

Today's Grandmother



Leading a busy and useful life at almost 88 is Mrs. Jennie Hutchinson, 522 West Tenth street, who has 8 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Hutchinson, who moved to Medford 20 years ago from Trail, where she was a longtime resident and Medford Mail Tribune correspondent, reads, crochets, sews and tends numerous houseplants. She has crocheted 4 tablecloths, 2 bedspreads and 3 afghans and has quilted "dozens" of bed coverlets. Mrs. Hutchinson is a devoted member of First Christian church.



Mrs. Wayne Jamison, like thousands of other modern grandmothers, returned to college after her two daughters were educated and had married; she was graduated from Southern Oregon college last spring and joined the faculty of Jackson school this fall. The teacher, pictured with three of her pupils just before lunch time last Tuesday, has two grandchildren, Bruce and Elizabeth Carson, whose parents are the John Carsons (Janet Jamison) of Portland.



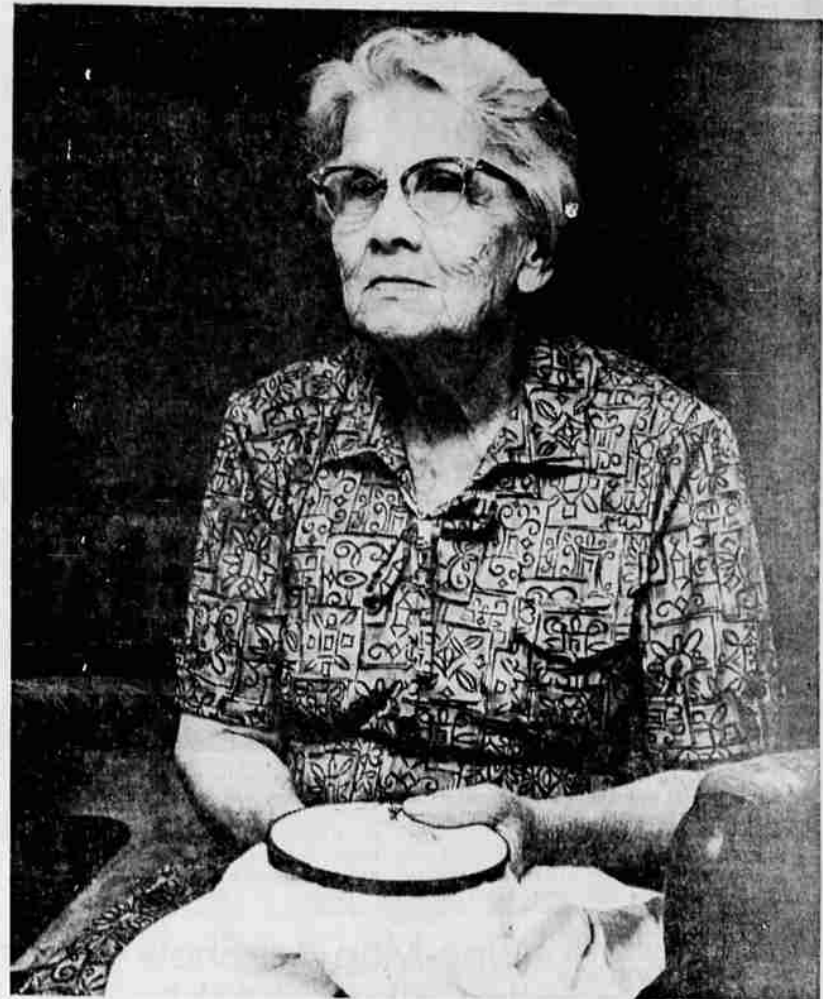
This grandmother is interested in cooking, caring for her interesting home in Jacksonville and in collecting antiques. Mrs. Arthur Davies, who with Mr. Davies makes her home at 100 South Third street in the historic town, has two daughters and five grandchildren, all living in Jacksonville. Mrs. Davies had made a rum-flavored pie and was preparing to make a fruit cake Tuesday afternoon.



Typical of grandmothers in the business world is Mrs. A. L. Straus, Sams Valley, pictured on the steps of the Century building after attending a staff meeting of Waddell and Reed, a large mutual fund organization with which she has been a sales representative for the past four years. Mrs. Straus has been a secretary for a number of valley firms, has been active in school and grange as a volunteer and assists her husband in his ranching operations by doing bookkeeping and paper work. Their son, Capt. James Dalton Straus, U.S. Army Reserve, who is taking advanced engineer training at Ft. Belvoir, Va., has two children, Teresa and Jimmy.

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Today's grandmothers believe that age has little to do with the life one leads. They are homemakers and business women, read a great deal, are interested in world affairs, sports, have hobbies, work hard for civic and church projects, support symphony orchestras and museums and have no notion of letting life pass them by. Through the efforts of the National Federation of Grandmother Clubs of America, the second Sunday in October has been designated in many states as National Grandmothers' day.



Mrs. Wallace McDowell, Central Point, will be installed president of Crater chapter, National Federation of Grandmother Clubs of America, at the next meeting. Mrs. McDowell has six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, almost all living in Jackson county. Crater chapter has 33 members. The national federation was chartered in 1938 and has thousands of members throughout the nation.



President of Rogue chapter of the national Grandmother clubs is Mrs. Otto Gaston, who lives in the Berrydale district. The Gastons have three sons and daughters and three grandchildren all living in Wyoming. Mrs. Gaston, serving her second term as head of the Medford club, reports that the group now has 65 members and welcomes other grandmothers to the organization. Like most grandmothers, Mrs. Gaston has pictures and silhouette drawings of her grandchildren on the walls of her home.