Election of officers will be held at meetings of PEO sisterhood chapters planned this week.

Chapter CP will meet Wednesday, March 4, at the home of Mrs. A. R. Schoenberg, Camp White. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Co-hostess will be Mrs. I. A. Mirick. The annual election of officers is planned.

Wednesday, March 4, Chapter CG of the sisterhood will meet for a 1 o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Wayne Welty, 2940 Hillcrest road. Mrs. G. T. Hauptert will assist the hostess.

Chapter BE will meet Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. C. Kennedy, 1 White Oak drive. Mrs. M. M. Morris will be assisting hostess.

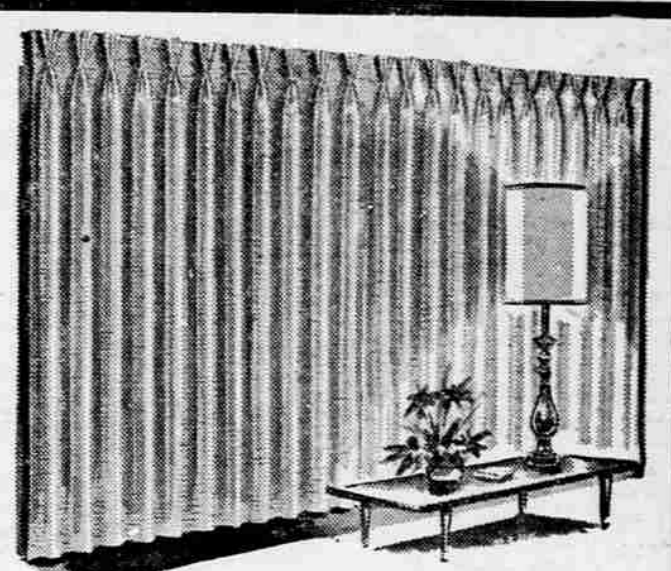
Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and installed.

### Masonic Degree To Be Conferred

Knute H. Lindgren and by other aspirants to start the semi-annual reunion class.

Ralph Lue, will present the fifteenth degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Masonic Temple, Monday, March 2, at 8 p.m. The present class of candidates will receive a degree each week until May 11, when they will be joined

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