

# Medford Growth Study Explained by Supervisor

"Medford Growth Study" was the subject of Lee Ragsdale, supervisor of physical education, health and safety for Medford public schools, when he spoke for a meeting of Washington Parent-Teacher association February 19th. He was introduced by the school principal, Ronald Weatherford.

Mrs. Ragsdale stated that the problem arose as to whether it was good for children to participate in athletics. A study and scientific investigation is being made through the Medford growth study with tests being given during October, February and May.

Children at 13 years of age may differ as much as 62 months in their physiological ages, and there is a possible 32 months difference at the age of 15 years, the speaker said, because some children mature more rapidly than others. During May a report card of cumulative information will be given to the parents of children participating in the program to show the child's progress, he stated.

The meeting was held in the school cafeteria. Presentation of the flag was made by Den 3; Mrs. Keith Lawson is den mother. The PTA prayer was read by Mrs. Norman McManhan. Group singing was led by Miss Laura York. Room count was won by Mrs. Robert Huff, teacher of the second grade.

Mrs. William Townes, association vice-president, gave the executive board report and stated what steps were being taken in the county through the PTA, to control obscene literature. Letters of explanation were being mailed to all units in the county.

Mrs. Everett Bennett, safety chairman, reported that charts will be sent home with each child for the next three months. The charts will contain information on how to guard against accidents. Bicycle safety tape will be purchased by the association and applied to each child's machine.

Mrs. Charles Chitwood, wife and means chairman, announced that a chili dinner will be sponsored by the group Tuesday, March 1, in the school cafeteria during the hours from 5 until 8 p.m. There will be a nominal charge. Room prizes will be given and a fish pond and fortune telling booth will be in the gymnasium for the children's entertainment.

Mrs. Fred Sears, health chairman, spoke on an article in "Today's Health" which discussed the problems arising with working mothers and their children.

Mrs. Donald Kahl was appointed chairman of the nominating committee. Mrs. Velma Taylor and Mrs. Ann Johnson were elected from the group to serve on the committee.

In observance of Founders' day a silver tea was held and a decorated cake was served by mothers of children in the fourth grade. Mrs. Burr Tye and Mrs. William Earlywine poured. Past presidents were welcomed, with five in attendance.

Mrs. Thomas Antley, program chairman, spoke on the origin of PTA. She stated that it was founded in 1897 as the National Congress of Mothers, later becoming the parent-teacher association. The oak tree is the national emblem. At the time of the PTA founding, many children were neglected and many states had no child labor laws, it was noted. PTA has spread from coast to coast and in many countries over seas, she said.

Miss Laura York, 31 years a PTA member, was given recognition as being a member longer than anyone else present.

## Gold Hill Man Home From South

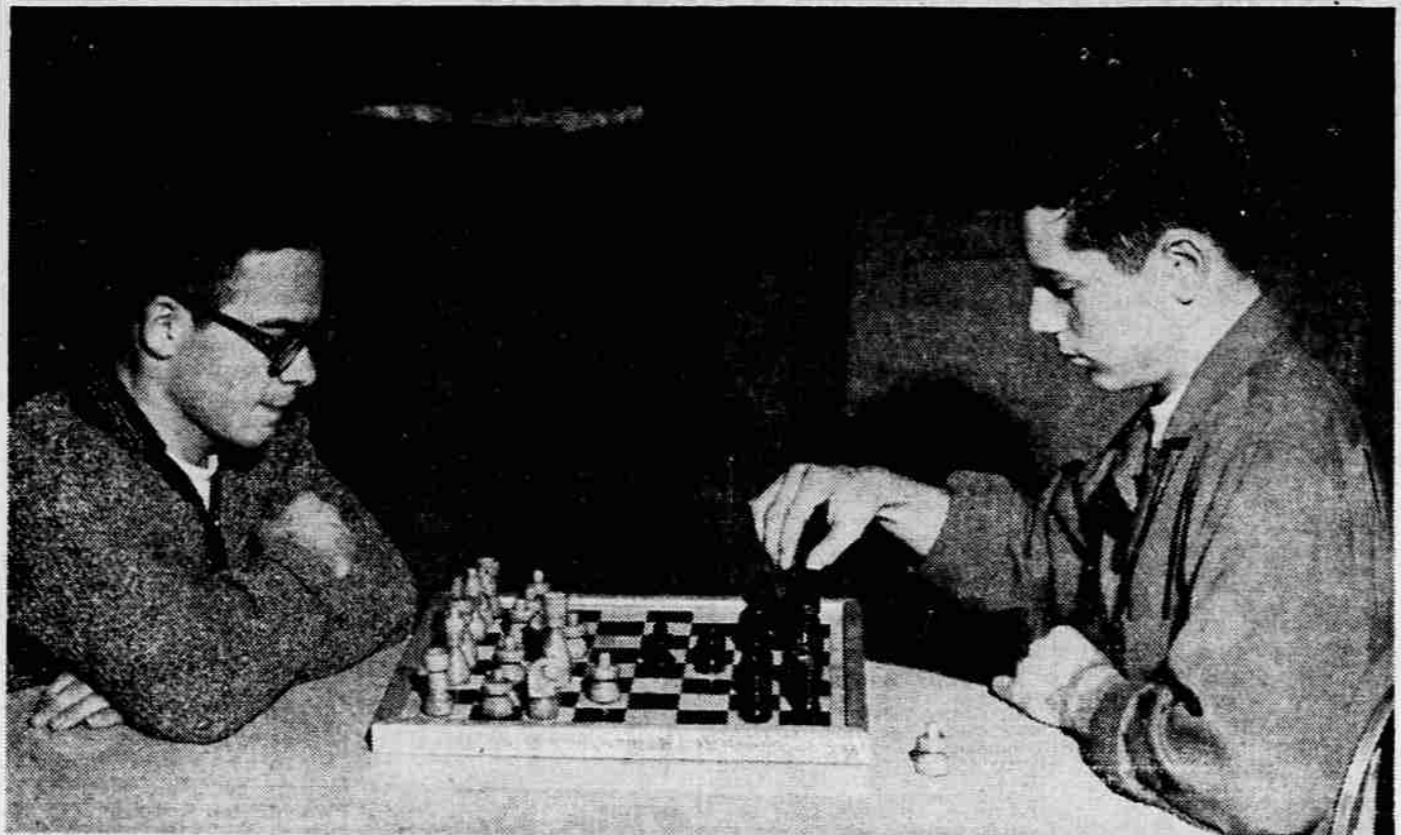
Gold Hill - Paul Thompson returned to his home recently from Ciudad, Oregon, Mexico where he had been a guest of his son, Creighton Thompson. While there he also visited Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Byerly and spent some time visiting Ed Byerly at Los Mochis, Mexico. He accompanied his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Byerly on the trip from their home in California.

En route home Mr. Thompson was a guest of another brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gorham at San Jose. He was joined here for the trip home by another son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thompson of Seattle, Wash. The couple's two youngsters, Pamela and Kevin, returned to Washington with their parents after a several weeks vacation at the Paul Thompson home here and with their maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wright, White City.

## Gold Hill Woman Returns to Home

Gold Hill - Mrs. Ernest Cooper returned to her home here after a weeks vacation spent in Sacramento, Calif., where she was a guest of her mother, Mrs. M. T. Blouin, and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Poodtz and daughter, Miss Francie Poodtz.

# Women's News • Social Events



Jim Wilson (at left) and Dave Misk are two members of the Chess club at Medford High School. The students are using chessmen handmade by Dale Peterson, another member of the club. Young Peterson and his father fashioned the set from magnolia, using heartwood to make the black pieces, and sapwood for the paler ones. They are set with synthetic jewels. The board, also handmade by the Petersons, is of pine with a leather cover. The Chess club is one of the newer school organizations and was formed because

interested students asked for it, according to Robert Seamon, teacher of advanced English and club advisor. Dean Goddard, senior, is president and the members are all boys with the exception of Miss Annice Black. One other girl, Miss Margaret Childers, has been playing in a recent tournament although not a club member. Games are played before and after school hours. Twenty-four entered the tournament and 35 games were played for the elimination schedule.

## Shower Given For Bride-Elect

Shady Cove - Trail - Miss Claire Apparel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arth - Apparel, Camp White, was honored at a bridal shower given February 13 at the home of Mrs. Frank Dolenshek, Trail. Miss Apparel is to become the bride of Montic Axtell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ranald Axtell, Trail, in a ceremony planned for March 12.

Co-hostess for the event was Mrs. David Bliss. Mrs. James Sawyers assisted with cutting the cake, served from a table decorated with wedding bells and pussywillows. The cake was cut with a knife loaned by Mrs. Scott Brill; use of the knife is a tradition in the area.

The gift table was decorated in the valentine motif. Guests were Miss Apparel and her mother, Mrs. Ranald Axtell, Mrs. Carl Richardson, Mrs. George Tockstein, Mrs. Oscar Hanson, Mrs. William Brewster, Mrs. Brill, Mrs. A. Myklebye and Mrs. George Moore, all Trail; Mrs. Ray Briggs, Shady Cove, and Mrs. John Axtell, Medford.

## Scout Executive Attends Session

Miss Ruth Kilbourn, executive director of the Rogue Valley Girl Scout council, returned recently from Portland where she attended a three-day seminar on "The executive director's administrative responsibility in Girl Scouting."

Nine councils in the Pacific Northwest region were represented at the session, which was conducted by Miss Dorothy Petron, regional director, and Miss Laura Mae Hammer and Miss Edith Loe, council advisers.

Topics discussed during the seminar, which was held at the Portland YWCA, included council and staff planning, personnel development, and office management. The closing address was made by Mrs. David C. Steele, Seattle, chairman of the regional committee. She spoke on the volunteers' view of the Girl Scout executive.

While in Portland, Miss Kilbourn conducted an executive committee meeting of the Association of Girl Scout Professional Workers for Section XI.

## Gold Hill Family in McMinnville

Gold Hill - Mr. and Mrs. Delos Walker and daughter, Miss Linda Walker went to McMinnville recently where they were guests of the Walker's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herrmann and infant son.

## Junior, High School Bands Plan First Spring Festival

March 11 has been set as the date of the spring band festival in Medford according to I. A. Mirick, instrumental music supervisor of the Medford school system.

Groups taking part in the festival include the senior symphony of the Medford High school band, the full high school concert band, the "A" and "B" bands from Hedrick and McLoughlin Junior High schools.

Each individual organization will be featured during the program beginning with the "B" bands in the junior high schools through the high school bands. For the finale the six combined bands, totaling approximately 420 instrumentalists, together with the combined majorette squads will perform one number.

Although there have been elementary band festivals in the past and competition festival concerts with school musical groups from other towns including Medford, this will be the first event of its kind to be held in this city-a band festival on the secondary level with Medford schools only.

The co-ert will be held in Hedrick Junior High school auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets go on sale this week and may be purchased from band members in any of the participating groups or from the respective school offices.

## Friendship Club Holds Meeting

Gold Hill - Mrs. Delos Walker was hostess for the February meeting of Amethyst Rebekah Friendship club at her home here. Mrs. Clarence Parsley, newly elected president of the group, conducted the business session and named committee chairmen for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Harry Quinn, retiring president, will be in charge of cards and flowers and Mrs. Clyde Kell, publicity. Plans were made to honor new officers at a dinner to be given at a Medford establishment next meeting night, Monday, March 21. Those attending will meet at the home of Mrs. Paul Molloy at 6:45 p.m. on that date.

Mrs. Walker used the valentine motif for refreshments and decorations.

## Order of De Molay Slates Meeting

Medford Order of De Molay will meet Wednesday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Medford Masonic temple. Robert Baker, master counselor, will preside.

All master Masons are invited to attend. Following the meeting refreshments will be served in the dining room.

De Molay Mothers club will also meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic hall dining room. All mothers of De Molay boys are invited to attend. Plans will be discussed for a potluck dinner to be held in the near future.

## Husbands Guests At Dinner Party

Central Point - The dining room of Central Point Grange hall was the setting for a dinner party given recently by Crater chapter, Grandmothers Clubs of America. Husbands of members were guests.

Mrs. R. B. Langston and Mrs. Carl Hoover had decorated the tables with red hearts and white streamers. On each table they arranged artificial flowers in heart-shaped containers.

Forty-four attended the dinner. Carl Hoover asked the blessing at the dinner and Mrs. Hoover led group singing at the end of the meal. She had made for each couple a keepsake valentine song folder with such melodies as "Love's Old Sweet Song." Mrs. Hoover suggested that each man should hold his sweetheart's hand and so the couples sat, holding hands, and sang songs of their courtship days.

A contest was held to see who had been married the longest, who had the most children and who had the largest number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Gilbert Broods of Central Point were declared winners with their 24 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Valentine games were played.

Serving on the entertainment committee with Mrs. Hoover were Mrs. Ted Hill and Mrs. Gilbert Brood.

On the food committee were Mrs. Harry Barnes and Mrs. Cordie Burns.

## Visit Announced For Grand Master

Vernon A. Turpin, Old Military road, will go to Eugene Friday, February 26, to attend a meeting of Hiram council, royal and select masters of York Rite Masons. Mr. Turpin is most illustrious grand master of the order, and will pay his official visit at that time.

Mr. Turpin will be accompanied by Samuel A. Warg, Roseburg, the most excellent grand high priest of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Oregon.

## Calendar

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. - Natural Foods Associate, room 28, Medford High School. 8 p.m. - Prospect Parent-Teachers association, H High school. Wednesday: 11 a.m. - Medford Townsend club, Carpenters hall, 123 1/2 West Main st. 12:30 p.m. - Chapter AA of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. R. W. Sleser, 39 Berkeley Way. 12:30 p.m. - Mistletoe club, Girls Community club. 12:30 p.m. - Westminster Women's association, Westminster Presbyterian church fellowship hall.

## Dance Announced In Eagle Point

Eagle Point - A beginners square dance class at Eagle Point will have a graduation dance Wednesday, February 24 at 8 p.m. at the grade school gymnasium. All square dancers are invited and pot luck refreshments will be served. Kenneth Hood will do the calling.

## Beddoes Visit In California

Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Beddoe, Carpenter Hill road, were recently in Angwin, Calif., to visit their daughter, Miss Gladys Beddoe. Miss Beddoe is a sophomore in pre-medical and social studies courses at Pacific Union college. The college is a Seventh-day adventist liberal arts school.

While at the school, the Beddoes and their daughter attended the biennial parent-daughter dinner sponsored by Alpha Gamma, women's club. Dr. Harold Shryock was speaker.

## Dinner Observes 44th Anniversary

Hills - A family dinner February 14 at the Fred Haynes home, celebrated the 44th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haynes and the birthdays of their son Fred Jr. of Redding, Calif., and their daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Luper. Other members of the family present were Mrs. Fred Haynes Jr. and three children, Gilbert Luper and two children and the senior Mrs. Haynes' mother, Mrs. Gwen Evans.

## Thirty Year Members Honored by Rebekahs

Gold Hill - Members who have belonged to Amethyst Rebekah lodge for 30 years or more were honored Wednesday, February 17 at the Odd Fellows hall in conjunction with the observance of the 62nd anniversary of the Rebekah lodge which was instituted February 14, 1898. William Carter, a retired

attorney who resides in Portland is the only living charter member, of the organization. He was unable to attend. Mrs. Daniel Stewart, noble grand, presided at the business session and was in charge of all arrangements for the occasion.

Rebekahs who were present to receive their honors were Mrs. Joe Lewis, Mrs. James Clement, Mrs. Fred Kelson, Medford; Mrs. Wilbur Martin, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Thomas Z. Smith, Mrs. Earl Moore and Mrs. George Dorman.

## Company To Appear On Sunday

An unusual feature of the Festival Company of Norway, which will appear here Sunday, February 28, for Jackson County Civic Music association, is the inclusion in its programs of choreographed dramas, based on legends. It is stated that the staging of these requires much acting ability as well as skill with the dance and music.

A leading role with the Festival company is played by one of the foremost actors of that country, Toralv Maurstad. Son of the celebrated Alfred Maurstad world-famous exponent of Peer Gynt, Toralv brings to America a rich personality and an unusual histrionic talent that has made him the talk of Oslo, capital of Norway.

Sharing honors with him will be Erna Skaug, lyric soprano of the Internationally renowned Bergen Festival. Seventeen other performing artists round out the Festival Company of Norway, among them the dancers Ornulf and Dorothe Oseth and Brit and Aksel Stokke, husband-and-wife exponents of the country's most demanding folk dances.

The regisseur of the Festival Company of Norway, Barthold Halle, one of Norway's most talented stage directors, has risen to prominence during the last few years. He has produced and staged productions for opera, drama, musicals and for radio.

A special thrill will come with the playing of the Hardanger fiddle, often called the national instrument of Norway. Though it looks like a more gaily designed version of the conventional violin, it produces a completely different tone, heady and deeply expressive. Three of Norway's leading players of the Hardanger fiddle will be on hand to add a touch of gaiety to the event. Curtain time is 8 p.m.



Paris - Rebel Lucy Mangin, who traditionally releases pictures of her fashions in advance to other Paris designers, uses apron drapery to achieve the tunic look for spring. This beige and white print silk dress has a panel of fabric drawn across the front of an all-over pleated underskirt. The blousness of the bodice is nipped by a brown leather belt which is partially concealed by gathers at the waist. This is a copyrighted model, which means that copying is forbidden. (UPI Telephoto)

## FOE Auxiliary To Hold Party; Visitors Coming

Mrs. Adeline McClanahan has been named chairman of a card party to be given by the drill team of the auxiliary to Crater Lake aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles. The event will be Friday, February 26, at 12:30 p.m. at the Eagles hall.

This will be the last in a series of 10 parties given by the team, and a grand prize will be awarded.

The public is invited to attend. Dessert will be served before the games begin.

Officers and members of the drill team of the auxiliary to Caveman aerie of F.O.E. Grants Pass, will be in Medford Thursday, February 25, to exemplify the ritualistic work of the Eagles auxiliary. Candidates will be initiated.

Also with the Grants Pass group will be Mrs. Ruth Holland, a state trustee. A "white elephant" sale will be held during the evening, and refreshments will follow the meeting.

Another event scheduled for the local lodge and auxiliary is a family dinner set for Sunday, February 28, at the lodge hall at 5 p.m. Families attending are to take a hot dish or salads.

## Meeting Planned By Thursday Club

Phoenix - Phoenix Thursday club will hold a business meeting at the home of Mrs. R. H. Wilcox, 1919 Westlund drive, Medford, Thursday, February 25. Assisting Mrs. Wilcox will be Mrs. Inez Hayse and Mrs. Ada Steadman.

The meeting time has been set for 8:30 p.m. to allow time for certain club members to set up merchandise at the Fehi building in preparations for the rummage sale which the club will hold the following day.

Members are reminded that they may leave rummage at the home of Mrs. Lewis Bertrand, Rose street, Phoenix, any time through Wednesday evening, February 24.

Table arrangements were in the valentine theme. Mrs. Stewart named Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hannah Routh to serve on the March refreshment committee.

## DIAPER DEGREE

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