

Years of Service in LDS Primary Bring Honors to Retiring Women

A photo of Mrs. J. Elwood (Iona) Flinders and Mrs. Lee (Ethel) Stoker was published in last week's issue of the Journal. These women were recently released after working together for more than 18 years in the Primary organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and they were given special recognition at a stake conference held in Nyssa.

Among projects carried out by the two leaders was a drive for birthday pennies conducted each February as members were encouraged to donate a penny for each of their birthday anniversaries.

This money went to the Primary Children's hospital in Salt Lake City which is maintained by the Penny Parade and other contributions. The institution is open to all children up to 14 years of age, regardless of color or creed.

Numerous noted physicians donate their time and many crippled children have been made well at the large hospital overlooking a valley. It has been enlarged several times.

Sell Numerous Subscriptions

The institution publishes a Children's Friend magazine and the Nyssa stake has gone over the top in subscription drives for 14 years. Special honors have been given for this achievement.

Another outstanding activity, under leadership of Mrs. Flinders and Mrs. Stoker, has been the presentation of music festivals in which all children of the seven wards have participated. Baseball tournaments and Fun-da-lays in the Nyssa park will be remembered by many.

Flag raising ceremonies were held in many of the wards on the Fourth of July and daddy-daughter parties were held on a stake basis.

Among the highlights of boys' activities were the Trail-Builder roundups and Boy Scout banquets.

Mrs. Flinders started working in the Primary in 1943 as a member of the Lakeview stake Primary board near Ogden, Utah. At that time she was activity director and also leader of the seven-year-old group. The Primary organization enrolls children from 4 to 12 years of age and includes

religious teaching and all types of other activities including music, sports and creative arts.

Begins Nyssa Work in 1946

Upon moving to Oregon in 1946, Mrs. Flinders was called to work as a counselor in the Nyssa ward presidency under Mrs. Ruth Bunn. When the Nyssa ward was divided, she was made president of Nyssa Second ward.

In September 1946 she was asked to work on the Weiser stake board under Mrs. Pearl Ballantyne and worked in both capacities until called to be president of the newly organized Nyssa stake in March 1950.

Mrs. Ballantyne was president of the Nyssa stake Primary after the Weiser stake was divided in January 1950 and the Nyssa stake created.

Through cooperation of the local theater manager, the Primary, under Mrs. Flinders' supervision, sponsored a show in November 1948 and charged washcloths as admission fee. The Primary group also made popcorn balls and candy which they sold to purchase extra washcloths. Finally, several hundred of these cloths were donated to the then new Malheur Memorial hospital. Mrs. Flinders was told last year that several of these washcloths were still in use.

Organizes Cub Scouts

Mrs. Flinders spent considerable time in getting Cub Scout troops organized in the various wards and a number of these packs are still functioning at this time. She has been over the Guide Patrol program which is comprised of 11-year-olds and she says she feels that much has been accomplished in Scouting activities.

The Flinders have four children including Mrs. Marvin (Carole) Wilson of Jordan Valley, Mrs. Lorin (Cleo) Saunders of Boise, Gerald Flinders of rural Ontario and Gail Flinders, a student at Brigham Young university in Provo, Utah.

Mrs. Stoker was called to the Weiser stake Primary board in February 1947 and was retained when the stake was divided. On Jan. 24, 1953, she was asked to serve as counselor to President Flinders and had continued as first counselor since Aug. 10 that year.

She worked at first with the Guide Patrols, then later took over leadership of the younger groups. This past year she has been working with the 9-11 year-old girls known as the Lihoma girls. She has also been an in-service leader since being in the presidency. At present she is working with Cub Scout troops. The Stokers are parents of six

Adrian Firemen Ask Public Cooperation At Scene of Blazes

Adrian volunteer firemen report that during several recent fires to which they have been summoned, area residents other than firemen have attempted to assist.

The volunteers have stated they know that these persons have the best of intentions in trying to help extinguish the blazes, but they must also realize that they do not have the type of insurance covering the firemen.

Due to this fact, as there is always danger of injury, the volunteers urge all those who are not members of the volunteer department to remain at a distance and let the firemen perform the tasks at hand.

At their Monday evening meeting, the firemen voted to hold their next several sessions at 7 p.m. in order to learn all phases of operating the new truck and affiliated equipment.

The 7 o'clock meeting time will continue until Don Hatch, fire chief, and all other volunteers feel they have mastered the art of firefighting and have learned to operate the equipment efficiently.

A first practice session was held this week at 6 p.m. Tuesday, with the second staged at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Members of the department answered two alarms last week. On March 9 they were summoned to the Harley Wilson ranch where a haystack was burning near a feedlot. Their second call was to the Eddy Sharp farm in the Big Bend area where an outbuilding, straw and calf shed were ablaze. One end of the barn was charred but the building was saved.

Graveside Services To Be Held Today For Willard Davison

Graveside services for Willard Mack Davison, 91, of route 1, Homedale, will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Cloverdale cemetery in Boise.

Mr. Davison succumbed Monday, March 15, 1965, in the Idaho capital city.

He was born Aug. 6, 1873, at Maryville, Mo., and came to the Snake River valley approximately 50 years ago.

Artie Robertson, a longtime resident of Nyssa, told a Journal reporter Wednesday that the deceased and his brother, Charles, had at one time operated a barber shop in Nyssa at the present site of Lyle Miner's barbering firm.

Robertson was unable to remember exact dates, but believed the brothers were operating the Nyssa firm around 1914.

Prior to Mr. Davison's retirement, he ranched in the Caldwell-Homedale area.

Among survivors is a sister-in-law, Mrs. C. H. Davison of Boise and several nieces.

ANSWER TWO ALARMS

Nyssa firemen were summoned last Friday to the Norville Robbins farm on route 2, Nyssa, to extinguish a tractor fire. No estimate of damage was made by fire department officials.

The volunteer firefighters were called Tuesday to the Joe Madrid home on North First street where straw was burning in a barnyard. The fire was kept from spreading to nearby buildings and damage was reported as minor.

VISITS NYSSA PARENTS

Miss Mary Kay Olsen of Portland visited Saturday with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Olsen, Trudy and Jack.

children, Jesse Stoker of Burley, Idaho; Keith Stoker of Othello, Wash.; Mrs. Ray (Vanae) Knight of Homedale; Jim Stoker who is teaching in California; Lora Jo and Dennis Stoker, at home.



MARDIE TENSEN (left) and PAMELA BULLOCK, sixth grade students, were named for school patrol honors during February. Mardie is a student in Elvin Ballou's classroom and was selected as patrolman of the month. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick G. Tensen, 402 Park avenue. Pamela was named patrol officer and is in Mrs. Tavis Hendricks' classroom. Her parents are the Rev. and Mrs. John Bullock who reside at 412 Good avenue.

—Journal Photo.

Secretaries Honor Member; Make Plans For April Workshop

Mrs. Alice Murphy of Ontario was guest of honor at a March 8 dinner meeting of Futura chapter, National Secretaries association, held at Bluebird cafe in Payette.

Mrs. Toby Rogers, who was in charge of arrangements, presented a desk set farewell gift to Mrs. Murphy on behalf of the organization. Mrs. Murphy, a charter member, was the group's first president and was instrumental in organizing the local chapter in 1962.

She works at the Malheur county agent's office in Ontario. Her husband, Bill, has been teaching MDTA classes at Treasure Valley Community college. They plan to leave March 27 for Corvallis where he will enroll at Oregon State university for further studies.

Program for the evening featured Miss Sue Hathaway of Ontario, demonstrating exercises for muscle toning, with members of the group participating in the exercises. Miss Hathaway was a physical education instructor at Sandy, Ore., for two years prior to her employment in the date processing department at Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., at Ontario.

Mrs. Patsy Emmons, chapter president, announced that the local group will sponsor a workshop and luncheon in Ontario on April 24, closing day of National Secretaries Week. Theme selected for the occasion, according to Mrs. Vera Wright, chairman of the affair, is "Cle d'Or du Savoir," French for "Golden Keys to Knowledge."

Mrs. Josette Blodgett of Ontario, a native of France and a member of Futura chapter, will be in charge of luncheon arrangements. All members of the chapter will assist in preparing for the event.

Miss Nancy Sherman is arranging office equipment and supply displays for the workshop and Mrs. Herta Rose will be in charge of registration. Mrs. Phyllis Grasty will provide the guests with workshop materials and Mrs. Sara Hull is in charge of special arrangements. Finance chairman is Mrs. Betty Wilt, with Mrs. Jennie Croner handling publicity.

Entertains Club Members
Sunset Valley—Pleasant Hour club members met March 9 at the home of Mrs. Elvin Orm with 10 women in attendance. Much of the meeting time was spent planning future sessions.

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