

## Grand Officers Pay Visit To Amaranth Court Here

The grand royal matron of the Order of the Amaranth, Mrs. Stanley Leveck, Portland, and grand royal patron, Ray Johnson, Salem, made their official visit to Roxy Ann court Saturday evening. A large group of associate grand officers accompanied the matron and patron. The event was held at the Masonic temple.

Other grand and supreme officers attending were Jack Kennedy, Medford, and Orna B. Cole, Cannon Beach, deputy supreme royal patrons; Mrs. William Pritchard, Portland, deputy supreme royal matron; Mrs. Hans Madsen, Portland, past grand royal matron; Mrs. Harry Alton, Portland, grand associate matron; Mrs. Ed Norton, Eugene, grand associate conductress.

Charles Hoppe, Medford, and Stanley Leveck, Portland, grand trustees; Mrs. Ray Johnson, Salem, grand marshal; Mrs. Hjalmar Hagren, Portland, grand page; James Turnbull, Salem, grand sword bearer; Mrs. Ira Canfield, Medford, and Lewis Cole, Cannon Beach, assistant grand lecturers; and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Arstall, Harry Alton, Portland, Mrs. John Baltz, Gresham, Fred Purdin, Medford, and Loran O'Neal, Roseburg, grand representatives.

Visiting officers from other courts were Mrs. Loran O'Neal, Roseburg; Mrs. Phyllis May, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Harry Weedon, Portland; Mrs. Alleen Hill, Eugene; and Mrs. Florence Marilave, Yreka, all royal matrons; and William Goen, Klamath Falls, and Guy Jordan, Newport, royal patrons.

Several past officers and members from other lodges in Oregon and California were present. A potluck dinner preceded the official meeting. Mrs. Raymond Reter was in charge. Decorations for the dining room were in a rose theme, the Rose Court in Portland being Mrs. Leveck's home court.

At the official meeting, initiation ceremonies were performed for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jacques, Grants Pass. Several officers and members of Roxy Ann court reported on their visit Friday, June 10,

to Douglas court in Roseburg, when the grand officers paid their official call.

Among those attending from Roxy Ann court were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Day and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bishop.

A short addendum honoring the grand royal matron and patron followed the meeting. An official breakfast was held Sunday morning at the temple to honor the grand officers and visiting members.

Members of Bethel 55, Job's Daughters, sponsored by Roxy Ann court, waited on the ladies. Participating were Judi Hanning, Connie Bittle, Madeline Buonocore, Teresa Six, Pamela Trowbridge, Marcia Barrell and Barbara Gordon.

The annual outdoor breakfast for all members, Masonic friends and guests will be held at the Charles Hoppe home on Lozier lane Sunday, July 10.

## Candy Strippers Receive Pins

Pins were awarded at the June meeting of the Candy Strippers, junior group of the Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital auxiliary.

Mrs. A. K. Morse, advisor, awarded 60-hour pins to Barbara Burns, Carolyn Hitt and Sharon Smith.

Casie Thompson, Margery Wonderly and Susan Yoder received two stripes, indicating 40 hours of hospital work.

Work open to volunteers during the summer was explained and the girls indicated this preference.

The activities of this group are reported by Julie Yoakley, historian.

## Valley Teacher To Be Graduated

Illinois Valley - Mrs. Don Orton, a fifth grade teacher at Kerby Grade school, left June 9 by bus for Bemidji State college, Bemidji, Minn. She received news that she will graduate cum laude from the college July 13.

Mrs. Orton has been completing her college studies by attending summer sessions. Her family is to join her at the graduation and they will tour Canada before returning to the valley.

Mr. Orton took over his wife's duties on closing day at the school, passing out report cards for Mrs. Orton's fifth grade along with his sixth grade.

## Playday Planned By Trail Riders

At the last meeting of the Medford Trail Riders, a playday was planned for July 10 at the Jackson county fairgrounds.

At the meeting, held at the Willow Springs schoolhouse, Harold Woods and his daughter, Jo Woods, of Central Point, were welcomed as new members.

The proposed ride to Klamath Falls on July 4 week end was canceled. Refreshments were served by Pat Murphy.

## Mrs. Dave Fraysher To Entertain Club

Mistletoe club will meet at the home of Mrs. Dave Fraysher, 2035 Sunset drive, at 12 o'clock noon June 22. Women attending are to bring their own table service.

Mrs. J. Ivan Lusk, Central Point, was a guest at the last meeting.

## Schoolmate Visits Jacksonville Man

Jacksonville - Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Bashline, Lakeland, Fla., visited last week with John Spackman. The doctor and Mr. Spackman were schoolmates sixty years ago in a school north of Bradshaw, Neb.

The visitors left Thursday to travel to Crater lake and will continue to Ogden, Utah, to visit a brother of Dr. Bashline.

## Mrs. Harold Smith Honored at Party

Mrs. Harold Smith was honored Monday evening at a shower at the home of Mrs. Richard Schuchard, 101 Geneva street. Fourteen women attended.

The group presented a child's stroller to the honored guest. The Smiths moved here recently from Denver and have two children, Robyn, four, and Wendy, six weeks.

Priscilla Circle Announces Meeting

Talent - Priscilla circle of Talent Methodist church will meet in the annex Monday, June 20, at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Mary Furrer and Miss Marie Furrer are in charge of the program.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Clarence Holdridge and Mrs. J. Walby.



Getting acquainted with grandfather, Col. H. J. Meiring, 2460 Hillcrest drive, after living 2 1/2 years in Bangkok, Thailand, are the four children of Maj. and Mrs. Robert B. Harper. Demonstrating how the Thai women hold their babies is Kathy, 11,

holding Robert Jr., 9 months. Critics of the demonstration are Laurie, 7, and Judy, 4. Major Harper, step-son of Colonel Meiring, was an advisor to the Thai army. The family will make their home at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

Money is just something to spend for most children. The number of pieces of bubble gum that can be purchased for a dime or the right change for the Saturday matinee seems to come naturally. This wasn't true of Maj. and Mrs. Robert B. Harper's children, now visiting in Medford. Major Harper, the step-son of Col. H. J. Meiring, 2460 Hillcrest drive, Medford, has been stationed for the last two and a half years in Bangkok, Thailand, as an advisor to the Thai army.

His children, Kathy, 11; Laurie, 7; Judy, 4; but not Robert Jr., who is only nine months, have had difficulty converting the familiar Thai "bani" (20 to the American dollar exchange rate) into American dollars.

Just like the American tourist abroad, it was difficult for them to know just how much ten cents is in "real" money.

But just like American children who have lived here all their lives, the two younger girls are entranced by the apparent magic of television, which was available in the Thai language but which they did not have in Bangkok.

They still aren't completely accustomed to things that are taken for granted here. As pure as Medford water is reputed to be, Laurie has her doubts about drinking water that comes out of a tap.

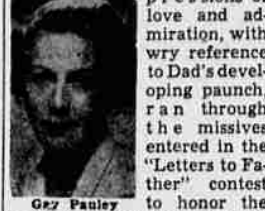
All the drinking water used in Bangkok was distilled and came in bottles. Even the temperature of the water here was somewhat of a novelty for them since the Harpers, living only 90 miles north of the equator, had no hot running water in their home. This was standard, Mrs. Harper said, except in the big tourist hotels.

Of course, some foods are different. In Thailand, Mrs. Harper did her cooking with charcoal heat and many fresh American vegetables were hard to find. Lettuce was found infrequently and when found was much "soggier" than what would be purchased in a super food market here.

Even the milk tastes different. Here it's fresh. Actually the children are back from a good-will tour of Thailand. Each of them was made aware of her responsibility as a representative of America in a foreign country. Not only were they American children, but they were

## Fifty Thousand Kids Say Dad Is Wonderful

By GAY PAULEY  
UPI Women's Editor  
New York - (AP) - Fifty thousand children can't be wrong. Pops a wonderful guy. Ex-



pressions of love and admiration, with wry reference to Dad's developing paunch, ran through the missives entered in the "Letters to Father" contest to honor the old man on his day, June 19.

The Cigar Institute of America sponsors the contest, which this year drew a record 50,000 letters.

"My father is a jaunty guy, kind of hiding his mid-age bulge, but strong as an ox," wrote Mario Berlanda, 15, of Willow Grove, Pa., winner of the first prize in the boys' division.

Mario, a ninth grader who hopes one day to be a teacher, went on to say how much he admired his father, also a teacher. "We enjoy mutual understanding of each other," he added.

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Dalla Redbird, 7, of Hazel Park, Mich., took second in the girls' division with a four-line letter of admiration for her father because he "helps me with my music . . . beats tom-tom for me." A postscript added, "my daddy's name is William A. Chief Redbird."

Third place, girls' division, went to Melba Wehunt, 16, Marietta, Ga., who said "you have never had a son . . . always been surrounded by petticoats, but you have given me a relationship few daughters have with their fathers."

Second prize for the boys went to Shedon Breger of 818 N. Sycamore avenue, Los Angeles, who paid a touching tribute to his step-father. "His first thoughts are of us," he wrote, "then mother and last himself."

Andrew Jarvis, 7, son of the assistant headmaster of Episcopal Academy of Overlook, Pa., took third prize in the boys' division with a letter of thanks to his dad for

driving him to Sunday School and keeping "the hall light on at night."

A special family prize went to the four Spinetti girls - Dolores, Joanna, Ramona and Patti - of Daly City, Calif., who wrote "God knows you've tried for a son. All you've gotten is four daughters, but that doesn't seem to bother you at all."

A committee of judges including a representative of the National Father's Day

council selected the winners, but chuckled over many another entry - even if it weren't award-worthy.

One child wrote, "I am glad we have the same germs so I can kiss you." "I consider myself lucky to be one of your daughters, even if I did inherit your hay fever," said another.

My own favorite came from an 11-year-old who wrote, "my dad likes little girls like me and big girls like mommy."

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