



A group of Roseburg women who are Red Cross volunteers for Douglas county were in Medford Tuesday for a luncheon meeting of chairmen and co-chairmen of the Jackson and Douglas county chapters. Among those here for the session, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fairweather, Dark Hollow road, were (left to right) Mrs. J. S. Sullivan, chairman of nursing services; Mrs. Harry Rapp, executive secretary; Mrs. Barney Powers, a Grey Lady; Mrs. Porter Laihart, chairman of Junior Red Cross in Douglas county and Mrs. R. A. MacHaffie, Junior Red Cross volunteer.

### Ninety-Year-Old Woman Gardens, Paints House

Mrs. Jennie Young, formerly Mrs. Fritz Ruch, who lives at 908 West Tenth street, Medford, took time out from gardening and house painting to celebrate her 90th birthday May 20. Friends called during the day and presented her with a cake, and she was a guest at 4 o'clock dinner at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruch, 809 South Newtown street.



Mrs. Jennie Young, 908 West Tenth street, does her own gardening and such household chores as painting in spite of her age. Mrs. Young celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary May 30. Old woman has saved from her early married days. She played the organ or piano for many community dances, often with Harvey or Edwin accompanying on the violin. She often played for Sunday school or church, and in the early part of her life became a Baptist when "Preacher Hurd" visited her community from Williams creek.

Mrs. Young, a resident of Jackson county for 89 years, was born in Sacramento, Calif., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Estes, and came to the area later known as Grants Pass when she was one year old. Mrs. Young said they lived on the south side of Rogue river, and that section was called "The Granite." There was a ferry boat across Rogue river at that time, and horses and vehicles crossed on the ferry. She remembers when Grants Pass was getting started.

"I'm a kind of pioneer girl," Mrs. Young says. "Mother taught me to make lace and to knit stockings from home spun yarn, and I would do that while I rocked my half sister in the cradle." Her father died soon after coming to Oregon, and her mother later married Calvin Hinkle. Her family lived for a time at Log Town, and later moved to Thompson creek, where she married Fredlin "Fritz" Ruch, brother of C. M. Ruch, who established the Ruch post office and store about 1900.

Mr. Ruch hauled produce with team and wagon to Klamath county, at first buying fruits and vegetables around Medford, and later growing his own. Fruit and garden produce were put in bushel boxes, and eggs had a favored place in the bottom of the wagon where it was cool, Mrs. Young recalls. Her husband forded Bear creek on the way to Klamath, and after he got over the Greenspring mountains he "peddled" from house to house. Her grandfather, Dolphin Grimes, drove a freight wagon from Crescent City.

Mrs. Young has two other sons, Harvey, at Salem, and Edwin at Vallecito, who teaches in a high school there. She has eight grand children and several great grand children.

After the death of Mr. Ruch, she was married to Grant Young, whose death occurred three years later.

At her Thompson creek home, Mrs. Young raised poultry and rabbits, and for many years she boarded school teachers. Mrs. Young still does crocheting, and her many large braided rugs show how she has used her spare time. Among many things of interest at her home is a collection of sea shells and various kinds of small shells. Among these is a clothes pin which the 90-year-

### Illinois Valley Units Take Part In Annual Event

Illinois Valley—Four Illinois Valley Home Extension units participated in a home-makers festival in Grants Pass May 25.

The units, Lone Mountain, Rancheros, Illinois Valley and Deer Creek, were in charge of the handicraft booth which displayed items made by unit members. Miss Ripah Douglas, county extension agent, directed the event for Josephine county extension units.

Mrs. Henry Gammel conducted a working exhibit on tin craft. Similar exhibits on freezing, sewing, reupholstering and pine needle work also were presented by the local units.

In the afternoon Mrs. Edna Duncan gave a report on her trip to Edinburgh, Scotland. Mrs. Duncan, who showed slides of the trip, was chosen a delegate from Oregon to attend the international triennial convention of the Associated Country Women of the World. A total of 1,200 women from 30 nations attended.

Officers of the Illinois unit were installed at a meeting May 10 in the Cave Junction Episcopal church. Mrs. Kenneth Brown is the new chairman; Mrs. Vernon Johnson, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Eldon Muell, vice-chairman. Mrs. Gammel, a past president, was installation officer.

Installation Set For Garden Club  
Eagle Point—Mrs. Leland Meyers will be installed as president of the Eagle Point Garden club at their last meeting of the summer at the home of Mrs. Charles Cushman, Trail, Wednesday afternoon, June 1. A covered dish luncheon will be served at 12 noon prior to the meeting.

Mrs. Olin V. Poe of Phoenix will install the new officers. Other officers being installed are Mrs. Jack James, vice president; Mrs. Ted Flury, secretary, and Mrs. Clarence Davies, treasurer.

All members are asked to attend this meeting and any one interested in visiting may contact the president, Mrs. W. E. Davies at Hillcrest 6-3779.

### Officers Installed In Phoenix

Phoenix—Officers were installed at the May meeting of Phoenix Garden club held in the Fireplace room of Phoenix Community club. Hostesses for the desert luncheon which preceded the program and business meeting were Mrs. Jesse Wilson, Mrs. Evelyn Hendricks and Mrs. E. A. Stevens.

Mrs. C. O. Long, Talent, newly elected district director of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, acted as installing officer. Taking office were Mrs. Lester Carr, president; Mrs. Chris Wolff, first vice-president; Mrs. Vaughn Quackenbush, second vice-president; Mrs. Ronald Quackenbush, secretary; and Mrs. Charles Lewis, treasurer.

Mrs. A. C. Lewis of the arrangement committee planned a "little flower show" for the afternoon program. Arrangements were brought by members as examples of the various classes in the arrangement division of the club's annual flower show which will be held June 5.

Mrs. O. V. Poe, a club member who is an accredited flower show judge, gave a number of suggestions as to how the arrangements could be improved by considering the points that judges are looking for when they are judging arrangements.

Other guests present for the afternoon, besides Mrs. Long, were Mrs. Helen Harper, Medford, Jacksonville and Mrs. E. E. Armstrong, Dunsmuir, Calif.

### League Officers Attend Session

Two officers from the Medford League of Women Voters were in Oceanlake early this week for the three-day state council meeting of the League of Women Voters of Oregon.

Over 100 members from the 19 Leagues in Oregon and members of the state board attended. Representing Medford were Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter, local president, and Mrs. Ogden Kellogg, first vice-president.

The state council meeting is held on alternate years from state convention in order for the non-partisan voters group to review progress on state and national programs and "to obtain membership guidance for the year ahead," the delegates reported.

### Convention Reports Given At Meeting of BPW Club

Members of the Medford Business and Professional Women's club, heard reports by delegates on the state annual convention at Salem, May 13 to 15, at its regular meeting Thursday at the Girls Community club.

It was reported that more than 560 women from throughout the state registered for the three day meeting.

At the convention Medford President Mrs. F. R. Faulkner accepted a citation awarded to the Medford club for increased membership. Delegates to the convention were Mrs. Faulkner, Miss Laura York, past state president; Mrs. Richard Chamberlain, Mrs. B. C. Tennant, Mrs. H. F. Friel, and Miss Gladys Durand.

Legislative proposals of the national federation presented at the meeting were: an increase in the amount of income that can be earned by a person receiving social security benefits; equalization of the pension rights of women and men employed by the federal government; emphasis on the use of the full capacities of women in government and industry including promotion of the election and appointment of qualified women to policy making posts; and uniform jury service for men and women.

Miss Helen Reisinger, Cincinnati, Ohio, secretary of the National Federation of BPW clubs was main speaker and installing officer during the convention. Miss Marjorie Blizzard of the Oswego-Lake Grove club was installed as new state president.

Miss Margaret Magee, Cave Junction, a member of the Medford club who is secretary to Congresswoman Edith Green in Washington, D.C., surprised members with a short visit during the meeting. She is the official club delegate to the National Convention in Philadelphia in July.

Mrs. Dorothy Halbertson was nominated to a vacancy existing on the board of directors. Highlights of the regional conference at Klamath Falls was reported by Mrs. E. H. Loveness.

On the program for the evening were members of the Medford Toastmistress club, Mrs. C. H. Redmond, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. G. W. McIntyre, Mrs. Tennant, Mrs. Richard Williams, and Mrs. C. A. Thatcher. They presented a panel discussion on what to do and not to do in regard to parliamentary procedure.

Guests for the evening were Mrs. Otto Schlueter and Mrs. Bing Brown.

### Retiring Leader To Direct Band For Performance

Gold Hill—Charles W. Cook, retiring band leader at Hanby Elementary school of district 6, will direct the final public performance of the advanced Hanby band at eighth grade promotion exercises slated for Tuesday, May 31 at 8 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. He has been band leader here since September, 1947.

Gilbert A. Mack, principal of the Gold Hill schools, stressed that the public is invited to attend the promotion exercises.

This band recently presented its final concert under the direction of Mr. Cook at the Gold Hill Grange hall.

The program opened with a march "Hail To The Huskies" by Porter, and was followed by an overture based on the old slave song, "Liza Jane" by Ostling.

Two instrumental quartets were featured. The first, consisting of Norma Schatz, Gregg Schmidt, Greg Appien and Mr. Cook, played clarinet selections, "Prayer" from "Hazel and Gretel" by Humperdinck and the "Finale from 'Quartet in G'."

The second quartet, made up of Barbara Schatz, trumpet; Donald Gail, trombone; Shirley Kell, clarinet, and Mr. Cook, clarinet, played "Bouree and Gavotte" by Bach and two movements from "Chamber Suite No. 3." This was composed about 1730 and originally scored in D for two oboes, three trumpets, strings and timpani were transcribed by Mr. Cook, who condensed the score to quartet form.

Other numbers played by the entire band included "Young Love" by Joyner and Carey; A South American dance number entitled "Cuban Capers" by Kinyon, an overture, "Aladdin's Lamp" by Weber, a popular selection "Mother Goose Jumps" by Pinelli and a march which concluded the concert.

Students other than those in the instrumental quartets who play in the band are Sharon Wright, Dave Force, Melvin Johnson, Gail Lewis, Ruth Griggs, Bill Jones, Dick Ross, Gregg Beman, Paul Thompson, Toni Morrow, Sharon Bailey, David Johnson, Grant Mallory, Robert Danielson, Raleene Obrian, and Charmaine Doherty.

Gettogether Club Announces Meeting  
The Gettogether club will meet Friday, June 3, at the Girls Community club for a 1 p.m. potluck luncheon. Committee members in charge of the event are Mrs. Floyd Lewis, Mrs. Clyde Kindred, Mrs. Bea Fruit, and Mrs. Lena Gasperson.

### Parents Club Reports Given; Students Named

A report on the proposed new high school building was made at a meeting of St. Mary's High School Parents club Tuesday.

Mrs. Jack Lynch and Joe Naumes, representing the finance committee, gave the report and conducted a question and answer period.

Jay Elliott, reporting for the club, announced that John Snider Jr., student body president, has been chosen to attend Boys' State and Mary Jo Batzer has been chosen to go to Girls' State. Michael Lewis and Dolores Cooper are alternates.

Dr. Florian Shasky was elected president of the club; R. A. Naumes, vice-president; Mrs. David Bergstrom, secretary; Mrs. Richard Rementeria, treasurer; and Richard Randolph, parliamentarian.

Sister Superior Girard Mary gave a brief talk on expected increases in registration this fall. She thanked the club for its cooperation through the year. Commenting on the proposed new high school, she said that "there will be a new building, but the same St. Mary's school with the same staff and parents club."

Final plans for the awards banquet were reported by William McKibbin. Mrs. Fred Burich and Mrs. Sam Mete were appointed co-chairman of the senior reception. Mrs. Mildred Robinson gave the treasurer's report.

The senior class won the attendance prize.

Thursday Meeting  
The Southern Oregon Stamp club will meet Thursday, June 2, at 8 p.m. at the Girls Community club. The program for the evening will be reports from members and delegates who are attending the No. 14 west Federation Stamp exhibition in Eugene this week end. Mrs. Robert

Lowe, delegate, Mrs. E. H. Trefren, alternate, and Frank Applegate, judge, will give the highlights of the exhibition.

At the May meeting three new members joined the club. They were Mrs. Francis Bauman, Mrs. Francis Bullard and Robert Lowe. Mrs. Russell Herbert and Miss Mary Howell were guests for the evening.

### Plan Convention

Robert Y. Thornton, attorney general for Oregon, is to be the featured speaker at the Saturday night banquet of the Oregon Association of the Deaf convention.

All deaf or hard-of-hearing persons interested are invited to the convention, which will be held June 3-5 at the Oregon state school for the deaf, Salem.

Registration will be Friday afternoon and the first meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday. M. B. Clatterbuck, superintendent of the state school, will give the welcoming address.

The first business session will be Saturday at 8:30 a.m. A second session will begin at 1:15 p.m. and a banquet at 6:30 p.m. A chapel service will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday and a picnic at noon.

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