

War Brides Reunited After Sixteen Years

Eagle Point — Two English war brides were recently reunited after making the trip from England to Nevada together 16 years ago. Mrs. Darrell Stanley, past president of the Eagle Point Parent Teacher association, introduced Mrs. Warren Christensen and Mrs. Leonard Hertz at their September meeting. She had told each of the women of the other one, realizing they should have much in common to talk about.

A surprise for everyone came shortly after the introduction when the two were recalling some of the experiences they had after knowing they both had taken the same boat, the Queen Mary from England and docked on April 4, 1946 at New York. Mrs. Christensen told her friend she had made on the trip and of their riding to Nevada together. Mrs. Hertz exclaimed, "I'm that girl!" when Mrs. Christensen told her what a letter contained her friend had written her. Mrs. Hertz had been reunited and 16 years is a long time to remember a face.

Mrs. Christensen lived in Bury St. Edmunds in West Suffolk, England or about 72 miles north of London in an old abbey town that now has grown to the size of Medford. Mrs. Hertz lived about 13 miles from London in Erith in the County of Kent. Her mother and father both had died since she came to the United States but she still has two sisters living there.

They relived the week of orientation they spent in camp prior to leaving England. This was the first time they actually came to the realization that they would be leaving their parents and several of the girls left and went home before the week was over, some without even taking their clothes. There was

very little to do but sit around and think, have their baggage checked, their physical examinations, and receive the necessary shots before traveling.

"The hardest thing we had to learn was not to line up," they both agreed. A loud speaker was constantly calling someone by name and telling them there was plenty for everyone, not to line up. There were about 2,000 English war brides and 600 babies on board the Queen Mary including a baby who was christened on board, with Mrs. Hertz having the honor of being its Godmother.

Mrs. Christensen had the upper berth and Mrs. Hertz the lower berth on the train from New York to Nevada where Mrs. Hertz met her husband. They lived on a sheep ranch about 42 miles from town where she was almost lost as everyone spoke Spanish. Ten months later they moved into town and she worked in a restaurant for about 3 years. She was later remarried and moved to Montana, then back to Nevada.

About eight months ago they moved to the G. K. ranch on Antelope road. She and her husband have a nine year old son, Alan, who attends Eagle Point school. Her husband is the ranch foreman. She returned to England for a three-month visit in 1948 but liked Nevada so well she did not want to stay in England. "I would like to go back for a visit again but not to stay," she said.

Mrs. Christensen went on to Oakland, Calif. where she lived with her husband for about 18 months before they moved to Seattle, Wash. They attended Bible college there for four years, living in a trailer house and traveling during the summer months directing Vacation Bible schools in the Wenatchee valley. They moved back to California for five years before coming to Eagle Point about two years ago. They have three children, Lois, 15, Paul, 14, and David, 6, all in the Eagle Point schools.

The Rev. Mr. Christensen is the minister of the Eagle Point Bible church. She takes an active part in the church work and directs the vacation Bible school during the summer. She also attends other community events including both the PTA and the PTSA groups at school and home extension.

Mrs. Hertz wrote a letter to Mrs. Christensen but due to her moving and active schedule, Mrs. Christensen did not answer. She still has the letter and recalls reading it last summer so she knew what it said so well.

Since becoming reunited, they have visited at least one day a week with each other. There are at least six English war brides living in the Eagle Point area and Mrs. Christensen has been thinking of having a get-together for them. She would also be interested in learning if a club exists in the valley for English war brides and invites any of them who would be interested in a meeting to contact her, D. H.



Pictured above are (left) Mrs. Leonard (Lily) Hertz and Mrs. Warren (Dorrene) Christensen, both English war brides who traveled from England to Nevada together, 16 years ago. In the meantime the two have been separated and recently were reunited at an Eagle Point Parent Teacher association meeting. It was not until after they conversed at the PTA meeting that they recognized each other or realized that the other lived in the area.

Senior Activity Center Class Schedule Announced

Capt. and Mr. Julius Luskey, 444 Central Valley drive, Central Point, will show colored slides of the Panama Canal Zone and nearby islands to the Arm Chair Travel group at the Senior Activity center, 601 East Jackson street, Monday, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Luskeys spent 17 years in Panama where Captain Luskey was a pilot in the Merchant Marines. His duties included taking ships through the canal.

Upon retirement last year, the couple chose the Rogue River valley in which to build a home.

The Monday afternoon travel programs have become a permanent feature of the weekly activities and are open to any person over 50 years of age. Each program is different as local travelers show their own films or slides.

Anyone who has not appeared on the program or has new slides of travel is asked to contact Dr. Frank Roberts, 772-2674, leader of this activity.

Spanish class is held Mondays from 10 to noon. Following the travel films, there is a class in knitting from 3 to 5 p.m.

Mosaic Class
Tuesdays from 10 to noon the mosaic class will study and design articles using classes, jewelry, beads, and others with grout. Students are to take their own grout, color if desired, a paper cup for mixing and a stick for stirring. The group has already worked on seed and tile mosaic under the leadership of Mrs. William Tyer.

Mrs. Wanda Williams is teacher of the oil painting class which meets Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Wednesday schedule this week will not include the shuffleboard games in the

morning as the group will meet at the Tuberculosis and Health association office in the Leverette building to complete the mailing of the Christmas seals. Also assisting with the project will be members of the Fifty Plus club under the leadership of William Jones.

This group of senior volunteers has stuffed and mailed thousands of letters each year for three years in this project. Th shuffleboard games will resume after Thanksgiving.

The copper tooling class will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Ashland members plan to take their lunch at noon and others are invited to do so. Coffee will be served at the center.

Mrs. Myrtle Wayman and Mrs. Hazel Lyon will be hostesses for the day. Both women have recently moved to the valley from the state of Washington.

Robert Africa is the teacher. The center will be closed, as far as classes are concerned all day on Thanksgiving, but members may drop in to read or listen to music.

The orchestra will meet Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. Last week, Mrs. Charles Robertson was hostess, taking a cake to serve at the coffee hour the orchestra holds each Thursday afternoon.

Sams Valley Unit To Hold Meeting

Sams Valley Extension unit will meet Tuesday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Donald Elder, Day lane. The project lesson on food buying will be given by Mrs. Herman Priem and Mrs. Elza Despain. Those wishing to, may bring canned food for a Thanksgiving box. A polk-luck luncheon will be served and table service will be required.

Miss Linda Severson Installed in Office

Miss Linda Severson was installed royal princess of Tallman Rosebud council, Pythian Sunshine girls during semi-annual installation ceremonies recently in the Pythian building. She was presented a bouquet of flowers.

Also installed were Miss Margaret Grochowski, junior past royal princess; Miss Pamela Wyatt, charity; Miss Mary Carol Copeland, friendship; Miss Betty Grochowski, prelate; Miss Virginia Hartsock, recorder; Miss Paula Rae Dorf, exchequer; Miss Connie Meriman, guide; Miss Donna Overturf, council; Miss Kathy Haerli, council musician; Mrs. Dorothy Grochowski, adviser; Miss Rebecca Robertson, press correspondent; and the Misses Regina Robertson, Deloris Mathews and Deena Dorf, trustees.

Also installed were counselors, Mrs. Harry Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kadin, Mrs. A. G. Severson, Mrs. Alice Smith, Mrs. Leo Webster, Mrs. J. W. Overturf and Joseph Frisch.

Miss Margaret Grochowski and Miss Rebecca Robertson attained the rank of past royal princesses and received pins and certificates from Mrs. Grochowski, the adviser.

About 50 persons attended the event. Introduced were Miss Layle Bostwick, grand royal princess; Miss Barbara Kadin, grand royal warder, and Mrs. Harry Bryant, grand royal adviser of the state of Oregon.

Mrs. Grochowski, also presented gifts to Miss Margaret Grochowski and Miss Vicki Sue Webster for having the most points for attendance and outstanding ritualistic work. Miss Betty Grochowski had a perfect attendance record for the term.

Installing officers were Miss Bostwick, grand royal princess; Miss Diane Guyette, grand mystic one and Miss Regina Robertson, grand royal guide.

The next meeting will be November 29 since the next regular meeting date is November 22, Thanksgiving day, the event.

Past Presidents State Elections
Officers will be elected the plans for a Christmas dinner made during a meeting of the Past Presidents club of the Degree of Honor, Monday, November 19 at 8 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Matilda Dietrich, 939 North Central avenue.

Mrs. Frank Gleaves and Mrs. Susie Johnson will assist Mrs. Dietrich for the social hour.



Linda Severson

Homemaker Is Winner

Chicago — (UPI) — A slender, soft-spoken suburban Park Forest housewife, chosen America's suburban homemaker of 1962, is faced with the problem of how to spend her \$5,000 prize money.

Mrs. Robert V. Haverkamp, the mother of three children, received the award last week after being chosen from 54 finalists in the contest sponsored by the Suburban Press Foundation, Inc., in cooperation with its member newspapers.

The blue-eyed winner said "the family will hold a little conference to decide" how the award will be spent.

"We love sports and we're considering buying some land near a lake so we could have a summer cottage as a base for our water skiing and swimming," she said.

Mrs. Haverkamp is also village clerk of Park Forest and president of the Women's Christian Association of Park Forest's United Protestant church.

"My main work is with my family," the homemaker said, "but I manage to arrange my schedule to include other activities. I think a woman should work for the community when possible, because in that way she is also working for her family."

The winning homemaker was chosen on the basis of a rating system including such areas as spiritual and moral strength; mental and physical health; management of family resources; homemaking skills; and civic and community service.

Californians Visit In Shady Cove
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