



Mrs. Neil O. Davidson of Lenora drive exhibited part of her doll collection at Rogue Valley Manor Tuesday. Mrs. Davidson is pictured here with a valuable Bru doll from France, for which she made clothing. The brown velvet frock is a copy of a pattern pictured in an 1895 copy of the *Delinestor* magazine. Mrs. Davidson, who has more than 400 dolls, also made the brown velvet hat with tiny ostrich plumes, completing it only a few hours before the show, and the shoes. The doll's black lace stockings are many years old. The collector is also preparing an exhibit to be shown at Swem's store later this month.

## MANOR-ISMS . . . .

By ETHELYN EVANS

Mrs. Neil Davidson, Lenora drive, Medford, brought a large number of French dolls to the Manor club room Sunday last week, for our enjoyment and information. Mrs. Davidson has a collection of more than 400 dolls, which she plans to exhibit in classified sections from time to time; and, eventually, a complete exhibit of all of them for the benefit of some favorite charity.

This doll collecting hobby is a revelation to me. I knew that a number of people collect a few dolls for personal pleasure; but I now learn that "serious collecting" has joined the widespread coin and stamp fad. Consequently, this enthusiasm, plus the scarcity of authentic examples of dolls made in many lands down through the generations has pushed the prices charged and received for them up into the stratosphere.

Collectors' dolls, of course, are not for children. For centuries they have been used to model gowns, millinery and accessories and were then taken from one European court to another. The French dolls we Manor members saw here were dressed in complete and luxurious outfits—hand-made, including true-to-life Follies Bergere costumes; with dresses, hats, coats, shoes, dainty undies, even perfectly made miniature corsets (or was it "stays"?), with tiny white kid gloves, fans and beaded purses. They all had beautiful, real hair, were all appropriately named, and some had the most pronounced and intriguing personalities. I shall be anticipating a visit to other displays of her character, modern, and

oriental dolls in the future. A number of men joined other fascinated members in viewing a miniature early American kitchen (flower stands outside the windows—yet, lighted and absolutely perfect in every detail. This was the only miniature house or furniture that Mrs. Davidson has collected so far.

Spring must be just around the corner—Manor members are flocking home from weeks and even months basking in southern sun. The Mark Goldys enjoyed Yucatan, Mexico; the Ralph Moores have been wintering in southern Arizona; the Elmer Franz was spent weeks in California; Mrs. W. W. Howard vacationed in a date-groved motel, Msi Hazel Calhoun and her Canadian guest, Miss Eleanor Gibbs, who had been visiting her in the Manor, enjoyed Palm Springs; and Mrs. Reese Braley joined Eastern friends at an Arizona guest ranch. All of these members, plus my husband and I in December, called on Mrs. Graham Foote, our member in Palm Springs. Methinks she should change the name of her delightful mobile home to "Rogue Manor in the Desert."

Among the visitors at the Manor now are Mr. and Mrs. Judson Williams, from Granada Hills, Calif., who are old friends of the Elmer Franz and the George Hammonds. They are now on the waiting list for membership in the Manor and hope to return soon. They brought with them a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Martin, from Elgin, Illinois. The Martins, also, are thinking seriously of lining up for a future apartment here.

Administrator Walter Higgins introduced our two newest members of the Manor board of trustees: Mrs. Wanda Snow, accompanied by her husband, Dr. Milton Snow, and Dr. Elliott Becken and Mrs. Becken. They were Manor guests for dinner this week.

Another of our valley school groups came to entertain us—Crater High from Central Point. Originally they planned to present a play but found they needed "trap doors", perhaps to disappear into or for ghosts to rise from, and those the Manor had none of, so they switched to music. Their choir, "The Lavaliers", directed by Norman Carothers, head of the music department, sang a varied program of Broadway hits and serious music; and Mr. Carothers' lively commentary in introductions were an enjoyable addition to the music. We hope they will come again.

## To Meet

A covered dish luncheon is planned by members of Mistletoe club, Royal Neighbors of America lodge, for Wednesday, March 13 at 12 noon, in the Girls Community club. A business meeting will be conducted. Committee chairman for the meeting will be Mrs. George Guly.

## Musicians To Enter Contest

Music students from Medford, Grants Pass and Klamath Falls will compete in the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, first district Virginia Brown Music contest Saturday, March 16 at 10 a.m., in Churchill hall, Southern Oregon college.

Announcement of the contest was made by Mrs. James Wells, Medford, district chair-

man of fine arts for the federation. Medford students who will take part are Miss Darlene Chitwood, Jarl Dyrud and Miss Nancy Housel. From Grants Pass will be Miss Kathryn Lee McGuire. The Klamath Falls representatives will be the Misses Jean Curry and Patricia Cochrane, and Paul Dearborn.

Herbert Cecil, the college music department head, will be in charge of the contest and is providing two more judges from his staff. Winner of the district competition will compete with other district winners at the state level Saturday afternoon, April 20 at 1 p.m., in the Salem Women's club.

## To Quilt

An all-day quilting session is on the calendar for the Beehive club of Olive Rebeckah lodge Monday, March 11 at 10 a.m. Mrs. Homer Vinzani, 848 Stewart avenue, will be the hostess. Those who attend should take table service.

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## Civil Defense To Be Subject

"Disarmament: A Safer Civil Defense," will be the subject of a speech to be given by Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., on Monday, March 11, for members of St. Catherine's guild. The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Parish house of St. Mark's Episcopal church.

A question and answer period will follow Mrs. Bosworth's talk. She will be introduced by Mrs. Sam Janes, program chairman. Hostesses for the evening will be Mesdames Ivan Pointer, Robert Walker and Louis Thurman.

## In Hawaii

Ashland—Spending a month's vacation in the Hawaiian Islands is Mrs. Querrita Kaegi, 376 East Main street, who left San Francisco by jet Wednesday afternoon.

## Annual Tea Announced

The date of the annual silver tea given by the Hillcrest tea committee of the American Cancer society has been set for Wednesday, April 17.

Mrs. B. Brandt Bartels is general chairman this year, and she will be assisted by Mrs. Fred A. Lewis, Mrs. Darrell M. Miller, and Mrs. L. W. Bates.

The tea will be held again this year at the main residence at Hillcrest Orchards. The theme selected for displays is "World of Arts", and members of the committee will greet guests from 2 to 4:30 in the afternoon.

Floral arrangements will be submitted by many women's organizations for the contest which has proved popular in past years. Mrs. Ralph Thompson and Mrs. George Lewis are in charge of the entries.

The public is invited to the annual tea, and proceeds are donated to the Jackson County unit of the American Cancer society.

## Club to Hold Irish Party

St. Patrick's day is favorite party time, and Rogue Valley Country club is planning a gay Irish evening for Saturday, March 16, at the clubhouse.

Bright green shamrocks and traditional clay pipes will decorate the club, and a corned beef and cabbage dinner with Irish coffee will be served. In addition, "Erin go brew" will be served all evening.

Members are to make reservations by calling the club office.

Co-chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spiegelberg and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Prugh. Assisting are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pyle and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sterton.

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