

Society and Clubs

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

B. P. W. C. HAS INTERESTING MEETING ON MONDAY EVENING

A very interesting meeting was held by the Roseburg B. P. W. C. Monday night at the L. O. O. F. hall. The theme for the evening was "Oregon Pioneer Women."

Florence Snedaker held her audience in rapt attention as she reviewed the daring and adventurous life of a Roseburg woman, Doctor Nathania Owens.

Dr. Owens came to Roseburg when a tiny child in a wagon caravan with her parents over the Applegate Trail in 1841. Her father ran the ferry over the river which now boasts a fine bridge. At fourteen she was married and took up the hard pioneering life of a farmer's wife. At eighteen she returned with her little son to her parental home. Up to that time she had received little, if any, formal education. She studied assiduously by herself, finally getting sufficient credentials to be able to teach school. In 1860 she returned to the city of Roseburg where her friends persuaded her to open a millinery shop. This proved very successful until a trained competitor opened shop in town. Fearing the competition of someone professionally trained, she closed shop, went to California to study, and shortly afterward, returned to Roseburg, re-opened her shop with the then unheard ceremony of a formal opening. Busy as this kept her, the challenge was not sufficient to keep her from beginning the study of medicine from "Gray's Anatomy" a book which she had borrowed from two doctor friends, the only two people, up to this time, knowing that she was interested in medicine. Just about this time, Susan B. Anthony considered Roseburg an inviting place to visit, somehow the excitement of this visit crystallized Nathania's desire to become a doctor. Her friends and family felt disgraced by the unladylike ambition, nevertheless her mind was made up, she again closed shop, this time for good. She first studied in California for a while, then went to Pennsylvania. Philadelphia still closed its doors to women students, upon recommendation she entered the school of medicine at Wisconsin.

After finishing her studies she returned to Roseburg and opened her office, where, by virtue of the times, she encountered much opposition for her strange choice of profession. It was soon after this that the strange invitation was given to her, probably more in challenge than in courtesy, to attend an autopsy. Not only did she stay but when handed the instruments, went to work successfully. She had accepted but after it was over, found it more than prudent to hurriedly leave town. Dr. Owens then opened an office in Portland, where she was mildly successful, considering the attitude taken towards women practicing medicine at that time. She again followed her urge to continue more study, this time in the company of her son, they went back to Wisconsin, Chicago and then to Europe. Women, were by this time accepted in the profession generally. Although at the age of forty-three she was again married, happily and continued her interest in medicine. Due to strenuous work, she suffered a breakdown in health, retired to the country to live in seclusion, this, however, did not last long. She again returned to active practice, this time working on general sanitation in regard to health. She was influential in the establishing of several of the most fundamental health laws of the state.

In 1926, when Dr. Nathania Owens died, she left a host of loyal friends, who respected her for her womanliness as well as for her noble venture in a new

field now an established career for a woman as well as a man. Minnie Clark gave some interesting and amusing data on the early schools of Roseburg, the first of which were private schools only, as Mrs. Clark said. The relating of some incidents of the schools and their first teachers gave some definite local color of early Roseburg.

The club was happy to welcome back an old member and past-president, Mrs. Elizabeth Heinline.

Among those present were: Stella Spencer, Laura Ries, Elizabeth Heinline, Minnie Clark, Edna Turner, Elna Davis, Ruth Roberts, Esther Snedaker, Maude Kipper, Florence Snedaker, Ruth Catlin, Dolma Grobe, Martha Perry, Golda Nickell, Gene Whittemburg, Mildred Herman, Edna May Hayward, Edna Heigerson, Joyce Wampler, Elnor Sherk, Flossie Virden, Alvia Wetherell and Mary Chapman.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the committee in charge for the evening including: Elnor Sherk, Alvia Wetherell and Minnie Clark. The next meeting will be a dinner meeting at the Hotel Umpqua, March 10. This should be an outstanding meeting of the year, it being hobby night. Committee in charge: Laura Ries, Stella Spencer, Emily Judd and Maude Kipper. The Sutherland Club members are invited guests. Roy W. A. MacArthur will be guest speaker.

MRS. HELGESON IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MYRTLE CREEK P. T. A.

Over a hundred interested parents, teachers and patrons attended the final organization meeting of a P. T. A. in Myrtle Creek, last Thursday evening. The high school assembly room was filled to capacity where the business part of the meeting was held. Mrs. S. A. Warg, council president of Douglas County, and Mrs. L. L. Strude, president of Benson School P. T. A., both of Roseburg were guest speakers for the evening. Mrs. Warg outlined the general set-up of P. T. A. from the local unit through the various stages to the National Congress of P. T. A. Mrs. Strude stressed the value of a local unit and its place in the community. Thomas Ireland, superintendent of the Myrtle Creek Schools, enumerated the many ways in which a local unit of P. T. A. would be of value to Myrtle Creek.

Officers elected for the year were: president, Mrs. Alvin Helgeson; vice president, Mrs. W. S. Rice; secretary, Mrs. Philbrook; treasurer, Paul Froehlich; and sergeant-at-arms, Bob Jones. The group was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Lowell Russell of Roseburg, who, dressed in her lovely Indian costume sang several songs in the native language, and a second group of beautiful American numbers.

After the meeting refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed.

REBEKAHS ANNOUNCE BENEFIT CARD PARTY

The public has been cordially invited to enjoy a benefit card party at eight o'clock next Wednesday evening, March 12, at the L. O. O. F. hall. Tickets may be purchased from Mayne Dimmick or any member of the Rebekah degree staff. Prizes will be awarded winners in the various card plays and refreshments will be served.

NURSES ASSOCIATION TO MEET TUESDAY

District No. 11, Oregon State Nurses Association will meet at a seven o'clock potluck supper next Tuesday night, March 11, at the home of Mrs. Hugh Ritchie on the Garen Valley road. Those attending are asked to bring their own table service.

BUENA MARIS MOCKMORE TO BE IN ROSEBURG WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Buena Maris Mockmore, dean of women of Oregon State College, will be in Roseburg Wednesday, March 12, and will talk on the subject, "What We All Want," at a general assembly meeting at the Senior High School at 1 o'clock. Principal Alva Laws announced that all persons interested in hearing Dean Mockmore give this talk, are welcome to attend the assembly.

The O. S. C. Mothers Club will honor Dean Mockmore at a 11:30 o'clock no-hostess luncheon (place of which will be announced later). All women interested in O. S. C. are invited and are asked to make reservations not later than Monday by calling either 535-Y or 272. From two to four o'clock the club will honor Dean Mockmore at a tea at the home of Mrs. Horace C. Berg in Laurelwood with Mrs. G. W. Marshall as co-hostess. All women interested in the college are invited to the tea to meet Dean Mockmore.

INTER-SE STUDY CLUB TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY

The Inter-Se Study Club will meet next Tuesday, March 11, at a one-fifteen o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. E. E. Lindell, 440 Claire street, with Mrs. V. V. Harpham, co-hostess. The program on "Grand Opera" will be in charge of Mrs. Theo Bond.

The last meeting was held at a one o'clock luncheon at Turn-Around, after which the group went to the attractive home of Mrs. Paul Geddes on East Lane street, where Mrs. Geddes presented a charming resume of the musical play, "Carousel" by Rodgers and Hammerstein. She played a number of musical recordings during the program hour.

Those enjoying the occasion with Mrs. Geddes included: Mrs. Theo Bond, Mrs. George Churchill, and her mother, Mrs. M. R. Wire, a guest, and Mrs. E. S. Hall, Mrs. V. V. Harpham, Mrs. Alva Laws, Mrs. Bruce Melis and Mrs. Gordon Stewart.

WOMEN OF OLLALA ENJOY MEETING

OLLALA—The Ollala Community hall was the scene of an all-day workshop enjoyed by twenty-four women of the community Tuesday, when Mrs. Myrtle Carter, extension specialist in clothing from O. S. C. and Mrs. Wanda Matson, county leader, had charge of instruction in the making of footstools.

Those taking part were Elma Swatts, Margaret McCord, Mrs. Maddox, Ethel Hughes, Virginia Way, Ruth Helgeson, Mable Hader, Garnet Folmsbee, Mary Hodges, Louise Coats, Hester Laurance, Renie Jenkins, Kate Wilson, Adda Oliviant, Amy Erbe, Nellie Henry, Vera Wilson, Louise Oliviant, Mable Roberts, Metta Calkins, Emma Swift and Junia Byron.

The next home extension meeting will be held the first Tuesday in April and will start at 10 A. M. with a potluck luncheon at noon. All ladies of the community are invited. Mrs. Matson will have charge of the day's program.

KITCHEN SHOWER GIVEN MRS. WILLIAMS

Mrs. Freeman Williams was the recipient of a kitchen shower given by the Jolly Circle Club when they met in her new home. During the short business session committees were appointed to carry out the work for the coming year.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent visiting and admiring the gifts given the hostess.

Mrs. Freeman, assisted by Mrs. Virgil Lynn served the delicious refreshments to guests and members. Mrs. F. C. Reese, Mrs. J. E. Folsen, Mrs. C. Arthur, Hilman, Mrs. H. C. Morell, Mrs. Bud Manning, Mrs. Floyd Simpson, Mrs. Ralph St. Peter, Mrs. G. James, Mrs. Virgil Lynn, Mrs. Millard Manning, and the hostess, Mrs. Freeman Williams.

March 12th will be a potluck luncheon to be held at the home of Mrs. Oakley Bibby.

TRAIL DUST SADDLE CLUB TO MEET SUNDAY

The Trail Dust Saddle Club will hold its regular meeting Sunday, March 9, at two o'clock at the Circuit Court room in the courthouse. All members are urged to be present.

Leopold Ineligible for Parole for Ten Years

CHICAGO, March 6. — (AP) — Nathan Leopold, serving a life sentence and a 99-year sentence in Stateville prison for the kidnap-slaying of young Bobby Franks in 1934, will not be eligible for parole for at least 10 years, Illinois parole officials have advised State's Attorney Tuohy.

Tuohy said he sought the parole board's opinion in view of reports that Leopold would seek parole on the ground that he submitted to a malaria control experiment in prison during the war. Parole officials said some convicts in the tests would be given preferred parole consideration or possible executive clemency.

However, they said Leopold, convicted with the late Richard Loeb in the "thrill slaying" of the 14-year-old Franks boy, must serve a minimum of 33 years of the 99 year kidnapping sentence before his application for parole can be considered.

Nudists Sue to Remove Wire Fences From Trails

OREGON CITY, Ore., March 6. — (AP) — The sun bathers of Clackamas want the barbed wire fences removed from the trail they use to reach their wilderness site.

An injunction suit in the circuit court here by the Sun Ray Society of Oregon City asks the

court to compel Fred M. and Pauline Finch Pickering and Aubrey and Margaret A. Davis to remove the fence restricting them from a tract used by nudists the past 15 years.

R. C. Mitchell, Portland, president of the Sun Ray group, explained the roadway has been used for at least 10 years and that the only other route to the tract, called Elysia, are impassable. He said farmers in the area have joined the nudists in the injunction suit.

A-A Meeting Dated

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 7:30 P. M. Monday at the Chamber of Commerce. An afternoon meeting will be held at 1 o'clock at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital. All persons interested may attend.

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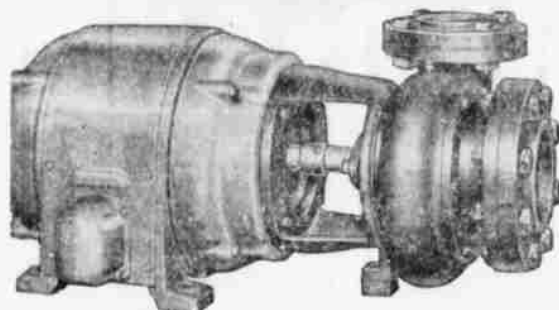
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