

Retired U. T. El Paso Professor Has Traveled On Every Continent

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By JO BALDWIN

Written Especially for Sundial
Upon entering the apartment of Dr. Pearl Olive Ponsford on North Ochoa, a visitor gets the impression that she is a person who likes to travel. Oriental furniture and hand-painted silk pictures are evident in the distinctive decor of the rooms. Most unusual object that catches the eye is the rare religious painting on cloth that originally had hung for hundreds of years in a lamasery, or place of worship, in Tibet. Dr. Pearl, as she is known to her many friends, considers this one of her most prized possessions.

Born in Canada, she actually began to travel at one year of age. Her father, a contractor, and mother Kate Jordan left their home in Canada because of Mr. Ponsford's asthma. His doctor strongly advised him to seek a high, dry climate in the United States. With Las Cruces, N.M., in mind, the anxious parents with their three children headed for the unfamiliar territory.

"My father spent eight months looking around and when he got to El Paso, he just stopped and never went on to Las Cruces," Dr. Pearl said.

Trip number two in her early life was the next year, at the age of two, when the family returned to Canada to attend the funeral of her grandmother. Although she doesn't remember it, she does recall subsequent trips to Canada and California as a young person. Her mother, a native of England, loved the seacoast of California and took the children there often.

CHILDHOOD HAPPY

A vital, gracious woman with a friendly manner, Dr. Pearl relates with fond reminiscence her early childhood. "I have nothing but happy memories of those days," she said, with a slight mist in her eyes.

There were nine children in the family and the large home with its spacious rooms furnished ample space for the active brood. She said the basement was the length of the house and when the weather was inclement, they used it as a skating rink and for other recreation. Since they lived near the main part of town, her father also provided sand piles, slides, swings, a basketball and basket so that the children would stay in the yard.

"He definitely was head of the family," she recalls. "But he was a kind disciplinarian, thoughtful and very generous. And he trained us to be honest."

In contrast to so many home situations of today, Dr. Pearl says the children always respected his wishes and wanted to please him. She attributes her happy outlook on life today to the attitude of her parents she was growing up. The old family home, which was located on North Kansas near the present site of El Paso Ford Co., was torn down several years ago.

After graduating from El Paso High School, the ambitious young woman attended Wellesley College in Boston, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree. When she came home,



DR. PEARL OLIVE PONSFORD

she returned to the town's only high school and taught for 10 years.

"Although I enjoyed it, I had an inner urge to go into college work and decided to go to California for more education," Dr. Pearl said, indicating an independent spirit that has always been a part of her personality. She earned M.A. and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Southern California and once again returned to the Sun City in 1935.

TAUGHT AT COLLEGE

For the next 25 years she taught in the English Department at the Texas College of Mines, later called Texas Western College and now the University of Texas at El Paso. Retiring as associate professor in 1961, she was described as "a person of broad interests and capabilities and the college's most widely traveled faculty member."

Self-portrayed as the non-domestic type, Dr. Pearl says, "I think I was influenced greatly in traveling overseas when I read Marco Polo's book in school. It made such a deep impression on me at the time."

At last count, she had visited 174 countries and islands and has been on every continent. Her eleventh trip around the world occurred in 1967.

She has been entertained in palaces of rulers of many countries and in the homes of Lady Astor and Madame Chiang Kai-shek. Dr. Pearl first knew the Nationalist Chinese president's wife as Mei-ling Soong when they attended Wellesley College together. The two correspond infrequently. She interviewed the generalissimo's son two years ago while on an American Newspaper Study Mission. She considers Taiwan the friendliest of all places she has visited.

Most interesting has been the Lower Himalayas in Southern Asia. Adjectives such as "exotic" and "fabulous" were used to describe some of the out-of-the-way places in India

and neighboring countries. She says she has spent more time in this area because it is so different from any other part of the world.

"It is fascinating to see how the people have lived for thousands of years, without becoming Westernized. In many places there are no paved roads and the few jeeps that are available are a luxurious mode of transportation," she explains.

Because of her adventurous spirit in exploring little known places, Dr. Pearl visited Gilgit, Swat, Chitral, Hunza, and Sikkim near the Red China border. She truly loved the people and was warmly received. Language was never a problem because guides and most of the government officials speak English.

She relates with humor her experience in Skardu, Baltistan, where she was the only woman present at a polo game. "I had seen polo at Ft. Bliss and thought it would be interesting. When I realized I was the lone woman there, I knew why they were so hesitant to let me attend. Muslim women don't go to those things," later the ruler of Baltistan invited her to dinner at the palace.

LOVES JEWELRY

Dr. Pearl is a love of good jewelry and has acquired magnificent pieces of silver and gold, jade, star rubies and sapphires, and pearls in several different colors. A rare privilege was seeing the lavish Crown Jewels in a vault at a bank in Iran. The dazzling pieces were a collection from which the Queen may choose whatever she wishes to wear. Much of this treasure had been taken from India by the ruler of Persia in 1739, she says.

A small woman who speaks quietly and moves quickly, she has always traveled by air and most of the time alone. But she says she has seldom been "rightened, even in Africa where she saw wild animals. On a few occasions, someone tried to enter her room but she

learned to barricade the door with a chair. She also attributes her safety to "a belief in God and prayer."

Adjusting easily to strange customs, the inveterate traveler says proudly that she eats everything that is served to her and has never had food poisoning. Every minute of every trip counted and has been interesting. She goes at such high speed that no one can keep up with her. In 1955 she flew nearly 80,000 miles in foreign countries. Thus she feels freer if she can travel alone.

"When I was teaching at TWC, I remember that I sometimes shopped in Paris or London in the afternoon and arrived at the airport in El Paso at 7 a.m., just in time to make it to the college!" she laughed.

In addition to teaching and traveling, Dr. Pearl has been a leader in many organizations of state and national prominence. At present she is president of District I, Texas Press Women, and regional director of Region 4, National Federation of Press Women. She has been state president of the American Association of University Women and in 1960 served a term as national president of the National Society of Arts and Letters.

Each year she may attend as many as seven conventions in the U.S. or overseas. She has been listed in Who's Who of American Women, Dictionary of International Biography, Texas Almanac and many others.

During World War II she was not content to sit idle. She was appointed by officials in Washington, D.C., to disseminate information on Point Rationing. She also headed education groups for Womens War Bond Week.

MANY MEMENTOS

In discussing her numerous activities, one's attention is drawn to a small room of the apartment where the walls are completely filled with an imposing array of mementos, awards and honors.

Pointing to a frame, Dr. Pearl says, "I was quite surprised to receive this honor of being commissioned a Kentucky colonel on the staff of the governor." It was presented to her as a scroll at a tea in the executive mansion in Frankfort, Ky., when she attended a convention there! Another interesting proclamation gives her the honorary title of "Alcade" or mayor of La Villita (Old San Antonio), but only if she agrees to tell the story of the beauty of the city.

An active member of First Church of Christ Scientist, she was a Sunday School superintendent and teacher for many years. She says she has always trusted God and felt His presence in her life.

Dr. Pearl Olive Ponsford, globe-trotter, teacher, church and civic leader — all make for a full, rich and satisfying life. A Roman philosopher once wrote, "I am not born for one corner; the whole world is my native land." It could well apply to Dr. Ponsford; for in her world of curiosity and love, she has given of herself.

Woman of the Week



Dr. Pearl O. Ponsford

World Holds Interest Of College Professor

By PRICH MATTHEWS

"The trouble with the world today is not with the people, but with their rulers."

Dr. Pearl O. Ponsford, Woman of the Week, made this statement in giving an account of her world tour which

she made this summer. "Throughout the entire world, people were helpful and harmonious," she said of her encounters with all races and nationalities.

The tour of 36 countries that Dr. Ponsford, assistant professor of English at Texas Western College, made this summer was not her first experience with extensive travel. In 1948, she visited seven European countries and in 1950, she flew around the world with stops in 33 countries. Also included in her travels are Canada, Mexico and countries in Central and South America which she visited last year.

With each trip she takes, Dr. Ponsford says she realizes even more that the world is full of interesting things. Seeing the early morning clouds clear from Mt. Everest, watching the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet and taking a rickshaw ride in the steep streets of Darjeeling, India, are but a hint of the new experiences that Dr. Ponsford had.

One of the more picturesque scenes that Dr. Ponsford reports is of an Indian market near Calcutta. The merchants bring their wares from every area, each of them dressed in clothing distinctive of his own region. The goods that they barter and exchange are also characteristic of their homelands. Many of the purchases that Dr. Ponsford made there and in other parts of the world are still arriving at her home at 1219 East Yandell boulevard.

While in London, Dr. Ponsford attended the triennial conference

According to residents there, the trouble began with Communist labor union leaders who used the labor dissension as an excuse for agitating destructive riots. Although the tour of New Territories took us within a short distance of the boundary with Red China, the trip was considered not dangerous and our guide was not worried. Emphatically we were told not to go far from our hotel. I was shopping in the next block when a large group of dirty teenagers started across the street toward me. So few people were out, that it was clear that I was the target. Midway on Nathan Road they were delayed by traffic while I rushed to my hotel—and stayed there.

Our guide was married the

of the International Federation of University Women as delegate from the local branch of the American Assn. of University Women. She has also attended international conferences of the organization in Toronto and Zurich, Switzerland.

Dr. Ponsford has long been active in AAUW work. She is a past state president, current by-law chairman and has served in many official capacities as well as having been principal speaker at state and national meetings.

Dr. Ponsford does not confine her efforts solely to her vocation or to one organization. She is a past treasurer of Chi Omega Alumnae, parliamentarian and past corresponding secretary of Delta Kappa Gamma, past historian of the Woman's Auxiliary of Texas Western College and is one of those commissioned to write the new charter for El Paso.

She has served as chairman of the Consumer Information Bureau and is a member of the board of directors of Pilot International. She is a member of the Panhellenic Assn., Governor's Texas Economy Commission and an honorary member of Phi Alpha Theta and the National Society of Arts and Letters.

Dr. Ponsford is a frequent speaker before organizational meetings and on radio programs. She has been featured in the "Texas Almanac" and has had many of her articles and stories printed in various publications.

El Paso Girl Scouts to celebrate 57th anniversary

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More than 5,000 people will arrive in El Paso on March 28, 1987, in celebration of the founding of the Girl Scout organization 75 years ago.

Jacque Seroy, director of marketing and public relations of the Rio Grande Girl Scout Council, said celebrations will be held nationwide.

In El Paso, the local Scouts will mark 57 years.

Mrs. Luis (Ruth) Zork, 85, was the first El Paso Girl Scout commissioner in 1937 and Mrs. B.N. (Ruth) Norton, 88, the second in 1938. The women, who have remained firm friends, recalled the early days.

"Naturally I was involved with girls as I had two daughters," said Mrs. Zork. "They are Mrs. Marian Zork Given and Mrs. Frances Zork Litt (a former Sun Carnival queen).

"We talked to people who pledged support and started with a few troops but our leaders had no training course. The national organization was very cooperative and sent experts from New York and national headquarters to speak to the mothers. Little by little we got the civic organizations to sponsor troops, as some girls could not afford the dues."

Camp Pioneer for the Girl Scouts was erected during Norton's administration.

"The El Paso Pioneer Men's Association leased the land for \$1 a year," Norton said. "That's why we named it 'Camp Pioneer.' It was dedicated in 1939.

"Our first trained executive who came during Ruth Zork's term was Mary Ellen Peckham Scott in 1937. Our second professional was Jane Peckham, who had married Mary Ellen's brother.

"At first we met in homes, schools and churches. Our first office was in the El Paso Electric Co. building, and we next moved to the Chamber of Commerce building. We had



Virginia Turner

270 Scouts when I took over, 20 troops and 25 Brownies. We also had 35 leaders. Scouting is fun; it's worth every ounce of strength, time and work anyone puts into it.

"I remember going to Houston with Ruth in 1937 when she was named regional director of Texas Girl Scouting."

Actually the first Girl Scout troop was formed at Fort Bliss by Mrs. Harvey Christman in 1930. Meetings were held in a little building, where the Fort Bliss Officers' Wives Club now stands.

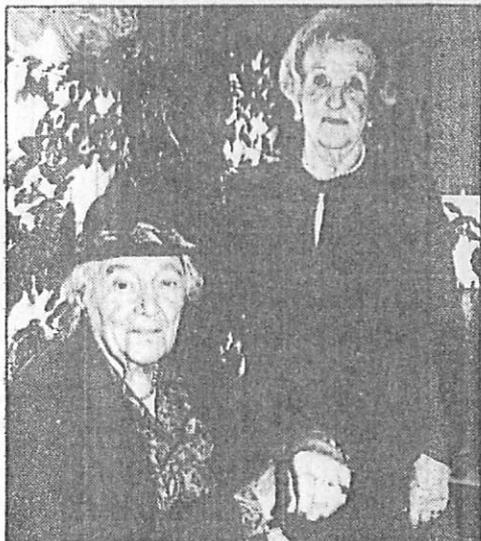
"El Paso decided it should have a troop, too," Seroy said. "A year later the two troops came together and formed the El Paso-Fort Bliss Council in 1931. In 1932, it became part of the Girl Scout Cactus Region, divided into councils, and became the Rio Grande Girl Scout Council in 1945."

Norton recalls Mrs. Irma T. Ireland was the commissioner in 1932 when the Scouts were started at Fort Bliss.

"Mrs. Kenneth Hall was deputy commissioner, Mrs. William Moran was the secretary — her husband started the Labor Advocate — and Mrs. Charles Gandy, wife of a William Beaumont Army Hospital (now Medical Center) physician, was the treasurer."

Norton got into Scouting because of her daughters, Mrs. Sarah Jane Dodds of El Paso and Mrs. Robin McCoy of Albuquerque. She has four grandchildren and a great-great granddaughter, Jennifer Dodds.

Now, 57 years later, Seroy said there are more than 5,000 girls and adults in a



Herald Post photo by Ruben Ramriez

Mrs. Ruth Norton, left, and Mrs. Ruth Zork

25,000-square-mile area which includes five counties in southern New Mexico, El Paso and Hudspeth Counties.

In preparation for the anniversary celebration in the Civic Center, Seroy asks that every woman who has been a Girl Scout or leader get in touch with her at 566-9433, or write to her at 3214 E. Yandell Drive, El Paso 79903.

The Council's executive director is J. Xavier Banales, one of the few men to hold such a position in the Girl Scouts.

Virginia Turner is a columnist for the El Paso Herald-Post.

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RUTH BOSSERMAN NOR-

Ruth Bosserman Norton
of El Paso died Thursday.

Woman of the Week--- Mrs. R. M. Metcalfe Heads Engineering Supply Company

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Politics is
Great Interest
Of Executive

By AMY PARKS

IT IS typical of Mrs. R. M. Metcalfe, Woman of the Week, that she considers a parking lot more important than a lush, plush office for herself. As president and chairman of the board of R. M. Metcalfe Co., Inc., she could command any or all of the luxurious executive accouterment. "A parking lot is more important," she says. "We're pressed for space so I get along very well in my little cubby hole."

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SHE IS not exaggerating. It is a cubby hole with a big desk at one end and ceiling high shelves of files around it plus a bookkeeper working furiously at an accounting machine at the other end of the room. From it Woman of the Week directs one of the largest engineering supply companies in the Southwest.

But her desk is an island of calm. Any feeling of rush or pressure is dismissed in her presence. Obviously busy she just as obviously knows exactly what she's busy about. First things first.

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WOMAN of the Week is the only woman in the U. S. running as large and as long established a firm of its kind, and she is the only woman member of the International Blueprinters in the Southwest Mid-Continent District.

But being a "first" and being an "only" are not new honors for Mrs. Metcalfe. One of her first jobs was doing personnel work for the Southern Pacific Railroad, a job thought of at that time as being in a man's domain.

From there she went in the first group of enlisted women in the Womens Army Corps from San Francisco. She entered service as a private, went to the first officers' training class for enlisted women and left service with the rank of major.



Mrs. R. M. Metcalfe

Her army career included three and a half years at the Pentagon where she was assistant chief of personnel research for the army. Again it was a job not usually given to a woman but her ability outweighed any prejudice. She received a citation from President Harry Truman for her

work in the Integration of reserve and National Guard officers into the regular army.

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AFTER her marriage Woman of the Week had no idea of career work. It was really a trial for her when it became necessary for her to take over the Metcalfe firm's branch in Albuquerque.

"But Mr. Metcalfe was a wise and far-seeing man, she says. "He insisted that in connection with my work in Albuquerque I take an intensive course in adjusting and repairing engineering and surveying instruments. I really didn't want to do it and it was embarrassing because there I was,

one lone woman in a class of 49 men. But how glad I am now that I had that instruction."

It was this, combined with her experience in the Albuquerque branch that enabled her to comply with the board's request that she take over as head of the firm after Mr. Metcalfe's death.

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WOMAN OF the Week developed her burning interest in politics during her work at the Pentagon. "Politics is everybody's business," Mrs. Metcalfe declares. At first she was only "helping out" at Citizens

for Eisenhower headquarters but gradually, "politics" got to be and still is my hobby."

Mrs. Metcalfe has been district committee woman, is a director on the state board of the Federated Republican Women's Clubs, on the board of the County Republican Woman's Club and she was one of the organizers of the El Paso Republican Woman's Club which started with just seven members and now has grown to 369 members.

In connection with political education, Woman of the Week was the state president of Pro America and has been a member of the national board for six years.

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"TO BE in politics you really should be a spiritual person dedicated to good government," she declares. And her emphasis on spirituality as a political prerequisite is not lightly spoken.

Her own is a positive, constructive religious faith in action based on the principles of Unity. In business and in her personal life Woman of the Week expresses the calm, confidence of one who accesses values squarely. The trapping of passion may be pleasant but Woman of the Week knows that it is living itself that is important.



DURING ONE of her 13 world tours while in India, Dr. Pearl Ponsford rides an elephant up a hill to see Amber Palace. In her book, *My Favorite World*, she tells of many such experiences.

Dr. Pearl Ponsford Publishes New Book

My Favorite World is the title of the book by Dr. Pearl O. Ponsford, El Paso, President of Texas Press Women, District I, recently published by Anchor Publishing Co. San Angelo. The book is a personal and individual account of the favorite lands of her 13 world tours taken from 1950 to 1970 when she set out to see the world a woman alone.

"It is noteworthy and highly pleasing that a woman can go alone to remote places, be treated with courtesy, and be assisted in seeing and doing the things she chooses, even where custom does not permit native women to travel or go about by themselves," Dr. Ponsford said.

"THERE IS MUCH to be said for the freedom to make decisions, and to feel one's own reactions to new places and experiences, uncolored

and uninterrupted by comments of other people."

Dr. Ponsford has flown more than 600,000 miles on world tours and one trip each to Outer Mongolia, Central and South America, East and West Europe and many trips to Canada and Mexico.

She received her B.A. Degree at Wellesley College and her M.A. and Ph.D. at University of Southern California. She has done extensive research work at the Library of Congress, British Museum Library and Huntington Library. She served as Associate-Professor at the University of Texas at El Paso from which position she retired.

Other publications include "Evils of Mid-Term Congressional Elections" University of Southern California Press, numerous magazine and newspaper articles and international, state and local periodicals.



MOTHER INSTALLS DAUGHTER—Mrs. Edna S. Ferris (left) is shown as she receives the gavel of her office from her mother, Mrs. Frank D. Scotten, at the installation of the Association of Pioneer Women of El Paso. Mrs. Ferris was installed president at a luncheon held Friday in the Hotel Cortez.

Pioneer Women Hold Installation

In an unusual ceremony, Mrs. Frank D. Scotten installed her daughter, Mrs. Edna S. Ferris, as president of the Association of Pioneer Women of El Paso. The installation was held at a luncheon Friday in the Hotel Cortez.

Mrs. Scotten is a charter member of the association and has served in every office and as president two years. Mrs. Ferris became a member as a daughter of a pioneer family. She is a native El Pasoan and her daughter, Mrs. Jack E. Leach, and grandson Jackie, also are natives of El Paso.

Mrs. J. W. Bolton, outgoing president, installed the other officers and conducted the program. Other officers are Mrs. Ethel Atkinson, Mrs. W. J. Casten, Mrs. L. E. Stokes, Mrs. Dave Crockett, Mrs. S. W. Herndon and Mrs. Hart Steele.

Mrs. Ferris has announced the committee chairmen and members who will serve with her.

Paul Heermans, Mrs. Frank D. Scotten, Mrs. R. L. Daniels, Mrs. L. M. Breck, Mrs. L. M. Langford, Mrs. Alberta Schreffler, Mrs. Marie Buchoz and Mrs. Ethel Atkinson.

Program committee is headed by Mrs. J. Rowland Gilchrist. Mrs. Waldo Allen is chairman of the hostess committee, composed of Mrs. Sol Franklin, Mrs. Helen Talbert

and Mrs. R. S. Hughes. Chairman of publicity is Mrs. J. I. Driscoll.

Mrs. Leo Smith is chairman of the telephone committee and the advisory committee is headed by Mrs. John Bunting, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Cox. Members of the utility committee are Mrs. Robert Hall, Mrs. Lucille Elliott, Mrs. Ed Keeler, and Miss Juanita Smith.

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Mrs. Ferris Receives National, State Honors

MRS. EDNA SCOTTEN FERRIS, district manager for the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle in El Paso area, has been awarded honors, certificates and gifts in recognition of winning first place in the nation and in the state for her work as chairman of public relations for her organization.

On Thursday evening at a formal meeting of the local chapter, Willow Grove No. 84, Mrs. Eleanor C. Ranck, president, read the citation and presented the certificate and gift of award from the National Woodmen Circle at Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Nora Lee Franks, vice-president, made the formal presentation and address of appreciation for the local grove. State awards and recognition will be made at the state convention to be held in Galveston in March.

Mrs. Ferris has been active for the past three years in civic, patriotic, political and social groups and bodies in the El Paso area. Among her affiliated organizations is El Paso Woman's Club where she has had a successful year as chairman of the Music Department. Her next program there will be Feb. 23, when Mrs. O. C. Moore will direct a "Military Airs" program. Business and Professional Women's Club named her chairman of the "Women for Jury Committee." She is now directing the local campaign for support of the resolution introduced Feb. 3 by Sen. Red Harris of Dallas to permit "Women for Jury Service" in Texas. She is a member of the Democratic Executive Committee for El Paso County.

As field army commander of the American Cancer Society for District No. 1, she has placed West Texas ahead of the rest of the state in the establishment of working educational centers. She is also a member of the Woman's Department of the Chamber of Commerce, Rose Croix Chapter, OES, and St. Clements Episcopal Church. As second vice-president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Post No. 36, of El Paso, she is chairman of publicity and a member of the Legislative Committee.

Mrs. Ferris began her work with the Woodmen Circle in El Paso Jan. 17, 1946, when after an absence of several years she returned to El Paso and was elected president of Willow Grove. She has built the local organization until it ranks 15th in the nation and fourth in the state for activities wholly within the organization. The awards were presented for outside contact with the public only. In this, her grove, of which she is now acting financial secretary, has led the nation every month for the year 1948, and the state for 10 of the 12 months of the past year.

During these three years, Mrs. Ferris has represented El Paso grove at a regional meeting in Denver, Colo., in October, 1946; a state meeting at Mineral Wells, in April, 1947, and a national meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, in June, 1947. As national representative she will attend the state meeting to be held in Hotel Galvez in Galveston, March 13-18, and the national meeting to be held Dec. 5-9 at Miami, Fla., from where she will go to Michigan to visit her daughter, Mrs. Jack E. Leach, the former Miss Mary Lee Ferris, and family for the holiday season, returning to El Paso in the spring.



MRS. EDNA FERRIS

P. E. K. Fr For Mrs. Ferris

MRS. EDNA S. FERRIS, hostess and mother for the P. E. K. Fraternity, was honored guest when the fraternity entertained when dinner party Friday evening in their club room at Hotel Hilton. Her son, Harry Ferris, a member of the organization, presented her corsage bouquet as a gift from the club. Gilbert Carter, toast master, gave a brief history of the organization and outlined the social calendar for the season of 1938 and 1939 which will terminate with the May Day dance in the ball room of Hotel Hilton.

Short talks were given in answer to roll call and dancing followed the dinner.

Those who enjoyed the affair were Mrs. Ferris, Gilbert Carter, president, and his guest, Mario Murdoch; Tommy Newman, vice president, and Frances Sadler, Charles Gabriel, secretary, and Peggy Brown; Harry Ferris, treasurer, and Florence Watkins, and other members and guests as follows: Delbert Reynolds and Grace Reynolds, Ralph Reed and Betty



The cut was lost

MRS. EDNA S. FERRIS
—(Portrait by Andow)

El Pasoans Honored At Woodmen Meeting

Mrs. Edna S. Ferris of El Paso was elected as chairman of state club and lodge activities of Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle at a recent convention in San Antonio. A member of Willow Grove Chapter, she will attend the national convention in Dallas July 25-31. She served as district manager for Southwest Texas and as a member of credentials and registration committees.

Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Ralph W. Scoggins and Mrs. Irene Harbin will report on convention activities at a meeting at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the YWCA club rooms. Mrs. Scoggins was elected to be El Paso field representative and Mrs. Harbin served as a member of the State Officers Reports Committee.

Mrs. Harbin will conduct the meeting, when new officers will be special guests.

Committee in charge includes Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Norma Burns and Miss Ruby Marshall.

Woman's Club Music Group Sets First Fall Program

MRS. EDNA S. FERRIS, chairman of the music department of El Paso Woman's Club, announced the first Fall program of the department at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the auditorium of the Woman's Club. The decorations and program will be built around Mexico with costume dancers from the Aguilar Dancing School advance class as the features of the entertainment.

Mrs. O. C. Davis is arranging a background of huge Mexican hats and zerapes for the lace-covered table centered with Mexican sunflowers and cactus. She will be assisted by Mrs. Carlton Keyes and Mrs. Roberto Saldivar, who will supply the spiced and dainty cakes, sandwiches, and candy so popular in Mexico.

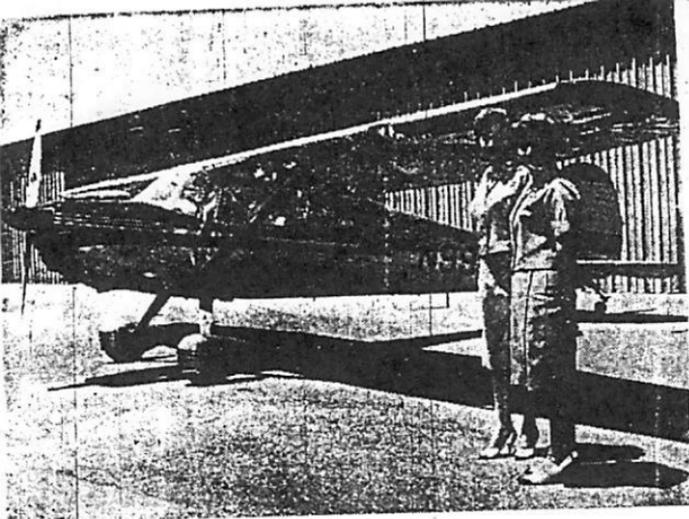
The Mexican style coffee will be poured by Mrs. James V. Laird and Mrs. O. C. Moore. Mrs. E. A. Kincaid and Mrs. Staten Hatchell will use Mexican hand-painted wooden trays to serve. The table service will be of Mexican bubble blue glass and hand-painted tin platters and silver.

The program to be announced will consist entirely of Mexican music and dancing of well known Mexican numbers. All the dancers, officers and members of the committee will wear Mexican costume.

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MRS. EDNA S. FERRIS



PREPARE TO TAKE OFF—Mrs. Ruth Deerman, left, and Miss Win Griffin, prepare to take off from International Airport earlier in July to attend the annual convention of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., at Oklahoma City. Mrs. Deerman was elected international president of the organization of licensed women pilots during the convention. She lives at 405 Camino Real, and Miss Griffin lives at 840 Melrose Drive.

Southwesterners 'In Focus'

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series designed to feature Southwesterners on the go. Many persons flash in—and out—of the news and these personality sketches will continue to allow them to be pinpointed as they work for the betterment of their communities on local, area and national scales. This story features Mrs. Ruth Deerman of El Paso.)

By SYLVIA MARTIN

"I've always wanted to fly — for as long as I can remember," said Mrs. Ruth Deerman of 405 Camino Real, president of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., international organization of licensed women pilots.

"When I was a little girl, I jumped off the roof of the garage with an umbrella to see if I could fly," she continued, "but the umbrella turned inside out. It was a long fall."

Mrs. Deerman, a native El Pasoan and wife of Charles Deerman, prominent Upper Valley farmer, learned to fly in 1944 at old Jundt Field, later known as Westside located by the Sunland Park Race track.

She flies always on Saturday mornings when she and other flying enthusiasts meet at El Paso International Airport. They choose a destination within 75 to 150 miles of El Paso and fly there for breakfast.

Painted on its side are two cotton bolls with wings. One boll, larger than the other, represents the first Cotton Clipper and the smaller one represents "Junior."

She is proud of her plane, which will be 13 years old Sept. 1.

Mrs. Deerman is the 18th president of the Ninety-Nines, which was founded in 1929 with 99 charter members — hence the name. Amelia Earheart, pioneer aviatrix, was the first president.

There are 30 members in the El Paso Chapter of the Ninety-Nines and 1,826 in the world; the majority living in the United States.

NAMED PRESIDENT

Mrs. Deerman was elected international president at the annual convention in Oklahoma City in July.

Prior to the convention, Mrs. Deerman, along with a co-pilot, Mrs. Win Griffin, El Paso, entered a pre-convention race. The course was a mystery until they were in the air, then the instructions gave only hints as to where check points were. They finished seventh in the

race in which 26 planes were entered and only 13 finished.

Mrs. Deerman also has participated in such races as the High Sky Derby in Midland, Tex., the Dallas Doll Derby and others.

Mrs. Deerman, a homemaker, keeps the books for her husband's farm. The farm is seven miles from their home in the Country Club District.

Besides flying and working with her husband, Mrs. Deerman is a member of the Women's Department of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, a past Matron of the Eastern Star, past queen of the Daughters of the Nile and past president of the Providence Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

She is active on the Cancer Board and works once a week as a volunteer at Providence.

She and her husband are members of the El Paso Country Club and of the First Baptist Church, where she is secretary of the Women's Missionary Union.

She attended Crockett Elementary School and Austin and El Paso High Schools. She married her husband after graduating from high school.

They choose a destination within 75 to 150 miles of El Paso and fly there for breakfast.

In 1954, Mrs. Deerman piloted her Cessna 140, the Cotton Clipper "Junior," to take first place in the annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, popularly known as the "Powder Puff Derby." The race is sponsored by the Ninety-Nines.

WAS FOURTH TRY

Her co-pilot was Mrs. Ruby Tatman, also of El Paso. It was their fourth try in the competition. They previously had raced in 1950, 1951 and 1953, placing 10th, 17th and ninth.

Her plane, which she calls "Junior," is her second. Her first was called Cotton Clipper. The plane is silver and red with pale blue and white interior and

DEERMAN

RUTH GILLET DEERMAN, 90, passed away on Sunday, April 30, 2006. She was

a life long resident of El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. Deerman was very active in her community throughout her life.

She was a Flight Instructor with Border Aviation in El Paso in 1944; a



Beauty Consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics from 1969-1970; winner of the All Woman Transcontinental Air Race in 1954; inducted into the El Paso Aviation Hall of Fame in 1983, was on the Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society and was a member of the Ladies Oriental Shrine. She is preceded in death by her

husband, Charles L. Deerman. Mrs.

Deerman is survived by her three sisters, Emilene Gillett Newman, Pauline Gillett Tree Filleman and Betty Jo Gillett Mings.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 5, 2006 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Martin Funeral Home West.

Funeral Service will be on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at Martin Funeral Home West. Interment to follow to Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Services entrusted to Martin Funeral Home West, 128 N. Resler Drive.





CHAMPS RETURN HOME—Ervin H. Schwartz, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presented Mrs. Ruby Hays, and Mrs. Ruth Deerman, right with a bouquet of roses when the pilots landed at International Airport. A large group of friends congratulated the two women on winning first place in the annual National Powder Puff Airplane Race.

Friends With Flowers Welcome Women Fliers

Mrs. Ruth Deerman and Mrs. Ruby Hays, back in El Paso after winning the 1954 Powder Puff Derby, said special heat resistant cylinders had helped them win the 2000 mile plane race.

Ninety-Nines Chief Gets Special Plaque

MAY 7 1965

Mrs. Ruth Deerman, International Ninety-Nines president of El Paso was presented a plaque with official first day cover Amelia Earhart memorial stamps recently by assistant postmaster general William J. Hartigan in Washington.

Mrs. Deerman was in the Capitol to attend the Amelia Earhart Stamp Reception honoring the "Flying Chain of World Friendship," begun by Miss Earhart in 1937 and completed by Joan Merriam Smith in 1964 several months before she died in the flaming wreckage of a plane crash.

AT THE RECEPTION, highest contributors to the Earhart Scholarship fund had first choice from three groups of valuable first day covers.

Among them were 60 which had been carried by Mrs. Smith when she followed the Earhart route on a flight around the world.

Representatives of the countries visited by both women attended the affair to pay tribute to the aviatrix.

Among them were Eugene Laurens, Indonesian counselor; Ambassadors Juracy Magalhaes of Brazil; John Keith Waller, Australia; Christina Henry,

Royal Netherlands Embassy. Mrs. Bilkees Latif, wife of the Air Commodore of India represented that country and Lt. Gov. Denver Dickerson represented Guam.

MRS. DEERMAN said wires and letters were read from dozens of dignitaries.

Lt. Cdr. Jack Smith, husband of the late aviatrix placed a tiny flag on the map of each country in the world when its representative spoke.

Mrs. Deerman presented to Admiral Paul Ramsey, Commander of Naval Air Forces Atlantic, an album of the Earhart commemorative stamps.



MRS. DEERMAN and Plaque

Ninety-Nines Re-elect Ruth Dearman

AUG 19 1964

Mrs. Ruth Deerman, 405 Camino Real, was re-elected president of the Ninety-Nines, international women's flying organization at

the 35th annual convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Deerman, winner of the 1964 Powder Puff Derby, was accompanied to the convention by Win Griffin. Mary Frances Seidl, another member of the El Paso Chapter of Ninety-Nines, also at

vice president; Elizabeth Sewell, Oklahoma City, treasurer and Betty McNabb, Albany, Ga., secretary.

Mrs. Deerman and Miss Griffin returned to El Paso Monday.

Need for Girl's Home Explained By Co-Founder

MAY 24 1965

Mrs. Ida Ashley, 2809 Wheel-avenue, who will be the president of the board for El Paso Christian Home for girls has some definite ideas about the part America's women play in the world today. "Virtuous women are the backbone of the United States today," she says.

MRS. ASHLEY purchased the property at 2200 San Jose street exclusively for the use of the El Paso Christian Home for girls.

She said she first became interested in helping organize a home after a visit to the Paso County Detention Home with Mrs. Harold Edwards who will serve as managing director of the new home for girls. She spoke with 12 girls at the Detention Home, questioned them about their various backgrounds and why they had been detained.

ONE 11-YEAR-OLD whose



MRS. IDA ASHLEY

parents had abandoned her, confided cheerfully to Mrs. Ashley that "they'll come back for me just any day now."

Another girl, 12, being held for truancy, said she didn't go to school because she was ashamed for the other children to see her ragged clothing.

"My heart went out to them," she said. "I resolved then and there to do my best to see that a home of some sort would be founded to help these children."

"SUCH LITTLE GIRLS are innocent of any wrong-doing and do not deserve to be locked up like a bunch of criminals. The crime committed was their neglect."

Plans call for the home to be opened sometime during the summer.

Mrs. Ashley, 88, said, "I live on faith and hope that the bright faces of little girls who have found hope at the home will be my reward for my contribution towards it. I would like to think that something I have done will help give dependent and neglected girls strength and courage to face the world confidently."

EP Woman Happy, Involved At 92, Sparked Christian Home For Girls

By LENORE H. HUGHES

Written Especially for Sundial
Ninety-two years ago, Nov. 25, 1876, a baby girl was born in Poplar Plains, Ky. She grew to womanhood and eventually traveled toward El Paso. Although she says "sistah" and brings with her a musical chuckle reminiscent of mountain streams, she often bursts into the hearty laughter of Texas origin.

This happy woman is Mrs. Ida Ashley, 2809 Wheeling, who will today be present for the official opening of El Paso Christian Home for Girls, 2200 San Jose, which she helped to establish.

"She is a great lady in the old tradition," said her pastor, the Rev. Clifford E. Hargrave, president of El Paso Council of Churches, which is sponsoring the open house from 2 to 5 p.m. "She is greatly interested in national affairs, civic, religious and business affairs and is more than aware of everything that is going on. She has done more good with her money in assisting others than anyone else in the community."

Her father, George Kimberly, was a pioneer Texas minister of the Christian church.

"He was born in Ohio, Dec. 3, 1836," Mrs. Ashley related. "All his people lived there. He started out as a young man shoeing horses. He went regularly to church and one night at a prayer meeting they said, 'Brother Kimberly, we are going to call on you for a prayer.' So they did and his prayer was so beautiful that they said, 'Here You're not going to just keep that work you've got, you've got to get something higher.'"

So, according to the story, the blacksmith went to college. He also married and as a young man in his twenties settled in Kentucky. Here the family lived for 15 years.

"My father was an Englishman and a very proud man. There were 10 of us children — seven girls and three boys. We never had a lot of money, but some way or another he was able to furnish a nice home for us all."

After eight years in Kentucky her father decided to go north at the call of the church in Gordon, Ill. He later accepted a call from two churches in Wisconsin, Centerville and Footville. He was only there a year when he was taken very bad with hay fever, so the doctor said, "Well, now, Brother Kimberly you just got to go south." Then he was called to Texas as a missionary by the United Christian Missionary Society. And he went all over Texas preaching the gospel and organizing churches.

It was the year 1888 and Ida was about 14 years old.

They settled in Sulphur Springs "a nice place to live." Since Ida had three older sisters who were interested in the young men, life proved to be enjoyable. They went to school in the town, pursuing education to the highest grade then offered, the ninth grade. The only college in the region was one sponsored by the Methodists.

"My father said, 'Well, daughter, if you want to go to that college, I'll make



MRS. IDA ASHLEY

arrangements for you to go.' I don't know why, but I always had a great pity for my father with all those children to look out after and I said, 'No, I will just try to learn, read you know, and not go to college.' Of course, I have regretted it since."

After awhile the family moved to Luling, which was a very small town at the time. The church held a protracted meeting. At another little station on the railroad, a train work crew was established. In the evenings the boys came to the church at Luling to attend the meeting.

"I was singing in the choir part of the time and playing the organ. My chum knew one of the boys; I said to her, 'Well, I would like to know who that man is that has got those beautiful eyes.'"

"So Lucy said, 'I am going to find out and I am going to introduce you to him.' So they brought him down and introduced him to me. His name was Harry Ashley."

They were married Dec. 1, 1896. After eight years they moved to El Paso, arriving in 1904. At the time Ashley was a railroad conductor and remained with the railroad until he died in 1936. With her husband gone most of the time, she started buying and selling real estate.

Her first piece of property was on Mesa Avenue in about the 900 block, which consisted of a two-story house with many rooms, both upstairs and down. The lady who owned it had one room rented upstairs. Ida bought it for \$7,000.

Later, she saw her husband. "Well, Dad, I just bought a house," she told him.

The man who was renting decided to stay and paid her \$15 for the room. She wanted to fix another room for renting, so she took the \$15 and bought things to make it look cheerful and rented it for \$12. She took the \$12 and did the same thing to a back bedroom which she rented. After awhile she saw another piece of property which attracted

her attention. It was for sale at only \$2,400. She looked at it, saw it was nicely furnished, and told the owner she would take it. When her husband came in that night, she said,

"Well, Dad, I have bought a place."

He said, "What have you bought now? What did you pay for it?" But later when she sold the improved property on Mesa Avenue for \$9,000, he quit asking and left the business "deals" up to his wife. She continued to buy and sell, including an apartment house which, during the war years, proved to be a lucrative business.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Ashley went to California where she spent 14 years buying and selling property. She came back with a profit.

Her oldest son, George, was following his father in the railroad line. As a successful engineer he was winning awards for his work. But he had an attack of appendicitis. While convalescing, he tried to think of something profitable to do with his time.

One day he said to Ida, "Mother, you know I don't believe I will ever be able to get back on the train again."

"What do you want to do, son?" she asked.

He replied, "I was thinking if you would give me a little place on that property there in Five Points, I would start selling Mexican foods... just a small place so I could have a restaurant in front."

Mrs. Ashley mused, then got up and left, went up there and began to step off the ground.

So she ordered a house built with a living room, dining room, and two bedrooms on the back and a restaurant in front. It grew rapidly.

This was a property where shoppers parked their cars. George bought a second hand fan for \$3.45 and blew the aroma of tamales, enchiladas, and tacos toward the housewives' cars. They crowded in. He began delivering the goods to army officers and their

families at Ft. Bliss.

Soon, he began to put the tortillas in cans to see if he could ship them, and kept on experimenting until he had built up a business which shipped into every state in the union and into 20 foreign countries.

Mrs. Ashley's grandson, George Junior, followed this business trend and for 20 years had maintained the little establishment of K-So dip, at 2884 Pershing, which has been operating since 1949.

"How did you happen to get interested in establishing a home for girls?" we wondered.

It all happened when Mrs. Harold Edwards approached her to accompany a few of them to the county detention home where they were planning a surprise party for the little girls there.

Mrs. Ashley related, "When we got to the dining room, there was a big line of girls waiting, and Mrs. Edwards said she was going out to pop some corn and would be back shortly. I was sitting there alone and all the girls came in and sat down in chairs. They were 9 to 12 years of age.

"One of them was crying, another was a perfect little blonde girl. One little girl was always grinning and looking at me and I said, 'Come here and talk to me.' She came over and I said, 'What are you doing here?' and she said, 'Well, it is like this, you know I could not go to school and they picked me up for not going to school,' and I asked her why she did not go to school and she said, 'I had no clothes to put on. We did not have money and my mother would not ask for it.'"

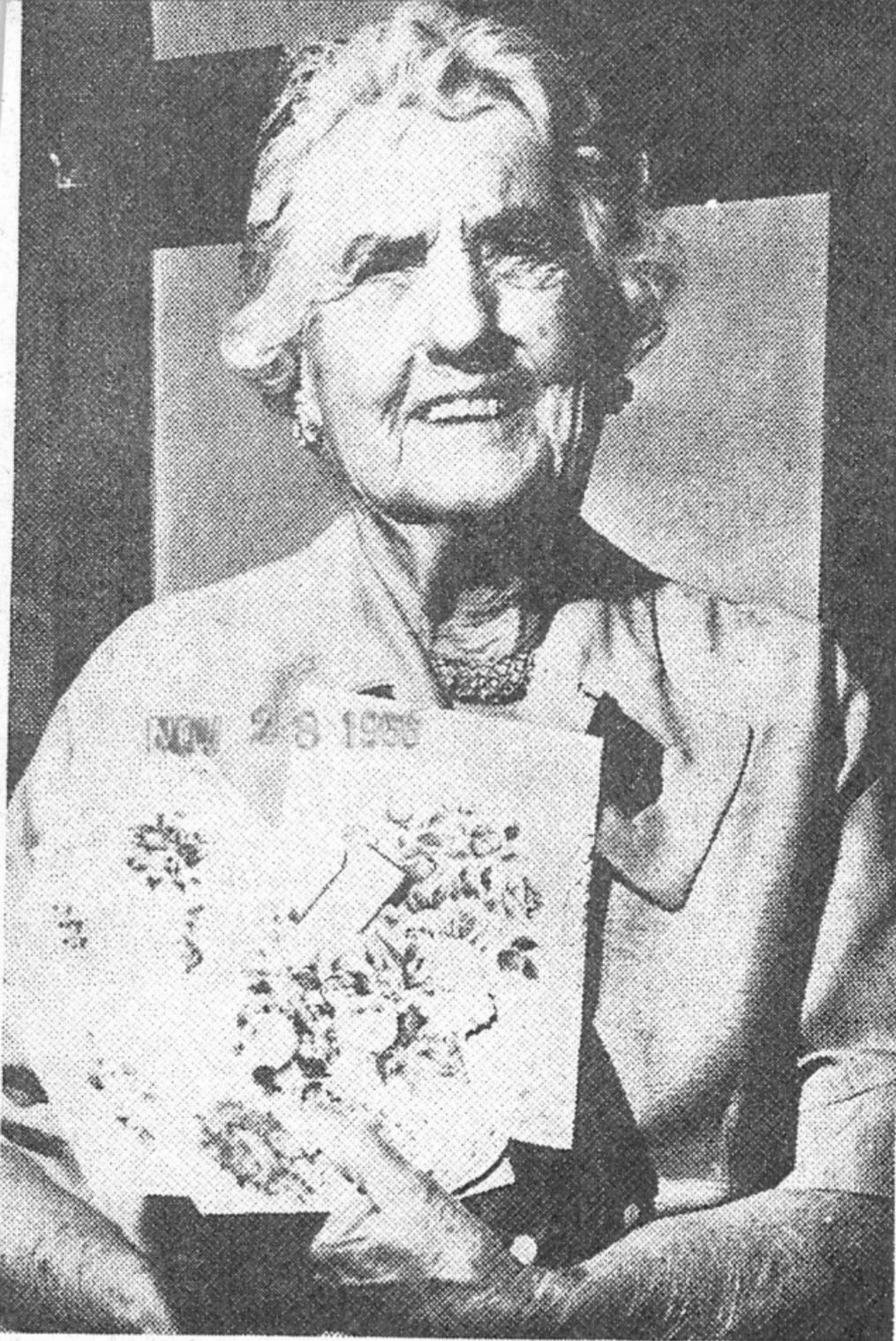
"Another little girl who was crying was there and said, 'Won't you come over and talk with me a little while?' I asked, 'What are you crying about?' and she said, 'Well, you know I have no mother but my grandmother and she is having her legs cut off today and they would not let me stay with her.' I asked her what she did that was so naughty and she said, 'Well, I just wanted to stay and I would not go away and the doctor wouldn't let me stay.' Now wasn't that a nice place to put a girl like that?"

"So I got to thinking and studying and decided to do something about it."

Not long after that visit Mrs. Ashley contributed enough money to purchase the home on San Jose. As we left her modest home at 2809 Wheeling, she asked us to say as many nice things as we could about her father who was a missionary for 75 years. "But as far as I am concerned, I am nothing to brag about," she said. But the five generations living in El Paso consist of a son, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Her thoughts were always turned toward things religious as well as things for community betterment.

"She has done many things," said her grandson, George Junior. "She has given away more than \$200,000 to various churches, colleges, and for other charitable causes."



GIRLS' HOME FOUNDER—Mrs. Ida Ashley, founder of the El Paso Christian Home for Girls, celebrated her 90th birthday when the Girls' Home for which she donated the building was formally dedicated by the El Paso Council of Churches. Mrs. Ashley shows some of the numerous birthday greetings she received.

Helps The Community

Southwestern Clubwoman 8/98
By Mrs. Regina Schuster Rabb

The Woman's Department of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce this club year will mark an important milestone in its history—the 35th anniversary of its founding. The idea of a woman's division of a Chamber of Commerce originated in the mind of the late Mrs. Percy McGhee in 1923, and in 1924, the formal organization of the El Paso Woman's Department came into being with 27 charter members. It was a "first" in more than one sense for it was the first Woman's Department of a Chamber of Commerce in the United States.

The motto of the charter group was "Know El Paso and Sell El Paso to El Pasoans and to the World," a motto which each succeeding administration through the years has successfully and faithfully followed.

From 1924 to 1926, for example, the theme of the Department's work was "El Paso Grown and El Paso Made." A campaign was instituted to put El Paso products in retail stores of this area. Members visited 225 local manufacturing plants in order to acquaint themselves with El Paso-made products. Luncheons and exhibits of these products were held for all men's civic clubs.

During this two-year period, the members also welcomed newcomers to the city and escorted a 100-car caravan to places of interest in and near El Paso.

1926-28 found the group athletic-minded for they helped to bring a National League baseball team to El Paso for an exhibition game and purchased football uniforms for the football team of the College of Mines (now Texas Western College).

Their activities were not limited to athletics, however, as they also concerned themselves with the beautification of the highways leading into El Paso.

It was in this period, too, that national recognition was given the El Paso Woman's Department by the National Chamber of Commerce.

In the succeeding years, many types of civic projects were undertaken by this enterprising group of women. They concentrated on making El Paso a friendly city, a city attractive to tourists. They planned sight-seeing trips to points of interest, and, in cooperation with the College of Mines, published a scenic guide book in color called "Sunlit Trails." They continued their campaign to beautify the highways and approaches to El Paso, and saw the center strip on Alameda Avenue established.

Nor did they overlook cooperation with other civic organizations, both civilian and military. They established the precedent of honoring the Presidents of all El Paso and area woman's clubs. They held receptions for El Paso school teachers to make them feel welcome in this community.

They interested themselves in preserving the characteristic architecture of the Southwest and printed and circulated a booklet on "El Paso Architecture." They were instrumental in bringing about the "face-lifting" of Santa Fe Street which resulted, among other things, in the new Santa Fe Freight Depot. They also brought about the renovation of the Union Depot.

It was in 1937-38 that their now well-known "Clean-Up, Fix-Up" campaign was started. With each succeeding year, the campaign has gained greater city-wide cooperation and now has become a year-round activity.

The war years saw the Woman's Department earning national recognition for selling \$2,000,000 in War Bonds. The members served refreshments daily to Army inductees in the Victory Room of the Chamber of Commerce building while, incidentally, renovating the room itself. They also gave Bibles to inductees.

Their next efforts centered on re-emphasizing cordial relations with our Mexican neighbors, and they participated in a good-will trip to Chihuahua. When the wife of the Governor of Chihuahua with a delegation made a return good-will tour to El Paso, they were entertained by the Woman's Department. In the same year, the members still had time also to sell \$2,500,000 in War Bonds!

they established an "Old Timers Day" during the celebration. They have for many years now sponsored a Duchess to the Sun Carnival.

In addition, in the same year they named an Airport Hostess, helped to organize a Woman's Department of the Juarez Chamber of Commerce, and started a campaign for a city-wide repair and restoration of streets, parks, public buildings, etc.

More recently, they launched a drive to collect and distribute books to Army organizations, Southwestern Children's Home and Public Schools, and during the drive handled some 1200 books. As part of the same effort, they began a check-up on undesirable magazines and comic books in order to halt their sales to El Pasoans.

In 1953-54, theirs was the great achievement of forming the El Paso Historical Society of more than 700 members, and which this year was given a national prize as "one of the most dynamic Historical Societies in the Southwest."

They have lent their whole-hearted support to other civic projects, such as launching a drive for the International Museum Fund and helping to sponsor the El Paso Symphony Orchestra. They have established a Saturday Story Hour for small children at the El Paso Public Library and a children's summer reading program through the libraries.

The most recent efforts of the Woman's Department are being concentrated on coordinating a city-wide Safety Campaign. Through the leadership of the Department, women's clubs in El Paso have been asked to select a different month of the year and each club in the month selected will present programs and publicity on some special phase of safety such as Vehicle Safety or Home Safety or Vacation Safety. Once again, the Woman's Department leads the way in a project directed toward the betterment of the community in which we live—its main objective and guiding purpose through all the years since its establishment 35 years ago.

National Group Likes Plan To Ban Dirty Magazines

E. P. H. P. 3/3/60

El Paso's four-point program to fight the spread of obscene literature and mail is a good one, according to Mrs. John O'Sullivan, chairman of the Literature and Audio-Visual Cleanup Committee of the Woman's Department of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. O'Sullivan and her co-chairman, Mrs. W. B. Langley have just returned from Cincinnati, where they attended the national conference of the Citizens for Decent Literature.

"Each community should have a program that fits its own needs,

and from what I learned at the meeting, the program in El Paso is excellent," Mrs. O'Sullivan said.

"Better parental control and guidance in keeping watch over what their children are reading and seeing was emphasized at the conference. It is point four in our own program and was suggested by Mayor Telles," she said.

The program also calls for citizens to write to their congressmen and senators for help in the battle to stamp out obscenity, the setting up of a special Reviewing Board by the mayor and aldermen, and the education of the

public urging all citizens to be responsible for bringing attention to salacious material before the courts.

"I was glad to note that three-fourths of the delegates at the meeting were men. I know that our own City and County officials and all our citizens are interested in what we are trying to do," Mrs. O'Sullivan said.

"One of the points stressed at the meeting was that young minds are storehouses, usually for good rather than bad. But parents, teachers and other adults must continually teach right from wrong. Morality is the foundation of our people.

"The 10 Commandments are good basis. No laws will stand which violates the Commandments. Regardless of all this, the values learned in the home mean nothing to young people if they can find magazines and pictures on every corner that leave nothing to the imagination," Mrs. O'Sullivan said.

Mrs. Isabelle Hatchett, director of the Woman's Department, said that the fight to clean out dirty and salacious matter in El Paso has been given new life through the four-point program.

"We are going to push it all the way. The people are with us," she said.

Mrs. Schuessler Complimented At Luncheon By Beta Sigma Phi

June, 1955

Mrs. W. W. Schuessler, ^{EPT 1/26/54} named by Beta Sigma Phi as First Lady for 1953-54, was honored for her outstanding contributions to the city at a luncheon in her honor given by the sorority Sunday in Del Camino.

Mrs. J. J. Kaster, First Lady of 1952-53, presented Mrs. Schuessler with a scroll, and Jerry Pearce, president of El Paso-Ysleta City Council of Beta Sigma Phi, told of Mrs. Schuessler's activities.

The new First Lady and other ladies were given corsages of yellow roses, sorority flower, the year of their citation printed in gold on the green ribbons. Other first ladies recognized at luncheon were Mrs. C. M. Harris, Mrs. Alice M. Barry, Mrs. Lois Breck, Mrs. George G. Matlock, Mrs. Marie Persch, Mrs. G. G. Meyer, Mrs. Victor C. Moore and Mrs. Kaster.

Special guest at the luncheon was Mrs. Earl Vandervoort of Wetwater, Texas, cousin of Mrs. Schuessler.

Luncheon tables were spread in white cloths, and decorations carried out the sorority colors, gold and black. Centerpiece was of yellow snapdragons and daffodils, and red and green fans backed in black completed the table decor. Miniature fans marked the place for each guest.

Chairman-director of the Women's Department of the Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Schuessler is a member of Delta Gamma Alumnae, Woman's Auxiliary to El Paso County Medical Society, Young Matrons' Auxiliary to the Women's Club, El Paso Historical Society, Woman's Auxiliary to Texas Western College, and Woman's Good Government Committee. She is a Crockett P-TA room mother and a Cub Scout den mother.



AT FIRST LADY LUNCHEON—Mrs. W. W. Schuessler, left, received a scroll citing her selection as First Lady of the year for El Paso from Mrs. J. J. Kaster, right, 1952-53 First Lady, at a luncheon given by Beta Sigma Phi in Del Camino. The sorority annually sponsors the First Lady citation.—(Times Staff Photo)



MRS. WILLARD W. SCHUESSLER

E. P. Medical Society Installs Mrs. Schuessler

Mrs. Willard W. Schuessler was recently installed as president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the El Paso County Medical Society. In addition to her work in the medical auxiliary and her many activities in other civic organizations throughout the years she and Dr. Schuessler have resided in El Paso, at the present time she is first vice president and social chairman of the El Paso Historical Society; room mother and a member of the PTA at Crockett School; member of Woman's Department of the Chamber of Commerce, the Young Matrons Auxiliary to the Woman's Club of El Paso, Texas Western College Auxiliary, Providence Hospital Auxiliary, Delta Gamma Alumni Chapter and Delta Gamma representative to the El Paso City Panhellenic, honorary member of Biggs Air Force Base Officer's Wives Club, and the Asbury Methodist Church. Dr. and Mrs. Schuessler reside at 3007 Copper Street and have three children, Bobby, 12, Betty 9, and Barbara, 4½ years of age.

Mrs. Schuessler will have a board meeting for officers, directors and committee chairman on Friday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m. followed by luncheon at her home.

Other officers of the Woman's Auxiliary to the El Paso County Medical Society are: Mrs. John Martin, president elect; Mrs. J. B. Robbins, Mrs. C. C. Bohler, and Mrs. H. M. Gibson, vice presidents; Mrs. Gray Carpenter, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Branch Craige, recording secretary; Mrs. Russell Deter, treasurer; and Mrs. H. D. Garrett, assistant treasurer. Directors are Mrs. Compee Basom, Ms. Louis Breck, Mrs. Celso Stapp, and Mrs. H. D. Hatfield.

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President of Metcalfe Firm Dies

Russell M. Metcalfe, 79, of 1212 N. Ochoa St., died Tuesday in his home.

He was president of R. M. Metcalfe Co., Inc. and had been in business 52 years in El Paso. He was a member of the Sheriff's Posse, Pioneers Assn. of El Paso, an honorary sheriff of El Paso County and Masonic Lodge No. 101.

He was a special photographer for the Army in World War I.

Survivors include his widow; daughter, Mrs. Avis Coffman; grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were being made with the Harding and Orr Montana Avenue Funeral Home.

Metcalfe Rites Saturday

Funeral services for Russell M. Metcalfe, 79, of 1212 N. Ochoa St., resident of R. M. Metcalfe Co., who died Tuesday, will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday in the Harding and Orr Montana Avenue Chapel with the Rev. John Twiss officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Masonic Lodge No. 1111 will be in charge of graveside services.

Pallbearers will be W. F. Sims, C. C. Sims, Paul Brill, Ash, B. Bardwell and Tom H. Honorary pallbearers include Dr. W. L. Fly, Dr. John Long, Dr. Joe Carter, the E. E. Diggs, H. P. Talley, Keogh, Tom B. White, Wallen, Joe K. Parrish, Pendelides, Jack Billings, M. Roark, Ernest Jordan, Rhodes, J. A. Fall, members of the Pioneer Assn. and members of the Sheriff's Posse. Contributions may be made to El Paso County Republican Women's Scholarship Fund, El Paso Assn. and the American Society.

Mrs. R. M. Metcalfe, president and chairman of the board of R. M. Metcalfe Co., Inc., leaves El Paso this week to assume the ministry of Christ Unity Church of Albuquerque. She will begin her work there Sunday and will be honored at a reception to be held in the church at 201 Dallas street, N.E.

MRS. METCALFE announces that Charles Prine, formerly of Fort Worth, is taking over as manager of the Metcalfe firm in El Paso. He has had over 15 years experience in engineering supplies work having been with Bell Reproductions and Eastman Kodak in Graphic Arts.

Mr. Prine's children will join him here in June.

In Albuquerque Mrs. Metcalfe will make her home in Casa del Norte Apartments. She retains her position as president of the board of R. M. Metcalfe Co., Inc.

SHE WAS graduated last year from Unity School of Christianity in Lee's Summit, Mo. In El Paso she was a member of Christ Unity Church where she was chairman of the church's advisory board.

In 1965 Mrs. Metcalfe was recipient of the Herald-Post's "Women of the Year In Business" award.