

# Social Events ♦ Women's News

## Children Most at Home in World Not Parents, Says Anthropologist

(Editor's note: The following is the first of two columns on the Child Study Association of America 75th anniversary conference on the family—where does it go from here? In the first, Dr. Margaret Mead, the noted anthropologist, examines the new form of the family. In the second, Dr. Harold Taylor, an educator, charges the families have permitted the educational system to "become an instrument of Cold War policy.")

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New York—(UPI)—Today, it is the children who are most at home in the world. The adults have become the strangers and immigrants, says noted anthropologist Dr. Margaret Mead. Once, she said, it was the grandparents who were the wisest. Then it was the parents reared within the present age who were most able to direct their children. Now, says Dr. Mead, the family needs to be reorganized so that the adults can absorb the children's growing knowledge of

the present age—of space, of satellites, of the new mathematics, of the oneness of this small planet called earth on which we live.

Dr. Mead was one of several participants in a conference on the future of the U.S. family—a conference sponsored by the Child Study Association of America, observing its 75th anniversary, and Better Homes and Gardens Magazine. The conference opened Monday.

**Shift in Family**

Dr. Mead, associate curator of Ethnology at the American Museum of Natural History and adjunct professor of anthropology at Columbia University, said it is "not generally recognized that we are moving towards a new family form, a form that has not yet been named, a form that is not yet clear. But the conditions which underlie the emergence of this new form are clear enough."

She listed the conditions thus:

—One: An accelerated rate of change so that not only are adolescents and parents expected to enter a changed world, but grandparents are expected to live for many years in active relationship with a world that is constantly changing.

—Two: "... The need for greater support for the young

people who marry early and are attempting to bring up children under extremely difficult conditions."

"... Something is definitely needed to end the isolated, exposed position of two very young parents attempting to rear several children all by themselves with no one to advise and comfort, no one to take over in emergencies, no one to rely on in the small, day to day details of living."

"This need... is accentuated by the number of women who are working full or part-time and add a second responsibility... to the first which already is too much for them."

**Who Trains Children?**

—Three: The third condition is the extent to which parents can no longer control the moral training of their children.

"... The present low standard of ethical behavior in the country, varying from officials of large companies to cheating college students, reflects the breakdown in the last 30 years of parents' ability to give their children clear ethical direction within a scene that was changing too rapidly."

Dr. Mead told the conference there has been a change in the role experience plays in the family life.

"Now, it is the children who are most at home in the world, and the adults who are the strangers and immigrants," she said. "Fortunately... we have already begun to learn from our children..."

## Gardeners Hear Talk By Botanist

Ashland—Life up your eyes onto the hills, might well be the subject of my talk," said Dr. Irene Hollenbeck in preface to her illustrated program given Monday afternoon for members of the Ashland Garden club.

Through the eyes of a portrait lens the audience was shown in exquisite detail and color the wild flowers indigenous to southern Oregon as the college professor described field trips into three mountain areas at different seasons of the year.

Along with her students the arm chair viewers ascended to snow-capped Mt. Ashland, stopping at different elevations to study and identify the flora. Another research tour was made to Hershberger flats and the intervening valleys and hillsides to Lookout at 7000 feet, while a third trip had for its destination Castle Crest garden near Crater lake junction headquarters.

**Rule of Thumb**

Dr. Hollenbeck's technical knowledge of botanical terms were translated into the more familiar names known to gardeners, adding greatly to the informative talk. She gave as one rule of thumb the distinguishing features of a pine compared to a hemlock. On pine trees the cones stand upright, while the hemlock's tips droop downward.

According to the botanist this particular area abounds in serpentine rocks (green and slick), which lace through granite formations and date back to the ice age. The rare alpine flowers and plants in the Siskiyou mountains have their origins in that far off era and are not found elsewhere.

**Memorial**

During the business meeting conducted by the president, Mrs. Ella Hendrixson, the club voted to approve the proposal of the memorial committee, which was presented by Mrs. Richard Westerfield, and hereafter will present shrubs or trees to the Community hospital grounds in memory of members who have died.

Mrs. L. R. Coder gave the day's horticultural tips and discussed spring garden care and the time for planting of flowers for early summer bloom.

Refreshments were served from a springtime tea table at which Mrs. Mae Russell and Mrs. William Sampson presided. Hostesses were the Mesdames E. E. McLaughlin, W. S. Stennett, E. L. Royston, and Miss Virginia Raven.



Linda Ryan, cast as Cecily Cardew, and Charles Keating in the role of Algernon Moncrieff head the Cleveland Playhouse company cast which will present Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" Sunday, March 10, at 8:15 p.m. in Churchill auditorium on the Southern Oregon college campus in Ashland. The program is being sponsored by Sigma Epsilon Pi, Women's scholastic honor society, and proceeds will go to the college scholarship program. Townspeople are invited to attend, and reserved seats may be obtained by calling the Student Affairs office at the college. A coffee in Britt Student center, honoring the cast, will follow and the public is also invited to attend this event.

## Booklet Is Obtainable On Adolescent Youth

Parents who need reassurance in their conviction that early marriages can be a mistake for adolescent youth will find it in the latest Children's Bureau publication, released recently, Mrs. Katherine B. Oettinger, Bureau Chief, said.

"We in the Bureau feel that many parents are so torn between accepting what their children want and trying not to interfere with them in their teenage life patterns that they need fortification to take a stand when their teenagers insist on marriage."

**Foster Spirit**

The publication, "A Creative Life for Your Children" extends the theme of the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth, Mrs. Oettinger said. It is, "If we can preserve and foster the creative spirit that begins its growth in a child's attempts to understand the world about him and allow him freedom in expressing how he feels about it, we will help inspire him to grow into a creative, constructive adult."

Written by the noted anthropologist Margaret Mead, the publication states: "Adolescents need time to absorb the new dreams and new directions, time to sort out the real from 'the unreal, time to measure ability against ambition without too much part of the future and to make the future part of themselves."

**Casualties**

"The casualties of our society are the young people for whom this opening up of possibilities does not happen, who are not given, do not take the needed time. These

everyone associated with children owe Margaret Mead a great debt of gratitude for giving us a glimpse of what a creative life for children can mean to us as parents and teachers; to them as purveyors of the future."

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## Study of Meat Tenderness Made at OSU

Corvallis—Beef roasts and chops are more likely to be tender in the future if Oregon State university scientists are able to pin down the basic causes of tenderness in meat.

Meat tenderness in beef has been related mainly to aging and the amount of connective tissue and marbling across the meat. But the basic reasons why some beef is tough and some tender have not yet been determined.

For the next three years, OSU food scientists Allen Anglemier and R. F. Cain will investigate changes in mineral makeup in meat that appears to be linked to the basic protein structure. Their study will be financed with a \$60,000 grant from the U.S. department of health, education and welfare.

OSU studies will be aimed at improving the texture and tenderness of fresh and irradiated meats—those meats developed after the war to provide hot fresh meat dishes for soldiers at remote outposts.

**Improved**

Although irradiated meats have been improved since they were first introduced, many problems remain that discourage their acceptance, says Anglemier. One problem that has shown up in previous tests is overirradiation. OSU workers found that soaking meat in water before it's irradiated seems to increase its acceptance.

In this year's work, they will study the unique property of meat to take up water, hold it, and in turn affect meat texture. Water, they think, may cause a shift in the metallic elements — calcium, potassium, sodium and others — with a subsequent rearrangement in the protein structure.

Information learned about this shift may provide some background about muscle diseases in humans and help explain what happens to human tissue as people age. Contrary to popular belief, people do not naturally "dry up" as they get older. Instead, some studies show that water in the muscles may increase accompanied by a buildup of certain mineral elements in body tissues.

## Past Chiefs Club Chairmen Are Appointed

Committee chairmen for the Past Chiefs club of the Pythian Sisters were appointed by the president, Mrs. Walter Michael, during a club meeting recently. A covered dish dinner preceded the session held in the home of Mrs. P. M. Aldredge, 833 West Second street.

Appointed were Mrs. Don Ross, chairman, Mrs. Jack Hall and Mrs. Aldredge, finance; Mrs. George Thomas, chairman, and Mrs. Ida Ireland, telephone; Mrs. Harry Bryant, for visits to shut-ins, for a three-month term; Mrs. Harry Barneburg, cards and flowers; and Mrs. Don Anderson, publicity and scrapbook.

Mrs. Elsie Casebeer, former member of the club now of Eugene, was a guest. She is visiting in Medford with her daughter, Mrs. Ross, and granddaughter, Mrs. Lee Niedermeyer and family.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 26 at 8 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Carl Fichtner, 613 South Holly street.

## Woman Visits In Chiloquin

Prospect—Mrs. O. E. Stone has been visiting friends in Chiloquin. She is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Reed and planned to be away for about 10 days.

## Club Sets New Date

Ashland—A meeting of Siskiyou Knife and Fork club originally scheduled for March 26 has been advanced to March 12, Tuesday, it was announced this morning.

It will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Mark Antony hotel and speaker will be Mrs. Eugene Bowman, wife of a Southern Oregon college professor, talking on "Ecuador—Country of

## Contrasts

The Bowman's spent two years in that country recently. Mrs. Bowman will illustrate her talk with slides, and will display art objects and antiques brought from Ecuador.

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