

# Life Abroad Described By Shady Cove Couple

Shady Cove - Mr. and Mrs. William Littlefield, now in Orleans, France, where Mr. Littlefield is assigned to United States Army duty, expect to return to the United States this summer. Mr. Littlefield, a specialist, will have completed a two-year tour of duty. Mrs. Littlefield is employed as a secretary to one of the officers at the base.

Mrs. Littlefield is the former Carole Sheppard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sheppard, Shady Cove, and Mr. Littlefield is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Littlefield.

The young people have been in Orleans since January. In a recent letter to relatives Mrs. Littlefield wrote "Orleans is only a two-hour drive from Paris, and is a very interesting city. In 44 B.C. Julius Caesar came to the city, captured and burned it, and it became a Roman outpost. In 1492 Joan of Arc gained her everlasting fame here by saving the besieged city from the British armies. She is the matron saint of Orleans and her statue stands in the city square.

"We live in a village called Beaugency, which is about 10 miles out of Orleans. This village dates back before Christ also, and like Orleans, was captured by Caesar. It is situated on the Loire river and from the fourth to the 14th century, possessed the only bridge crossing the river between Orleans and Blois. Because of this, it played a very important role all during the Middle Ages in the history of this part of the country. Many of the buildings of the village date back a thousand years or more. It was a walled medieval city and parts of the wall, as well as the watch tower, the ancient clock tower, a fourth century church, and a ninth century dungeon, are still standing. The streets are narrow and winding, paved with cobblestones, and it is almost like stepping back a thousand years into history to walk through the village.

"We rent a house of four rooms and a bath with a huge and beautiful walled-in yard. The house is 80 years old. It has been in the same family ever since it was built. During the war, the Germans occupied it and had machine guns set up at every window to guard the road and the railroad, both of which are nearby. Our landladies are two unmarried sisters who live and teach school in Paris. They have an apartment over our house in which they spend their vacation. They even hire a gardener to take care of the yard.

**Tours Described**

"Bill and I have had a wonderful time this past year. We never dreamed life could be so exciting." Mrs. Littlefield described a stay in the village of Garmisch, in the heart of the Bavarian Alps, which Hitler used as a rest and recreational center for his army, and which is now used by the United States Army.

"From Garmisch we took many tours. One of them was to a fairy-tale castle of Neuschwanstein built on a hilltop overlooking five beautiful lakes in a mountain setting. We also went to the top of Germany's highest peak by way of an Austrian cable car.

The mountain is located partly in Germany and partly in Austria. You ascend on the Austrian side by way of the world's steepest cable car, and descend on the German side by cog train.

"We toured the world-famous village of Oberammergau, where the Passion Play is given each 10 years. We photographed its famous houses on which are painted fairy tale scenes, such as those from "Hansel and Gretel." We attended a two-hour ice review featuring some of the world's best figure skaters, listened to Bavarian singing, watched the dancing and visited the castle of Maximilian and the famous Wies church." During the Littlefields' stay in Europe they have also toured Holland and Belgium, attended the tulip festival near Kuckenhoff, which Mrs. Littlefield described as "really perfect, with windmills, wooden shoes, tulip fields, canals, swans and thatched-roofed houses - just as a tourist would expect Holland to be."

**Rhineland Visited**

A year ago the couple toured the Rhineland of Germany, visiting Heidelberg, Worms (where Martin Luther preached), Wiesbaden, Mainz, and down the Rhine river from Bingen to Koblenz. This Mrs. Littlefield said was a "castle explorer's dream" with ancient castles on each side of the river about every one-fourth mile. They spent some time in Trier, described as the oldest Roman-founded town north of the Alps. In the city is the oldest church north of the Alps, said to be the burial place of St. Matthew, the Apostle.

Last summer the Littlefields toured Normandy and Brittany, France, visiting the famous Cathedral of Chartres, and Rouen, where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in 1431, and the Gothic cathedral. Later they were in Switzerland, where they were particularly interested in the canton of Appenzel, where the people still practice direct democracy. "On the last Sunday in April, each citizen goes to the Capital city, also called Appenzel, where they meet in the city square and vote for their officials and laws by a show of hands." Mrs. Littlefield wrote. "Only male citizens can vote, and each eligible male wears a sword to show his right."

"She also described the principality of Lichtenstein, a tiny, independent country, only 10 miles square; the people of this little country never have to pay taxes of any sort." The travelers ended their tour by visiting various parts of Austria, including Innsbruck, Salzburg and Vienna.

**To Nominate**

The auxiliary to Crater Lake series, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will hold nomination of officers for the coming year at the next meeting. The session will be held at the Eagles hall at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27.

**Calendar**

Friday: 8 p.m. - Hedrick Junior High school operetta, "Up On Old Smoky" in school auditorium.



Miss Susan Yoder, daughter of Mrs. Stanley Yoder, 1624 Stratford avenue, and a student at Medford High school, poses here in the black and white checked wool suit which she made to enter in the student division of the annual Vogue sewing contest of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs. Miss Yoder, sponsored by Medford Junior Women's club, won the district contest, held in Grants Pass April 4, and competed against five other finalists in the state contest in Portland April 14.

## Two Clubs Announce Winners

Winners at recent sessions of Medford Duplicate and Riverside Bridge club have been announced. North-south top scores for Riverside club April 19 were Mrs. R. J. Conroy and Mrs. Leland Clark, first; Mrs. Richard Gordon and Mrs. Glen Fabrick, second; Mrs. Richard Milestone and Mrs. Berg Marten, third; John Shortridge and Mrs. Patricia Gilhouse, fourth.

East-west winners were Mrs. Jack Mitchell and Roy Pruitt, first; Mrs. R. T. Jones and Mrs. J. S. Winslow, second; Mrs. J. J. Finegan and Mrs. Dale Fornerock, third; Mrs. Marris Gibbons and Mrs. E. Limerick, fourth.

North-south winners at Medford Duplicate club were Mrs. John Dougherty and Roy Pruitt, first, 174½; Mrs. George Denn and Mrs. Jack Mitchell, second, 173; Mrs. Conroy and Mrs. W. W. Stevenson, third, 161½; Mrs. Fred Rehling and Mrs. B. L. Sanderson, fourth, 158½; Mrs. Roy Keim and Don Reverman, fifth, 158.

Top for east-west were Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Sam Richardson, first, 185½; Jack Barr and Mr. Clark, second, 152; Paul Hutton and Ray Wise, third, 147½; L. M. Peterson and W. A. Van Scoy, fourth, 144½; Mrs. Berg Marten and Mrs. C. A. Holmes, fifth, 142.

**Couple From Iowa Hornbrook Visitors**

Hornbrook - Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lee spent the past week here as guests of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Lee. The visitors are from Des Moines, Iowa, where Mr. Lee is a designer and painter of billboards, and also does portrait work.

He brought out to his brother a large oil painting he had done of their grandfather, Eugene Criss, who was the founder of the town of Sac City, Iowa. The two couples took a number of trips to points of interest in the Rogue River valley, and in northern California, including a drive to the Mt. Shasta ski area and rides on the chair lift.

Saturday they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beyer and children Rebecca and Bobby, of Medford, son-in-law, daughter and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Lee, for a picnic. Mr. Beyer is resident engineer of Copco's Iron Gate dam project on the Klamath river. The Iowa visitors left for home Monday morning.

Some unfinished furniture is sold with a thin film of wax on it to prevent the wood from becoming soiled in transit or on display. Before painting such furniture, use mineral spirits to remove the coating.

# Social Events

## Women's News

### Presbyterians To Combine Two Sessions

Members of the Woman's Association of Westminster Presbyterian church will combine their regular meeting Tuesday, April 25, with the Presbyterian Mission institute scheduled that same day.

The association meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship hall of the church. Coffee will be served during the meeting, and child care will be provided. Mrs. Robert Cunningham will present the devotions.

Mrs. Don Auxier, program chairman, announced that booths for the mission institute will be on display in Westminster church. After the meeting, women of the church will form a car caravan and tour First Presbyterian church, Phoenix Presbyterian and Jacksonville Presbyterian churches to view their mission displays. Missions, customs, products and other phases of life in several foreign countries will be depicted.

At Westminster, Mrs. Laurel Case and her committee from Ruth circle are planning a booth on Formosa; Mrs. James Rowen, representing Martha circle, a booth on the Philippines; Mrs. Earl Johnson, Elizabeth circle, Ethiopia; Mrs. Gordon Barker, Esther circle, Lebanon. The children's church is working on a display about the Indians of the southwestern United States.

On Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock, visitors will be welcome to view the booths at Westminster. Costumes from each country will be shown and refreshments appropriate to each country will be served.

Women of Elizabeth circle are making preparations for a church dinner Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. Those attending are to provide a hot dish, salad and milk for children. Coffee, rolls and dessert will be provided.

Dr. Earl Johnson, a Medford dentist formerly stationed in Ethiopia with the Army, will show slides and talk on Ethiopia, its religions and people. Child care will be provided for pre-school youngsters.

### Visitors Arrive In Eagle Point

Eagle Point - Mrs. Thomas Shearin and daughter, Janice, Mesa, Ariz., are spending a few days in the valley visiting with friends and relatives. They were accompanied by Mrs. Shearin's father, Walter Young, Eagle Point, who, with Mrs. Young, is spending several months in Mesa.

The Shearin family formerly lived in Eagle Point.

### Grandmothers Plan Luncheon

Rogue chapter, Grandmother Clubs of America, will observe birthday anniversaries at a meeting set for Monday, April 24, at Girls Community club. A salad luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. from tables decorated to represent the 12 months of the year.

Mrs. J. P. Graham heads the committee in charge.

Mrs. Arthur Webster will preside at the business meeting to follow luncheon.

### Good Buys In Foods Forecast

Corvallis—Shoppers should see special lower prices on canned peaches, apricots and apples in the next two months, according to Oregon State university food marketing specialists.

Stocks of canned peaches, especially the 2½ can which contains about 3½ cups, are at a record high. In the frozen fruit line, peaches, apricots, apples and blueberries are also abundant.

Other expected foods in good supply for April and May are listed by the specialists.

Fresh grapefruit, low-priced and high-quality, is a timely suggestion for breakfast fruit, salads or desserts. Rhubarb and fresh strawberries, making seasonal spring appearances, continue to lower in price.

At the fresh vegetable counter, specialists report that prices on asparagus are also headed down. Between now and June, prices will be favorable to assure plenty for canning and freezing needs. Budget slicers are cabbage, carrots, potatoes, celery, dry onions, lettuce, endive and parsnips. Sweet potatoes and yams are fast disappearing from local markets.

Favorable prices are noted on both beef and pork. Specialists say that high quality beef cuts are in abundance at most markets. Most favorable pork prices are noted on loins, fresh hams and shoulder roasts and steaks.

Frozen turkey is being featured at prices below a year ago. Those labeled "turkey," "hen turkey" or "tom turkey" should be cooked longer than "young" birds and with some sort of moist heat—steamed in the oven or simmered, the specialists suggest.



Miss Savitri Pandit, Oregon State university student, will be a guest at the annual spring conference of the southern Oregon district, Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs, set for Saturday and Sunday in Medford. Miss Pandit is studying at the university under BPWC sponsorship. While here the student will be a guest of Miss Voda Brower, 139 South Keenway drive.

### Mothers Group To Hear Student

Jackson county unit, Oregon State Mothers' club, will hear a talk by Miss Nancy Shaver, Molalla, Ore., at a meeting set for Monday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Cross chapter building, 60 Hawthorne avenue.

Miss Shaver will be presented by Miss Phyllis Kirkland, Jackson county 4H club leader. The speaker, a student at Eastern Oregon college, recently spent some time in Germany as an international farm and youth exchange student.

Also on the program will be election and installation of new officers. All mothers and fathers of students at Oregon State university, as well as prospective students, are invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

To keep the sink drain up to par, try using a sal soda concentrate in the drain every week or 10 days. Pour half a pound of the concentrate into the drain, and run the hot water until the crystals dissolve.

## Penmanship Is Topic For PTA Unit; Band Presented

The Washington school band, directed by E. Ronald Rice, presented a program for the last meeting of Washington Parent-Teacher association.

Mrs. William Townes, unit president, presented Mr. Rice a flute, purchased by the PTA. Following the presentation, Mr. Rice introduced the McLoughlin Junior High school flute quartet which played a number. Members of the quartet are Sarah Matthews, Martha Mast, Diane Carmichael and Gayle Offenbacher.

Miss Laura York, teacher of the sixth grade, gave a penmanship demonstration. She stated that in spite of our world of automation, with recorders and typewriters, there is still a need for legible handwriting. She said that much mail and countless thousands of dollars are lost each year because of illegibly addressed envelopes.

The teacher said that many college students have failed because of poor writing habits and added that poor handwriting is a result of poor training, haste and tension when writing. She said that good handwriting results when an individual is relaxed and works carefully using a uniform slant and spacing.

Miss York stated that the Zaner-Bloser method is used in the Medford schools. She said an attempt is made to teach the children good handwriting habits, and that manuscript work begins in the first and second grades.

## Federation Wins Prize

The General Federation of Women's Clubs has won the national first prize from the American Heritage foundation for its nationwide "Informed Vote" program.

Mrs. E. Lee Ozbirn, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Washington, D. C., president of the General Federation, conducted an extensive bipartisan good citizenship program among the members of the 15,000 clubs in the Federation, urging them to study the issues and help 'get-out-the-vote' in the campaign last fall. A special pamphlet was distributed promoting a "listening" crusade for the Kennedy-Nixon debates.

The award is an authentic aged-parchment reproduction of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in his own handwriting, and beneath it appears an inscription citing the General Federation of Women's clubs for outstanding citizenship. It is signed by General David Sarnoff, chairman of the board, and John C. Cornelius, president of the American Heritage foundation.

A representative of the Foundation will present the award to Mrs. Ozbirn at the 70th annual convention of the General Federation to be held June 5-9 at Miami Beach, Fla.

## Library Week Is Observed In Rogue River

Rogue River-Library week was observed in Rogue River yesterday at the annual silver tea served by women of the Rogue River Civic club at the library. The city library was started 50 years ago this month by women who also organized the Civic Improvement club the same year.

Invitations to the tea were sent to all librarians in the county and to others interested in observance of Library week. A new 50-star United States flag was to be presented to the library by the civic club president, Mrs. Edward B. Burkett. A group of paintings by Mrs. Roy Moore were on display.

Mrs. Lynabel Deck, Mrs. Frances Wilkinson and Mrs. C. A. Gaines were in charge of arrangements. Laurel and Rogue River Garden clubs furnished decorations of spring flowers.

## Dance Announced By Hilltoppers

Hilltoppers Square Dance club will hold a dance Saturday, April 22, at Redman hall, Medford. The hall is located on Apple street, between Fourth and Fifth streets.

Dancing will begin at 8:30 p.m. and all square dancers are invited. Potluck refreshments are to be served.

Francis Cronin and guest callers will call the squares.

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