

Society and Clubs

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

CONFERENCE IS WELL-ATTENDED

Nearly one hundred state officers, local officers, and members of the Oregon State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs attended the Southern Oregon District spring conference held at Medford last Sunday, April 20. Considering the long distance to be traveled for a week end session the state was very well represented. The clubs of the district represented were, the hostess club, Medford, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and Roseburg, Lakeview, which is in that district sent no delegates. Klamath Falls sent twenty-one delegates, the largest delegation from a visiting club. Roseburg sent ten delegates; among those attending were: Alvina Wetherell, local president, Vivian Losden, Minnie Clark, Martha Perry, Laura Iles, Edna Helgeson, Jean Whittenburg and Dolma Grobe. Other

clubs of the state represented by delegates and speakers were, Albany, Corvallis, Milton-Freewater and Eugene. State officers and state committee chairmen present were: Mrs. Kathleen Miller, Albany, state president; Mrs. Le-one Jensen, Eugene, state first vice-president; Eunice Courtwright, magazine chairman and editor of the "Oregon Business Woman" from Corvallis; Charlotte Donovan, Eugene, public affairs state chairman; Charles Edwards, Corvallis, state membership chairman; Isabelle Bixner, Klamath Falls, state education chairman; Genie Gilmore, Milton-Freewater, state international relations chairman; and Edna Helgeson, Roseburg club, southern district conference chairwoman. The committee in charge of arrangements of the Medford club were: Marjorie Hopkins, Ethel McIntyre, Bertha Haskins, and Laura York, president of the Medford B. P. W. C.

The general theme chosen for the conference was International Relations. According to the reports of the various clubs on their activities in international relations, every club in the state has done a lot of work, actual manual work in packing boxes and magazines to send to foreign countries, the donating of money to support foreign orphans, and considerable time and effort spent in study and the preparation of programs on that subject. Certainly this federation has taken a step in the right direction in the light of the theory of every organization seriously considering the importance of international relationship in the establishment of a world peace.

At the morning session, which convened in the Medford Hotel, Mrs. Gene Gilmore, international relations chairman, spoke on this topic. Quoting actual fact and incidents as her authority, Mrs. Gilmore, struck home, this fact by saying, in essence, that we would have to clean up our own conditions of instability of purpose before we could even aspire to develop respect for our endeavors in other countries. Quoting Mrs. Gilmore: "How can we help other countries build freedom when we have an insidious undergrowth in our own country defeating the very principles for which we stand." What she meant was that until we removed

our rings of anti-democratic activities, for one in particular, the atomic bomb control, we could not expect foreign countries to accept and practice recommendations that we suggest when those very countries have received information and material from other sources in our country to the very contrary. That every person in the United States carried a responsibility of expressing anti-activity and counter-acting those activities by education in world citizenship.

Mrs. Isabelle Bixner of Klamath Falls, state educational chairman, outlined several ways and means of following up the actual business of education: our own people in democratic principles by encouraging individual clubs to offer scholarships and building up student loan funds to help educate sincere, progressive students not only in political government but also, for instance, to offer a scholarship to students for work in fields where shortages now exist, the teaching profession for one.

Mrs. Charlotte Donovan, Eugene, state public affairs chairman, gave the history and development of the International Federation. This International Federation was organized in 1930 after individual countries sponsored good will tours between countries in both the eastern and western hemispheres of the world. The first meeting of the International Federation since the war was held in Brussels, Belgium, last June, 1946, at which time, Dr. Lena Madson Phillips, United States, presided as president. The theme was "Lessons of Yesterday as the Keynote of Tomorrow." There are 281 individual associate memberships in the International Federation in the United States, 11 of these are from Oregon.

Kathleen Miller, state president from Albany gave a thought-provoking talk on "Know Yourself." In a talk, short and concise, with each word so carefully chosen as to carry a whole paragraph of meaning Mrs. Miller emphasized the importance of knowing one's individual self and being able to forget that individual self and likewise forgetting any other individual self before concentrating energy in promoting a movement, whether it meant the support or recommendation of a legislative bill or co-operating in building up a project in a community; that the important fundamental interest should be for a cross section of individual good rather than for a few.

At a most delicious luncheon served by the Medford Grand ladies at the historic old courthouse in Jacksonville, Leone Jensen, state first-president of B. P. W. C. gave the luncheon address. Mrs. Jensen, of Eugene, chose the topic, "International Relations and its Relation to Every Individual." She brought out

the important fact that in order to make a good citizen it was not enough to keep oneself informed of local, state and national news, both politically and economically but also from an international viewpoint, the humanitarian phase never to be forgotten. It was found in the United Nations Assembly, that in order for the conference of representatives from countries all over the world to consider the needs and demands of individual countries, that first in making any adjustments or concessions that the status of the individuals in relation to each other had to be investigated. For instance the equal rights or the suffrage privilege of men and women in China or Greece had to be considered before regulations could be recommended in order that any assurance that general good could be achieved.

BENSON P.T.A. HOLDS MEETING MONDAY EVENING

Benson P.T.A. met Monday evening at the schoolhouse, at which time the one-act negro comedy, "Culcha" was presented by Mrs. Maxine Strode, Mrs. Mildred Gardner, Mrs. Myrtle Hargis, Mrs. Pansy O'Brien, Mrs. Norma Thompson, Mrs. Hazel Coffman, Mrs. Mary Hall, Mrs. Thelma Weber, Mrs. Virgie Hicks, Mrs. Essie Hayden and Mrs. Mae Byrd. The play was very ably presented and greatly enjoyed. Principal Crane showed movies of the students, teachers and the activities of the school.

A beautiful combination radio-phonograph was presented to the school by the Modern Furniture Company. The entire school and faculty expressed appreciation for the gift. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the program.

Mrs. Fay Clark expressed her appreciation to all mothers of the school for their splendid co-operation in making the evening a success.

New officers for the coming year include: Mrs. Myrtle Hargis, president; Mrs. Brundage, vice-president; Mrs. Maxine Strode, secretary and Mrs. Lucille Reed, treasurer.

The retiring officers have enjoyed a most successful year and next year the P.T.A. plans to continue its activities and projects for the school.

B. P. W. C. TO ELECT OFFICERS AT MEETING TONIGHT

The Business Professional Women's Club will hold a regular meeting at the I. O. O. F. hall this evening at 8:00 o'clock, April 28. There will be a business meeting, election of officers for the coming year, the election of delegates and their alternates for the state convention to be held in Albany May 16, 17, and 18. Chairman for the committee in charge of the evening's program is Mary Chapman.

BETTY CROCKER IS PLEDGED TO SORORITY
Betty Crocker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peyton M. Corder, 504 Cobb street, Roseburg, was pledged to Upsilon chapter of Sigma Kappa, international social sorority, at Oregon State College, April 22. Sigma Kappa, one of 16 sororities on the Oregon State College campus, was founded at Colby college, Waterville, Maine, in 1874. Miss Crocker, a graduate of Roseburg High School, is entered in the school of Business and Industry.

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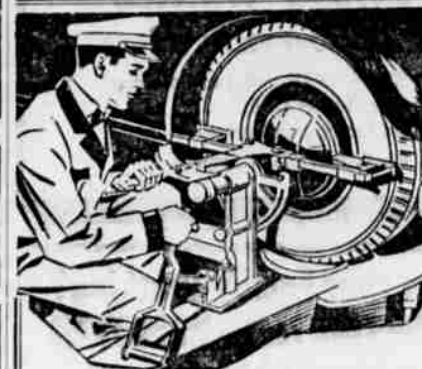


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