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15,000 MOTHERS DIE IN THE UNITED STATES.

More women 15 to 45 years of age die in the United States from conditions incident to maternity than from any other cause except tuberculosis. And since 1900, while the death rates from tuberculosis, typhoid, diphtheria and croup, and certain other preventable diseases have been greatly reduced, the available figures for the death-registration area show no decrease in the proportion of mothers whose lives are sacrificed yearly to ignorance and improper care in childbirth.

These facts and their causes, with a detailed study of maternal death rates in the United States and foreign countries, are set forth in a bulletin on Maternal Mortality by Dr. Grace L. Meigs, which has just been issued by the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor.

Dr. Meigs emphasizes the inseparable connection between the life and health of the mother and the life and health of her baby. She points out that 15,000 maternal deaths which occur annually in the United States are largely preventable; that these 15,000 deaths are merely a rough index of unmeasured preventable illness among mothers; and that the protection of mothers is essential to the saving of babies' lives.

How can the protection of mothers be accomplished? Two underlying causes are assigned for the present conditions:

First. The hazards have been either ignored or accepted as unavoidable. "Knowledge of the need for good care at childbirth is essential; the lack of such knowledge and of a demand for this care has been, probably, the chief factor in producing the present indifference to this phase of preventive medicine. Communities are still to a great extent indifferent to or ignorant of the number of lives of women lost yearly from childbirth."

"The second fundamental cause—the difficulty of obtaining adequate care—is seen to depend to a large extent on the first. As women, their husbands, physicians, and communities realize the absolute need of skilled care, methods for providing it will be developed."

The city problem and the rural problem are both discussed.

Even in a city well supplied with clinics and hospitals the number of women served by them is small in comparison with the number who bear their children without receiving adequate care. Certain sections of the population depend on ignorant midwives. But the reader is reminded that women of moderate means who can not pay large fees and who will not visit a clinic sometimes receive the least benefit from improvements in standards of

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Did you ever hear tell of a successful business man without a bank account? Success is just as likely to come to you without a bank account as it is to a farmer without a farm.

This bank meets your needs—fits your case, and is a bank of personal service. The same hearty service here for the man who opens a small account, as the man who opens one with more,

La Grande National Bank

Cove School Notes

Parent Teachers Discuss School Sanitation and Ventilation Problems—One Cove Room Gets One-Tenth the Air Necessary.

Cove, Ore., March 2.—(Special)—The March meeting of the Parent-Teacher association was held in the school building Thursday evening. A great deal of interest was shown in the subjects for discussion, ventilation and sanitation, which were ably presented by Mr. Arant and Dr. McCown. The association was very fortunate in having present Miss Mary Cronen, who is working in the interest of the society for the prevention of tuberculosis. In a very interesting manner she explained the purpose and work of the society and answered many questions relative to sanitation and ventilation and their relation to health. Miss Cronen presented a very sane view of the proper method of combating disease, stating that with plenty of fresh air, proper food and warm clothing, we need have little fear of harmful bacteria invading the sacred domain of our anatomies.

Altogether the meeting was very encouraging. The secret of improved school conditions is an aroused public sentiment, and the presence of 90 patrons of the school indicates that a proper sentiment is being fostered. On invitation from Miss Brown a large number inspected her room where 81 pupils are required to remain for an hour at a time in a room 12 x 19 feet, almost without ventilation. Figures were soon produced which showed that the pupils were getting one-tenth the amount of air required by the average child. Miss Cronen stated that it would be far better for them to be playing out doors and getting no education than to be subjected to such conditions.

Although the attendance was large it is regrettable that many more, including school officials, were not able to hear the discussion.

Mr. Arant played the following numbers in assembly Thursday, after giving a brief description of each one: No. 1, Op. 9, No. 2; Military Polonaise, and Waltz, G flat (Chopin); Humoresque (Dvorak); Rhapsody, No. 6 (Liszt).

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"In rural districts many women bear their children with no attendant other than the husband, a relative, or a neighbor. The nearest physician may be miles away, the nearest hospital much farther."

Dr. Meigs refers to the work for maternal and child welfare which has been developed in New Zealand and in Canada, and suggests a "unit plan" for a rural county in this country to include:

A rural nursing service, centering at the county seat, with nurses specially trained to recognize dangerous symptoms in prospective mothers.

An accessible county center to which mothers could come for information about personal hygiene.

A cottage hospital, or beds in an accessible general hospital, especially for the proper care of abnormal cases.

Skilled attendance obtainable by each mother in the county.

Society

(To be assured of publication society news must be in The Observer office by Friday morning of each week.)

Society folk are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the automobile show to be held here March 15, 16 and 17. Although this affair is primarily a parade of up-to-the-minute automobiles, this time society has decreed that it shall be a parade of gowns as well. An added feature will be that society has cooperated with business in making the show an important civic event.

Chapter I. P. E. O. met Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. Garfield King for their annual business meeting and for the election and installation of officers. The following were elected:

Mrs. H. S. Brownton, president; Mrs. E. E. Kiddle, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Eakin, recording secretary; Mrs. Stanchfield, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. K. Wright, treasurer; Mrs. Vincent Palmer, chaplain; Mrs. George Currey, journalist; Mrs. W. Wade, guard; pianist, Mrs. J. G. King. Mrs. H. S. Brownton and Mrs. G. T. Darland were appointed first and second delegates to attend the state convention which will convene in Portland in May and Mrs. Vincent Palmer and Mrs. J. K. Wright were appointed alternates.

A social hour followed the business session and refreshments were served. Under the careful guidance of the president, Mrs. Brownton, the year has been one of progress, harmony and hospitality.

Mrs. L. M. Hoyt entertained the fortnightly club last evening at her home. Charles Miller captured the first prize.

Mrs. Peter MacDonald was hostess to the afternoon section of the fortnightly last week. Mrs. C. R. Hubbard won the honors.

The Etire Nous, a club of high school

Advertisement for N.W. West & Co. featuring 'The New In Women's Suits and Coats'. Includes an illustration of a woman in a long coat and hat, and the text: 'New shades, new lines, new ideas in trimming—these will greet you in our showing of Suits and Coats for the New Season.' The store name 'N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE' is prominently displayed.

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Complimenting Mrs. George Huntington Currey, Mrs. John Rigby was hostess for a tea on Monday afternoon, February 19. In keeping with the season the tea table and rooms were adorned with spring flowers, huge bouquets of daffodils were charmingly arranged throughout the house, yellow and white being the color scheme followed. At the tea table Mrs. Dunlop and Mrs. Eames poured and were assisted in serving by Mrs. John E. Rigby and Mrs. John R. Wheeler. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ashford also assisted the hostess during the afternoon, while Miss Virginia Smith received at the door. About fifty guests called between the hours of 3 and 6 p. m.—Vale Enterprise

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George MacDonald entertained last Saturday evening at an informal "500" party. Those present included Misses Gladys Black, Helen Ransom, Jeanette Stoddard, Wilma Oesterling, Etha Thomas, Jessie Owensby, Estella Graybill, Violet Larson, and Messrs. Clayton Ingle, Joe Reynolds, Albert Currey, Lynn Larson, Kenneth Williams, Lee Chonault, Ray Winter and George MacDonald.

The missionary society of the Presbyterian church entertained Wednesday afternoon at the E. P. Mossman home in honor of Mrs. Tamaree, the native Alaskan missionary and interpreter, and her two daughters, who are guests at the Mossman home. A large number of women were present and all were greatly interested in a talk given by Mrs. Tamaree on "Arts and Crafts of the Alaskan Women." She showed them how the weaving of blankets was done a hundred years ago in Alaska. Mrs. Tamaree has in her possession a blanket of the kind worn only by the royal family of the Chilkat tribe. Frances and Gladys Tamaree sang a song of the Thlingit tribe.

It is interesting to note that Mrs. Tamaree's son is private secretary to J. P. Morgan. He left recently for Alaska on business for the Morgan firm and will visit his mother on his return.

Mrs. E. P. Mossman was hostess at a dinner last evening in honor of Mrs. Tamaree. Places were laid for twenty-seven.

Mrs. Herbert Hanna will entertain this evening in Mrs. Tamaree's honor.

A surprise party was tendered Mrs. Andrew Loney last Tuesday evening in honor of her birthday. Only a few friends were present. Music was furnished by Messrs. Loney, Lindsay, Robertson and Strohmmer. Refreshments were served.

The Monday Bridge club met this week with Mr. and Mrs. John Theisen. Honors were won by Mrs. A. L. Richardson. Yellow daffodils were the decorations, and a dainty two-course luncheon was served.

JERRY HOPKINS ATTENDS INAUGURAL

Word was received a few days ago by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hopkins from their son, Herbert (Jerry), who is attending Culver Military Academy, that the preparations for the trip to Washington for the inaugural had been practically completed. Herbert was recently honored by a place in the battalion which will accompany Vice-President Marshall in the inaugural parade Monday. Sight-seeing expeditions have been arranged for the boys during their stay in the capital and on Monday evening the Vice-President will entertain them with a ball in the Willard hotel. The boys left Culver yesterday and will return Wednesday evening.