



Oregon's Centennial year provided the theme for the annual district meeting of Pythian Sisters held in Medford June 6. Pictured during the program are (left to right) Mrs. Ella Roper, Grants Pass, a past supreme representative of the order; Mrs. Donald Anderson, Medford, district deputy grand chief; Miss Betty Jean Bergner, Salem, grand chief of Oregon and Mrs. Harry Bryant, Medford, past grand chief.

### Sisters Meet in Medford

Talisman temple, Pythian Sisters was hostess to the 37th annual convention of District 3 Saturday, June 6, in the Pythian building. Approximately 100 members attended from Roseburg, Grants Pass, Salem and Medford.

Mrs. Don Anderson, district deputy grand chief, was in charge of the event.

Introduced were Mrs. Edna Bergner, Mrs. Anderson's mother from Salem; most excellent chiefs, Mrs. Hugh Welch, Grants Pass; and Mrs. Layton Schell, Medford; Carl Fichtner, past grand officer of the Knights of Pythias, and Edward Bostwick, grand master at arms; past district deputies, Mrs. LeRoy Cline, Mrs. Harry Bryant, Mrs. Harry Barneburg, Mrs. Hermine Klein, Mrs. Ella Roper, Grants Pass, Mrs. Frank Irwin, Grants Pass, and Mrs. Thelma Cameron, Roseburg.

Also Mrs. Inga High, past grand protector, Roseburg; Miss Betty Jean Bergner, grand chief of Oregon; Mrs. Bryant, past grand chief, and Mrs. Roper, past supreme representative. All were presented corsages.

Centennial decoration theme was used with officers and members wearing Centennial dresses.

Convention officers in addition to Mrs. Anderson were Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Mary Arnot, Grants Pass; Mrs. Walter Michael, Medford; Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Renne Grosh, Miss Charlotte McCaulley, Roseburg; Mrs. P. M. Aldredge, Mrs. Orval Hayes; Mrs. Bryant; Miss Pat Hawks, Miss Louella Snyder, and Mrs. John Russell.

Service pins were presented to Mrs. Lulu Landon, Grants Pass, and Mrs. Chester Baker for 25 years and Mrs. Klein, Milwaukie, for 40 years continuous membership and service to the Pythian Order. They were presented by Miss Betty Jean Bergner, grand chief.

Mrs. Ethel Slabaugh, Roseburg, was recommended for district deputy grand chief in charge of the 1960 district convention.

Miss Bergner was presented a doll, a replica of herself, made by Mrs. Fichtner and given by Mrs. Anderson.

Several soloists entertained the group and the "Accidentals," a trio, sang several selections. The Zeta Zeta band sponsored by Idella Rogue Santha Nomads of Avrudakka played and Thermoptylae temple, Grants Pass, presented a skit. The opening and closing marches were played by the Sunshine Girls of Talisman Roseburg Council.

An addendum was presented to honor Miss Bergner. Mrs. Redka Johnson and Mrs. Lucille Marsh, Grants Pass, and Walter Crochocki, Medford, were initiated into the order.

The traveling picture, painted by Mrs. Annie Erdman, Bandon, was presented Roseburg temple for having the largest attendance and for traveling the farthest distance.

**CONFERENCES COMPLETE**  
Washington (UPI)—The FBI has completed a series of law enforcement conferences throughout the nation designed to build a "solid front of attack" on organized crime. The meetings, including one at Medford, Ore., were attended by 7,515 law enforcement officers representing 3,790 agencies.

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Miss Irene Knox, College Park, Md., has been named director of Girl Scout established camp, Low Echo, for the sixth season. Camp opens July 5, and at headquarters here it is stated that registrations are coming in rapidly.

### Girl Scout Camp Staff Announced

Registrations are rapidly filling up for all sessions of Camp Low Echo at Lake of the Woods, according to Girl Scout officials.

Those interested should register as soon as possible in order to choose the session most desired. Dates of the sessions are July 5 through August 14. The first session is for seven days, followed by three ten day sessions.

There are still a few vacancies left in the Pioneer units, which start at the second session, July 13. Camp folders, which contain the registration form and information about camp are available at the Girl Scout office or from troop leaders.

Camp Low Echo is an established camp for Girl Scouts with headquarters in Medford. The camp is about 50 miles from Medford, near Lake of the Woods. It comprises 80 acres on the waterfront.

The staff of Low Echo includes a director, a unit leader and their assistant counselors in each unit of 24 girls.

Miss Irene (Kit) Knox, of College Park, Md., a home economics teacher, has been director for the last five years and will be retiring this year. Newcomers to the staff this year will include teachers from Royal Oaks, Mich., and Bellbrook and Ashtabula, Ohio. They are Miss Jean Oeschger, Miss Doris Louise Engelhard, and Miss Sally Heckendorn and will teach music. Claudia Davis, of Balboa, Canal Zone, and Marilyn Olson, Medford, who has been attending Stanford university, will join the staff after the senior Girl Scout Roundup at Colorado Springs has ended.

Returning as cooks will be Mrs. Edith Hamilton and Mrs. Myrtle Ferns. The camp still needs a waterfront director, who must be 21 years of age or over, and a nurse who will attend camp for the six week period or willing to serve for one or more sessions.

The Girl Scout Council is a member of the United Medford Crusade, Ashland-Talent United Fund, and the Josephine County United Fund.

Sir Henry Morgan joined and then led the pirates who kidnaped him in England to be a slave

### Junior Hospital Auxiliary Formed

Twenty members of Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital Junior auxiliary began this week to provide what the hospital is calling "luxury services" for patients, visitors and employees. Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer and Mrs. Robert Morris were in charge of organizing the girls under auspices of the senior auxiliary, according to Mrs. Glen O. Bessonne, president. They will work under the director of nurses, Mrs. Mary A. Vanderlin, and will be supervised at all times by adult hospital personnel or auxiliary members, she adds.

Calling themselves the "Candy Strippers," the girls are wearing uniforms of pink and white striped jumpers with white blouses. Some of the duties they perform include operating the elevators during visiting hours, assisting in clerical work in the admitting and medical records offices, messenger service throughout the building, and helping nurses feed or entertain some of the child patients in the pediatrics wing.

Mrs. Vanderlin emphasized that in no case will the girls be duplicating work done by regular hospital personnel or older auxiliary workers, but they will be giving extra service otherwise not available. Complete Course

All of the Junior auxiliary members have completed the home nursing course, and have had training in first aid at Medford High school under the direction of Mrs. Clark Anderson, registered nurse. Each is at least 16 years of age, and in the junior or senior class. They have all had chest x-rays and blood tests, as required by the hospital for all persons working in the building. Mrs. Bessonne pointed out that this is also required of all the adult auxiliary volunteers, as a protection to themselves and to others with whom they may come in contact.

Membership in the Candy Strippers is closed at this time, Mrs. Bessonne reports, but it is expected that openings for

more will be available in a few months. Participating now are the Misses Susi Moore, president, Martha Casad, Ruth Coovert, Micki Daras, Donna Dell, Jan Evernham, Susan Fontaine, Sherry Funk, Eloise Harbert, Charlene Hubler, Judy Kerr, Anne Matthews, Janet Merrill, Sharon O'Connors, Ruby Rowan, Julia and Virginia Thomason, Karen Warner, Jean Wil-

liams, and Janet Young. Mrs. Bessonne and Mrs. Vanderlin have expressed the hope that service given through the Junior auxiliary will stimulate interest in entering a career in some field of hospital work. These girls were selected to initiate the program as they have already indicated an interest in the nursing or medical field.

### New Iris Is Introduced By Jacksonville Woman

Jacksonville—In ten years spent in the study and growing of iris, Mrs. Leonard (Lois McKee of Jacksonville)

has taken up hybridizing, and has just introduced a new iris called "Pioneer Lady." This iris, improved and complete-

ly different from known existing iris, has a large light yellow flower, and is listed in the catalogue of Mrs. K. C.

Farley of Katherine's gardens on Jacksonville highway. It is recorded with the American Iris society.

A second iris which Mrs. McKee has produced is called "Katherine" and is deep pink with salmon infusion.

Mrs. McKee, whose gardens surround her home in the north edge of Jacksonville, is the second grower in the Southern Oregon area to hybridize. The other grower is Mrs. Jesse Jones of Medford. Hybridizing is a highly specialized business, and good results are sometimes long awaited, according to Mrs. McKee. Parent blooms are carefully selected, and line breeding is followed as in livestock raising.

#### First Step

It seems that introducing a new iris is only the first step in the long journey of the iris to reach superiority. Next year Mrs. McKee expects to send these two irises to a commercial garden near Salem for display. They will be "guested," for criticism by accredited judges and comments from viewers. There is only one accredited judge in Southern Oregon, Mrs. Marjory Roarch of Grants Pass. Iris must receive several medals before receiving the Dykes award, the grand final one showing superiority, Mrs. McKee explains.

Mrs. McKee also grows onocidus-iris of Palestine, which do not hybridize easily with regular iris.

Associated with Mrs. McKee is her daughter, Mrs. Bill Smith, whose interests also have branched into the nursery business, and the two women expect to open their nursery July 1, handling dwarf type plants, rock plants and perennials.

Mrs. McKee has a large rockery at the front of her home with varied plants, including those from Oregon Mountain near Cave Junction and other mountain tops of Oregon and California. There are ferns from the Trinity Alps and from the coast, and many from local woods, which she says do well in captivity as long as they have old rotted wood to grow in.

She speaks with particular pride of "Lewisia," a pink flowered rock plant from Whiskey Peak, named for Lewis and Clark. She has this growing in strawberry barrels, and says that she keeps the plants covered with plastic in winter to protect from excessive rain, which arrangement most nearly resembles their native habitat under deep snows. Pentstemon also is another favorite rock plant from Whiskey Peak.

### 1,864 Teeth Filled At Kiwanis Clinic

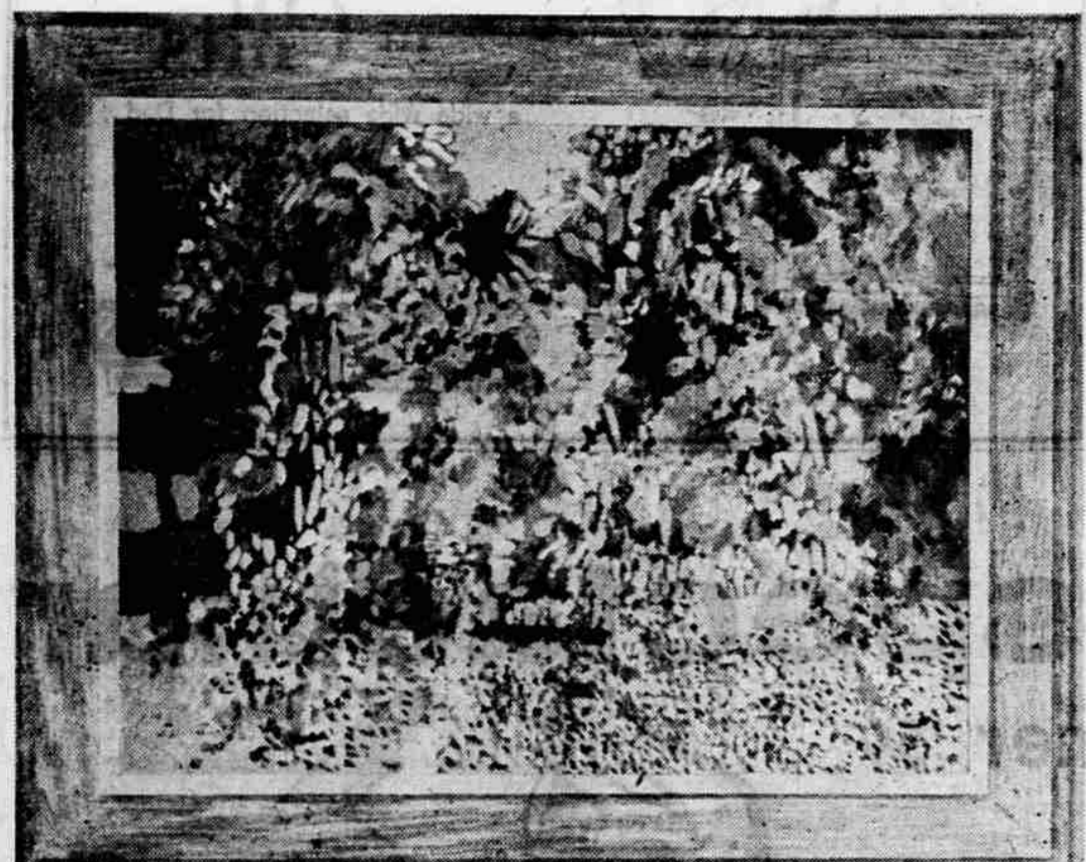
A total of 1,864 teeth were filled during the 1958-1959 school year at the Medford Kiwanis club-sponsored dental clinic in county courthouse.

Kiwanians reported that the cooperating dentists served approximately 500 needy youngsters of Jackson county during the September through May operation. Extractions numbered 335 and five sets of dentures were made. There were several cases of limited orthodontic work.

Value of the services was placed at \$10,796.

The clinic is closed during the summer months. The Kiwanis club finances the clinic and Jackson county dentists, Medford and county schools and the county health department are cooperating agencies. Medford school and county nurses determine the youngsters to receive the dental aid.

**SHOOTING TO CONTINUE**  
Vienna (UPI)—Shooting of the Hollywood movie "A Magic Flame" will resume here Monday after having been interrupted by the death of Director Charles Vidor. The film deals with the life of composer Franz Liszt and stars British actor Dirk Bogarde.



"Spring Garden," a painting by Eugene Bennett, Medford, received an honorable mention in the painting exhibition "The Oregon Scene," which is being held in Portland in conjunction with the Oregon Centennial Exposition. Less than 100 works were selected from some 700 paintings judged throughout the state. Ten \$100 awards and 10 honorable mentions were presented to state artists. "Spring Garden" is an abstract oil painting in pink, orchid and other flower shades. It was one of five

chosen by a jury to represent the southern Oregon region at the Portland exhibit. Mr. Bennett, who returned to Medford from Chicago last year, has his studio at 337 South Grape street. During last week 25 of his students exhibited their work at a show at his studio which was viewed by approximately 200 persons. Another series of art classes is currently underway and an art exhibit of their work is expected to be held the latter part of July, Mr. Bennett explained.

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