

Herald and News

this 'n that

about Women

RUTH KING—Woman's Editor

"It's A Woman's World"



IT WAS A WHITE CHRISTMAS MORNING when Gertrude Mable Herrick first peeked the rolling hills of Missouri and at the moment of her arrival was destined to be one of our friendly folks.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin House Herrick, she was transplanted from the Southland to Klamath Falls in 1925 as the bride of Phil D. Schroeder. Almost before her fingers touched the soil of Klamath County she was plunged into the business of being a constructive citizen and today, "Polly" Schroeder follows the pattern she worked out in those earlier days . . . combining the business of homemaker with giving a helping hand in community affairs.

For a time she was manager of Barnharts and later of Clifton's, two shops where she sold smart frocks to smart women.

Then along came Colleen, Collette, the twins, and young Phil Edward . . . PTA, 4-H, Camp Fire fun and Sunday School responsibilities in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

During their high school years, Polly Schroeder stepped back into the business world but still found time to serve on the Teen-Age Council and start collecting . . .

Today her home is furnished with cherished antiques, given her through the years by friends and relatives. Among her prizes is a beautiful high-backed English prayer chair used in home in the British Isles where the mists hang low, made about 1710, later owned by Henry Moo who passed it on in friendship's bond. She prizes old Haviland, passed down from grandmother to granddaughter, French bric-a-brac, quaint old cookie jars and polished tables.

Polly Schroeder is also a "hobby appreciator," adding her enthusiasm for Indian artifacts and rocks to her husband's collection . . .

She has contributed many hours of work on Red Cross, Community Chest, Cancer and other drives, is a member of the League of Women Voters, is an OES member, has done her stint in garden clubs and home extension work, is an adoring grandmother to Gregory and Amelia Ledbetter, children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ledbetter and to Jimmy Barnes, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes.

She is an officer in BPW, is chairman of the Edith Cuning Book Club, works on the Fellowship Committee and the bazaar of St. Paul's, is a member of the Altar Society.

AND . . . there's never a day so full of "this and that" that Polly Schroeder is too busy to be a good neighbor . . . doubt it? Ask the friend who received the fragrant baked dish she was just taking from the oven when we arrived for this interview.

Christian Science Reports On Thanksgiving Service

spontaneous expressions of gratitude by church members for the blessings which a fuller understanding of God's love had brought to their lives was a feature of the annual Thanksgiving service at First Church of Christ, Scientist, on Thanksgiving morning.

period devoted to voluntary expressions of gratitude is included in the Thanksgiving Day service

in all Christian Science churches. Testimony included mention of "healing of physical disorders through the application of Christian Science," as well as other blessings.

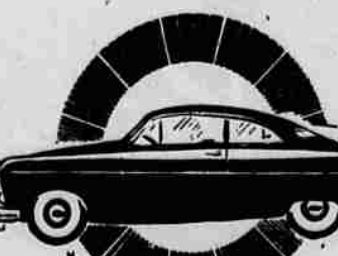
The importance of expressing gratitude to God in deeds, rather than just in speech, was emphasized in the Lesson-Sermon read from the desk, entitled "Thanks giving." It was especially prepared for the day, and consisted of selections from the Bible and from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy.

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All Women Should Study Stake in FOA

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles on the benefits of social security slated for women.

When you start to make drapes or curtains for a window one of the first things you do is measure the length and width of the window with a tape measure or yardstick in order to determine how much material will be needed to cover the opening. The Social Security Act provides a "yardstick," known as quarter of coverage, which is used to measure a person's eligibility for old-age or survivors insurance benefits.

Although the term "quarter of coverage" may be a new term for your vocabulary, it really isn't hard to understand. The calendar year is divided into four periods, or quarters, ending on March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31. You are credited with a quarter of coverage if you are paid wages of \$50 or more during a calendar quarter for work in employment covered by the Social Security Act. If you are self-employed you are credited with four quarters of coverage if your net income from your business is \$400 or more during the year.

You may be wondering just what kind of employment is covered by the Social Security Act, especially since several changes have been made in the last few years. In the Klamath Falls area practically all jobs are now covered by the Act except those with the Federal government on a permanent basis and certain charitable and religious organizations. Most positions in the county and city government are now covered as well as most temporary jobs in the Federal government.

Coverage for work as a domestic in a private home is a little different from jobs in commerce or industry. If you work in a private home you must work for the same employer on 24 or more different days during a calendar quarter and be paid at least \$50 in cash wages in order to earn a quarter of coverage. The days of work need not be full 8-hour days and don't have to be consecutive in order to count. If you work in the same household two days every week and are paid at least \$2.00 per day you would earn a quarter of coverage.

Farm or ranch work also differs from other types of work in defining quarters of coverage. If you cook on a ranch you must work a full calendar quarter before your work starts to count toward an insured status. For example, if you started working for a rancher on April first and worked until July first, you would earn what we call a "qualifying quarter." Then if you continued working for the same rancher, and worked at least 60 days in the next and succeeding quarters for at least \$50 in cash wages per quarter, you would earn a quarter of coverage in each quarter starting with the quarter which began on July first in our exam-

ple. You don't receive credit for the qualifying quarter; however, as long as you work steadily for the same rancher you only have to serve on qualifying quarter. If you change jobs and start working for another rancher you have to earn another qualifying quarter with him before your work counts as a quarter of coverage.

Next week we will try to find out how our so called "yardstick" is used to measure your eligibility for old-age or survivors benefits.

AAUW Meet Hears Panel School Heads

The American Association of University Women met for a luncheon meeting on Nov. 21, at the Willard Hotel.

Mrs. Willard Duncan, state vice-president, reported on the state board meeting which she attended earlier in the fall.

Mrs. Don Zumwalt, music chairman, presented David Landis, local pianist, who played several selections including "Nostalgia" by Chopin, and a Cy Walter arrangement of "Lisa" by Gershwin.

In observance of National Education Week, Dorothy Schupp, education chairman, of AAUW presented a panel of educators who discussed present day problems in education. Speakers were Mrs. Victor O'Neill, state board of education member; Mrs. Isabelle Brixner, elementary school supervisor of Klamath County; and Charles Carlson, principal of Klamath Union High School. The chief problems touched on by all three speakers were housing and a qualified teaching staff for the rapidly growing school population. It was stressed that an attempt should be made to gain a better understanding of school problems by parents.

The new members of the Klamath branch were introduced by the vice-president, Mrs. Philip Blohm. Members include: Marlyn Christensen, Dorothy Coprivita, Mrs. Roscoe Hines, Mrs. R. C. Hopson Ailsa Kuykendall, Mrs. Herbert Landis, Mrs. J. W. Leonard, Mrs. Orion Mann, Shirley Matcoll, Mrs. Howard McCormick, Patti O'Connor, Mrs. Arthur Patterson, Mrs. S. E. Rife, Mrs. Leon Street, Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, Mrs. Emil Tofell, Mrs. W. E. Williams, Mrs. C. P. Wood, Dolores Bracken and Hope Holbrook.

Mrs. Ivan Thompson had charge of table decorations which appropriately carried out the school theme, "apples for the teacher", pencils, little red school-buses, and autumn leaves.

Plans for the Christmas party were announced by May Phinney. It will be held at the Willard Hotel on Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. The Christmas party especially honors new members.

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