



MUSIC HATH CHARMS TO SOOTHE . . . to tell a story . . . the ballad singer, the composer of lullabies, dance tunes, military marches, work songs, religious hymns and incantations have all had a purpose in life . . . to give happiness, to put children to sleep, set the beat for dancing feet, inspire men to battle, to labor, or to lift the soul . . . music is an art with a function in life and society . . .

Down Merrill way one of the Klamath Country's most able musicians, Mary 'Mama' Giacomini, has done her share in helping the very young and "many oldsters" to appreciate harmony.

Mrs. Giacomini, born June 6, 1872, in Minnesota, has taught the scales for 63 years, since 1906 in Klamath County.

The lure of the West brought Mary Dillon to California where she taught school for 14 years, then in 1900, in Eureka, where the fishing boats set sail at dawn and return at dusk, she married . . . Swiss born Modesto Giacomini, and six years later, by way of boat to San Francisco, rail to Thrall and Pokagama, by stage to Keno and boat once more to Lakeside Inn, the Giacominis arrived in Klamath Falls and THEN to Merrill via White Lake on the map.

A ranch was bought, a 40-acre homestead and installed in the farmhouse was the only cherished possession brought with them . . . a Gabler piano, shipped to Laird's Landing on Lower Klamath Lake and then by team to the new home.

Music starved adults soon begged for lessons and Mary Giacomini was back in the groove she loved . . . teaching Mrs. Ed Martin, Mrs. A. Tenbrook, Mrs. W. C. Dalton, Mrs. Isaac Davis, Mrs. Fred Pope, Mrs. Joe Dewey . . . the youngsters came and they still flock after these many years to her door . . . she took an active part in the music world of churches, schools, dances, braving the mud and cold and discomfort to pull music from the keyboard.

For several years she was a member of the Malin orchestra, directed by M. Dobry, whose son, Charles, now directs the Malin High School band . . . she teaches piano and the marimba, has life teaching credentials in California, is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy in St. Paul, is an active member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers, belongs to St. Augustine's Church in Merrill, to the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Women of the Moose, the Catholic Daughters.

She is the mother of three children. A son, John Merrill, and two daughters, Mrs. Lester (Pauline) Offield and Mrs. Walter Kelley, wife of Major Kelley of the U.S. Army, two grandchildren, Anthony Giacomini, law student at Stanford and Mrs. Thomas Fandell, St. Cloud, Minn., one great-grandson, Thomas Fandell.

Car Needed In Modern Gal's Life

Did you know that one-third of the 65,000,000 licensed drivers in this country are women? They don't average as great distances in a year as men do, but their driving is certainly essential to American family life.

Shopping, taxiing to school, trips to the doctor's are the three most frequent reasons listed in a recent survey why women drive the family car. In some places, especially in the suburbs, they are apt to have

it from 75 per cent to 90 per cent of the time and many homes have been built in rural areas because a woman driver made it possible.

Since many women have the use of family cars in the daytime, more and more wives are taking over the responsibility of seeing to the care and the servicing of automobiles. This is a serious responsibility since it affects their families' safety and their cars' efficient operation.

When you take over the duty of "tending to" the car, make it a habit to plan for regular check-up and care. Just the way you plan for visits with the children to the doctor and dentist. Use the same service man, whenever convenient. It's a good idea to take your car to the new car dealer

who sold it to you. Not only does he know your car best, but he'll keep records on its care and be in a position to give you a better trade-in deal when you're ready for a new car.

Regular care will pay off in high dividends of worry-free driving, economical operation and higher turn-in value.

Garden Gossip

An executive board meeting of the Evergreen Garden Club and the Juniper Branch will meet 12:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at Joan's Kitchen.

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RUTH KING—Woman's Editor

"It's A Woman's World"

HOME EXTENSION

CALENDAR

January 20—Fairhaven Unit will meet at 10:30 at the home of Mrs. John Sundquist, Rte. 3, Box 285. The project "What To Do Until The Doctor Comes," will be presented by Mrs. Robert Baker and Mrs. Fred Speer Jr.

January 20—The Klamath Falls Unit will meet at 10:00 at the YMCA. Miss Bracken, Home Demonstration Agent, will present the project, "Well-Balanced Meals."

January 21—OTI Unit will meet at 10:30 at the Student Lounge. Mrs. Bernice Bairy and Mrs. Sally Sternberg will present the project, "What To Do Until The Doctor Comes."

January 21—The Henley Unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Jay Manning at 10:30. Dolores Bracken will give the project, "Planning Well-Balanced Meals."

January 22—The Klamath County Health Council will meet at 8:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds.

ALTMONT

Nineteen members of the Altmont Home Extension Unit met at Joan's Kitchen on Jan. 5, to hear a discussion led by Home Demonstration Agent, Dolores Bracken, on "Planning Well-Balanced Meals." The meeting opened with a song and a laugh when each of those present told of the most exciting event experienced during the recent holidays. Mrs. Muriel Colley, recreation chairman, had charge of this part of the program.

Miss Bracken pointed out that in a survey conducted among extension unit members, many missed one meal a day, practically no legumes were consumed, green leafy and yellow vegetables were neglected, and very little milk was used by adults. She continued with a discussion of the nutrition angle of meal planning and stressed the importance of adults, as well as growing children, taking into consideration the vitamins contained in the day's meals. A list of foods providing the basic seven for good nutrition was given, and their use in samples of daily menus was demonstrated.

Preparation of low-cost meals was discussed and it was stressed that costs were as low as \$10.85 a week for two people, and up to \$19.00 per week for four people with school-age children. Meals coming under the moderate cost level ranged from \$15.80 per week for two people to \$26.35 per week for four people with school age children.

In planning attractive meals much thought must be given to items other than preparing alone; Miss Bracken stated. Texture, flavor and color of food are all important, in order to avoid a bland, monotonous diet.

During the business session, Mrs. S. H. Dahler was appointed to fill the vacancy on the county committee created by the resignation of Mrs. Edwin Lee.

A discussion was held regarding the community project to be undertaken by the unit this year. Mrs. Frank Peyton and Mrs. Joe Schuh were appointed as a committee to work with the Home Agent on planning curtains and rods for the remainder of the windows in the

lecture room. The estimated cost of completing this project will be presented at the meeting to be held Feb. 2.

A delicious luncheon was served at noon by Mrs. Pete Colley, Mrs. S. H. Dahler, Mrs. William Foote, and Mrs. Herbert Willey. An attractive winter table decoration was displayed by Mrs. Robert Miller.

MALIN

Malin Extension Unit met Tuesday evening, Jan. 5, at the High School Home Ec Room.

Leaders, Mrs. Jim Conroy and Mrs. Phil Blohm, led the interesting meeting on the project, "What To Do Until The Doctor Comes."

The business meeting was led by Mrs. William Rajnus, president, who called upon Mrs. Edwin Petrassek, legislative chairman for a report. Mrs. Petrassek gave a very interesting study on "Citizenship in Our County." Two more such reports on similar subjects, will be given by the legislative chairman at later meetings.

Malin Unit members voted at this meeting to give twenty five cents each for furnishings for Azalea House on the State College campus. The money may be paid to the secretary-treasurer.

It was announced that an upholstery work shop will be held Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the home of Mrs. Clara Scott. Members are asked to bring their chairs and materials at this time.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Mildred Dobry and Mrs. Ruth Robinson to: Betty Lou Byrne, Mildred Rajnus, Margie Conroy, Irena Jelinek, Violette Kunz, Anne Lohoda, Rosella Martin, Clara Scott, Norma Petrassek, Donna Deitrick, Gladys Rajnus, Virginia Blohm and

Julianne Dalton.

CONGER-FAIRVIEW

By Mrs. Dorothy L. Whitmore
A demonstration of warm vasoline packs for burns, was one of the highlights of the lesson, "What To Do Until The Doctor Comes," presented to the Conger-Fairview Home Extension Unit, Jan. 7, by Mrs. Robert Reddard and Mrs. George Buckner. Mrs. John Matthews, hostess for the meeting at her home, 704 Delta, was the "victim."

Discussion during the demonstration brought out many reliable home remedies and useful supplies for the home medicine chest. Project leaders demonstrated how the triangle bandage may be used to support sprained ankles, broken arms and other injuries.

During the business meeting Mrs. Neva Hayes, chairman, pointed out the availability of hospital beds, cunes, crutches and wheel chairs from the Health Clinic. These are loaned on request.

Candles brought to the meeting by members, will be packed and sent to the soldier in Korea who requested them in a recent letter to the Herald and News.

Mrs. Myron Hull, luncheon chairman, was assisted by the hostess, Mrs. Mathews in serving the pollock luncheon to Mrs. Kenneth Albert, Mrs. Buckner, Mrs. Gerald Gwyn, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Reddard, Mrs. Charles Klem, Mrs. F. O. Reynolds, Mrs. Harold Thompson, Mrs. Vaughn Whitmore and Mrs. Frank McCormick. Mrs. Philip Detroit joined the group following luncheon.

Children were cared for by Mrs. R. W. Malcomb at her home.

The next meeting, Feb. 5, will be led by the county agent, Dolores Bracken, subject to be, "Plan-



YAKUTAT BASKET, made probably 100 years ago by Indians in Alaska that used dyes introduced by the Russians during their occupation (1784-1868), in the North, is held by Mrs. Kenneth (Edith) McLeod. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod recently purchased over 450 Indian baskets from the famous Gotshall collection in the East, returning them to the West where they were originally made by West Coast tribes. The Russian dye colors, blue, purple, red, yellow and green are still exceptionally clear in the basket motif. The container was probably used to store treasures of the family. The basket cost Gotshall \$40 but Mrs. McLeod bought it for less money. She has completed cataloging the big collection and is now concerned with storing it.

ning Well-Balanced Meals." Place of the meeting will be announced later.

MERRILL

The Merrill Home Extension Unit met Friday, Jan. 8, in the Merrill recreation hall for the project, "Planning Well-Balanced Meals," presented by the home demonstration agent, Dolores Bracken. Special emphasis was placed on serving foods suitable for both small children and elderly persons in large families.

Importance of the proper amount of dairy products to insure proper nutrition to all age groups, was also pointed out.

Interested homemakers at the meeting included Mrs. Randall Pope, Mrs. Virgil Rexford, Mrs. Leonard Wills, Mrs. Harriet Pothringham, Mrs. Wendell Moore, Mrs. George Milne, Mrs. Warren Pruitt, Mrs. John Moore, Mrs. Roy Beasley, Mrs. E. E. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Tom Barry, Mrs. Miles Moore and Mrs. Ned Mitchell.

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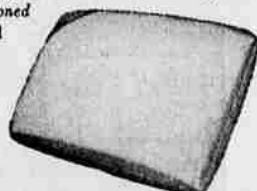
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