

# Medford Teacher Among Those Attending French Institute



AT INSTITUTE—Four Oregon high school teachers are in Tours, France, this summer attending the National Defense Education Act Second Level Institute for American Secondary School Teachers of French, being held under the auspices of the University of Oregon.

They are, from left to right, George A. Matile, West Linn High school; Carole M. Keller, Milwaukie Union High school; Jean H. White, Madison High school, Portland; and Hugh H. Shurtleff, Hedrick Junior High school, Medford.

Oregon in France—the seven-week session in Tours for 80 American high school teachers—is reaching the midway point.

The participants, representing 22 states from Alaska to Florida, from California to Maine, and including four from Oregon, are attending the National Defense Education Act Second Level Institute for American Secondary School Teachers of French, being held under the auspices of the University of Oregon.

The institute is designed to further the teachers' competence in the French language and improve their teaching methods.

**This Year**  
This is the second year that the University has sponsored the overseas institute. Dr. David M. Dougherty, head of the department of foreign languages, is director.

He is being assisted by Mrs. Jean B. Jones of Chapman school, Portland, who is in Tours, and Dr. Richard H. Dearoches, assistant professor of romance languages, who has remained in Eugene to coordinate activities on the Oregon campus.

Oregon teachers who are attending include George A. Matile, West Linn High school; Carole M. Keller, Milwaukie Union High school; Jean H. White, Madison High school, Portland; and Hugh H. Shurtleff, Hedrick Junior High school, Medford.

The participants, who have an average of 15 years of experience in French teaching, attend classes each morning in French culture and civilization, linguistics, phonetics, and methods of teaching. The afternoon classes are devoted to laboratory practice, including conversation and writing. Most of the faculty members are French.

### Held In Lycée Balzac

Classes are held in the Lycée Balzac, a secondary girls' school. To facilitate the practice sessions, a Lingua-Trainer has been installed. With this mechanical aid, which is similar to the ones used in the University of Oregon language laboratories, the student may hear the instructor's voice over an earphone, ask questions, play back his own speech on tape to check his pronunciation, and participate in other activities that make language drill more effective.

The teachers must have attended a first-level institute in the U.S. before being accepted for the overseas program. They are required to speak French at all times.

This is made easier by the fact that all participants eat lunch together, seated at small tables with a French man or woman with each group to lead the conversation.

In addition, 80 of the participants are living with French families where they eat breakfast and dinner and take part in the family table conversation.

### Local Unit To Take Part In Shrine Event

Roseburg—An old-fashioned circus parade through downtown Roseburg Saturday, Aug. 18, at 10 a.m. will herald the annual Shrine Circus at the Douglas county fair grounds Aug. 15 through Aug. 19.

Shrine units from Medford, Eugene and other intermediate points will include the Hilah Temple band and the Eugene Scooter patrol. The queen of the fair and her court and a large number of other Douglas county fair units plan to participate.

Parade Chairman Leland D. Bloom has urged all organizations and groups interested in the parade to contact him in Roseburg. Parade trophies and prizes are being donated by downtown Roseburg merchants.

### Wild Area Trails In Winema Are Open

Klamath Falls—According to Earl Karlinger, Klamath district ranger on the Winema National forest, most of the trails in the Mountain Lakes Wild area and Sky Lake area are free of snow, although the area around Devil's Peak is still blocked.

Not all of the trails have been maintained as yet, but most of them can be traveled by horse, he said.

Public use of recreation facilities on the forest continues to be heavy, with the Oregon Pilgrims' association holding their annual fly-in at Lake of the Woods last week end.

Reports indicate fair to good fishing throughout the forest.

Sprinkled throughout the session are special events, such as lectures by outstanding faculty members from French universities and recitals of poetry and music. Several Saturdays will be devoted to all-day trips by bus to the famous chateaux and cathedrals of the Loire Valley, as well as ancient and historical cities in that section of France.

The institute really began for the teachers June 20 when they met at the Cultural Affairs Center of the French embassy in New York. They arrived by air in Paris the next day and were honored by a reception that evening at the French Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

There followed five days of sightseeing in Paris and the surrounding country and attendance at performances at the Paris Opera, the Comedie Francaise, and the Odeon. On their way to Tours by bus, they visited the Charles cathedral.

Their arrival in Tours was marked by a reception given by the local inspector general in the gardens of the prefecture. Also attending the reception were participants in the second American institute being held in France this summer. This one is sponsored by Emory university and is being held in Besancon. The teachers will leave Tours Aug. 13 for an eight-day bus tour to parts of Languedoc, the Rhone Valley, Burgandy, Champagne, and the Ile-de-France. They will leave Orly airport for New York Aug. 21.

They will carry with them new plans, new ideas, and a great many memories which will be reflected in their teaching and in their lives in ways that cannot be measured. Mrs. Jones, the assistant director, wrote from France. "As these teachers begin another school year, they and their students will realize in many intangible ways the benefits of this summer in France."

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**Park Employees Receive Awards**

Crater Lake National Park Superintendent W. Ward Yeager presented special awards to two park employees during ceremonies at the park recently.

Thomas J. Adams, maintenance and construction foreman, received a \$150 award for his suggestion of a new method of constructing and installing winter road signs.

Marion R. Anderson, personnel assistant, also received \$150 in recognition of "sustained superiority of the employee's duty performance which has resulted in the more effective programming and operations by all other employees in the Medford office of the park, at Crater Lake and Oregon Caves, and in the western regional office."

Adams devised a sign consisting of a pipe rising six feet above the normal sign post and curving at right angles to overhang the paved road surface on which the regular sign is mounted. This keeps the sign free of snow, Yeager explained.

Anderson's superior performance of his assigned duties has contributed to increased effectiveness of all programs at Crater Lake, Yeager said, and especially in the field of good employee relations.

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