

Mother's Club Organized in 1928

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As the last roars of the roaring twenties were dying down into low rumbles a new idea was born, that of organizing a Mother's club.

In the fall of 1928 the Mother's club first began and has been expanding ever since. The first Mother's Day was held in the spring of 1928, and the annual affair has since been combined with Junior Weekend.

A new president, Arnold Bennett, had come to the University that year from the University of Wisconsin faculty. Wisconsin had parents' organizations, and President Bennett knew what they could do for a University.

Branches in Other States

The organization of the University of Oregon Mothers is not confined to this state alone. It has active branches in California and in other areas throughout the Northwest.

The club is organized into districts and governed through 10 district vice-presidents. The business of the club is conducted through an executive board which meets several times during the winter months.

Members of the executive board include the president, vice-presi-

dent, secretary, treasurer, financial secretary, corresponding secretary, and retiring president.

This year's president of the Eugene unit of the Mother's club is Mrs. Paul Price.

The president of the state Mother's club this year is Mrs. Dean Micklewait of Eugene. Other officers are: vice-president, Mrs. Walt Walton of Salem; secretary, Mrs. Darwin Spicer of Eugene; treasurer, Mrs. Melvin Gustafson of Eugene; financial secretary, Mrs. L. E. Ziniker of Creswell; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. Douglas Wright of Portland.

Meeting This Morning

Every year during Junior Weekend the executive board, district vice-presidents and active members meet to conduct a short business meeting and elect new officers. The 1955 meeting will be held after the breakfast this morning.

The breakfast is being held from 8:30 to 10:30 in the Student Union Ballroom. President O. Meredith Wilson will speak to the group. Audrey Mistretta will appear as a soloist.

The Mother's Club has many activities and projects. The principal activity is raising money for scholarships. They award three \$300 scholarships every

year plus several amounting to \$200 and \$165.

Money From Several Sources
The clubs raise money for scholarships in various ways, one of which is the \$1 yearly dues. Activities such as bridge parties and rummage sales account for the rest of the money.

The mothers have established an emergency loan fund, administered through University offi-

cial and available to all students in need of immediate funds.

There is no interest charged on this fund, but there is a small service charge for administration.

One of the most important things they do is to keep in constant touch with the University, answering questions in their communities and acting as stabilizers of public opinion.

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