

## Cotton Ball to Open National YWCA Week

National YWCA week will be observed in Salem with a number of events on the calendar. Officially the week opens April 23-29, but the Tri-Y girls will hold their annual cotton ball on Friday night, April 21, as a prelude to the week's festivities.

King Cotton will be announced at intermission of the ball at the high school gym. Each Tri-Y chapter has chosen a candidate and pennies will be used to cast votes. Candidates for king are: Merlin Schulze, Gordon Sloan, Doug Rogers, Daryl Girod, Skip Eshleman, Jim Rock, Kent Myers and Tom Engle.

Spring Dream has been chosen as the theme for the evening. Ann Forristel, general chairman, says proceeds will help send girls to summer YW conferences. Ann has announced the following committees: Mary Polales, decorations; Bonnie Stewart, publicity; Margaret Miller, clean-up; Bernice Imah, programs; Elizabeth Johnson, patrons and patronesses; and Shirley Jones, refreshments.

This is a girl take boy affair with everyone dressed in cotton and dancing to the music of Wayne Meuser's combo band. Patrons and Patronesses will be Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Carleton, Mr. and Mrs. Gurnee Flesher, Miss Elizabeth Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. John Jonsson and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Forristel.

### Week's Events

Events slated for YW week, with Mrs. Chester Cox as general chairman, include on Sunday, April 23, church for the Y-Teens, with the girls attending the church of their choice. The theme for the week is "A Better World Begins With You."

On Tuesday, April 25, will be Come and See Me day at the YWCA. For Wednesday is the annual membership tea to be given for all interested members and friends at the Delta Gamma sorority house between 3:30 and 5 o'clock. The Salore dinner at the Senator hotel will be Wednesday night, April 26, and the following day the Tri-Teen mothers will entertain the advisors. On Friday of the same week there will be textile and figurine painting at the YW.

Committees for the week as announced by Mrs. Cox are as follows: Mrs. A. A. Schramm, president YW, Mrs. Lester Barr, Mrs. G. F. Chambers, Mrs. Robert Shinn, Mrs. Bruce Spaulding, Mrs. A. E. Archibald, Mrs. A. E. Ullman, Miss Gertrude Acheson, Miss Joyce Lamoreux and Miss Norma Wallace.

Mrs. Robert Shinn, chairman of the social committee for the year will be assisting Mrs. Cox at the tea as well as at other events. She announced the following standing committee at the last board meeting: Mrs. Lester Barr, co-chairman, Mrs. Ronald Jones, Mrs. W. L. Phillips, Mrs. Walter Kirk, Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. Carl Nelson, Mrs. Margaret Rosecrans, Mrs. Robert Fitzmaurice, Mrs. Paul Wallace and Mrs. Phillip Allison.

## YWCA Workers at Portland Meet

Salem YWCA had twelve representatives in Portland Friday at the area conference held at the First Methodist church, an in-between conventions meeting held to discuss policies made at the national convention a year ago.

Mrs. Arthur Forrest Anderson, national president, spoke to the group on "The Wholeness of the YWCA." She told of the accomplishments of the Y, such as the starting of travelers aid and work with displaced persons. Emphasis at the meeting was placed upon securing a "cross section" in the Y with particular reference to

## More for Your Money

## Innovations in Plastics Reflected In Many Products for the Home

By Sue Gardner  
There is always great public interest in the field of plastics. Something about a man-made material intrigues the home-maker and she is always on the lookout for new items in this field.



One of the latest developments is a complete line of flexible vinyl plastics which will withstand temperatures ranging from 40 degrees below zero to 185 degrees above zero, Fahrenheit. Keep an eye out for news of new products in this material — your deep freeze will undoubtedly profit from the new quality in this vinyl plastic.

Another new development is in the field of plastic dishes. We have had plastic dishes for many years but not the durable and attractive kind. A melamine plastic has been adapted to tableware and white — far different from the white, egg-shell and blue originally used for plastic dishes of this type. They are just about unbreakable, and long-lasting. The new shapes and colors make them an excellent choice for a good all around dinner ware in a family of small children.

Colorful plastic table tops can now be installed in homes where kitchen equipment already exists. Formerly the plastic "laminates" used for this purpose could be put on tables only under high pressure. Now the plastics are applied as table and cabinet tops by using a rubber backing which permits "contact pressure" in its application.

There is a new automatic refrigerator defroster combined with a kitchen clock, all in a styrene plastic case. The clock can be placed anywhere in the kitchen and the defroster works when the supply cord is plugged in the socket.

Rainwear has long benefited from the plastic developments. The newest raincoat is an eight-ounce affair you can carry in your pocket. Hat covers of plastics are also becoming popular. And, now you will find tie-on boots that fit over your shoes and keep your ankles dry. Tie-on mittens for kid gloves protect them from the rain or snow.

Attractive all-plastic purses in soft or hard finishes are available in all colors. One manufacturer makes a plastic case fitted with all-plastic accessories including comb, cigarette case and compact — with a rain cap for extra measure.

Something new for the bath-

room is a plastic soap dish that comes in a variety of colors to match your bathroom walls. It is designed so that the soap lies on edge at an angle and is supported by three miniature columns. All the water drains off immediately when you put the soap in the dish and you do not have the usual waste in soap jelly. You can match your soap dish to plastic towel racks, bath stool and canisters to hold soap-flake boxes.

Plastics for the kitchen include flaming red styrene covers for pop-up toasters, sparkling frying pans, stew pans and roasters with heat resisting handles, nut choppers and egg crackers. A new egg beater has pressed nylon gears and paddles, and new clothespins in many shapes and sizes are of plastics.

In the toy field, there are plastic fire engines, dump trucks, and all-plastic dolls in all-plastic costumes that can be kept clean with a damp cloth. New inflatable toys made of vinylite plastic film include a football and basketball and colorful replicas of animal and storybook characters.

A plastic record can be bought with a paperboard stage and characters which can be punched out of the packaging of the record. The stage revolves with the record and such themes as "Old MacDonald Had a Farm..." make good rainy day activity for young children. Folk and western songs, nursery rhymes and party game songs also come packaged with the paper doll stages.

Even the family dog is remembered by plastics manufacturers. A scarlet vinyl film raincoat with matching rain boots, or a set in bright green, will be on the market soon for the well-dressed dog. Plastic dog collars and nylon plastic leads are new, too. The lead comes in a handy plastic holder which lengthens or takes up the slack by means of a spring.

(Q) "Can you recommend a good all-around clock for the home?" (A) There is a new electric clock on the market with a duplex movement. If, for any reason, the current fails, an auxiliary mechanism takes over and the clock does not miss any time. The auxiliary mechanism needs winding less than once a year and I believe this clock is a good timepiece to have in a home. It will not stop running when the plug is removed or when it is put in a different place.

You can select a model from a group of wood finishes — mahogany, walnut, maple, or blond oak — or buy it in a lucite finish.

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## Local Hospital Group Plans Benefit Tea

One of the larger affairs of the week will be the annual spring benefit tea on Thursday afternoon at the Orchard Heights home of Dr. and Mrs. Willard N. Thompson with members of the Salem Memorial hospital auxiliary as hostesses. Calling hours are between 2 and 5 o'clock with the interested public invited to attend.

Money derived from the tea will be used to purchase a resuscitator for the nursery at the hospital. Those desiring transportation are asked to be at the Marion hotel at 2:30 and 3:30 o'clock when cars will leave for the Thompson home. There will also be parking facilities arranged for those taking their own cars.

Mrs. James F. Fos, Mrs. Loyal Warner and Mrs. W. Wells Baum will greet guests at the door. Mrs. Robert F. Wulf, Mrs. William Lidbeck and Mrs. Carl W. Emmons will introduce to the receiving line which will include Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Edward B. Goeckner and Mrs. Adam LeFor.

Those who have been asked to pour during the afternoon are Mrs. Richard Upjohn, Mrs. Malvin B. Rudd, Mrs. Bruce Spaulding, Mrs. Daniel J. Fry, jr., Mrs. Duane Gibson and Mrs. Daniel B. Jarman. Serving will be Mrs. Maynard Shiffer, Mrs. Ralph Nohlgren, Mrs. Rollin Haag, Mrs. B. L. Trelstad, Mrs. Woodson Bennett, Mrs. M. E. Moore, Mrs. Russell E. Pratt, Mrs. Lewis B. Clark, Mrs. Arthur Erickson, Mrs. Thad Moreland, Mrs. Edwin McEwen, Mrs. William Bush and Mrs. Gerald Wingo.

Assisting about the rooms will be Mrs. Burton S. Selberg, Mrs. Irwin Wedel and Mrs. Charles D. Wood. Taking tickets will be Mrs. G. Robert Hoffman and Mrs. James B. Haworth. Mrs. Hugh Adams is in charge of the decorations and Mrs. A. C. Haag is chairman of the refreshment committee.

Four Corners — Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Walker were hosts to the Krazy Kard Klub on Saturday evening. Pinochle was played by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bales, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Christman, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Jess McInay, S. H. Cable and Mr. and Mrs. William Flesher.

Theater Arts group will meet Tuesday with Mrs. R. Ivan Lovell, Croisan Creek road, 1 p. m. dessert. The play, "Death of a Salesman," will be read by Miss Alice Crary Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burrell are leaving by plane today for San Francisco on a week's business and pleasure trip. Mrs. Burrell will visit Miss Barbara Compton during her stay in the bay city.

Mrs. William E. Smith and Miss Ann Boente spent the spring vacation in San Francisco, making the trip on the Shasta Daylight.

## Boy Born to Speeches

To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Specht go felicitations on the birth of a son, Gregory Lyle, on Friday afternoon at the Salem General hospital. The little boy, who weighed eight pounds, seven ounces, has a sister, Susan. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Specht of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Proctor of Wynn, Arkansas.

## Homemakers Fete Set for May 13

"Homemaking in Foreign Lands" will be the theme of the Homemakers' Festival being planned for Saturday, May 13, at the Salem armory by members of the Marion county home extension committee.

During the morning program Mrs. James T. Brand will tell about home life in Germany, homemaking in the Philippine islands will be described by Mrs. Charles A. Rateliff, and Miss Alice Pendlebury, English exchange professor at Oregon College of Education, will tell about English homes.

The afternoon program will feature a talk by Mrs. Victor Morris, wife of Dean Victor P. Morris of the University of Oregon faculty. Mrs. Morris' subject will be "Homemakers of the World — Promoters of Good Will."

A luncheon to be held at the First Methodist church will also carry out the idea of homemaking in other countries. Twenty of the home extension units in the county are competing in a centerpiece contest. Each centerpiece is to be descriptive of a foreign country.

Members of the Marion county home extension committee making plans for the Homemakers' Festival are Mrs. Ralph Mercer, Mrs. Roland Seeger, Mrs. I. G. Lerman, Mrs. R. E. Chittenden, Mrs. E. A. Beugli, Mrs. Frank Way and Mrs. Roy Kuna.

Salem Central WCTU will hold the April meeting on Tuesday at the First Methodist church at 2 p. m. Miss Adeline Wilson will lead the devotional period and Echoes from the Town Hall meeting will follow, led by Mrs. W. A. Barkus, Marion county president.

## Guild Officers To Be Installed

New officers of Westminster Guild will be installed at the monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. A dessert luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock with Mrs. B. J. Cleary as chairman.

The guest speaker will be Superintendent of Schools Frank Bennett, who will talk on "Our Growth Problem." There will be special music by a group of high school students. Mrs. P. H. Brydon is arranging the program.

Dr. Chester W. Hamblin will install the new officers. They include Mrs. William C. Crothers, president; Mrs. Joseph Matulec, vice president; Mrs. William Bush, secretary; Mrs. Eugene Laird, treasurer; and the following committee chairmen: Mrs. Rollin Lewis, tea; Mrs. P. H. Brydon, program; Mrs. Hobart Jackson, devotions; Mrs. Edward O. Stadter, jr., cards and flowers; Mrs. Hal DeSart, finance; Mrs. James B.

Haworth, youth activities; Mrs. Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church Monday afternoon for a 1:30 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. Fred Moxley, Mrs. Ralph Purvine, Mrs. Donald McCargar, Mrs. Herman Jochimsen, Mrs. James Walton and Mrs. Wallace Carson will assist Mrs. Nelson.

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