

## Grandmother To Be Model For Exhibition in Russia

By GAY PAULEY  
UPI Women's Editor

New York—Mrs. Grace Moran is 62, gray-haired, a grandma, and 173 pounds of contagious humor. She also is one of New York's most successful models.

Mrs. Moran is a "clothes horse" with more than 30 years on the runways and before the cameras and has no intention of retiring, she said, "until old rockin' chair gets me."

Matter of fact, she's now preparing for her first trip abroad. She will be one of the models participating in the fashion shows which will be part of the U. S. cultural and scientific exhibition in Moscow this summer.

"Certainly I'm learning some Russian," she laughed, and the laugh rang as hearty as any from Sophie Tucker. "I've found out how to say 'nyet'."

### For Older Models

I first learned of the grand-ma-model through Foster Ferguson the last names of the two women who run it, a new model agency and one of the few who will book the over-40 women.

Mrs. Moran swept into the agency's small offices with typical model gear—a large satchel from which she pulled a change of earrings and shoes for the photographer's benefit.

"I love to eat, cook and garden," said Mrs. Moran, who classes herself as the "mature matron" of agency parlance. "They call anyone over 50 mature in this business," she laughed. "I'm over 60... I'm genuine mature. Anytime they want to exhibit a large woman's fashions, mamma's it."

"Certainly I tell my age. The woman who won't isn't fooling anybody, honey."

Our UPI cameraman, Tom Sande, was busy trying for a closeup of the blue-eyed model.

"Good morning," said Mrs. Moran, and turned on charm and smile.

"I love you," she crooned at Tony, who blushed.

"Young man," she told him later, "I really wasn't flirting with you. Nice thoughts just make a good picture."

Mrs. Moran, a native of New York, never had any formal training, which many of today's fashion and photographic models get. Married when she was 16, she had to find work when her first husband fell ill.

"A friend told me to watch

the ads for models wanted," she recalled. "My first job was on Seventh Avenue in a showroom. I didn't even know how to walk... I learned by watching the other girls."

She has modeled consistently since, except for a few years in retailing. She and her first husband, who is deceased, had two sons—William, now 43, and "a grey-haired Rock Hudson," and George, 41. There are seven grandchildren, ranging from 12 to two years.

The youngest tot, Patricia Jean Hannigan, sometimes models for advertisements with "grandma."

Mrs. Moran's present husband, Steve—"a most wonderful man"—is in the shipping business and the couple lives in a seven-room house on Long Island where "I do most of my housework, all the cooking, and entertain a lot. I just love people."

## Townsend Club Votes Donation For Convention

Medford Townsend club has voted to donate \$50 toward the coming national Townsend convention to be held in Portland July 20-23, it was announced following last week's meeting.

John R. Smith, who spent the past seven months in Tucson, Ariz., has returned to Medford and was present for the meeting. A trio of the Jackson Creek Fifty-Niners string quartet entertained.

Mrs. Ethel Hartley, John McConnel, William Comstock and Albert Kissinger were honored with a birthday cake.

A "grab box" will be a feature of the Townsend Harmony club meeting to be held June 3 at Carpenters' hall.

## Book Review, Music On Program for Guild

Mrs. Rita Miller will give a book review for a meeting of Westminster guild, First Presbyterian church, set for tonight at 7:45 o'clock in the fireplace room of the church.

Mrs. William G. Reed will sing. Mrs. Edith E. Baker is program chairman.

## Wenonah Club

Wenonah club of Weatona council, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Dooms, 1124 Maple Park drive, Thursday, June 4. A covered dish luncheon at noon will be followed by a business meeting with election of officers.

## Newlyweds Lose Interest in Niagara Falls

By CLAIRE COX  
United Press International

New York—(UPI)—Niagara Falls is running dry as one of the nation's foremost honeymoon spots, travel agents report.

Glamorous spots such as Bermuda, Las Vegas, Hawaii, Miami and the Virgin Islands are taking its place.

Of the more than 3 million persons who visited Niagara Falls last year, the Chamber of Commerce of Niagara Falls, N. Y., counted only a few more than 3,500 honeymooning couples.

William A. Doody, convention director of the chamber of commerce, said his home town had been rated the "honeymoon city" since the turn of the century. Historically, he said, it still stands as No. 1, in spite of a recent decline.

Travel agents who arrange accommodations for honeymooners and the honeymoon travel department of a magazine ("Modern Bride") put Bermuda, Pennsylvania resorts, New York City, Florida and Canada at the top of the wedding trip hit parade list.

The magazine's travel experts said the average honeymoon couple spends \$430 on its wedding trip. Only 7 percent of all newlyweds do not go on honeymoons, they reported. The other 93 percent take trips averaging 12 days, most of them in automobiles.

A Chicago tour director said that honeymooners who visit Niagara Falls these days usually just pass by on their way to another resort.

"We haven't sent anyone to Niagara Falls in years," said Dorsey Richardson, of Thomas Cook & Son's New Orleans office.

A spokesman for the American Society of Travel Agents said: "Niagara is out and Bermuda is in. All the travel agents and tour operators we've checked already have or are developing honeymoon specials in Bermuda."

"The agencies say they're doing comparatively little business with Niagara, although 3 million-odd people still visit Niagara."

"San Juan is getting very popular. Three Puerto Rican resort hotels, El Rancho, Baranquitas and Monte Mar, give

## Kathleen Norris Writes Last Book—Autobiography

By NAN RILEY  
United Press International

San Francisco—(UPI)—Kathleen Norris, author of "86 or 87" novels, 300 short stories and more than 1,500 articles, has written her last book... maybe.

She recently completed her autobiography, fat with anecdotes, stories and pictures. The yet-untilled book will be published in September.

"I say this is my last," said the 78-year-old author, "but there's always one more in the back of my mind."

A newspaper writer before the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906, Mrs. Norris published her first novel, "Mother," in 1911. President Teddy Roosevelt praised it so enthusiastically that 1,500,000 copies were sold.

Kathleen Norris had some emphatic opinions about today's "shocking school" of fiction, with its emphasis on sex:

"I belong to the generation before last, when young people didn't gloat over such trips. I'm not easily shocked, but I am easily disgusted."

Mrs. Norris' heroines are model females—good, true, honeymooners special rates.

"Miami is very, very big and increasing yearly, mainly because most weddings are in June and prices then in Miami are 'thrill' season rates. Also, honeymoon couples like hotel hopping."

Young Eastern couples with little money go to resorts in the Poconos, Catskills, Laurelhams and Berkshires, where resorts lure honeymooners with free champagne and caviar, sterling silver engraved cake knives, wedding books or albums of photos snapped of them during their visits.

The Elbow Beach Surf club in Bermuda has a special week package in winter that includes a corsage for the bride, champagne in the room and other "gimmicks." Many Miami hotels give free portrait photographs, special cocktail parties and free hairdos for the brides.

Los Angeles, travel agent John Sousa, of the Travel Center, said western honeymooners are flocking to Honolulu.

Sousa also said there has been some interest in fall honeymoon trips through Eastern Canada and New England, but no one even mentions Niagara Falls.

kind and beautiful.

"But they have to get into some kind of trouble or I wouldn't have a plot," she said.

Morals Unchanged

That trouble is resolved morally for Mrs. Norris, a devout Roman Catholic who feels that morals haven't changed during the ages, even if some authors imply they have.

"We've always heard about reckless girls," she commented, "but today the communications—those dreadful gossip columns, for example—are better and more widespread, so we hear more of them."

She talked easily, informally and quickly, while soothing "Tommy," her exciting Pekinese pup who fussed about the room.

Comfortably dressed in a tweed skirt, the author punctuated her conversation with gestures. She is a young "almost-80" with long old-fashioned gray braids coiled about her head.

Family occupies a good deal of her time now, and Mrs. Norris uses a suite in a hotel high on a San Francisco hill as a city retreat. Here, a block from her doctor son's home, she keeps in close touch with nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Usually Mrs. Norris writes in the book-lined study of her country home in Palo Alto.

She started writing fiction soon after her marriage to the late C. G. Norris.

"I was lucky because I married into a family that knew all the ropes," she said. Her husband had been connected with the early Sunset magazine. His brother, Frank Norris, was a noted writer.

The young couple moved to New York where Kathleen Thompson Norris read magazine serials and thought, "I can do better than that." And she did, for five decades.

## Instructor Talks For Art Society

Benoyd S. Bayless, art instructor at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, was guest speaker at the May meeting of the Southern Oregon Society of Artists, held at the Girls' Community club. His subject was "Painting Trees."

Mr. Bayless brought with him paintings by famous artists of different periods, and showed how individualism is important in painting. Mr. Bayless pointed out how each artist had painted convincingly, his own concept of a tree by his individual method, going from the real to the impressionistic and into the abstract, but in each case expressing his own individualism.

The guests of the evening were Mrs. Allen Smith, Mrs. Maude Codding and Mrs. Marjorie Olds, Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Wick, and Janine Wick, Ashland.

Mrs. Afton Carter became an active member, and four became new club members. They are Mrs. Jack (Bess) Mitchell, Medford, Olive C. Binker, Camp White, Mrs. Dorothy Eskew, Gold Hill and Mrs. John Pletsch of Medford.

## Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadlines for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 8 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

## Women's Clubs Open Meeting

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Delegates from throughout the world were here today for the opening of the 68th annual convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The five-day meeting will include speeches by a number of distinguished persons and presentations of awards, including a posthumous award to the late Cecil B. DeMille.

The group, which claims 11 million members in the U.S. and 50 foreign countries, is devoted to promoting the common interests of women's clubs throughout the world.

## To Meet

Southern Oregon Mushroom club will hold the June meeting Wednesday, June 3, at 8 p.m. at the Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne street.

## Old-Fashioned Roses Exhibited At Last Meeting

A display of old fashioned roses marked the last meeting of Medford Rose society. There were about 100 specimens exhibited. The society reports there is much enthusiasm in the subject of the old roses growing in this area and the members are eager to contact the people who have the old rose gardens on their properties. Anyone wishing to report on their old roses may phone to Mrs. Carl Norris whose phone number is SP 2-4677.

Mrs. Randal Axtell gave a most informative talk on the history of the old roses and explained the development of our modern roses. The hybrids of Europe had used several species of roses in creating a new class of roses known as hybrid perpetuals. Later these roses which were of vigorous growth, hardy and some with repeat blooming seasons, were crossed with the roses brought from China, which were known as tea roses. The tea roses were not so hardy but the blossoms were very fragrant. Through the crossing of the hybrid perpetuals and the tea roses our present day hybrid tea roses were developed.

Mrs. Carl Norris gave a demonstration on grooming roses for the annual Rose Show June 9 at the Medford Senior High school cafeteria. She explained that one or two damaged petals may be removed if no stubs of the petals are left. With the aid of a camels hair brush, one may gently open the petals a little wider so that they may give the rose a more circular form. The foliage may be cleaned by wiping it with a soft cloth.

Eldred Peyton, the show chairman, mentioned that the show schedules may be obtained at Lawrence's Jewelry store and at Elton's Farm and Garden store, 217 West Sixth street. There are many impressive trophies being offered this year. These will be on display in Lawrence's window.

Dr. L. G. Gentner gave instructions for filling out the entry tags. The entries will be received between the hours of 7 and 10 a.m. at the Medford Senior High school cafeteria. The public is invited to exhibit at the show.

Mrs. Ruth Simmons was awarded a prize, Ivory Fashion rose bush.

Knights to Visit In Grants Pass

Talisman lodge, Knights of Pythias will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the Pythian building. The lodge will plan for an interdivisional meeting with Thermopylae lodge at Grants Pass, Wednesday, June 3. Cars will leave the Pythian buildings at 6:30 p.m. Those wishing to attend are requested to be on time.

Refreshments will be served after tonight's meeting, according to Dan Kadin, chancellor commander of the local lodge.

## HILTS School Picnic Scheduled

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN  
Hilts—The regular meeting of the PTA was held at the school Thursday evening, May 21, with president Vern Burns, presiding.

Mrs. Al Simmen, chairman of the school picnic committee reported they were unable to get Twin Plunges for the day, so had contacted the manager of the Broadway theatre in Yreka, where a special movie will be shown on Thursday afternoon, June 4.

The PTA will reserve the theatre for that afternoon and everyone is welcome. Each person attending is to bring a sack lunch which will be eaten at the city park in Yreka, weather permitting. Lunch will be eaten at the schoolhouse if it rains. Transportation will be cars and the schoolbus.

A program was presented after the business meeting.

A meeting of a number of members of the community was held Monday night, May 18, at the schoolhouse to discuss the need of a community hall.

A committee was formed to estimate the cost of a hall that would meet all state requirements. Under consideration was the size of the building, a suitable location, what organizations would use the building most, whether a stage would be needed, what sports equipment would be needed, the type of seating arrangements, and the method of heating the building.

Gino Trinca, Glenn Johnson, Al Simmen, Vern Burns, Aristote Perez, Mrs. H. G. Thompson, and Mrs. Walt Laust—"I make up the committee. Their findings will be referred to the board of directors of the Fruit Growers Supply in Los Angeles.

While George Vieira was in San Francisco recently for a medical checkup, he fell, when his crutches slipped and broke the same leg just below the knee. Since the break was not serious he was able to return to his home.

On their annual two week vacation, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King drove to Las Vegas, through part of Arizona, into New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and into Kansas, where they visited relatives.

Returning home by the way of Las Vegas they drove to San Diego and Watsonville, where they visited with relatives in both cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Blanchard Sr. have received word that their son, Art Jr. graduated the first week in May from the pre-flight school at Pensacola, Fla.

He has been assigned to a jet plane and is stationed at the Sauffley Naval Air Base at Pensacola.

Mrs. Mildred Luper, who makes her home in Sacramento, was a guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Luper, and children for several days recently, before going on to Oregon where she will visit other relatives.

On May 15, friends called at the home of Mrs. James Cain to help her celebrate her birthday and present her with a gift.

Birthday cake and coffee were served to Mrs. Vic Van de Weghe, Mrs. Henry De Clerck Sr., Mrs. George Hamilton, Mrs. Roland Rainwater, Mrs. Grady Rabjohn and Mrs. M. N. Sill.

Mr. and Mrs. Don True and sons of Ft. Jones were recent overnight guests at the home

## Plan Picnic

Eastwood Baptist women have scheduled the annual picnic for Tuesday, June 2, at 6 p.m. at Maple Grove park. Each family is asked to take their own picnic supper and service. Coffee and punch will be furnished. In the event of rain, the picnic will be at the church.

## CONCERT VIOLINIST DIES

Bloomington, Ind.—Ede Zathureczky, 56, Hungarian concert violinist and former director of the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest, died Sunday of a cerebral hemorrhage.

of Mrs. True's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Blanchard Sr.

On May 17, Mrs. Glen Johnson and Mrs. Vern Burns took several of the Senior Girl Scouts for a cookout near Sheep Rock and a trip thru Pluto cave.

Making the trip were Marcia Cavin, Janet Benson and Pamela Mendes. They were accompanied by Kent Johnson.

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