



An open house given December 9 honored Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fleser, 714 Sherman street, on their golden wedding anniversary. The Flesers have lived in Medford since 1926. (Knackstedt photo)

Open House Honors Pair On Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fleser, 714 Sherman street, Medford, were honored at an open house December 9 which observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Hosts for the event were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Fleser, 23 Willamette street.

The refreshment table was covered with a linen cloth given to the honored couple on their wedding day. A wedding cake and an arrangement of yellow chrysanthemums decorated the table.

Miss Laurice Fleser, the couple's granddaughter, served the cake and their grandson, Charles Fleser, assisted with the gifts. Other granddaughters, Karen and Cynthia Fleser, were in charge of the guest book.

Also assisting at the table were Mrs. Doris Hoffman, Mrs. Frank Hoffman and Mrs. Cora Chandler.

For the occasion, Mrs. Fleser wore a royal blue crepe dress with a gold or- chid corsage.

Over 50 guests attended the event and out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stocks and children, Thomas, Michael and Karen, from Coos Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Litrell, Coos Bay, and Mrs. Alma Herring, La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleser were married December 8, 1912 in

Officers Are Installed

Ashland - Mrs. Roy Martin of Jacksonville, past president of Southwest Oregon Presbyterian, was the installing officer when the new board of the Women's Association of the First Presbyterian church was inducted. The service was held in the sanctuary December 6.

President for the ensuing year will be Mrs. Alice Phillips who will have for her executive officers Mrs. O. L. Wright, vice president; Mrs. Gene Morris, secretary, and Mrs. Eugene Clark, treasurer.

Newly appointed chairmen for 1963 are Mrs. C. E. Stothers, fellowship; Mrs. Morris, membership; Mrs. Glenn Revel, ecumenical; Mrs. Ronald Kiesling, spiritual life; Mrs. Stanley Jobe, program; Mrs. Robert McGaughey, social education; Mrs. Wesley Reed, literature; Mrs. Richard Berninghausen, world service and national missions; Mrs. Marcus Woods, Christian education; Mrs. Luther Parker, sewing; Mrs. Elden Cornhill, nominating committee; Mrs. Wallace Cameron, sunshine chairman, and Mrs. Arthur Peters, church flowers.

The business session in the morning was conducted by the retiring president, Mrs. Stothers. Luncheon was served in the Fireside room at noon by the Mesdames Phillips, Albert Wattell, Ben Christlieb, Don Nichols, Clifford Miller and Eugene Clark.

A Christmas musical program was presented in the afternoon by children of the fifth and sixth grades of Walker school under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Cecil. Accompanist at the organ was Mrs. J. W. McCoy. The scriptural account of Christ's birth as recorded by St. Luke was read by the new association president, who also sang a solo, "Wind through the Olive Trees."



An early December party was the annual Military ball given each holiday season by active and retired officers of the Army, Navy, National Guard and Marine corps in this area. Among the guests at the 1963 party, held at Rogue Valley Country club, were Navy Cmdr. and Mrs. John Gates (at left) and Major Harold Gilbert of the Marine corps and Mrs. Gilbert.

Plymouth Guild Holds Meeting

Ashland - A dessert luncheon was served Thursday afternoon to members of Congregational church Plymouth Guild at tables bright with Christmas decorations. Hostesses were Mrs. M. F. Johnson and Mrs. Glen Prescott.

The program was in the Christmas theme in a general participation with each person contributing a favorite poem, memory or picture after Mrs. Blanche Murphy had given the opening devotion of the Christmas story from Matthew and Luke.

Mrs. Prescott, guild president, conducted the morning business session and Mrs. Ray Stringer led the dedication service for the contributions to needy persons at home and abroad. Mrs. Malcolm Little will be in charge of the annual remembrances that will be taken to "shut-in" members of the church.

Singing Group Starts At Activity Center

The new program, "The Singing Seniors," will start this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Senior Activity center, 601 East Jackson street, under the leadership of Kenneth Thurston and Mrs. Merle Stone.

Any person over 50 years of age who likes to sing is invited to take part in this informal singing group. They should take a favorite song book, if they have one, or a list of songs they like to sing. Any one who has the collection of American Folk Songs or a book of carols has been asked to take it. The Richfield Oil company has donated their Christmas carol books to the group for a start on a musical library.

This program will be held each Sunday through the holidays and into next year if enough interest is shown.

Monday, December 17, the Spanish class will meet as usual from 10 to 12 noon followed by the Arm Chair Travel program at 1 p.m. A. C. Allen Jr., Modoc road, will show colored slides of a recent tour through Europe which was taken with a group interested in Shakespearean theaters, art, drama, and gardens.

The Allens were in the group which included Angus L. Bowmer, director of the Oregon Shakespearean festival and his party.

The knitting class will hold its last meeting of the year at 3 p.m. with Mrs. Edward Barnett. Since the next Monday will be the day before Christmas, the class will adjourn until January.

Tuesday, December 18, the oil painting class will meet at

Lodge Meeting Place Changed At Gold Hill

Gold Hill - Mrs. Walter McLean, noble grand of Amethyst Rebekah lodge announced that commencing Wednesday, December 19 at 8 p.m. and until further notice regular meetings of the lodge will be held at the tenant home of Mr. and Mrs. Evert Jennings, 1135 Fourth avenue instead of at the I.O.O.F. hall. Use of this building is being donated to the Rebekahs by the Jennings.

Mrs. Albert Gascon has been elected noble grand for the coming year. She and the following officers will be installed sometime in January. Mrs. Cassie Johnson, vice-grand; Mrs. Paul Thompson, recording secretary; Mrs. Daniel Stewart, financial secretary; and Mrs. Paul Molloy, treasurer.

The annual Christmas party for Rebekahs will be held in conjunction with the December 19 meeting. There will be an exchange of humorous gifts among the members. Cochairman for the program to be presented during the good-of-the-order portion of the evening are Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Joseph Lewis.

Royal Arch Groups To Meet for Dinner

All Royal Arch Masons and their wives are invited to attend a potluck dinner of the Oregon chapter, Royal Arch Masons and Royal Arch Widows set for Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Jacksonville Masonic temple.

The committee in charge will be Mrs. Gail Buffington, Mrs. Orvil Shores, Mrs. William Barker and Mrs. Roy Smith.

'Philatelic Reminder' Chosen for SOPEX News

"The Philatelic Reminder" was the name chosen by the Southern Oregon Philatelic society for its club bulletin, at the meeting held Thursday, December 6, at the Girls community club. Russell Herbert was given an award for submitting the title, chosen from a list of five names submitted by club members. The meeting started with the group's annual Christmas potluck dinner for members and their families.

It was announced at the meeting that the club had been accepted as a chapter of the American Philatelic society, a national stamp association. A report was also given on the display in the public library during National Stamp Collecting week, November 12 to 18. The two frames showing part of Mrs. Russell Herbert's exhibit, biographies of famous Italians, were displayed through the cooperation of Omar Bacon, librarian.

In Museum

It was also announced that the grand prize exhibit of the recent SOPEX 1962, 1 stampless Belgian covers, owned by Thomas Riley of Eagle Point, is on permanent exhibit at the Jacksonville Museum, as is a display of Civil War philatelic material collected by Floyd Crosslin and Clyde Smith of Ashland.

Program for the evening was given by Mrs. Roy Carley on Christmas Seals, starting with the story of how they were first issued in Denmark in 1904. The first issued in the United States was put out by the Red Cross in 1907, and in 1920 the Red Cross dropped out, leaving the Tuberculosis association to continue with the practice. She displayed several sheets of Danish seals and an album containing all of the United States seals.

Auction Held

Following the program, a short stamp auction conducted by William White was held, and then an exchange of philatelic gifts.

Decorations for the dinner were arranged by Mrs. Irene Cordier, Mrs. William Walwyn, Mrs. Earl Malbourn and Mrs. John Shortridge; the theme was of Christmas, with special napkins showing stamps of the world, as table favors. Guests at the dinner were Mrs. Clarence Pankey, Mrs. Wilton DeMarco, Mrs. William White, Mrs. Mamie Bloomfield, Roland Beach, Edward Leach, and Eric de Place.

It was announced that the meeting on January 3, will be on Japan, and that the SOPEX '63 will be held on September 19 and 20.

Mrs. James Allen Honored at Party

Central Point - Mrs. James Allen was honored recently with a shower at the home of Mrs. Franklin Gebhard, 5098 Gebhard road.

After playing games Mrs. Gebhard served refreshments.

Zion Lutheran Circles To Meet

Women of the Mary and Miriam circles of the Women's guild of Zion Lutheran church will meet in the Fireside room of the church for their annual Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 18 at 8 p.m. Hostesses will be Mrs. Walter Seiffert, Mrs. Walter Nunley and Mrs. Kenneth Shuler.

Mrs. Robert Glatzer, will be hostess for a Christmas potluck luncheon for members of the Lydia and Ruth circles at her home, 61 Vashli way, on Wednesday, December 19.

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