

JOB ONLY FIVE PERCENT DISCIPLINE**Mrs. Wickham Dubbed 'Custodian of the Co-eds'**

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She has 1617 children — and she's been married only 30 years. Her name is Golda Parker Wickham and she is the University's custodian of the coeds.

"When I look at any of these kids," she says, "I think, there, but for the grace of God, is my child."

And she means all 1617 of them.

Mrs. Wickham is a red-head, with grey eyes and expressive hands that seem to form her words unconsciously as she speaks. She sits at a large desk, the top of which is constantly covered with letters, speech materials, and other papers.

But the place of honor on this desk is reserved for her appointment calendar. If there is a white space in the book, you can be sure it is a Sunday.

The little calendar sits in the center of the desk, always ready with a gentle reminder if Mrs. Wickham contemplates coffee.

Every Hour Busy

For example, one day, within the space of an hour, the following events occurred:

A woman from Salem dropped in to discuss her freshman daughter's low grades; a man came by to check on a campus housemothers' proposed trip to Hawaii; a housemother interrupted to ask about something concerning her living organization, and two coeds came in to make inquiries about signing out for weekends.

Moments later a friend telephoned and asked Mrs. Wickham for a favorite cake recipe.

And a reporter sat in the office contemplating the chaos.

"How can I keep it up?" Mrs. Wickham repeated the question with a furtive glance in the general direction of the appointment book.

"Well," she said, "because I just talk myself into thinking it is an easy job. And furthermore, I love my work. If you have faith in the students you can do anything."

Yet, like most jobs in the personnel field, it has its heart-breaks.

Discipline Unpleasant

"It's disappointing to me," she said, "that so many students think a dean of women is here



for discipline only. Actually I spend only five per cent of my time in this area. And it is this five per cent that is so misunderstood. I wish there were a separate board, or an office for disciplinary purposes.

"A great amount of my time is taken up by students who have personal problems. One girl even came in worried about a boyfriend who hadn't called for a

week or so. Now this is just as important to her as the problems of a girl who has low grades, or is thinking about dropping school."

Mrs. Wickham's motto, through all her work-crowded days, is "Be friendly, firm, and fair."

And she has been practicing this philosophy for many years. She taught at Lincoln high school in Portland for eight years until 1944. The last four years she was dean of women at the high school.

Taught High School

In 1944 she came to Eugene high and taught there until the latter part of that year. Upon the death of Hazel Schwering, then dean of women here, Mrs. Wickham was asked to fill the job temporarily.

After a year and a half at the University, during which time she was, "decided and undecided several times," she accepted the post of dean.

"It is a big responsibility, and periodically I quit. But every time I think to myself, 'O my stars, what AM I doing' and I come right back and sit down at my desk."

And as she said this, there was a knock on the door. As if by signal, the phone rang. Another appointment had begun.

Knowland Doubts Ike Renomination

WASHINGTON - (AP) - Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) said Sunday night he doubted that the Republican party would renominate President Eisenhower in 1956 if he is reluctant to run.

Interviewed on the NBC TV-radio show "Meet the Press," the Republican Senate leader said he did not rule out a possible draft of Eisenhower, but added: "I doubt that he wants or the party wants a reluctant candidate for President . . . a reluctant candidate that has to be pressured into running."

Asked whether he thought Eisenhower would seek reelection, Knowland said that was a decision the President would have to make himself. As to whether he would support Eisenhower's nomination, Knowland said he could decide that when the President makes up his mind.

Eisenhower Requests Trade Act Extension

WASHINGTON - (AP) - Some advocates of freer world trade criticized President Eisenhower's foreign economic program Sunday as inadequate, but its Democratic sponsor in Congress predicted it will be adopted without substantial change.

Eisenhower will send Congress a special message Monday detailing his proposals for a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Act, with power to cut tariffs an additional 15 per cent.

This will be the first of a series of White House messages following up specific issues which the President sketched in broad outline in his State of The Union message last Thursday.

While some critics of his world trade program said it fails to solve one of the most serious obstacles to an expanded exchange of free world goods, Rep. Jere Cooper (D-Tenn.) chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, said he doubted there would be any major changes in the administration

proposals, which he is sponsoring in congress.

The committee expects to start hearings on the issue soon, probably within two weeks. Members of both parties have predicted the trade program may be the first major legislation enacted by the new Democratic-controlled Congress.

It faces strong opposition however, from many Republicans, notably the three senior GOP members on the Ways and Means Committee—Reps. Reed (NY), Jenkins (Ohio) and Simpson (Pa.).

Concert to Feature Audrey Mistretta

Audrey Mistretta, senior in music, will be guest singer at the Eugene high school concert Sunday.

The program, an annual affair, will begin at 3 p.m. and will also feature a flute solo and a double piano concerto by Bach.

California Loggers Demand Pay Increase

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — A wage pattern taking form in the Pacific Northwest Douglas fir industry prompted a union demand Sunday for a pay increase in the mills and woods of Northern California.

The Northern California District Council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union, AFL, took as its standard the 7½-cent-an-hour increase recommended in the Northwest by a peace panel set up last September by the governors of Oregon and Washington.

Vote Unanimous

Robert Giesick, council executive secretary, said the vote was unanimous to recommend that all the locals in the counties of its jurisdiction, eight in Northern California, one in Nevada, open the wage clause in their contracts to seek the 7½ cents.

Top officials of both the CIO International Woodworkers of America and the AFL group have approved the peace panel recommendation of last Dec. 21 to run from Jan. 1, 1955, to April, 1956. A major employer group, the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee of Portland, added its approval last Thursday.

California Strike Fruitless

Appointment of the panel ended a long strike by both the CIO and AFL lumber unions in Oregon and Washington. A parallel strike by the AFL in Northern California ended last August without a wage increase.

California contracts were ex-

tended to their 1956 expiration dates at the end of the strike but wage clauses may be reopened on from 30 to 75 days' notice.

Giesick said the action Sunday by the 35 rank and file delegates to the council's quarterly meeting should not be construed as a strike vote. Only negotiation is implied, he said.

Northwest Sets Pace

"Historically lumber wage increases have started in the Northwest," he said, "and if the Northwest Douglas fir industry can afford to pay an increase now, the Northern California pine industry can stand it a lot easier."

The major pine employers' group, the Pine Industrial Relations committee, will meet in Klamath Falls, Ore., Friday. A spokesman said he believed wage policy would be discussed.

The PIRC represents many of the lumber operators of Northern California and Eastern Oregon, predominately producing pine lumber but with an admixture of fir and other species.

School Principals To Meet on Campus

Principals of junior high schools and high schools throughout Oregon will meet on the University campus next weekend.

The occasion is the fifth annual meeting of the Oregon Association of Secondary School Principals, the Oregon State Department of Education.

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