

# Herald and News this 'n that About Women

By RUTH KING



**"IF YE HAVE FAITH"**—as a grain of mustard seed, nothing shall be impossible unto ye." Those simple words from Matthew proved true for dark-haired, brown-eyed Maria "Mitzel" Graf, whose faith that she would eventually reach America, never wavered through long years of waiting, government delays, red tape, misplaced funds and family loss.

Today, she is safe and happy in the home of an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Leib, 419 North 9th Street.

Maria has been waiting since 1939, since she was 15 years old when she was told about life in America by Mr. and Mrs. Leib, who visited their homeland. Today, Mitzel is 32... free of restrictions in Russian occupied Germany, away, probably forever, from the place of her birth, Burgenland.

For 13 of the years she waited, she managed and did much of the work, cooking, bed-making, collecting fees in a hotel, working long hours, never having fun, hoping that her dreams would one day come true.

She is the daughter of a father who spent 14 years in the cement mills in Pennsylvania, who grew to love America and wanted a child to know the freedom of this land. He returned to his own land and fostered the thought in Maria's breast, that one day, she too, might come here.

Her aunt and uncle cultivated the hope and sent her funds for traveling but war changed the plans... the cash they sent disappeared somewhere enroute... three times a ticket started across the water... Hitler's armies met the Russians... homes were bombed, land confiscated, food was ruined and Maria hid as did the others from the aggressors...

Stalin died and with him the worst of Russian domination. Under Malenkov, "rent" was paid... travel eased except in restricted zones and Germans listened to the "Voice of America."

Maria speaks Austrian and German... hopes that someone, who will be patient while she learns, will help her grasp English.

She brought no money with her except spending money for the trip sent by Mr. and Mrs. Leib and she is eager to work. In her own land she was a famous cook.

She turns an eager ear to conversation eddying about her, is a "restless sitter," chumps at the bit of inactivity, wants to become an American the very instant she is ready.

Her eyes shine as she looks forward to the future, an exciting life is beginning...

## Young Aides Help Present SP July 4th Parade Float

One of the highlights of the Roundup Parade at Klamath Falls July 5 was the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks' float entered by Southern Pacific, which featured a miniature sawmill actually in operation with logs from log ponds being started up the chain into mill by five-year-old Curtis Cotter, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cotter, Lakeshore Drive. Lumber came out of the mill on the green chain, slab wood and sawdust moved over conveyor belts from mill to burner; also debris from planing mill was handled through the conveyor overhead pipe to burner.

Potatoes were sacked in the field by five-year-old Joe Kusler, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kusler, 939 Eldorado, engineer, Beverly Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stone, 133 Hillside Avenue, is the owner of the train and stopped the refrigerator car each time she ran the train around outside of display, while young Kusler loaded spuds in a refrigerator car. Train was then stopped at a potato cellar and spuds were unloaded into the cellar by young Billy Cogdill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cogdill, 1633 Austin.

The grain industry was represented by a grain field and complete elevator.

Float was pulled by one of Southern Pacific's PMT tractors equipped with light plant to furnish electricity to operate sawmill. Train consisted of three-unit gas electric locomotive; one gondola loaded with lumber; "Piggy Back" flat car loaded with two PMT vans; one flat car loaded

with logs; one stock car; one refrigerator and caboose, and was controlled by fully automatic light signals as well as remote controls on tractor.

Young John Brinegar, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Brinegar, wore a loin cloth and sat on front of truck representing the American Indian, holding a large flag during entire parade route.

The train was placed on display at Southern Pacific Passenger Station and numerous Klamath Falls four and five-year-old boys and girls were permitted to actually operate the diesel electric train from the cab of the locomotive.

## Hope Lutheran To Dedicate New Parsonage

Hope Lutheran Church, Home-dale Road at South Sixth Street, will dedicate its new parsonage at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 11.

The new parsonage, located at 4808 Laverne Avenue, is a three bedroom home with fireplace and attached garage. Frank Perry, builder of the new home, will present the keys to the congregation. The dedication service will be conducted by the Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Medford.

The Rev. John M. Recher Jr. is pastor of Hope Lutheran Church. Ivan Larson is in charge of the dedication committee. Refreshments will be served during the open house following the service.

## First Federal Reports Growth

The First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Klamath Falls enjoyed a fine growth for the first six months of 1954, according to George W. McIntyre, president.

The gain in assets of \$631,679 and an increase in savings of \$595,624 indicated a healthy economic condition in the Klamath Basin.

Loans totaled \$7,559,768 and savings stood at \$2,632,551 at the end of June. Reserves totaled \$947,446 for the same period. The association distributed \$134,626 in dividends which is the largest distribution it has ever made in any six months period.

The assets of the local savings

association now total \$10,663,923. The association ranks fourth in size in the state of Oregon and first outside the city of Portland in size. The association will celebrate its 20th anniversary during the month of August.

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