

Business Women Have Club Here

A live organization of business women, functioning under the name of the Roseburg Business and Professional Women's Club, takes a place in the community life of Roseburg similar to that of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. Although organized only a little over a year ago, the club has now over 100 members, and is affiliated with the state organization, and is very active, having one noon luncheon and one evening meeting each month.

The club was organized in October of last year, at a meeting called by the Umpqua Squaws, a women's auxiliary booster organization of the Umpqua Chiefs. The Squaws are all eligible for membership in the Business Women's Club. Miss Rosa B. Parrott, of the faculty of the Roseburg High School, was elected president; Miss Ethel Webb, vice president; Miss Lorraine Conley, secretary; Miss Grace Taylor, treasurer, and Mrs. R. A. Post, sergeant at arms. These officers still function and will do so until the end of the year. The club has no permanent club room but meets at the Heinline Conservatory, which has ample facilities for the social evenings and business meetings. Visiting members are always made welcome and urged to tell the club members of activities in other organizations. The evening business meetings are usually followed by card games, a program, and separate meetings of the various groups studying art, literature, travel or physical culture.

The members of the Business Women's Club endeavor to help the unemployed girls to enter high school, and in every way possible enter into the business and community life of Roseburg, filling a real need. The most important task undertaken by the club so far, was the sponsoring of the Morant Olsen Players, bringing them to Roseburg this winter for a series of three plays at the Antlers Theatre. The Morant Olsen Players comprise the first circuit repertory company, and the members have dedicated themselves to the cause of the theatre in the west. They are an organization of college graduates, and bring the best plays obtainable, and the high quality of their offerings and ability influenced the business women to bring them to Roseburg this year.

A city rest room has already been started, with the ultimate aim of providing a well equipped rest room as a gift to the city, and other praiseworthy objects will be taken up and consummated as the club grows in numbers and strength.

American Legion

Roseburg is fortunate in having a Legion Post whose membership is made up of the finest young men in the county, and the record of activities of this organization shows Umpqua Post No. 16 to be one of the most active in the state. The Legion is always willing to assist in any campaign for community welfare, or charity, and is always ready when its support is needed. The program for 1926 has been limited to "Community Welfare" only, and some worthwhile things are being planned along that line for the benefit of Roseburg that will come to fruition during the coming year.

The Legion has a membership



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of \$32, and is the fourth largest post in the state, Portland, Eugene and Salem having more members. The post each year puts on an Armistice Day celebration without any financial assistance from the city, and maintains a drum corps which won the first prize at the State Legion Convention at Portland, Oregon. The Legion has \$300 invested in the drum corps. In equipment and uniforms, none having been donated by the city. Although the Legion occupies club rooms in the Armory, a building fund has been started toward a club house, or the furnishing of permanent clubrooms in the near future. Dances, minstrels, smokers, and other events keep the social program of the Legion post filled throughout the year.

Umpqua Post No. 16 was organized in Roseburg, July 17, 1919, by the following original members, Bert G. Bates, Avery Roser, D. D. Mathews, Leon McClintock, Charles E. Zweigart, Harry Burr, James Goodman, Clarence Stoddard, Leo Devaney, Clinton Heibig, Carl Black, James M. Fletcher, Cleo Tipton, Guy Cordon, Victor Micell.

The first commander was Carl Wimberty, elected September 12, 1919, and there were 20 members the first year. Carl Wimberty was commander two years, succeeded by Leo G. Devaney in 1921 when the post had 219 members. In 1922 John Flurry was elected to the post of commander, and the membership went down to 170 members, coming up the following year under the leadership of Dr. E. D. Stewart to 299 members. Dr. Stewart has been a very popular commander for three years and the local post has been unusually successful under his guidance.

The 1926 officers, who have been nominated without opposition are, Leon McClintock, commander; Oscar Berrie, 1st vice-president; Ted Post, 2nd vice-president; James Fletcher, adjutant; Harrie Booth, finance officer; John Flurry, chaplain; George Trapolis, sergeant at arms; Phil Harth, historian; W. H. Gerretsen, Jim Goodman, Jack Crafton, Joseph Denn, Carl Wimberty, executive committee. There are already 200 paid up members for 1926.

The Legion Auxiliary gives an enthusiastic welcome to all wives, sisters and mothers of the ex-servicemen, the chapter here having 115 members. It was organized in 1920. The Auxiliary is always actively helping the Legion and the town in every way possible and also meets at the Armory.

Soldier's Home

The Oregon State Soldiers Home is located one mile west of Roseburg and is beautifully situated, being separated from the Umpqua river by only a deep fringe of myrtle and maple trees. The southwest boundary of the grounds is a public highway, paved as far as the home, and beyond that a low range of green hills. The grounds of the Home are laid out in beautiful lawns and flower beds and the gravelled driveways wind between the neat well kept up buildings to a grove of native firs where croquet grounds help to keep the veterans entertained and where rustic seats and benches are provided for their comfort in the summer.

George W. Riddle, a well known pioneer of Douglas county is the present Commandant of the Soldiers Home and under his administration the affairs of the institution have been very satisfactory. E. A. Post is adjutant.

The Oregon State Soldiers Home was created by an act of the legislature in 1892, to provide a home for honorably discharged soldiers and marines who served in any of the wars in which the United States engaged, or who served in the Indian wars of Oregon, Washington or Idaho, the war of the rebellion, the Spanish war and the Philippine war, provided they are now or may become citizens of the State of Oregon, the war with Germany, provided they were residents of Oregon at the time of their enlistment or induction. Wives of such soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the war of the rebellion, the Spanish war, the Philippine war, the Indian wars of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, who were married on or before June 27, 1905, are admitted to the home when cottages are available.

The Home has 40 acres of land, of which about 25 are utilized for farm, garden and orchard. The Home buildings consist of the administration building, Quarters Nos. 1 and 2, hospital, hospital heating plant, storerooms, horse, cow and hog barns, and also four cottages that accommodate eight veterans with wives or their widows if husbands die while inmates of the cottages.

Since the existence of the Home 1502 disabled soldiers have been cared for there, and at present there are 182, including eight women, enrolled among the veterans. Among those who have been residents of the Home the longest time are William A. Greek, who was first admitted Nov. 24, 1894, and who has been there intermittently since that time; Charles Count, admitted Oct. 18th, 1901; Hiram Pratt, admitted March 16, 1904; Levi White, admitted April 17, 1902. Among the oldest residents in point of years are several who have nearly reached the century mark. Oliver H. P. Hoag, 93 years; Augustus P. Dean, 93 years; Frankie Ward, 93 years; J. F. Baumbach, 88 years; William Russell, 91 years. There are 115 Civil War veterans there, 27 veterans of the Spanish and Philippine wars, 18 of the Indian Wars, 1 of the World War, and 8 widows.

Many comforts are provided for the veterans in residence at the Home by Roseburg people, and on all holidays and feast times they are well remembered.

Churches of Roseburg

Roseburg holds a prominent place as a church city in the state of Oregon and the religious side of the community has experienced a growth equalling the expansion of the business and residential sections. It is no more than should be expected, that a city the size of Roseburg, known along the coast as an ideal home town, a possessor of attractive schools and happy citizens, should also have the finest edifices and flourishing congregations to stimulate the growth of that phase of community life. It is the presumption of American thought and life that primary among the institutions of western civilization was the church and upon this cornerstone, the pioneers who blazed the trails to the great far west, build a commonwealth that is destined to rank as one of the finest in the land. It is the right of every individual to worship God after the dictates of his own conscience. In the front ranks of progress we find today the church, that emblem of purity which was so enshrined in the hearts of the missionary pioneers. There we find the highest aspirations of the race, and nowhere more resplendent than in those enchanted stretches of empire bordering the western sea.

Roseburg is truly a friendly city and the hospitable people that inhabit it attribute much of that friendship to the strong membership in the churches. In the congregations of the various churches of Roseburg will be found the good old pioneer stock. Those kindly citizens who maintain a devout faith in the Almighty, despite the modern trend away from the Rock of Ages, have wrested from the wilderness of this county their homes and are now settled down in contentment, finding their joy and happiness in their places of worship and their homes. Here from afar come homeseekers, attracted by wealth of field, forest, or factory, or the delightful fellowships of this world famous valley.

The church organizations foster-

ing the religious ideals and aspirations of the community are many and the temples of worship commodious and beautiful.

Adherents of the Catholic faith and their religious aspiration and educational ministries centering at the St. Joseph's church. Here, too, will be found the Mercy hospital, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy. This institution is well conducted and answers the needs of the city in a fine way.

The various Protestant denominations are represented by well appointed sanctuaries and thriving constituencies and reach in their service programs a comparatively large percentage of the urban population as well as the surrounding rural communities.

The First Presbyterian church, located at the corner of Lane and Jackson street, is a beautiful structure. This edifice offers the membership a comfortable place of worship.

One block to the west will be found the First Baptist church, one of the oldest churches in the city, whose membership is composed of some of the early residents of the county. This church takes an active part in civic affairs and always has the best interests of the community at heart.

The M. E. church of Roseburg, situated on the corner of Main and Lane streets, is a magnificent building and although quite large is none too big for the fine congregation that attends its services. This church of cordial friendships has a program of progress and is keeping step with the rapid advancement of the community.

The M. E. church South, located opposite the Methodist Episcopal church, is a comparatively new building. This church is conveniently situated and is blessed with a marvelous group of members, who are ever sincere in their faith and adherence to the principals of religion.

St. George's church, for those of Episcopal faith, holds regular ser-

vice and its membership is composed of some of the most substantial citizens in the entire community. It is located on the corner of Main and Cass streets an ideal spot for the structure.

The First Christian church, on the corner of Pine and Woodward streets, is one of the oldest churches here. The building is rather old but is commodious and comfortable for the members. The membership of the First Christian church is at present raising funds to construct a new edifice and have already purchased the lot for the structure. It will be located opposite the county court house, one of the finest locations obtainable in the city.

The Seventh Day Adventists meet in their church on the west side, Military street. Their membership here is large and faithful. On their day of worship many visit here from Sutherlin, where their fine academy is located.

The Standard Bible mission, the newest church here, is building a fine new home on Douglas street. This church has experienced rapid growth and their success in raising funds to construct their new church proves conclusively that the members are firm in their convictions and loyalty to their denomination.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, has constructed one of the finest edifices of any church its size in the state. It is located on Douglas street, just east of the court house and is a valuable addition to the city's buildings. The church has a large membership here and throughout the year bring their lectures from the Mother Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., to the city.

The Salvation Army maintains a hall here in the Sykes building. It is quite active locally and in addition to the services held, the members administer to the needs of the poverty stricken throughout the county.

A City of Homes

Very few World war veterans of Douglas county made application for the cash bonus offered by the state to those who did not desire to use the farm and home loan feature of the act. As a result the veterans of the late war have been able to make permanent homes in the county and establish themselves on a firmer basis. During 1925 most of the homes constructed in Roseburg were a result of the loan feature offered by the state to the ex-service men.

Roseburg is first of all a home city. The chamber of commerce points with pride to the type of residences being constructed here at the present time. A trip through the residential districts proves the assertion that the growth of the city is on a substantial basis. Nearly every home is occupied and all houses available for renting have been leased. The housing situation, however, is not acute. There are plenty of houses being constructed at present to care for the growth of Roseburg during 1926, along the same steady advancement shown during the past year.

Laurelwood and Overlook additions are two of the new home sections to be opened up during the past few years. Laurelwood, situated on the west side of the South Umpqua, nestles in a huge grove of laurel and fir trees. Winding streets, all paved, add to the beauty of the section and some of the finest homes in Roseburg are being built there. Overlook addition is located on the slope of the hill overlooking Roseburg and a good portion of the Umpqua valley. This section has been paved and some beautiful homes are located there. It is growing rapidly and is considered one of the desirable residential districts.

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Roseburg Home of Many Lodges
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O. F. has a membership of 170 with assets of \$6500. It was started here March 14, 1877. There is also a Canton Robertson, the uniform branch, started in Feb. 9, 1909, and now has about 30 members. An auxiliary to this is now being organized. Canton Robertson was named in an Oddfellow, Bob Robertson, who died of heart failure one night while on his way to lodge. He was very active in Oddfellowship.

There is also a Muscovite club of 100 members, and a Lady Muscovite club. Roseburg Rebekah Lodge No. 41, has a membership of 254, grown from an original membership of 12. The chapter meets every week on Tuesday evening and has assets of \$2380.

The Oddfellows have a very fine building on Douglas street, a two-story new section, which was rebuilt to its present form in 1920, housing large club and lodge rooms, besides several modern stores.

Woodmen of World, Camp 125. There is a very active chapter of the Woodmen in Roseburg, meeting every first and third Mondays in the Oddfellow's hall. The Camp was organized here in 1892, and now has a membership of 240 members, the majority of which are active. John D. Hess is C. C. and M. M. Miller clerk, of this order.

Knights of Pythias, Alpha Lodge No. 47, has a membership of 290, and meets every Wednesday night in the Knights of Pythias Hall, 130 Rose street. The hall, a building of very fine construction, was built in 1920 by the local order. The lower floor is occupied by the Roseburg garage, with lodge, clubrooms, and dance hall on the second floor. There is also an active chapter of the Pythian Sisters, meeting the second and fourth Monday evenings at the K. P. hall.

K. O. T. M. The Knights of the Maccabees have a good membership here and meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Maccabee Hall where they have commodious lodge rooms. The chapter was organized in 1904. The Women's Benefit Association of the Maccabees meets also on the second and fourth Thursdays and has a membership of 125, having been organized in 1892.

Eagles. Roseburg, aerie of the Eagle Lodge meets at the Maccabee Hall on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings. The chapter was organized here on August 24, 1906, and has 103 members.

Artisans. The United Artisans have been organized in Roseburg for over 25 years, and now has 146 members. The lodge meeting twice each month, on the first and third Thursdays at the Maccabee Hall.

Neighbors of Woodcraft. Lilac Circle No. 49, Neighbors of Woodcraft, has a very active

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