

Gypsy Jean Beams Wed To Ronald Richard Muir

Central Point-Ruch Community church was scene of the wedding August 2 of Miss Gypsy Jean Beams, Central Point, to Ronald Richard Muir, Seattle. The bride, who attended Jacksonville High school and Robertson School of Business, Medford, is a daughter of Mrs. Ethel Lou Beams, Central Point.

The bridegroom also attended Jacksonville school and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Muir, 2440 South Stage road.

The Rev. Earl A. Best of Ruch performed the ceremony at 7 o'clock. Jerry Blanton Beams, brother of the bride, gave her in marriage. She wore a dress of white lace over white satin. It was designed with a scoop neckline and full sleeves of three-quarter length. She carried white carnations and pink rosebuds.

Miss Geneva Ann Beams, who attended her sister, wore a beige lace dress with pink accessories and she carried a pink gladiolus nosegay.

Marvin Henry Muir, brother of the bridegroom, was best man and ushers were John L. Connor and Richard Hall.

Mrs. Rafe Anders sang. Fifty-five guests attended the reception which was given by the bride's mother at the church. Mrs. Menno Schmidt, Medford, cut the wedding cake and Miss Vivian Dunnington and Mrs. Harold Reed, both Jacksonville, poured.

Miss Virginia Dunnington was at the guest book and Mrs. Robert Claus, Medford, in charge of the gifts.

The bride's mother wore a black frock with white accessories and a white carnation corsage. The bridegroom's mother wore a blue print silk dress with white accessories and white carnations.

For the couple's wedding trip to the Oregon coast, the bride wore a navy blue dachshund frock with a polka-dot sash and an orchid corsage.

The young couple will reside at 3921 15th street, Seattle, where the bridegroom is a technical illustrator with Boeing Aircraft company.

VFW Auxiliary Annual Contest Scheduled Again

The annual national high school essay contest will be conducted again this year by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The 1959-60 topic will be "Civil Defense—An American Tradition."

Students in all public, private and parochial high schools are eligible to enter and national, state and local awards are made.

This is the 25th year the auxiliary has sponsored the contest, which was begun in 1935 to encourage young people to think and write on patriotic subjects.

More than 35,000 students from throughout the nation entered the event last year. Educators and the press are cooperating in the contest and special awards will be offered by the office of civil and defense mobilization.

National cash awards total \$2,000.

Winner of the Jackson county and Oregon contest this year was Robert Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen V. Allen, 981 South Stage road.

Here Mrs. L. F. Cook and children, Los Angeles, spent the past week with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bernheisel, 1004 Biddle road.



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Richard Muir (Classic photo)

Researchers Say Another Baby Boom is in Making

A consistent three-month rise in the U. S. birth rate gives strong indication that another baby boom is in the making. Or rather, that the slump experienced in 1958 is at an end.

Editorial Research Reports states that the birth rate for the first three months of this year is by no means near the postwar peak of 1947, but live births were well over the year-ago totals. The National Office of Vital Statistics reports 355,000 births in March, or 23.8 per thousand of population. The total for March 1958 had been 345,000 births; the rate, 23.6 per thousand.

Marriages were up for March, too: 95,000, or 6.4 per thousand of population. Year-ago totals: 88,000 marriages, or 6.0 per thousand.

The totals are significant only in relation to the general trend. NOVIS reported a record 328,000 live births in February, 3 1/2 per cent higher than in February 1958. Births in January and February totaled 679,000, up 2.3 per cent from the corresponding months of 1958. Marriages also were ahead.

Eight-Year Low

The eight-year low in the birth rate which was registered in 1958 had some prophets believing that the great postwar baby boom was leveling off, albeit at a very high altitude. There were 4,249,000 live births last year, 52,000 fewer than during 1956, but still the second highest total on record. The rate was 24.4 per thousand as against the postwar peak of 26.6 in 1947.

A sober study in "Fortune" reported that the decline in that rate was not just a temporary product of the recession but that in fact the baby boom had begun to taper off in late 1957, long before bad economic news could have affected it. "There are good reasons," the magazine reported, "for supposing that the long upward trend has been checked for at least a few years." The authors predicted that the next boom would start soon after 1965.

The Population Reference Bureau, however, in a more recent analysis, notes that the actual level of fertility in recent years has been higher than had been assumed by the U. S. Census Bureau in making its periodic projections of population growth. The private agency reports: "The protracted postwar increase in fertility indicates that more is involved than temporary changes in the timing of marriages and births which do not alter the size of completed families... The American family has grown larger."

This trend scotches the theory of most demographers, who had attributed the postwar baby boom to marriages and births that had been postponed during the depression and war years. If the boom continues, the effect will be to raise all projections of future population.

Upward Trends

The U. S. population today is around 176 million. Since 1947 it has grown by 30 million — or the nation's total population on the eve of the Civil War. This year will conclude the largest decennial population gain in U. S. history.

If present trends are maintained, there will be about 260 million people in this country by 1980; by the turn of the century, 360 million people. The postwar begetting binge already has forestalled public school administrators shivering at the new construction needed to accommodate the arrivals of the past 15 years. What problems of additional costs of government — and of new outlays for schools, hospitals, housing — do the population projections pose? And, on the reverse side of the coin, what promises of agricultural surpluses literally eaten up, of job-making, of using and spending, of abundance?

Sunset Magazine Publishes Recipe Of Local Woman

A recipe for fresh pear pudding, from Mrs. Fred Reich, 2751 Dark Hollow road, is published in the August issue of Sunset magazine.

Mrs. Reich's dessert is pear-filled cake with a coconut topping. The recipe as printed in Sunset calls for two eggs, 1 cup sugar, 2/3 cup flour, 1/4 tsp. salt, 2 1/2 tsp. baking powder, 1 cup chopped peeled and cored fresh pears, 1 cup chopped walnut meats, 2 tsp. lemon juice and 1/2 cup flaked coconut.

Beat the eggs thoroughly. Gradually beat in sugar, beating until fluffy. Sift flour, measure and sift with salt and baking powder into the egg mixture. Blend well. Fold in the pears, nut meats, and lemon juice. Pour into a buttered baking dish (9 inches square). Sprinkle the flaked coconut over top. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for 30 minutes. Serve warm or cold, cut in squares and topped with whipped cream. Makes 6-8 servings.

Recommended as a nice addition to the recipe is 1 tsp. finely chopped preserved ginger mixed and added with the coconut.

Club to Hold Flower Show

Eagle Point — Eagle Point Garden club met at the city park August 5 to make plans for a flower show. The show "Autumn Splendor," will be held Thursday, September 3 at the Oasis and will be Eagle Point's first standard flower show.

Also planned are a style show sponsored by Town and Country Shop, a plant sale and a silver tea. Another attraction will be an exhibit from Dahacks Mountain nursery.

The next regular meeting of the club will be September 2. Members are asked to bring a sack lunch and meet at the Oasis at 10 a.m.

Girl Scout Volunteers To Camp

Rogue Valley Girl Scout council has announced "a week end of fun and friendship" for all women volunteer Girl Scout workers, registered or not. The "Fun Week End" is to be held at Girl Scout Low Echo, Lake of the Woods, Saturday and Sunday, August 15 and 16. A registration fee of \$1.50 per person to cover four meals, snacks and extra staff costs is to be paid to Scout headquarters.

The week end will feature camp activities enjoyed by Scouts during the regular camping season. Included will be hikes, swimming, sunbathing, and campfires. Every one attending should be prepared to teach a song or game or to present a skit at general campfire.

Adult campers must provide their own transportation, so everyone is urged to contact volunteers in their neighborhood to form car pools for the trip. Camping gear needed includes a sleeping bag or bed roll (cots and mattresses are furnished), sturdy shoes, toilet articles, swimsuit, warm sweater or jacket, and a flashlight.

Deadline for registration is August 11. Volunteers should contact leaders in their neighborhoods or Girl Scout headquarters, 500 East Main street, for application blanks or any further information. Headquarters urged all volunteers to take advantage of this "Fun Week End."

In Nebraska

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Young, Table Rock road, with Mrs. Young's mother, Mrs. Charles F. Konopasek, 1334 Spring street, left a week ago for Nebraska where they are visiting relatives and friends in several towns and cities. They will return the middle of the month.

Fifty Players Take Part in Duplicate Game

Fifty players competed for master points in Wednesday's duplicate game at Riverside Bridge club.

Winners for north-south were Leland Clark and Al Gilhouse, first; Mrs. W. W. Stevenson and Robert Dick, second; Mrs. J. S. Winslow and Mrs. R. T. Jones, third; and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Coode, fourth.

East-west winners were Mrs. Frank R. Baker and Mrs. Sam Richardson, first; Mrs. E. K. Ricker and Alto Pruitt, second; Mrs. Al Gilhouse and Mrs. Leland Clark, third; and Mrs. Roger Smoot and Mrs. Marris Gibbons, fourth.

Garden Party Set Thursday

The annual garden party of Medford Sojourners' club will be held in the garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Eden, 211 Genesee street, Thursday, August 13, at 12:30 p.m.

If it should rain, the party will be held at Girls Community club.

Luncheon will be followed by cards, including bridge, pinocle and canasta.

Reservations are to be made by calling Mrs. James Winslow, Spring 3-4391; Mrs. Ronald Hale, Spring 2-4174, or Mrs. Walter Marquess, Spring 2-8945, not later than August 11.

Members may bring prospective members or house guests.

Starlighter Show Set Monday Night

"Starlighter Preview" will be the theme of the costume jewelry fashion show Monday, August 10, at 7:50 p.m. at the Girls Community club.

The public is invited to the event which will be followed by gantes.



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