

# SOCIETY

By Milly Ramsby

Bernie Heidemann is so well remembered here . . . that although living in New York, she is claimed by Klamath Falls as its own; and vividly remembered as the efficient head of Klamath Falls Commandos, a strictly local, war-inspired organization, recognized by top magazines for its almost incredible success in rehabilitating seriously wounded service men—many of them amputees.

Magazines—including American and Cosmopolitan—printed the story. Newspapers published columns of enthusiastic praise; but the hearts of service men and their families carrying forever the essence of the great good done by the group are legion.

Legerdemain had no part in the Commando production. Plot, cast and props were the men, who desperately needed help to face tomorrow; the girls who sincerely wanted to help them—and HARD WORK!

Bernie—Captain Bernie—drove herself and the other (more than willing) fellow Commandos mercilessly to provide entertainment, encouragement and especially a few days of "real" home life for those boys—many of them undergoing or needing extensive plastic surgery didn't WANT to go home until they responded to therapeutic treatment of warm hospitality extended by Klamath Falls generally, through specific efforts of the Commandos.

That was several years ago. Many of her numerous friends considered Bernie a career girl, impervious (as always) to Cupid's darts—so to some, news of her recent marriage will be a complete surprise (and to THIS one . . . difficult to properly chronicle).  
—Milly Ramsby.

## Bernice (Bernie) Heidemann and Drayton Phillips Exchange Vows in Four O'Clock Ceremony April 21

Bernice (Bernie) Heidemann, prominently identified with Klamath Falls' civic and social life, daughter of Mrs. Iva Biggerstaff, Pendleton, Oregon, became the bride of Drayton Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips, in New York.

William Phillips, distinguished career diplomat, is a former undersecretary of state; ambassador to Belgium; ambassador to Italy; minister to the Netherlands; and first United States minister to Canada. The bridegroom's mother is the former Caroline Astor Drayton.

Dr. Charles Raymond Barker was officiant at the quiet informal 4 p.m. ceremony in the First Church of Religious Science, New York City, April 21. The bride was attended by Annette Sherry, Cairo, Egypt; and the bridegroom's father served as best man.

As the son of a diplomat, Drayton Phillips acquired much of his schooling in other countries. He attended the University of Lausanne in Switzerland; and the University of Freiberg, Breisgau, Germany. He also was graduated from Avon Old Farms Preparatory School in Connecticut.

He first worked for the Boston branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. In 1941 he began his four and one half years with the navy; three and one-half of them in active duty in European waters. He was in the first assaults in the invasion of North Africa; later assigned to commands in England, France and Germany.

Discharged as a Lieut. Commander in the USNR, he was in the import-export business for four years. Since 1950 he has been treasurer and sales manager for S'ina Corporation, hemp and flax fiber processing firm.

After the Bermuda wedding trip, they will be at home in New York City.



MR. AND MRS. DRAYTON PHILLIPS . . . whose marriage April 21 in New York is of wide interest in the Klamath Basin. Mrs. Phillips is the former Bernice (Bernie) Heidemann, who moved to New York several years ago. Her last visit to Klamath Falls was last summer, when she was a houseguest of Mrs. Louis Serruys, 691 Pacific Terrace.  
—Photo by Standard Studio, NYC.

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## Reames Golf and Country Club



SOME 200 MEMBERS and guests were served Easter dinner at Reames Golf and Country Club after the egg hunt earlier in the afternoon. Over 150 moppets were excited participants in the hunt for the 50 or more dozen eggs, with special prizes awarded for silver ones. Picture above was taken in the clubhouse during the dinner hour.

## After-Church Easter Egg Hunt and Buffet Dinner



COMMITTEE MEMBERS . . . who engineered the successful "family day" at Reames on Easter Sunday, are from the left (as couples), Dr. and Mrs. Harry Fredricks, Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Harrahill, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Franz, chairman; and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller. The hard working crew went all out on decorations. They labored many long hours to achieve the gay and colorful "Easter" effect.



ON THE CLUB PORCH . . . Mrs. M. E. (Nick) Nicodemus, Mrs. James Ivory, Mrs. George W. (Bill) Bratton Jr. and 13-year-old son, George. Mrs. Nicodemus is his maternal grandmother.  
—Photos by Stan Miller