

Parent Group Hears Mrs. V. E. O'Neill

Mrs. Victor O'Neill, former member of the Klamath Union high school faculty and head of the English department, was the inspirational speaker before the membership of the Fremont PTA at the first meeting of the new year held Thursday afternoon in the auditorium. Mrs. O'Neill discussed the mental health of young people in relation to education, and did so in her own inimitable style.

Old "wives' tales," or the change in thought among psychologists of 20 years ago and the present day, highlighted Mrs. O'Neill's talk. She said, in part:

"As for psychologists, emphasis for many years has been on the importance of environment, as opposed to heredity and congenital traits. This is excellent, because you can change many phases of environment."

Mrs. O'Neill quoted Dr. Seabury, who spoke here last month.

"Dr. Seabury went so far as to say that we are foolish to keep on talking about adjusting ourselves to environment. We must adjust environment to our own personalities. He is certainly right in that a person should do all in his power to alter hostile environment. Adults sometimes can make a most decisive change that alters the course of life. But it is not so easy for a child to make a change in environment."

Mrs. O'Neill here quoted a number of instances, such as unhappy home life, racial or religious stigma facing the child, squalor, poverty, fear and anxiety.

The part the teacher can play through the school room, as related to the home life of the child, was termed "delicate" by Mrs. O'Neill, who cited several instances where an interested teacher was forced to step in for the benefit of the child in whom she had observed a need for help.

"We teachers think of normal behavior in terms of those children who enjoy school," she said. "These children take advantage of school facilities. They think of maladjustment with those who do not respond and whose behavior impedes their progress and the progress of others. I am not at all sure about that. It may be a little more natural and hence normal, not to adjust too easily. Why should any lively, noisy, physically active child of six want to spend four to six hours a day in a school room. Luckily, there is the urge to conform, to be like one's fellows, to be approved by parents and teachers, to seek recognition in the socially approved manner. This is stronger than the natural urge and the average child conforms to society's demands."

"But for that matter, no two people would agree exactly as to what is normal. Probably most of us would think of ourselves as at one end of the scale, poor raving maniacs at the other with gradations in between. Someone said, 'no one is entirely normal.' Brass hats in the psychology field say some queer things. I remember Dr. Pitkin's charming and consoling statement: 'One in 20 will at some time be confined in a mental institution. More ought to be.'"

Mrs. O'Neill continued to discuss the various types of children—the shy child, the over-excitable youngster, the pugnacious type and others. She concluded:

"Some day, as the direct outcome of the knowledge and understanding of the fact that a child's behavior is controlled by his needs, we should see not a millennium but at least happier childhood and adolescence with consequent lessening in maturity of tensions and fears and anxieties and maladjustments and frustrations with the incalculable effects on our nation and civilization."

Hans Norland Fire Insurance, 123 N. 6th St.

THE BETROTHAL of Lois Marie Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gilchrist of 4906 Avalon, was announced this week. Miss Graham will wed Herman J. Gumbert Jr., of Portland next spring.

—Kennell-Ellis.

HANDSOME little boy is Jan, one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Orling of 1302 Lookout street.

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Installation

CHLOQUIN—Installation of new officers was held at the last regular meeting of Cascade chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in the attractively decorated Masonic hall. Mrs. Vernon Norval, outgoing worthy matron, was presented with a past matron's jeweled pin by the group and with several individual gifts.

Mrs. Walter Brown was installing worthy matron. Mrs. James Parsley was installing chaplain. Mrs. Guy Steiger, the installing marshal, and Lou Kellison was installing patron.

Several visitors were present at the affair. Lorna Roser, Ann McKell, Betty Johnson and Pat Buell sang "Joy to the World" and "Silent Night," and Bill Norval played Paderewski's "Minuet." A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Athel Roser, incoming worthy matron.

Incoming officers were Mrs. Roser, worthy matron; Lou Kellison, worthy patron; Mrs. Harley Zeller, associate matron; Lawrence Myers, associate patron; Mrs. Dwight Kircher, conductress, and Mrs. Lawrence Myers, associate conductress.

Appointive officers for the year are Ada, Mrs. Sam Ray; Ruth, Mrs. Cyril Cook; Esther, Mrs. Walter Brown; Martha, Mrs. Quince Buell; Electra, Mrs. Al Prescott; marshal, Mrs. William Page; chaplain, Mrs. James Parsley; warden, Cyril Cook; sentinels, Sam Ray; organist, Mrs. Vernon Norval.

Initiation

Neighbors of Woodcraft met in the KC hall Monday evening, January 5, for a business meeting and initiation. Emma Busick was received into the lodge at this time.

Ruth Hull, guardian neighbor, presided over the business meeting, after which bingo was played and a potluck supper enjoyed. The next meeting will be on January 19.

Juveniles did not meet that afternoon, and their next meeting will also be on January 19 at 4 p.m. in the KC hall.

Christine Brown, Joan Marchant, Mildred Novotny, Bea DeVaul and Marian Potucek.

Committees

MERRILL—The executive committee and auditing committee of the Women of the Moose met at the home of Anna Hartlerode Monday, January 5.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, refreshments were served to Mamie Giacomini, Lillian Thomson, Veronica McNeill, Doris Winebarger, Anna Hartlerode of Merrill, Olga Bradshaw, Rose Van Meter and Mary Lou Nine of Malin.



A RECENT BRIDE was Joyce Biehn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Biehn, formerly of this city and now of Oakland, Calif., who became the bride of Darrell Adams, in a ceremony read in the boy city. Vows were exchanged at the Melrose Baptist church. Mrs. Adams is a graduate of Klamath Union high school.

Grange Club

LANGELL VALLEY—The Home Economics club of the Langell Valley grange met at the home of Jeanette Gralian January 6. The members held a discussion on the projects for the coming year.

Designs for the 1948 yearbook were also made. The next meeting will be February 3 when the club will make the yearbooks.

Mrs. Edna Hood will be hostess and the meeting will be held in the Community hall. At the close of a pleasant afternoon Mrs. Gralian served delicious refreshments to

SSEDDC Bans Silly Cooking Recipes

It's funny, but when you have an idea dear to your heart, someone else always winds up publicizing it first and you end up saying, "Why, that's the very thing I've thought of a million times."

One of those ideas, dear to our heart, popped up in the morning mail from Dorothy Ames Carter of "The Cook's Nook" in New York City.

Here's what she says: "Are you a joiner? . . . then you will be interested in our 'Society for the Suppression of Expressions that Detract from the Dignity of Cooking!' No dues! No label but—tons! No charter!

"We do believe that silliness is salutary—but not in such a serious art as cookery. We think recipes (and therefore cooking) would be a lot more dignified if such expressions as these were deleted—but at once!

"Stir until dough follows fork around bowl. Now really! 'Boil until syrup spins a thread.' What are we doing—cooking or sewing?"

"Heat until water dropped on surface of griddle runs around without steaming." Is a trot okay? "It does seem as if there is entirely too much frenzy in cooking terms. All this stealthy following of the dough after the fork and the drop of water dashing frantically around a griddle does not give rise to the tranquility which is the proper mood for fine cooking. If you, like Dorothy, disapprove of such hectic language in cookery, join our Society for the Suppression of Expressions that Detract from the Dignity of Cooking. Merely contribute one silly expression you would like to have deleted from recipe terminology—and voila—you're a member!

Chairmanly yours, Dorothy Ames Carter."

LANGELL VALLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gift entertained with a New Year's Eve party at their home. The holiday motif was carried out in decorations. Five tables of pinocle were in play with Cora Leavitt taking high for women. Chvis Hood, high for men, and Frank Brown, traveling prize.

After midnight, refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gowen, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pepple, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Les Leavitt and Georgia Sealoff.

The Jolly Neighbors club met at the home of Jackie Bedford, 2535 Orchard way Wednesday, January 7.

Mrs. Leon Crapo was elected club president, and serving with her for the new term will be Myrtle Samson, vice president and Betty Padgett, secretary-treasurer.

Those present were Mrs. Crapo, Mrs. Peter Newman, Mrs. Joe Abner, Mrs. Samson, Mrs. Padgett, Ruth Russell, Mrs. James Francis, Mrs. Harold Uglum, three guests, Thelma Guthrie, Rita Matson and Mildred Reinhart, and the hostess, Mrs. Bedford.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Hermie Francis, 4650 Cannon, in St. Francis park. There will be an exchange of comic valentines.

Meeting Planned By Sorority Members of Delta Kappa Gamma are asked to meet tonight, Saturday, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Peak, 1945 Huron.

Monday, January 12 Klamath Falls Women's Library club, regular meeting, 2 p. m., city library clubrooms.

Monday, January 12 Ladies club, 7:45 p. m., Winema hotel. Mrs. Marvin Lucas, chairman; meeting will honor new members.

Saturday, January 31 Klamath Falls Women's Library club benefit tea, 1:45 p. m., Willard hotel; Mrs. L. A. Murphy, bridge chairman, and Mrs. Dave Liskey, tea chairman.

Wednesday, February 4 Julius Huesh, baritone, Klamath Community Concert association, Pelican theatre.

Monday, February 23 Don Cossack chorus, Klamath Community Concert association, Pelican theatre.

Wednesday, March 11 Appleton and Field duo-pianists, Klamath Community Concert association, Pelican theatre.



PRETTY little sisters are Roxie Ann, two years old, and Patricia Ray, who is just five months old. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews of 1605 Oregon avenue.

—Jones-Miller.

Activities The new year's activities were planned by members of Bronnie troop 41 of Altamont when they met January 7. Heading the day's business was the election of officers.

To serve as president is Nellie Stearns, Mary Elmore is secretary; Yvonne Chandler, treasurer, and Kay Kidwell, song leader.

Entertained Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Catalano of 220 Eberlein entertained a group of friends at a New Year's Eve party at their home.

Invited to the informal affair were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Stump, Marvin Stump, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stump.

Double Rites A double wedding ceremony was an event of January 3 when Christine Diaz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trinidad Diaz, exchanged vows with Cruz Esqueda, all of this city. He is the son of Mrs. Domitila Esqueda.

At the same time, Isabel Esqueda became the bride of Inestra Martinez. The four plan a trip soon to San Francisco and Southern California points, and will return to Klamath Falls to live.



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