

WINTER APPOINTMENT

GRESHAM GROUP

With the reading of the appointments at the close of the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at McMinnville a new type of appointment made its first appearance. A group of charges was designated as the Gresham Social Center. The field of the Gresham Social Center embraces the former charges of Gresham, Pleasant Home, Rockwood, Fairview, Troutdale, Sandy, Kelso, Boring, Bull Run and Bridal Veil.

In one brief sentence, the Social Center Parish aims to simplify administration, increase efficiency, unify resources, and replace the scattered efforts of several small bodies of Christians with the inspiration of a larger, more compact and closely

organized group. It seeks to revitalize and quicken the small rural charges and make them a genuine force in their several fields.

In some of its features the Social Center Parish is analogous to the Union High school. Its aim, however, is not in any sense to draw the strength of the outlying points to the strong center. It is rather to develop the sense of solidarity among the churches involved. Services long meagerly attended on the smaller points will be revived and restored to their old-time power and usefulness, plus a new-day efficiency.

The quarterly conference, once a great occasion in the life of the local churches, will again become the occasion and season of inspiration and refreshing for the entire parish. The church officers who come the longer distances will be well repaid for their effort by the fellowship of the brethren and the inspiration of a strong program running through an afternoon and evening, or longer.

The educational program of the church carried on through the Sunday school may be greatly promoted through a Sunday school association embracing the several schools of the parish, and meeting two or more

times each year. The Epworth League program may be greatly increased in scope and efficiency by similar methods.

The pastoral work of the Social Center Parish is carried on through a corps of specialized workers, assisted by a strong volunteer group. A head pastor and his associates will plan for the entire parish. For the present there are two full-time paid workers, a pastor and an associate. They are assisted by two other part-time workers. Other full-time workers will be added as conditions demand and funds will warrant. A deaconess, or woman worker is very much needed to have oversight of the children's work and as a parish visitor. A recreational director should have oversight of the entire recreational life of the parish.

To sum up, then, the aim of the Gresham Social Center Parish will be to increase the future activity and efficiency of every preaching point, while it unifies and co-ordinates the work of the entire field.

BRIDE ELECT HONORED BY SURPRISE SHOWER

A most delightful surprise shower was given last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. A. Hevel in honor of Miss Miriam Brown whose approaching marriage will be an event of the holiday season. The shower was a complete surprise to Miss Brown, and was arranged by Mrs. Hevel and Mrs. Ida Williams.

The rooms were most artistically arranged and resembled a small fairyland. The color scheme was blue and white and was carried out with blue birds, bells, and old-fashioned blue and white bachelorette buttons. A large blue umbrella was suspended from the center of the room and contained the gifts. Garlands of bells and blue birds made a canopy of beauty and the guests felt themselves in a world apart from the one outside where the rain was beating down in torrents. There were twenty present but the storm kept a number of others at home.

After the guests had arrived Mrs. Williams went for Miss Brown saying that a few girls were going to spend the evening piecing a quilt for her and they wanted Miriam to help. The quilt was pieced later in the evening and presented to the bride-elect as a memento of the evening. She also received many beautiful gifts when the contents of the blue umbrella were disclosed.

Miss Brown's engagement to Albert Adkins of Heppner has been known to her friends some time but it is only recently that the engagement has been generally known. Mr. Adkins is manager of the Tum-a-Lum Lumber companies yards at Heppner.

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WOMEN TAKE ACTIVE PART

SHOW EFFICIENCY

These are the days of opportunity for women in business and all kinds of professional work. A survey of conditions in Gresham reveals a surprising number of women employed in various business houses and doing professional work. Seventy-five would be a small estimate to place on the number of women thus engaged. Of this number four have worked up good business enterprises and are managing them for themselves. There is no doubt that Mrs. Nora Withrow should come first if the size of the establishment and capital invested were to govern the order.

Mrs. Withrow started in the restaurant and short order lunch business in 1917 and the success which met her efforts soon caused her to look for larger and more suitable quarters to handle her growing patronage. About a year ago she purchased what was then known as the Jacobson building, paying \$8000 for it. The building was then completely remodeled and arranged and equipped for a thoroughly modern and up-to-date restaurant and lunch room. A \$2000 fountain was installed and the building was heated with gas heaters. Ice boxes, steam trays, etc., were installed and in March of this year Mrs. Withrow moved into her new quarters. More than \$15,000 has been invested in this property and it is one of the finest in the town.

Mrs. Withrow is assisted in the management by her son, E. W. Stratton. Beside these there are four regular employees and outside help is required often to handle the business. From 70 to 80 persons are being served every day at present and during the summer the total averaged over a hundred per day.

Mrs. E. Boughner has been in business longer here than any of the women who are now under consideration. Mrs. Boughner says that she started seven years ago with about \$300 capital, no experience and no knowledge of buying or selling. That she did have courage, patience and perseverance is evident for she now makes her little store a paying proposition and a year ago she purchased the property where the store is located. Mrs. Boughner says that she has had many experiences in learning the business but she likes it. The patrons like her and the little Novelty Shop is an example of what a woman can do if she is determined and will stick to it.

Mrs. Matt Schanno is another woman who has developed a thriving business during the past six years. She conducts an exclusive confectionery and soft drinks establishment which is patronized not only by the local people but by the large number of transients passing through the town. One of the features of her place is a thoroughly modern electric corn popper. Schanno's is a place popular with the high school set.

Located in the same building with Mrs. Schanno is the Gresham Hat shop owned by Miss Irene Lynch. Miss Lynch has only been in Gresham since last February, but she has won many friends for her little shop in that time. Always there are tasteful hats displayed and always one is surprised to learn how reasonable they may be obtained. She is well satisfied with her location and has already commenced buying spring hats for next season. She declares it is a pleasure to buy now the prices are so much more reasonable.

A number of women are actively associated with their husbands in business here. There is Mrs. C. I. Raker, who is known to all patrons of the Raker garage. Mrs. Raker for a number of years has been in charge of the office work at the garage.

Mrs. Dietl is another woman who is taking her place beside her husband in business. She is almost always behind the counter at the Sanitary meat market, assisting in the serving of customers.

Mrs. F. L. Bourne, Mrs. G. M. Davidson, Mrs. Max Schneider, Mrs. Ed. Aylsworth, Mrs. Wm. Hessel, Mrs. P. Lenard, Mrs. E. E. Chipman, Mrs. Albert Ekstrom, Mrs. Cecil Metzger, Mrs. B. L. Walrad, Mrs. D. M. Roberts, Mrs. H. L. St. Clair and Mrs. E. Harty are all well known for the important parts they have in the various lines of business which their husbands represent.

There are four women in Gresham who have worked up a paying business in their homes and who are not usually classed with the business women because their work is not so generally known. They are Mrs. Carrie Hansen, who recently purchased a hemstitching machine and who finds herself kept busy with orders for hemstitching and other sewing. Mrs. A. E. Kessler, who is raising canaries for the market. Mrs. Lena Needham and Mrs. A. M. Wilkinson, have dressmaking establishments.

Miss Adams, also is well known as a successful poultry woman and must be classed as a business woman, since it takes both knowledge and business ability to keep a flock of hens on a paying basis.

Mrs. W. J. Todd conducts a rooming house in the First State Bank building and Mrs. Maud Hesel is in charge of the Condon hotel. Several other women are conducting private boarding or rooming houses and thus helping themselves and others.

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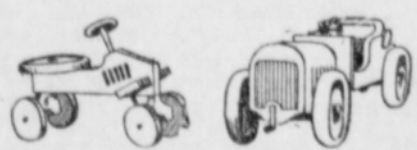
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ums in their homes. Besides these there are seven women employed in the two banks, eight employed at the telephone office and about 15 others who are employed in the different stores, offices, and doing other clerical work. Last but not least are the teachers of the grade school and the high school, the several music teachers, and the librarian and her assistants.

FAIRVIEW

Plans for a community Christmas celebration are beginning to take definite shape. The public school and the Sunday schools have taken up the matter with enthusiasm. Members of the school board and the city council have expressed their interest in the proposition and it is hoped that these organizations will give it substantial support. Representatives

of the school and Sunday schools met on Monday and arranged a partial list of committees as follows: general chairman, Mrs. H. H. Pratt; program, Principal B. G. Carney, Mrs. Walrath, Mrs. A. L. Stone and Miss Sue Lewis; Christmas treat, Mrs. Edwin Burlingame and Mrs. J. H. Peterson; decoration, Mrs. Sue Moller and Miss Rosalie Luscher. All committees and plans are quite incomplete but another meeting will be held early next week to finish the plans. There will be a music rehearsal the latter part of this week.

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