

Society and Clubs

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

MRS. S. A. WARG REPORTS ON P. T. A. BOARD MEETING

Mrs. S. A. Warg, president of the Douglas County Council of P. T. A. has returned to her home in Roseburg, following a trip to Portland to attend the meeting of the board of managers. Mrs. Warg reports the position of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers and its nearly 46,000 members on several measures due for consideration by the 1947 state legislature. The quarterly meeting was held Wednesday.

The board voted endorsement of a plan for distributing the state basic school support funds, approved at the November election, which has been worked out by a committee of the bill's sponsors. The state congress was one of the sponsors.

Its legislative chairman, Mrs. Frederic W. Young, who has been one of the active workers for the support bill, explained the distribution plan to the congress board Wednesday which, she said, is four-pointed, covering equalization on the basis of school district needs, grants-in-aid on both teacher and pupil basis, special aid for transportation and a general fund for administration and emergency.

The congress board also endorsed bills to be presented to the legislature by the Fire Chiefs Association, affecting control of fireworks, by the Oregon Library Association to equalize and enlarge public library service and those parts of the Oregon Education Association's legislative proposals "which deal with problems of mutual interest."

The rural school district law, known as House Bill No. 80, was referred to the congress executive committee for further study and action.

The Oregon congress also will back a bill presented by its own committee on the nutrition of the school child, to provide a nutrition director for the state in order that Oregon may take advantage of the funds made available through the national school lunch law.

RIVERSDALE H. E. C. HAS MEETING FRIDAY

The Riversdale Grange Home Economics Club met at a noon potluck luncheon Friday at the hall. The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. C. E. Marks. Plans were made for the grange social night to be held January 25 at the hall. Dancing will be enjoyed and refreshments will be served.

Those present were: Mrs. C. E. Marks, Mrs. C. T. Tipton, Mrs. W. D. Love, Mrs. Harvey Ewens, Mrs. C. W. Cook, Mrs. Bert Kruse, Mrs. Graham Ewens, Mrs. Clem Schneider, Mrs. E. A. Heimbolt, Mrs. W. O. Patterson, Mrs. E. G. Truett, Mrs. C. W. Schmidt and Mrs. E. G. Cloake, members and Mrs. Lura Lince, a guest.

The next meeting will be held February 14 at a twelve-thirty o'clock potluck luncheon at the home of Mrs. E. G. Cloake.

CHESHAMAY CAMP FIRE GROUP MEETS

The Cheshamay Camp Fire Girls met at the home of Mary Ellen Holbrook on Main street with Sonia Fett, president, in charge. A knitting project will be held by the group.

Plans were made for a skating party to be held by the group and the Boy Scout troop, No. 34, for the evening of January 21.

Mrs. Holbrook served lovely refreshments to Mary Ellen Holbrook, Sharon Leupe, Sonia Fett, Marcia Newland, Joyce and Janet Harsham, Arlene Coffman, Patty Kuchan, Diane Jacklin and Joanne Zemlicka.

PATTISONS ENTERTAIN AT SEVERAL DINNERS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pattison entertained Saturday evening at a delightful dinner having as guests their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Belford and son, Michael, of Dupont, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard Pattison and daughters, Carolyn and Barbara.

Wednesday they entertained as guests their son, Bob, student at University of Oregon, Miss Amy Jacobson of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Sinclair of Roseburg. On Sunday they entertained Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Simpson of Roseburg as guests for dinner. Mrs. Simpson was formerly Mary Cramer. They were married December 24 and recently returned to Roseburg from their honeymoon.

ROSEBURG WOMEN'S ATHLETIC ASSN. MEETS

The Roseburg Women's Athletic Association, which meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Junior High School gymnasium, met last Tuesday night and several new members joined the group. Basketball and volleyball were enjoyed.

The association is composed of business women and housewives and all women interested in athletics (whether or not they have ever participated in sports before) are invited to join the group. Instruction on the rules of the various games is given at every meeting.

REBEKAHS AND ODD FELLOWS TO HOLD OPEN INSTALLATION

Roseburg Rebekah Lodge, No. 41, and Odd Fellows will hold an open joint installation of new officers at eight-thirty o'clock Thursday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall. Members and friends are invited. Arthur McGehee, deputy grand master, and Lena Poole, deputy installation, will preside. A drill will be presented by the Theta Rho Club girls. Outgoing officers will serve refreshments.

EASTERN STAR TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

The sixty-first anniversary of Roseburg Chapter of Eastern Star will be observed at an interesting program and meeting Thursday night at eight o'clock at the Masonic temple, according to an announcement made by the worthy matron, Mrs. J. P. Motschenbacher. Refreshments will be served following a social hour. Members and visiting members are invited to attend.

MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASS TO MEET ON THURSDAY

The Mid-week Bible Class of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will meet Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Roy Hebard at 734 S. Pine street with Mrs. J. Leonard, co-hostess. Election of officers will be held. All members and friends are most cordially invited to be present.

RIDDLE P. T. A. IS ORGANIZED WEDNESDAY

RIDDLE—A group of parents and teachers met Wednesday evening at the schoolhouse and organized a P. T. A. with 28 charter members. Much interest is being shown in the organization. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 6, at eight o'clock at the schoolhouse. All patrons of the school are urged to attend.

COUNTRY CLUB LADIES TO MEET ON THURSDAY

The ladies of the Roseburg Country Club will meet Thursday morning at nine-thirty o'clock at the clubhouse for the weekly contract bridge play. Luncheon will be served at twelve-thirty o'clock and contract bridge will be in play again in the afternoon.

MELROSE H. E. C. TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY

The Melrose Grange Home Economics Club will meet Wednesday, January 15, at two o'clock at the grange hall. All members are urged to be present.

AUXILIARY TO MEET THURSDAY EVENING

Patrick Kelley Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Thursday evening at eight o'clock at the Eagles hall. All members are requested to be present.

Pensions Sought By Congressmen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Three Pacific Northwest members of the House today advanced the new law which provides pensions for members of Congress after they reach 62 years of age.

The law makes a member of Congress eligible to receive a pension amounting to 21 per cent of his salary multiplied by the number of years he has served. To qualify, an applicant must pay up his share of the contributions for the last five year period. He cannot draw a pension unless he has served at least six years.

Nearly two hundred former and present members have applied for the pensions. They include former Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.), Rep. Taber (R-N. Y.), chairman of the House appropriations committee; Rep. Bloom (D-N. Y.), former chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and many other prominent members of the House.

Reps. Stockman (R-Ore.), Jackson (D-Wash.) and Holmes (R-Wash.) and former Rep. Coffee (D-Wash.) have applied for pensions.

Jackson is starting his fourth term, at the end of which he will have served eight years. If he retires then he can draw when he becomes 62 approximately \$2,000 a year. It cost him \$1,006 in back payments and he will have to continue to pay \$750 a year as he remains in Congress. Holmes and Stockman had to cough up back payments for four years of about the same amount and each will have to pay \$750 a year to qualify for retirement pay of about \$2,000 a year when they reach 62, if they should retire at the end of their present terms. The longer a member serves, the greater his benefits. The maximum a member can draw after long service is \$7,500 a year. Few of them will receive that much because of the heavy investment they would have to make in back payments. Coffee said he paid in about \$2,500 and will draw about the same amount annually when he reaches 62.

Musicians Union to Map Future Months' Program

Roseburg's American Federation of Musicians Local Union will hold its first meeting of the year tonight at 8 o'clock at the local labor hall in the Pacific building, President Paul Lund announced.

Business in order for tonight includes outlining new policies and a working program for the coming months, the discussion of action to be taken against local employers not upholding the local's pay standards, and a report of the "battle of hands" contest planned for April with the Coos Bay musicians.

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Blood Pressure Reduced by New Synthetic Drug

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—A synthetic drug, tetra ethyl ammonium, that reduces high blood pressure by producing a relaxation of the blood vessels, is in use at the University of Michigan.

The reduction is temporary, lasting from a few minutes to a few hours. For this reason it is not a cure. The drug is used safely on human beings, and may open new approaches to high blood pressure and vascular diseases associated with narrowing of the blood vessels.

A many-sided attack upon high blood pressure at Michigan started in 1933, in the Medical School, when Dr. Max M. Peet did the first surgical operation for high blood pressure. In 1946 a new laboratory for general studies on the vascular system was added, in charge of Dr. Richard H. Lyons, Dr. Gordon Moe and Dr. Peet. Part of the laboratory is in the Pharmacology Department where Dr. Moe is working on tetra ethyl ammonium and related compounds.

Tetra ethyl ammonium was found at Harvard in a list of synthetic compounds collected by Reed Hunt, Dr. Moe and Dr. George Acheson tried it on dogs and found the blood pressure effects. Michigan began the first use on human beings about a year and a half ago.

Produces Paralysis

The drug works by producing a temporary paralysis of the sympathetic nerves which control the size of the blood vessels. These effects are similar to those produced permanently by operative procedures on the sympathetic nerves.

Dr. Peet's operation severs the nerves that control the blood vessels of the abdominal or splanchnic area of the body. Thereupon these blood vessels, including direct nerve control, become relaxed. Emotions and the strain of driving energy may cause constriction of blood vessels, including those to the kidneys. It is to stop

that source of constriction that Dr. Peet devised the surgical operation.

Not all hard driving persons get high blood pressures. The reasons are not well understood. Heredity appears to be one.

Not Beneficial to All

The surgical operation has developed some mysteries of its own. This operation has been performed at Michigan on more than 1500 persons. Many have had dramatic relief from their sufferings. But some have had no relief.

It is hoped that experiments with tetra ethyl ammonium may show why some persons fail to be benefited, or at least indicate those who should not have the operation. Some persons fail to show appreciable drops in blood

pressure after taking the drug. These may be the exceptions for whom surgery is no remedy.

Although tetra ethyl ammonium nearly always lowers high blood pressure, no fall may occur when it is given to persons with low pressures. The explanation of this is that the drug does not interfere with the tone of blood vessels that are not stimulation from the sympathetic nerves. The drug appears to act directly on nerve ganglia and prevents the transmission of impulses beyond these junctions. It also affects intestinal tract, eyes, or bladder as well as blood vessels.

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The Ladies Auxiliary of Roseburg Post, 2468, will make a presentation of a similar gift the latter part of this week.

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