

## Read Labels and Save, Advises OSC Specialist

Corvallis—Today's soap and detergent packages contain enough helpful information to save families as much as \$50 a year in washer repair bills, soap, and the satisfaction of clean clothes. But the family laundress often does not take time to read them.

When Oregon families spend in the neighborhood of \$15 million a year for new laundry appliances, it would seem worthwhile to learn more about them, believes Bernice Strawn, Oregon State college extension specialist. She suggests they study appliance instruction books, use recommended cleaning products, and read labels on packages before buying.

More automation in laundry equipment, new fabrics and fabric finishes, and development of more specialized washing products have changed washing recommendations in the last few years.

### Detergents Prevail

Nine out of ten household washing products on the market today are detergents—one in ten are soaps. A few years ago only one shopper in ten used detergents.

Miss Strawn has found in visits with homemakers around the state that many think of package information as just so much "soft soap." She says this may have been the case a few years ago but now labels on modern wash-

ing products list detailed instructions based on research.

Bombarded with advertising from many sources, the family laundress may think what applies to one product applies to another—and is disappointed when desired results are not achieved.

For example, she continues, it takes less of a condensed low-sudsing detergent in the wash water than a fluffy high-sudsing product. Front opening automatic washers use less detergent than top opening machines. Recommended amounts for each type of washer or combination washer-dryer should be listed on each package.

Another laundry dilemma is the difference between an all-purpose or light duty detergent and a soap. Labels usually tell which type of product and suggested uses if the shopper takes time to read. OSC's home management specialist notes diligent research that goes before package labels are written.

Many soap and detergent manufacturers employ scientists to test washing aids using various brands of washers and many types of water. Family washings are brought to the labs for some tests to duplicate home conditions. Groups of families across the country are also invited to test new laundry aids and report washing experiences to the company. From this combined research, in labs and homes, directions are written for proper use of the product.

Before coming to OSC, Miss Strawn was home economist

responsible for getting consumers' viewpoints on development of laundry equipment for several major manufacturers.

## Chapter Has Homecoming

Illinois Valley—Western Star chapter, Order of Eastern Star, held a homecoming meeting recently in the Masonic temple at Kerby. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Snider, worthy patron and matron, presided. Mrs. Snider conducted the installation of officers.

Mrs. Harry Hartwell is the new conductress; Mrs. Clint Trefthen, associate conductress; Mrs. Edna Hoskins, marshal; Mrs. Charles Versteeg, Martha, and Mrs. Russell Doran, Esther.

Mrs. William Winegart, junior past matron, was installing marshal, and Mrs. Robert Breckenridge, organist. Mrs. Winegart was appointed instructor to assist Mrs. Ruby McFarlane. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Rutherford, of Tujunga, Calif., were introduced.

Members having birthdays during the summer months were honored at a surprise party following the meeting. Mrs. Larry Musil had decorated a cake for the event. Others on the refreshment committee were Mrs. Irene Oles, Mrs. Frances Racknor, Mrs. Barnett Smith and Mrs. Winegart.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reich, who have lived in Medford since 1924, were honored at an open house September 25 which observed their golden wedding day. The couple's eight sons and daughters were all here for the important family event. (Classic photo)

## Medford Couple Honored On Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reich, 2751 Dark Hollow road, ob-

served their golden wedding anniversary September 25 with an open house attended by 135 relatives and friends.

Among those attending were the Reich's eight children. They are Cecil Reich, Tulsa, Okla.; Carl Reich, Yuba City, Calif.; Mrs. Robert Young, McNary, Ore.; Mrs. Lewis Willoughby, Vail, Ore.; Mrs. T. J. Chubb, El Cerrito, Calif.; Woodrow Reich, Jack Reich and LaVern Reich, all Medford.

Mrs. Reich wore a brown dress with white and gold carnation corsage. The couple was married September 28, 1910, at Nowata, Okla., where they made their home prior to moving to Lakeview, Ore., in 1918. They moved to Medford in 1924. Mr. Reich is a retired orchardist.

Vanda orchids and gold colored candles decorated the serving table. Gold chrysanthemums and gladioli decorated the rooms and the table which held the guest book was decorated with anthurium, sent to Mrs. Reich by a cousin in Hawaii.

Also attending were Mrs. Cecil Reich, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. Carl Reich, Yuba City, Calif.; Mr. Young, McNary, Ore.; Mrs. Willoughby, Vail, Ore.; Mrs. Woodrow Reich and Mrs. Jack Reich, both Medford, all daughters-in-law and sons-in-law.

Other relatives present included 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## Award Won By Artist

Robert Bosworth, Medford artist, won second place in the professional artists' division at the recent Oregon State Fair for a watercolor.

The work is a watercolor on canvas and is a study in "symphonic reds." Mr. Bosworth explains. He received a cash award.

The painting, which has created considerable interest among the artists' friends, was borrowed from Ben J. Trowbridge Jr., who had purchased the work before the artist decided to enter the Fair show. It also won a second place award in the annual southern Oregon show held last summer in Grants Pass under the sponsorship of the Grants Pass branch, American Association of University Women.

## Pictures Of Alaska Scheduled

Alaskan pictures will be featured Monday, October 3, at the meeting of the Arm Chair Travel group at the Senior Activity Center, 601 East Jackson street.

Doremus Scudder, who has traveled throughout Alaska, will show colored slides.

Dr. Frank Roberts is in charge of the weekly program which has an informal membership of 89. Since only 25 persons may be accommodated in the building, only the first ones who arrive may see the program.

Attendance at all classes has grown during September. It was reported, although some of the groups did not start until near the end of the month due to the weather. The fall schedule of classes held at the Center are available at the building.

Officials have announced that two violins and a cello are available for persons who wish to learn how to play or who can play but do not have an instrument to use.

## Class Holds 10th Reunion

Jacksonville—A tenth class reunion of the 1950 graduating class of Jacksonville High school was held September 24 at the Dardanelle restaurant at Gold Hill with all but six of the original 26 students attending.

A dinner followed by dancing was preceded by a brief meeting with each guest giving a short resume of his life since graduation.

Honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. John B. Harr. Mr. Harr was the 1950 class advisor, now superintendent of schools in Rogue River.

Former students attending were Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hard, Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Hunter (Joan Adams), Rich; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bostwick, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fick (Loretta Clay), Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. Norman McMahon (Dorothy Sheppard), Medford; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hagler (Fern Rasmussen), Phoenix; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davidson (Barbara Peter), Central Point; Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. Don Stoner (Marla Matheny), Rich; Mr. and Mrs. William Moore (Cleroa Meade), Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Martin (Jerry Martin), Medford; Jerry Powlowski, Eugene; Mrs. Verna Sleight (Verna Lindgren), Central Point; and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Peters (Jeanne Slatten), Central Point.

Also present was Miss Sharon Coudier, Eugene, fiancée of Mr. Powlowski.

## Party Held By Auxiliary

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Carpenters Union were entertained at a party September 23 at the home of Mrs. Herbert Sharp.

Each woman whose birthday is during the months of July through December, was presented with a gift. Entertainment consisted of party games followed by the serving of refreshments.

The auxiliary is making a Christmas box again this year. Members who are interested in helping are asked to take their donations to the Carpenters hall when they attend their regular meeting of the auxiliary. The next meeting will be October 7 at 8 p.m.

## Hostesses Named For HEC Meeting

Roxie Ann Home Economics club will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, at the Grange hall. Mrs. Lillian Foresee and Mrs. Rae Rush-ton will be hostesses.



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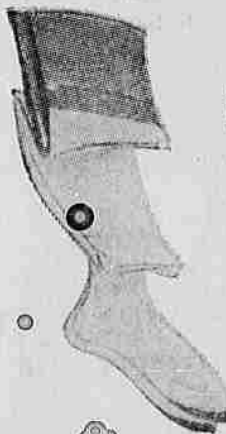
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