



THE YEARS BETWEEN 1948 and 1958 found members of the graduating class of Merrill High School scattered far and wide. Letters brought most of the members together for a picnic and day of chit-chat in the Malin Park. Standing, left to right, are Donald Bowman, Dolores Steele Epley, Eleanor Hunnicutt Price, Laura Lou Hill Brant, Dalmer Haskins. Seated, same order, Lois Lea Kandra Scronce, Luella Davis Murphy, Eileen Noonon Reynolds, Virginia Carson Knauss, Oraline Makinson Fenton. Present but not in the picture was Jim Shuck.



ENGAGED — Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lapo, 2247 Homedale Road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Lapo, to Herbert W. Schlecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Schlecht, Merrill. No date has been set for the wedding.

RENCH SEIZE FUGITIVE ALGIERS (UPI) — Andre Ruiz, chief of the outlawed Algerian Communist Party, was seized in a police raid here Tuesday night, French officials announced.

TEETH FILLINGS WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Census Bureau reports it costs more to have a tooth filled in San Francisco than in New York. The bureau said the cost per filling in New York was \$3.17 compared with the nationwide high of \$7.14 in San Francisco.

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31st ANNUAL REBEKAH DISTRICT CONVENTION HELD AUGUST 9 IN K.F.

Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 104 was hostess lodge for the 31st annual Rebekah convention of District 16, on Saturday, August 9, at the IOOF Hall. Vera Fritsch, convention chairman, was assisted by her committees and convention officers of five lodges, Lakeview No. 22, Fraternity No. 106, Merrill No. 151, Riverview No. 190 and Prosperity No. 104.

Registration opened at 10 a.m. followed by a 12 o'clock luncheon served by Prosperity No. 104 to all delegates, visitors and a special guest, Edna Oster, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon. The dining room and tables were decorated with arrangements of pink petunias and daisies. Chairman was Florence Briggs, assisted by Christine Thomason. Chairman of the luncheon as Helen McCracken who was assisted by her committee and girls of Theta Rho Club No. 8.

The IOOF Hall portrayed the Rebekah president's home, "Take Time," in green and gold letters and the three links in gold at each station. Arrangements of dahlias, marigolds and petunias by Helen Blanas, donated from her garden decorated the hall. Other decorations were by Vera Fritsch, other flowers by Olive Hanna.

The convention session opened at 1 p.m. with Prosperity No. 104, Bernice McCracken, noble grand, presiding. Rebekah Assembly President Edna Oster and Marcene Holt, assembly color bearer, were introduced and escorted. Bernice McCracken, noble grand presented Edna Oster with a golden acorn and oak leaf arrangement as a gift for her project of the year. Many out of town visitors and other jurisdiction members were introduced and welcomed.

Convention officers were seated by Lakeview No. 22 in a drill presenting miniature oak tree fans and pink corsages to the officers. Vera Fritsch was seated as chairman; Esther Fernlund, vice chairman; Kathleen Hepburn, secretary; Billie Kubot, warden; Helen McCracken, conductor; Marcene Holt, chaplain; Ethel Elder, outside guardian; Vivian Cunningham, inside guardian; Bernice McCracken, RSC; Sylvia Jones, LSC; Elsie O'Conner, RSVC; Eva Roberts, LSVC; Alma Cofer, musician, and Elba Efred, color bearer.

At the turn of the century, on an average day, 15 million newspapers were purchased. Today, 58 million newspapers are purchased on an average day.

Fraternity No. 106 extended an invitation for the district 1959 convention to be held in Bonanza.

Election of officers was held, after which Lakeview No. 22 seated the following new officers, Esther Fernlund, chairman; Mary Daley, vice chairman, Riverview; Helen Derry, secretary, Fraternity; Nellie Dickerson, warden, Lakeview; Genevieve Pierce, conductor, Prosperity; Virginia Davis, chaplain, Merrill; Shirley Estep, outside guardian, Lakeview; Lena Buck, inside guardian, Merrill; Alma Cofer, musician, Prosperity; Edna Hall, color bearer, Prosperity; Aetha Souch, RSVC, Hope Chapman, LSVC, Eva Roberts, RSC, and Elsie O'Conner, LSC.

Closing was by Prosperity No. 104, and all delegates and guests attended a banquet held at the Masonic Temple by Manzanita Chapter 172 O.E.S. Chairman was Nina Hall. Tables were decorated with miniature fans and golden links of Odd Fellowship.

The evening session opened at 8 o'clock by Prosperity No. 104 and Edna Oster made her official visit. Degree work was in charge of Merrill No. 151 and this staff conferred the Rebekah degree on Donna O'Dell. The impressive ceremony was closed with the drill team presenting work in formative drills.

Prosperity No. 104 honored Edna Oster, assembly president, with an addenda, using her "Bluebird" song with illustrative emblems. Noble Grand Bernice McCracken presented her a bluebird gift.

Irene Rickman and Helen McCracken were honored by the noble grand and presented a gift for outstanding work in the lodge during the year.

President Edna Oster gave an inspiring talk on the order, her projects for the year and stressing her theme "Take Time."

The successful convention and meeting was closed by Prosperity No. 104.

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