

Herald and News Homemakers Corner

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This and That About Women
"It's A Woman's World"



IT'S THE HUMAN TOUCH in this world that counts... the touch of your hand and mine, that means far more to the fainting heart than shelter and bread and wing... for shelter is gone when the night is over and bread lasts only a day but the touch of a hand and the sound of a voice, live on in the soul always.

Lida Elida McCreary Jester, born of Scotch-Irish-English ancestry, descendant of Rev. Samuel Clawson, circuit rider preacher, whose scrappy father fought with Washington against tyranny of the British Crown, mother of seven, has for most of her 76 years believed that the "human touch" is needed to make a happier world.

Early in her youth, she dedicated her life to giving a helping hand wherever it was needed. Many times it has been only a smile but far, far more often, the help has been material. She has taken countless numbers of needy under her wing... found clothing for the unclothed, has patched and washed and mailed parcels from the mid-west to Washington... worked with the late Marion Miller of the Oregonian, who for many years answered calls for assistance... she has remembered the "Forgotten" Navajos... worried about young mothers without layettes, has slipped a bit of cash into palms of homeless wayfarers, has written hundreds of letters of cheer during her busy life.

Lida Jester has shared her food with the hungry, encouraged the faltering, inspired the timid, believed in the erring, has lived her creed, taken from Mark, 9:23, "If Thou Canst Believe, All Things Are Possible." She has yet to admit defeat.

Her Irish grit and humor have taken her through trying times... she homesteaded cheerfully in a sod shanty on a windswept Nebraska section of land... she has greeted more affluent times with serenity, has made home a happy place for her growing brood, has assumed responsibility without complaint.

She has never sought recognition nor had it given.

With her husband, Raymond T. Jester, she lived in Klamath County for many years, managing for a time the famous old Harriman Lodge property on Upper Klamath Lake, where she met the great with composure, the unknown with friendliness. They now live in Ashland.

On this Mothers Day, I salute a beloved and courageous lady, my mother. rk.

Women Show Versatility At Festival

Work accomplished in home improvement projects by members of all Klamath County Home extension units was on display May 5 in the exhibit building of the fairgrounds, for the annual county homemaker's festival.

More than 300 women, representing 20 units, were present for the day-long meeting and luncheon.

Registration opened at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. H. V. Borton, vice-chairman of the County Committee gave the welcome. Mrs. Mark Taylor led community singing with Mrs. Al Geiss at the piano. The

investigation was by the Rev. Lloyd E. McHenry, pastor of the First Methodist church followed by social talks from G. A. Henderson, Klamath County Agricultural agent, and Walt Jendraszewski.

Greetings from Oregon State College were brought by Joan Howler, 4-H county extension agent at large. Dolores Bracken, Klamath County Home Demonstration agent talked on "Looking Ahead to Next Year."

Winners in the hat parade that drew 20 fascinating entries were Mary Hayland, Fairhaven unit, the most original; a toy truck actually in motion; Florence Ogle, Klamath Falls unit, funniest, with "Monkey Business"; Eleanor Putrock, OTU, smallest chapeau with a ruffle trimmed tumbler; Thelma Sundquist, Fairhaven, the largest hat, a stuffy starched, converted print dress and Vivian Cunningham, Merrill, for the most artistic, a basket of fresh salad vegetables. Mrs. Olive McPherson was chairman.

Luncheon was served at noon to more than 300 women and honored guests. Mayor and Mrs. Paul Landry, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Collier, Joy Hills Guber, Oregon State College and Joan Howell, by ladies of the LDS Church.

Mrs. Earl Mack reported on the selection of two local girls who have been chosen to live in Azalea House on the Oregon State campus

this year. Kay Heglund, Chiloquin, and Margaret Seals, Sacred Heart Academy; Azalea House, women's dormitory, has been recently completed and was partly financed by the work of home extension units over Oregon.

Program numbers were presented by a group of students from Altamont school. Mrs. Guber, during her talk, admonished women to live beautifully... to grow one perfect flower, to purchase some fine thing a picture, or other special bit of beauty for the home and to plan lives for the highest attainment possible.

Exhibits included Basic Tools by Altamont and Chiloquin; construction of a Lazy Susan, Bly and Henley; Poise and Charm, Bonanza-Shasta Homestead; Re-upholstering, Buena-Vista and Lindley Heights; A.C.W.W. Camp 4; Understanding Yourself, Conser-Fairview and OTU; Salads and Salad Dressings, Fairhaven, Klamath Falls; Aluminum Trays, Keno, Langell Valley; Repair of Inner-springs, Malin, Merrill; Becoming a Good Buyer, Midland, Poe-Valley-Olene.

Members of the County Committee are Mrs. Claude Williams, chairman, Mrs. H. V. Borton, vice chairman, Mrs. A. G. Scott, secretary, Mrs. C. McPherson, Mrs. O. L. Brown, Mrs. William Drew and Mrs. L. L. Hayes.

RECIPE

This delicious milk dessert will make a hit with the whole family.

PEANUT BUTTER CUSTARD (Serves 4)

2 cups milk
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup peanut butter

Heat 1 1/2 cups milk to scalding over very low heat. (Rinse out the saucepan with a little hot water before putting in milk to heat. This prevents the milk from sticking to the bottom of the pan.) Beat eggs slightly, add sugar and salt and blend. Slowly combine peanut butter and 1/2 cup milk; beat thoroughly with rotary beater until smooth. Pour hot milk into egg-sugar mixture slowly, stirring well. Add peanut butter mixture and stir well. Pour into 4 individual custard cups. Bake in a pan of hot water at 325 F. for 45 minutes, or until clean knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Chill. Serve with cream.

THIS WORKS

To keep diced or sliced apples, fresh peaches and bananas, or avocados from darkening, drop them into canned pineapple juice or syrup drained from canned pineapple, or toss with the pineapple itself. The pieces will stay bright in color.

SALAD IDEA

One of the most popular ways to serve nutritious prunes is to stuff them. Then, they may be served as a salad or as an edible garnish for a meat platter or casserole dish. Pineapple chunks, raisins and cream cheese, celery and shredded chipped beef and salted nuts, make delicious stuffings.

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