

## Active Retirement



Senior citizens need not lead dull, uninteresting lives. Hundreds of Jackson county residents now retired from business and professional careers and whose family-raising days are behind them, still fill their days with stimulating, useful and creative activity. Representatives of these are the five residents pictured here today.

(Below). After 37 years with the U. S. postal service, Hugo Guenther retired in 1946. Since that time he has occupied himself with gardening and spends many hours in his work as financial secretary of Zion Lutheran church. Mr. Guenther entered the postal service as a carrier, and for the last 12 years before his retirement, served as assistant postmaster in Medford. The Guenther's live at 123 Keeneway drive.



Painting with water colors bring hours of pleasure to Mrs. William L. Gray, who lives at 505 Park street. Mrs. Gray took art lessons as a girl and then, as the wife of a Presbyterian minister and mother of a family, could not find the time for her hobby. After the death of her husband she took up painting again and although 40 years had gone by, in no time at all became completely absorbed. Mrs. Gray's water colors have a delicacy and preciseness of detail seldom found in this medium.

Answers to the question "how to enjoy life, though retired" have been found by John T. Ross. Past 80 and long-retired from his work as a contract carpenter, Mr. Ross collects, cuts and polishes rocks and stones until they are objects of beauty. His exquisitely fine wood carvings and thin sections of the stones are combined into table lamps of great interest. Mr. Ross and his wife, who make their home on Minear road, have lived in the valley 30 years.



One of the city's better known retired professional men is Dr. Frank Roberts. Dr. Roberts, who established his dental practice here in 1908, is finding his retirement years busy and interesting. He is chairman of the recreation committee of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging, and not long ago played one of the leading roles in a play staged by Footlights, Medford's little theater group. Dr. and Mrs. Roberts make their home at 619 East Main street, and one of his favorite spots in the home is the library.

Paul Parson, former captain of the Oregon State Police southwest district with headquarters at Medford, retired two years ago. Since that time Mr. Parson has done much fishing and hunting, but says that some of his favorite fishing spots are so crowded now that he is forced to travel further afield. The Parsons live at 2846 Merriman road and their well-kept lawns, shrubbery and flower beds testify to the interest that both have in gardening.

