

The Independent Woman

The Independent Woman, her place and progress in the Community.—Mayor Emily L. Jones, Eureka, California.

The place of woman in the daily routine of life whether ancient or modern, has been a difficult one. The standard of man as set by man for himself has been one of leniency, while the standard set for woman by man has been strict and straight-laced.

H. G. Wells pictures the cave man desiring a mate, grasping the female by the hair and dragging her to his cave, claiming her as his slave and personal property. Various tribes and races have different methods of subjecting the feminine sex, some brutal and others less so.

We are familiar with the tribe in Africa whose male population insert a disk in the upper lip of the female. Each time that the disk is replaced it is with a larger one, until the upper lip can hold a disk the size of a soup plate. As talking is rather difficult, only the essentials are discussed. This custom might be adopted in some of our modern and civilized communities where gossip runs unchecked and unchallenged.

In Japan, women may be rented by the day, week, or month or for any period of time desired by the man. The woman washes, irons, scrubs, and generally keeps house, filling all the niches required by the wife.

Asia produces a woman whose sole mission in life is to bear offspring. Falling in this, she is ostracized and an outcast.

Those of us familiar with the book, "Mother India," shudder at the atrocities inflicted upon the child wives and women of certain classes. In many parts of China the female is still looked upon with disgust and is of no value.

Women of medieval Europe were placed under lock and key while their lords and masters were absent for any period of time. Ancient and medieval history still holds us fascinated with the stories of the many captive women. Yet throughout the ages, we find here and there an independent woman.

That Cleopatra was ultra-modern in her ideas and actions caring little about what her people thought or said is evident. The Queen of Sheba must have been unusually progressive and her ingenuity in gaining an audience with King Solomon showed her to be a clever politician.

The Old Testament is filled with stories of independent women. Judith who lived 650 B. C. showed herself in her finest raiment and insinuating herself into the good graces of the Assyrian, General Holofernes, cut off his head, thus saving her people from destruction.

We find an intelligent woman whose tendencies were evil rather than good in Catherine de Medici of Italy, Katherine of Russia, Elizabeth of England, Mary Queen of Scots, Mary the Bloody, each march forth proclaiming themselves independent women, and we must not forget Marie Theresa the

Mother of Germany or Marie Antoinette and the Empress Josephine.

In America in the years 1714-1796 Mary Washington, the mother of George Washington, through training and independence of thought gave to the United States the Father of his Country. Barbara Fritchie braved the bullets of the British that she might defend the flag and say what she thought. Abraham Lincoln owed much to Nancy Hanks, and many a man has been stimulated to great deeds of valor by visions of an ideal woman. America has produced many great women. Authors, artists, social workers, physicians, nurses, lawyers. In every walk of life we find them.

There is no argument as to the capabilities of woman, or her progress down through the ages. She has held her own against all odds. Not only has she overcome the greatest of all handicaps, that of a very limited education afforded her and placed at her disposal, but she has succeeded in attaining recognition.

We have evolved through eras of hoop skirts, pantafoes, bustles, pompadours, merry widow hats, cinched waists, long trains, high collars, starched petticoats, and many other weird contraptions into a comparatively sensible race of femininity. Our progress has been slow but sure and today our place is assured. We are a power and a force to be reckoned with politically.

In 1890 California denied woman the right to vote. In 1911 she was given equal suffrage and taken out of the class of idiots, imbeciles and insane and given the right to vote in the state of California.

Are the polls better for her entrance into politics? The question may best be answered by those who remember the old time voting places and who cannot but admit a decided improvement.

Will politics become cleaner and better because of her entrance and interest in them? Woman's place must ever be one of uplift and good influence. Here intuition, instinct, and inborn sense of justice must make for her a place not only in the political but in the business and professional life of every community.

Her entrance into municipal, county, state, and national politics must necessarily raise the standard. For is it not the very essence of good housekeeping, one of cleanliness, and the cleaning out of dark corners?

Emily L. Jones, Mayor, City of Eureka.

Camp Fire Girls Notes

The To-ha-he Campfire group met at the city hall Tuesday afternoon, May 16. Doris Chapman was elected sergeant-at-arms. Yvonne Downs was elected assistant reporter to take the place of Jane Kramer who has been ill for some time. The group sent Jane a plant and we hope she will be with us again soon.

—Yvonne Downs.

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Survey Indicates That Age Is a Business Asset

Age looms up as a possible asset, not a liability, to business and professional women, in two surveys made by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

A survey conducted jointly with Bryn Mawr College and now in process of tabulation indicates that in many professions age has a distinct advantage over youth, bringing with it higher earnings and more rapid advancement. The same survey shows that of the first 5,000 women reporting those over 60 years of age earn the highest wage, a median of \$1,925 being reported for them, as compared with a median of \$1,880 for women between 40 and 60, of \$1,490 for women between 25 and 40 and of \$1,010 for women under 25. "This is a cheering indication that for this group, at least, advancing years did not result in discrimination," says Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth, Chairman of the Research Committee of the Federation, the agency which sponsors such surveys.

A survey of 14,000 members of the National Federation made by the University of Michigan and published in 1930 is corroborated by the Bryn Mawr study as respects advancing years. It indicates plainly that the earnings of business and professional women do not drop until late in life. In the Michigan study salaries rose until the age of 50, remained at about the same level till 60, and dropped only after that age. Moreover in some occupations there was not even a tendency toward wage decreases after 60.

In many other respects the two studies corroborate each other. They demonstrate, for example, that except in rare instances, business and professional women are not highly paid. In the Michigan study the median salary was \$1,548. In the study conducted with Bryn Mawr, in which 20,000 women participated, it was \$1,580. According to both studies the real field of opportunity is in independent ownership. Women in business for themselves earned considerably more than those employed on a salary basis.

Both surveys tend to show the injustice of alleged discriminations against women in favor of married men during the period of the depression. According to the Michigan study, 40 percent of the women answering questionnaires were responsible for dependents. The Bryn Mawr study, made three years later, showed two-thirds responsible for dependents, a percentage increase which is in itself significant of emergency conditions and which demonstrates plainly that many women must keep their jobs during the crisis if the welfare of families is to be preserved.

The Michigan study made a special effort to secure facts about occupational instability, since women are often accused of shifting from job to job. The charge appeared unfounded, with abundant evidence that they do not shift very much. While

women who have worked for two or more employers during their first 10 or 15 years in business seemed to have profited by the change, in the long run the advantage has been to women who remained with one employer, their earnings being higher than those of women who have made frequent changes.

"The findings of both studies, running counter in many instances to current opinion, demonstrate plainly that one cannot guess at facts about business women, but that it is necessary to have scientific information," says Dr. Gilbreth. "They also clearly point to the need for sound programs of vocational guidance. Business women who are armed with facts about vocational opportunities, and knowledge of vocations and are forewarned as to what are regarded as vocational handicaps for women, have a far better opportunity to escape the pitfalls of business than women who must learn all these lessons in the school of bitter experience."

750 Scholarship Loan Funds

Scholarship loan funds maintained by individual clubs in the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs which in the 14 years of Federation history have aggregated approximately \$500,000 are still increasing in spite of the depression, says Miss Mary Stewart of Washington D. C., Education Chairman of the Federation. There are in existence at the present time about 750 of these funds, and last year, according to estimate, \$175,000 was loaned to prospective business girls so they might at least complete a high school education before entering business.

"We are encouraging our clubs to invest these funds in giving temporarily unemployed women an opportunity to carry further their academic or technical education because we believe that is the most practical use of them which can be made in the economic crisis," Miss Stewart says.

Mothers-Daughters Banquet

A Mothers' and Daughters' banquet was served in the dining room of the Church of Christ on Thursday of last week with 77 present. Mrs. L. P. Maury acted as toastmistress for the occasion, making the speech of welcome and introduction. The following program was enjoyed:

Prayer - Mrs. Belle Hooton
Poem, dedicated to her daughter - Nina Nosler
Short talk, "Mother" Faye June Nosler
Song, "That Wonderful Mother of Mine" - Mary Anne Schroeder
Short Talk, "I'm Thankful I'm a Mother" - Martha Mulkey
Reading, "I'm Not Afraid" - Ernestine Bailey
Short talk, "Lovely Daughters I Have Known" Maude MacDonald
Song, "Living for Jesus" - Mothers and Daughters
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Best Thinking Is America's Need for Today Says Judge

"The business woman of 20 years ago may have been justified in taking a casual interest in the affairs of her community, but the business or professional woman of 1933 belongs in the forefront of civic activities," says Judge Florence E. Allen of the Supreme Court of Ohio, Public Relations Chairman of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in a message to the 1,325 branches of the organization.

"America today needs the best thinking of every citizen, man or woman. But it needs particularly the thinking of women who have trained minds, a background of sound economic knowledge and the self-discipline which should develop through long experience in the business world. For, if we are to lift ourselves out of the depression we must do so not through sporadic emotionalism but through constructive planning."

"There are today in the United States more than 10,000,000 women who earn their own living. Since they constitute so large a proportion of our population they have an influence that cannot be gainsaid. The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, the largest organized group—if I except the trade unions—among this vast number of wage-earning women, rests under a very real obligation. It should not only set high standards of thinking for the group, but should also crystallize that thinking into constructive action."

"We have made a beginning. In pursuance of a Ten-Year Objective adopted two years ago hundreds of our clubs throughout the country are pursuing courses of economic study that they may cope intelligently with the problems which confront their communities. Nor have they stopped with study alone. Hundreds of communities have profited in the period of depression by the activities of business and professional women's clubs. Under-nourished children have had hot soup served to them at recess time; poverty-stricken fathers and mothers have been guaranteed a milk supply for their children for the winter; shelters have been opened for homeless unemployed women; free dental clinics have been established; crippled and tubercular children have been given expert care. Moreover, during Business Women's Week business and professional women's clubs in hundreds of communities have called into conference to discuss community needs, other organizations which like their own, carry forward civic programs. So we have made a beginning. But we must extend, and are gradually extending the area of our activities to state and nation."

"I am among those who believe that out of this period of depression will come eventual good for our country and world. The crisis has stirred men and women who have never before given serious thought to governmental and social problems, to a deep interest in the welfare of their fellows and in the achievement of a greater measure of social justice."

"Business women have a big part to play, I believe, in making these new ideals practical. They have gained, as a result of the depression, quickened sympathies, a new and deeper appreciation of spiritual values. And they are trained to translate ideas into action. In cooperation with other thinking groups, they will help to share the reconstruction program which must inevitably follow the present chaos."

Methodist Men's Council

Coquille attendants at the Methodist Men's Council, held in Marshfield Tuesday evening, included Rev. P. D. Hartman, Ernest Purvance, L. W. Oddy, Lyman Carrier and C. L. Ward. Mrs. Oddy also went over.

Dr. Franklin Birch acted as toastmaster for the program. Mr. Hartman conducted a six minutes devotional, and Mr. Carrier had for his subject, "Faith for Dark Days." Wm. E. Walsh, the other speaker of the evening, spoke on, "Is Dictatorship the Way Out?"

Probate Court Items

Marion Lytle, of Marshfield, was last Saturday appointed guardian for Gale Lytle. The appraisers of the \$400 estate are Claud H. Giles, Chris Boesen and J. Albert Matson. Chas. F. Eckhoff has been named as executor of the \$5,000 estate left by W. R. Dunbar. The appraisers are C. P. Kibler, C. E. Maybee and E. M. Shriver.

Petra Greves was yesterday appointed executrix of the will of Jno. H. Greves. C. P. Kibler, I. N. Hartley and Agnes Bussey are appraisers of the estate which is estimated to be worth \$3000 in real property and \$3000 in personal.

New Cases in Circuit Court

Albert D. Pierce Jr. vs. June Pierce. Suit for divorce.
May 13—Federal Land Bank vs. B. A. Roberts et al.

Justice Court blanks for sale at this office.

The Pioneer Methodist Church

Philip D. Hartman, pastor.
Morning worship at 11:00 o'clock with a sermon on, "Losing Christ."
Evening service at 8:00 o'clock with a message on, "Expectancy."
Church school at 10 a. m., Lyman Carrier, superintendent.
Both departments of the Young Peoples' Division conduct their devotionals at 7 p. m.
The Boys' and Girls' World Club meet in Pioneer Hall, Mrs. Chas. H. Oerding, superintendent.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Choir rehearsal Saturday evening, F. G. Loeble, director.
Special vocal musical numbers at both services Sunday.

A cordial welcome awaits you at all of our services. If you do not worship elsewhere come with us. Start the week right by attending church Sunday.

Foursquare Gospel Church

Second and Heath Streets
Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Jackman, Pastors
Friday evening at 7:30 will be the second lecture of the Bible Study combining the use of stereopticon slides, showing this week Abraham and Lot migrating to Egypt.

Saturday 2:00 p. m. Children's Church, Mrs. Denzer, Supt.
Saturday 2:00 p. m. Radio Cathedral of the Air program.
Sunday 9:45 a. m. Sunday School. Mrs. M. Jewel, Supt.
Sunday 11:00 a. m., Morning Worship.

Sunday, 6:30 p. m., Crusaders.
Sunday 7:30 p. m., Stereopticon pictures on "Touring the Holy Land." Special sermon by Mrs. Jackman on their recent visit to the Holy Land.

Seventh Day Adventist Church

Sabbath School (Saturday) 9:45 a. m.
Preaching service, 11:00 a. m.
Sunday Evening 7:45 p. m.
Pastor—H. A. Niergarth.
Sabbath morning theme: "What Think Ye of Jesus."
Sunday evening: "Born by the Word."

Baptist Church

The Sunday School of our church is now in charge of the new superintendent, Mrs. Rutledge. Classes for all ages. You are welcome.
At 7 p. m. the Young People's service will be held.

Methodist Episcopal Church

Evening Preaching 8:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
Preaching at Bandon 11 a. m.
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G. A. Gray, Pastor.
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First Church of Christ, Scientist

Coquille, Oregon
Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.
Sunday Service at 11 a. m.
Subject for next Sunday: "Soul and Body."

Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.
Free public Reading Room open in Church Building every Tuesday and Friday afternoons except holidays from two to five o'clock.
The public is cordially invited to attend our services and to visit the Reading Room.

St. James Church

(Episcopal)
Church school every Sunday at 10 a. m. Perry Roper, superintendent.

Church of Christ

Turner B. MacDonald, Pastor
Sunday, 10:00 a. m. Bible School. Departments for all ages. Ned C. Kelley, superintendent.
11:00 a. m. Communion and morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.
7:00 p. m. C. E. groups meet for devotionals.
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Bible Study. Willett Jaggies, leader.
You are cordially invited to all of these services.

Church of God

Seventh and Henry streets, 2 blocks north of Henry street bridge
Pastor, Rev. Geo. S. Murphy.
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m. Thursday.

A place where a stranger does not feel strange

Emanon Club Notes

The Emanon club members spent a joyous evening last Tuesday with Miss Agnes Newton. The pastime of sewing was more or less over-ruled by talking, as we had a guest, Mrs. Jo Brockman, a former member now residing in Portland.

Other guests were: Misses Gertrude Tway, Jeanette Pook, Alda Sloan, Gertrude Lambrecht, Edna Robison, Mesdames Theresa Fetch and Ethel Jackson. Refreshments were served the latter part of the evening.

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