

Recruits Needed

Gray Ladies Serve on Many Fronts

If you want to be helpful, but you're not sure how to go about it, the Red Cross has the answer:

Join the Gray Ladies. "We have about 75 women active in this group now," Mrs. Marvin Piquet, Lane County Red Cross chairman of Gray Ladies Services, reported this week. "But we could use twice that number—and more," she added, explaining plans for a training class for new recruits to be held Jan. 29 and Jan. 31.

Making themselves useful in several areas, Gray Ladies are particularly helpful at Sacred Heart Hospital and McKenzie-Willamette Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Piquet noted. They visit with patients, read to them, deliver mail, write letters, run errands—as well as assist at the reception desk, directing visitors and admitting patients.

They also "make their presence felt" in a quiet, efficient way at Children's Hospital School where they help the classroom teachers, listen to the children read and take them to the therapy room. Gray Ladies are on hand at Sunset Home to assist the residents, and they serve as hostesses and teach crafts at the monthly workshops for the blind.

New Area

"The opportunities for service are unlimited," Mrs. Piquet pointed out. "And there's a new area opening up in the hospital emergency room."

So far, one person, Gray Lady Barbara Craig (Mrs. John) is the only volunteer in this department. She has been assisting in this capacity at Sacred Heart Hospital since last spring—donned the Gray Lady uniform to work at the hospital reception desk four years ago.

"The hospital felt it would be a good idea to have someone on hand in the emergency room," Mrs. Craig said as she changed sheets on the stretcher to have it ready for use again.

"In this department, people are anxious, upset and it seems to them they 'just have to wait forever.' So it's helpful to have someone here to reassure them."

Mrs. Craig does not assist in any way with treating the patient—this is not the province of the Gray Lady—but she could, for she spent one summer working as a nurses aide here during the war.

Many Duties

"So far as the patient is concerned, the Gray Lady assists only in wheeling him to x-ray or to his room upstairs if he is to be admitted to the hospital," she explained. "But even this takes some of the load off the nurse. And the Gray Lady helps the family of the patient: comforting them—knowing when to talk and when to sit quietly by—making telephone calls, running errands."

Although she's listed to work from 7 to 10:30 every other Friday evening, Gray Lady Barbara finds the schedule is flexible. Some nights are "wildly busy"; others, "all quiet". Work varies with the season, too, she says: "Last summer was a succession of small boys with bumps on heads from baseball bats, cuts from falling in the mill-race, broken bones from bicycle accidents. And you know, we rarely had a little girl—an occasional one with an earache, probably." Mother of four boys herself, Mrs. Craig finds an easy explanation for this one.



Making Ready Part of the duty of the emergency room, in which Mrs. John Craig serves as a Gray Lady, is having things in readiness. Above, she changes sheets on a stretcher, which may be required suddenly for another case.

The hours spent at the hospital are deeply satisfying, Barbara has found, for "you're working with people and helping them." So she continues to "make the time for it" even though her schedule this year includes a four-hour daily stint as teacher's aide at South Eugene High School and a three-hour a week course in geography under the Extension Division. A graduate of the University of Oregon (where her father, the late Donald M. Erb was president), Barbara is hoping to go into full-time teaching.

Sign-Up Set

Anyone who shares Mrs. Craig's feeling about Gray Lady work—"I do it because I enjoy it"—may call Mrs. Piquet, DI 4-0266, or the Red Cross office, DI 4-5244, for further information and an interview. Classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 29 and Jan. 31. Along with the instruction, candidates for Gray Ladies must serve a 10-hour probationary period of in-service training before they receive their caps.

Evening classes may be arranged if there is enough interest indicated among women who work and are unable to attend the day classes Mrs. Piquet said. "And it's even possible to have a class for men interested in this type of service work," she added. "There are communities who have Gray Men as well as Gray Ladies."

Around the Town

EUGENE CLUB, Daughters of the Nile, will meet for luncheon Thursday at 12:45 p.m. in Bev's Steak House. Past presidents will be honored, a birthday gift exchange will be held, and a guest speaker will be present. Mrs. J. E. Bonde is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Lester Collar and Mrs. Roy Bond.

BLUE RIVER Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. at McKenzie River Masonic Temple, 850 E. 14th Ave. Mrs. Clyde Hollenbeck of Creswell, member of the Grand ESTAR committee, will be guest speaker. Mrs. Gordon Ramstead will be in charge of chapter room decorations and Mrs. Bob Lockyer of dining room decorations. Mrs. Lee Roy Woods is chairman of the refreshment committee.

CHAPTER DH, P.E.O. Sisterhood, will meet Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Wayne Brumbach, 1324 Paige Ave., to observe the second birthday of the chapter.

CHAPTER DF, P.E.O. Sisterhood, will meet Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. R. L. Follett, 15 Ascot Drive. Mrs. Alton Clark and Mrs. Donald Heym will present the Founders Day program.

CHAPTER AY, P.E.O. Sisterhood, will meet Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Victor P. Morris, 1669 Fairmount Blvd. Mrs. C. W. Macy will assist the hostess. Mrs. Donald E. Tope will present a reading.

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Gemini Club Slates Film

Gemini Club (Mothers of Twins) will have its monthly meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Milton Woolley, 2490 Tyler St., Eugene. A film furnished by Pacific Power and Light Co., on mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration useful for resuscitation in cases of drowning, will be shown. There also will be an opportunity to practice the method on a life-size dummy furnished by the Weyerhaeuser Co. Members are urged to attend, and to take their husbands with them.

Following the business meeting, there will be a Tasting Party, for which those attending are to take their favorite dessert, with the recipe for its preparation.

Anyone wishing further information may call the president, Mrs. Norman Hall, RI 6-4624, or Mrs. Woolley, DI 4-7076.

'Dear Abby'

—Abigail Van Buren—



DEAR ABBY: You had a letter in your column once from a girl who went daffy over a police officer. I can understand it because they all look like a million dollars in their uniforms. But take them out of their uniforms and they are a big nothing. I ought to know. I fell for one of those guys and made a date to meet him off duty. He showed up in an ordinary suit and I was never so disappointed in all my life.

UNIFORM HAPPY

DEAR UNIFORM HAPPY: I'll admit that uniforms are disarming. But it works the other way, too. I've heard from men who have fallen for nurses on duty. And when they dated them in their off-duty attire—all the glamour and appeal had gone with the starch.

DEAR ABBY: My mother was left a widow with seven children when I was only 3. She raised us alone (no insurance) and a more unselfish mother never lived. She is now 72. We are all married and are scattered around the country. Mother calls me her "favorite" and easiest to get along with. She has lived with me since my marriage 14 years ago. Abby, I am not complaining, but my husband and children and I would like to be alone for a while. Just a few weeks. Mother is not a burden, we just need some privacy. The others have invited her to come for vacations (they've offered to pay her fare), but Mother doesn't like to travel. She is in good health. I wouldn't hurt her for the world, but how can I solve this delicate problem?

"THE FAVORITE"

DEAR FAVORITE: Write to your sisters and brothers and suggest they coax her in earnest. With their pulling on one end and your encouraging her to go on the other, your chances for a much deserved breather are excellent.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is always after me to invite his bosses and their wives to dinner. He thinks the more we see of them socially, the better it will be for him. The few times I have had them to our apartment, I got the impression they didn't want to get palsy walsy with us, and accepted our invitation only to avoid hurting our feelings. I feel very uncomfortable with them. I would like your opinion of employees who try to socialize with their bosses.

WOMEN'S INTUITION

DEAR INTUITION: If you feel "uncomfortable" in the company of your husband's bosses and their wives, your intuition is probably correct. You should entertain them only to reciprocate THEIR invitations. For a more detailed reply to your very intelligent question, get McCall's February issue and read "How To Help Your Husband Get Ahead." I wrote it.

CONFIDENTIAL TO KEY: In the words of a wise Irishman: "Better to be quarreling than lonesome." Stick around.

What's on your mind? For a personal reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ABBY, Box 3365, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Hate to write letters? Send one dollar to ABBY, BOX 3365, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF., for Abby's new booklet, "HOW TO WRITE LETTERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS." (Distributed by McNaught Syndicate, Inc.)

Event Honors Flemmings

One hundred thirty-four reservations have been made for the Panhellenic-sponsored dinner honoring UO President Arthur Flemming and Mrs. Fleming Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Bev's Steak House, 1905 W. 6th Ave. An additional 16 places will be set up to accommodate late reservations.

Fraternity women who would like to attend may make reservations or obtain information about the dinner from Mrs. John Reed, DI 3-5797. The dinner, City Panhellenic's greeting to the Flemmings, is planned to further an understanding of women's fraternities at University of Oregon and to consider their future on this campus. A number of special guests will attend in addition to a contingent of at least five women from each fraternity represented in Eugene City Panhellenic.

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Party Line Parties Precede Wedding

Bridal showers have heralded the marriage of Norleen Arntz and Ted Nelson, which took place Saturday in Eugene. Norleen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Arntz and Ted is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norwald Nelson.

Mrs. Donald Hammar entertained at a linen shower for Norleen, the guests going to the Arntz home for the affair. A guest at all the showers for Norleen has been her grandmother, Mrs. William Arntz, who lives at Benton Harbor, Mich. Mrs. Nelson was also a guest.

Mrs. Julian Stalsberg entertained at a miscellaneous shower for Norleen. Women co-workers in Norleen's office honored her with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. M. R. Burrell.

Following the wedding rehearsal Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were hosts at a party for members of the wedding party and the families.

Word from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cook (Mary White), who went south recently in a newly purchased trailer, is that they have been visiting in and about Vista, Calif., and Long Beach. They "did" Disneyland and the Knox Berry Farm, after visiting in Sacramento. Mrs. Cook was looking forward to visiting a niece in Long Beach, where she would meet her brother, expected at his daughter's home.

The Cooks plan a leisurely journey through the southern states to Miami, probably going into Mexico en route. Following their Florida sojourn, they intend to go up the east coast to New York City, and will return

by way of Chicago. They do not expect to be at home until May.

Miss Lola Bessey of Eugene is one of 15 Oregon State University senior coeds who has been honored for outstanding campus achievements by the Corvallis Branch of American Association of University Women. Miss Bessey, who will be graduated this June from the School of Pharmacy, was honored for her leadership in science. Her home address is 2450 Wood Ave., Eugene.

AAUW makes the selections each winter to recognize outstanding women students.

Faculty Group Fetes Leaders

Nine past presidents were honored by Newcomer Group of University of Oregon Faculty Women's Club at a luncheon Friday at the Carriage Trade. They were Mrs. R. S. Summers, Mrs. V. L. Barkhurst, Mrs. Richard Lindholm, Mrs. R. G. Wolfe, Mrs. R. M. Blenker, Mrs. H. H. Clarke, Mrs. C. W. Hintz and Mrs. W. S. Baldinger. All were introduced by the president, Mrs. W. J. Gotschal.

Following the luncheon, a style show of cruise wear was presented by Kaufman Bros.



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HINTS FROM HELOISE

Dear Heloise:
Please tell your readers never to pour undiluted liquid bleach into their washing machine. If they must use one half cup of bleach, I suggest that they dilute it with a quart of water and THEN pour it in the machine.
I have found that it is better to add the bleach after the laundry has been washing a few minutes.
The suds have then saturated the fabric and this gives the bleach a chance to do its own magic work. A Bleacher.

Dear Heloise:
I pre-rinse all loads of laundry in cold water. I just throw laundry in my washing machine, set on rinse, and let them go. After they spin, I reset my washer to fill on the regular cycle of the washing machine. This fills the machine with hot water and I add one-fourth cup of sal-soda and one-half cup of good detergent. And that's it. . . .
I really get clean clothes. No stains left.
This removes all of my stains—you name the type; especially my teen ager's dirty socks. I speak from the experience of six children from tots to teens and we all are "sock-walkers." Our house is like a Dutch house—everyone's shoes are left at the door from habit, not request. We just like comfort. Mother of sock-walkers

Dear Heloise:
Please will someone write to us housewives and tell us just what she has found which will not go down the disposal in her kitchen sink?
I have already found by trial and error . . . and by paying for service calls . . . that corn on the cob, corn husks, and celery stalks will not go down the disposal. I would appreciate knowing of any other items also. Please write and let me know so that I can take care of my new disposal. Disgusted

Dear Heloise:
My husband gave me an old roll of nylon fishing line to sew the buttons on my children's clothes. He said at the time he did not believe the kids could pull off the buttons if they were sewn on with this. He was so right.
For two years I've not had to sew on buttons and it looks like the fishing line will outlive the coats. Reader

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