



Miss Mabel Mears, (center) who was teaching domestic science in Medford High school in 1913, was an honored guest at the reunion dinner which the class of 1913 held June 15 at Rogue Valley Country club. Pictured here with Miss Mears, who lives at Rogue Valley Manor, are Robert Wilson, who came from Portland for the event, and Mrs. Pearl Gould Buerer, who came from Citrus Heights, Calif., to attend.

1913 MHS Class Has Reunion

When members of the 1913 Medford High school graduation class assembled recently for their fiftieth anniversary reunion at Rogue Valley Country club, 51 graduates of the 1912, 1913 and 1914 classes were present. Guests of the group also attended.

A special guest of the 1913 class was Miss Mabel Mears, who in that year was the domestic science teacher at Medford High school. She now lives at Rogue Valley Manor.

Edison Marshall, widely known author now living in Augusta, Ga., and a member of the class, sent a message, as did absent members. The letters were read by Herbert L. Alford, master of ceremonies, who also had been active in making arrangements for the event.

Robert Wilson, Portland, was the man who traveled the greatest distance to be here and Mrs. Pearl Gould Buerer, Citrus Heights, Calif., was the woman who came the greatest distance.

Paul Dodge, of the 1913 class, with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Layton and children, Susan and Robert Layton, all Yreka, Calif., made up the largest family group.

A social hour preceded a banquet which was served in the Top Flight room.

Tables were decorated in the class colors of blue and gold with blue pennants bearing the class motto, "Eureka," in gold letters, and flower arrangements. At each table place was a California poppy, the class flower. In charge of the decorating were Mrs. Irene Smith Phetteplace and Mr. Alford.

Mrs. Louise Williamson Isaacs and Mrs. Edith Wilson Gifford made up the registration committee, assisted by Mrs. Bernice Crowson Alford, Mrs. Agnes Robinson Deaver and Miss Frances Kenney were on the hospitality committee.

Throughout the evening the group renewed old friendships and discussed events of intervening years.

Author Sends Message
Edison Marshall wrote in his message, "Having addressed numerous universities and high school graduating classes in my long career as a writer, I observe one difference between the class of 1913 of Medford High school from any other. The only word I can use is that our class was more cosmopolitan."

"Rogue River valley was in the midst of a great boom; almost none of our class members had deep roots in the earth of the Rogue River valley. Our families had come there from all parts of the United States and some from abroad. We had not known one another as little children."

"We brought to our group different accents, mores, culture and customs of thinking and belief. On the whole, we were insecure, the fathers of many of us having pawned their life savings in orchards,

mine being a good example. "I would think, as a whole, the class evinced a remarkable capacity for establishing a bond of fellowship. Many of us do not know the parents, let alone the grandparents of our fellow classmates. There were representatives of almost every class of society. There were quite a number of markedly different individuals."

"It happens that I have begun to write my autobiography, working at it at odd times and expecting to finish it in four or five years. I am writing of my days in Medford High school. Thus my mind is full of memories, some of them happy, some of them poignant in the extreme."

"... We must congratulate one another upon our experiences. Our so-called fortunes greatly vary, so does our health and strength, but the day has dawned and the night has fallen well over twenty thousand times in the life of every one of us; every heart, assure with life, has beat two billion times. We have known the warmth of friendships, the glow of love, the thrill of victory, the sting of defeat. We have known innumerable shapes and scenes of beauty; we have laughed and wept. Actually we have obtained invulnerability against all harm except that done to people whom we love."

"And in that invulnerability we can be braver than ever before; we can still fight the good fight against evil, which is only man's inhumanity to man. So let us be like 'that old Lord Maurice' in the immortal poem: 'Not a whit subdued by his gray hairs.'"



Herbert L. Alford was chairman of the reunion dinner which members of the 1913 graduating class of Medford High school gave June 15 to mark the 50th anniversary of graduation. Members of his committee were (seated, left to right) Mrs. Edith Wilson, Mrs. Agnes Robinson Deaver, Mrs. Louise Williamson Isaacs; Mrs. Irene Smith Phetteplace (at left standing) and Miss Frances Kenney. Of the 46 members who gave June 15 to mark the 50th anniversary of graduation, 13 are deceased and 31 either attended the event or sent messages to be read.



Paul Dodge (at right) member of the 1913 Medford High school graduating class, brought four members of his family with him from Yreka, Calif., to attend the 50th reunion which the class held June 15 at Rogue Valley Country club. Accompanying Mr. Dodge were (left to right) his son-in-law, William Layton, his granddaughter, Susan Layton, his daughter, Mrs. Layton and his grandson, Robert Layton. Members of the 1912 and 1914 graduating classes were also invited to the reunion.

Promotion of Peace Encouraged by Woman

By GAY PAULEY
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New York — UPI — The American woman with time on her hands should be spending it on other than hands of bridge. Get into action for promotion of world understanding and peace, says one woman active in a number of international organizations in the field of international relations.

Mrs. Harvey Picker, wife of an industrialist, mother of two teen-age daughters, states her view of women's role in the world's future in this way: "Apparently half the world is man power, half woman power. This gives us equal responsibility. "I feel strongly that American women who are provided financial security by their husbands should get on at the job of working toward international understanding."

Number Grows
Statistically, she said, a lot of women — and men — have heeded the call.

Mrs. Picker estimated that "today there are some 350 big organizations working for peace. Ten years ago, it wasn't even respectable."

Mrs. Picker, of Quaker heritage, is active in 12 organizations working toward world peace.

"The only way I don't get confused is to keep a briefcase for each group," she said, with a laugh.

The organizations include the Committee of Correspondence, Inc., the Institute for International Order, and the Quaker-sponsored Committee for International Friendly Visits.

"The Correspondence committee consists of a group of American women who work with women leaders in other countries to better their peoples' living standards," she said.

To Tour Russia
The Institute is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1948 by Earl D. Osborn, a wealthy Long Island industrialist, as an educational project to support the United Nations. One of the institute's most successful projects, Mrs. Picker said, is publication of a pamphlet called "Ten Minutes for Peace," a questionnaire designed for a personal audit, which since its publication in December 1961 has been distributed to an estimated half million persons.

Mrs. Picker will take copies of the questionnaire translated into Russian for her next personal tour in matters of international getting-around.

She will leave June 19 for a tour of the Soviet Union, a tour sponsored by the Committee for International Friendly Visits and made at the invitation of the Soviet government.

"I just hope the pamphlets will stimulate the Russians to some mental exercise," said Mrs. Picker.

"People everywhere want the same things," she said in an interview. "Food, shelter, clothing, security... the right to hope..."

Jane Picker, who graduated from Smith college in 1942, is the wife of the president of Picker X-Ray corporation, manufacturers of x-ray apparatus and nuclear instruments. The couple have two daughters, Frances, 14, and Gale, 12.

Mrs. Bjelland Is Honored at Shower

Prospect — Mrs. Dennis Bjelland, the former Celeste Burrell, was honored at a shower June 18 at the Eugene Burrell home.

Cohostesses were Mrs. James Heath, Medford, Miss Mary Anne Hubbard and Miss Andra Burrell. Some 20 guests attended including Miss Lorene Reed, Mrs. Garnett Biggers and daughters, Mrs. Alvy Bowman and daughters.

Centerpiece used for the event was a pink stork.

'Mirage' Winning Name For Center Art Piece

"Mirage" has been announced as the winning name for a composite abstract painting done by members of the Senior Activity center art class, which was on exhibit during a recent open house at the center. Guests during

the open house were invited to submit names for the painting. The winning name was submitted by Everett Lasher,

2517 Sandy terrace, Medford. All interested persons, particularly those who have lived in the Scandinavian countries, are invited to view slides which will be shown Monday, June 24 at 1 p. m. at the center, 601 East Jackson street.

The scenes to be shown by Vernon Rasmussen of Medford, were taken by him while on a trip to Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Holland, England and Scotland. Of particular interest are the pictures taken while on visits to the birthplaces of his father and mother.

From Copenhagen, Denmark, the traveler left by ferry to cross the North sea to the island of Fyn where his father was born. In Norway, near Oslo, he spent two months with his mother's relatives and learned the language so he could converse with them. In the event of insufficient time for all the pictures, the showing will be continued the next week.

Dr. Frank Roberts, former leader of the group, plans to attend the Monday meeting. Mrs. Karl Knutson and Mrs. Judd Greenman have arranged other interesting programs for July.

The Spanish class is in recess until the latter part of July. The Tuesday afternoon oil painting class meets regularly and is directed by Mrs. Victoria Staley. Members plan to take part in the Green-wich village park show during the summer.

The clay sculpture class, taught by Mrs. Ruby Ralston, will not convene this week, it has been announced.

The copper tooling class is scheduled on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p. m.

The Senior Center orchestra has recently furnished programs for the Medford Fifty Plus club, the Camp White Fifty Plus club open house, and the Federated Women's club of Talent.

L. C. Davis has announced that the Senior Bridge club which has been meeting Saturday afternoons will adjourn until Saturday, July 6 when they will meet from 1 to 4 p. m. Interested persons are invited to contact Mrs. Fred Middlebueher for further information in regard to joining the club.

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Medford Woman Is Elected

Mrs. Robert Wolfe, Medford, was elected commander for the department of Oregon, Disabled American Veterans' auxiliary, at the annual convention held in Bend, June 13-15.

Officers elected to serve with her are senior vice-commander, Mrs. Frank Owens, Bend; junior vice-commander, Mrs. Oliver McEuen, Grants Pass; chaplain, Mrs. Alice Manley, Fern Ridge; treasurer, Mrs. Charlotte Troy, Springfield; national delegate, Mrs. Mary Green, La Grande; national alternate, Mrs. Frank Owens, Bend; 13th district national executive committee-woman, Mrs. Olga Van Laningham; adjutant, Mrs. Hazel Rawles, Medford; conductress, Mrs. Vince Hagen, Salem; assistant conductress, Mrs. Robert Finton, Klamath Falls; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Chester Meyers, Bend; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Blanch Beldernae, Klamath Falls; historian, Mrs. Harney Cassman, Central Point; musician, Mrs. Arch Brewster, Salem; publicity chairman, Mrs. George Simmons, Medford.

Installing officer was Mrs. James Lillie, Medford, installing conductress and Mrs. Floyd Dover, Portland.

Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Rawles presented convention reports to the local organization at a meeting June 17. They spoke on pending legislation.

It was announced that the 1963 convention will be held in Eugene.

USW Veterans Are Honored During Party

When members of the auxiliary to Colonel Sargent camp, United Spanish War Veterans, met recently in the Redman hall, reports were made on a June birthday party given by the auxiliary at Veterans Domiciliary, White City. Veterans whose birthdays were in June were honored.

Special guests at the party were two Spanish American War veterans, John A. Cress and William Hunter, domiciliary members. Each guest at the party was presented a gift from the auxiliary.

Mrs. Harry Barneburg, department hospital chairman and Veterans Administration Volunteer service advisory council member, and Mrs. Polly Offutt, entertainment chairman, were in charge. Assisting them were Mrs. Don Anderson, Mrs. Alice Smith, Mrs. Lelia Lamb and Mrs. Arthur Gillmor and daughter, Miss Carol Gillmor.

Eleven cakes were baked by members of the auxiliary, and Mrs. Renne Grosh, Mrs. Florenz Breitenmeyer and Mrs. Beth Schulz, members of the Rogue River auxiliary, Grants Pass, furnished seven cakes. Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Grosh, Mrs. Lamb and Arthur Kenton.

At the recent meeting Mrs. Smith presided. A salad luncheon was served.

To Plan
Summer activities for the Past Chiefs club of Pythian Sisters will be made at a meeting Tuesday, June 25 at 1 p. m. in the home of Mrs. George Bryant, 3384 Forest avenue. A potluck luncheon will be served. Mrs. Walter Michael, president, will preside.

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