



Society

The aim of the educational department of the Greater Medford club, in the work which it began late in the club year, has been to familiarize the members of the department with the educational movements that are interesting people elsewhere, study our local conditions and needs and to help, where possible, to initiate plans leading toward better ideals and better opportunities for our youth. The program of any organization always looks large as compared with the results. But a fairly large group of women have shown themselves eager to discuss the various subjects that have arisen from time to time, and it is the hope and belief of those in charge that another year will attract still more to this department and lead to better and more abundant fruits in a practical way. Some of the subjects taken up in the few meetings of the department are the moving pictures, the plan that has been finding so much favor elsewhere of giving school credits for home industrial work, the dress of school girls and what can be done toward its simplification, and the playground movement. A story hour for the little people has been run most successfully by volunteer workers and there seems little doubt but that such an hour will perpetuate itself as an established tradition in connection with what the library offers for the children. There has been a great deal of agitation over the matter of getting a public playground for Medford. We are going to have it and have it soon. What we are looking for is the right piece of land, and the playground will follow, so many have subscribed their interests and their help toward it. These are some few of the matters that are interesting us. We want a larger body of helpers. We need to disseminate more widely the idea of what can be done to make Medford an ideal spot, not alone in its outward charm but in the chance that it offers for its youth to grow up wholesome and strong in all things physical and moral. This is a cause wherein women can meet unselfishly and cooperate for the good of the community and the happiness and sane living of those who succeed us. How far are we as women able to give ourselves to causes which demand self forgetfulness, and from which results are slow and not for ourselves? Every woman sooner or later must ask herself that question if she is to call herself a modern woman.

Mrs. J. F. Reddy, chairman of the civics section of the Greater Medford club, gave a tea at her home, 122 Oregon terrace, yesterday, asking the members of the civics section and those immediately interested in civics work. Plans were outlined for working with the general committee with reference to the Fourth of July celebration, steps were taken to secure the cleaning up of the parkings and secure tree planting, and a general discussion of holding a rose festival next year met with hearty response. Among those signing for the civics work were:

Mrs. W. I. Vawter, M. M. Putnam, L. G. Porter, Jap Andrews, F. J. O'Gara, C. W. Palm, J. M. Root, Robert Ruhl, G. H. Streets, George Rebec, Burt Harmon, Olen Arnsperger, J. H. Carkin, G. W. Connor, C. W. Conklin, T. E. Daniels, W. G. Davidson, E. H. French, William Gerig, E. E. Gore, E. E. Kelly, F. E. Merrick, J. C. Mann, Charles Schieffelin, F. H. Shapleigh, M. Purdin, W. H. Brown, A. A. Byrd, C. E. Gates, J. C. Mitchell, C. M. Kidd, W. W. Elfert, M. L. Alford, E. M. Andrews, Louis Bundy, Willard Campbell, Delroy Getchell, G. H. Daggott, W. G. Davidson, F. K. Deuel, E. A. Evanson, George King, C. D. Hoon, P. S. Steenstrup, H. C. Stoddard, E. B. Pickel, F. H. Hollis, Glenn Fabrick, O. J. Patton, J. F. Reddy, H. C. Kentner, Ed Evanson, W. T. York, J. A. Westerland, A. H. Miller, J. H. Orth, O. E. Osbourn, H. E. Morrison, John Barneburg, H. G. Wortman, W. H. McGowan.

Medford Women's Christian Temperance Union was called to order in the library building, their home, by the president, Mrs. Holmer. The scripture lesson was read by the president, prayer by Mrs. Pontig, roll call by Mrs. T. A. Howell, the recording secretary, and reading the minutes of the last two previous meetings of the union the meeting was thrown open to all. It being business meeting the several committees reported and were dismissed. Mrs. Holmer read several articles from the White Ribbon Review which were discussed. Mothers' day of the local union will meet at the home of Mrs. Flemming on Welch street. A good program is being prepared and light refreshments served. Mrs. T. A. Howell, county president, has called a county meeting for all the unions of Jackson to meet at Phoenix June 18. All who will may come with well filled baskets for a picnic. A good program will be provided. The local W. C. T. U. meets each Thursday at 3 p. m. in the library building, the first floor downstairs.

The executive board of the Greater Medford club met at luncheon at the Hotel Medford on Monday last. The resignation of Mrs. A. D. Schuster as recording secretary was accepted and her successor will be appointed at the next board meeting.

The standing committees for next year were named as follows: Press, and printing, Mrs. A. A. Bird, Mrs. W. G. Davidson, Mrs. Burt Harmon; auditing, Miss Julia Fielder, Mrs. King; house committee, Mrs. English, Mrs. Kentner, Mrs. Wold, Mrs. Hoon, Mrs. Vawter; social, Mrs. Mundy, Mrs. Hollis, Mrs. Streets Mrs. Pottinger, Miss Connor; membership, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Stoddard, Mrs. Hudge, Mrs. Getchell, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Arnsperger.

The board voted to contribute \$5 to the Sarah Platt Decker memorial fund, \$500 of which the Oregon federation has pledged itself to raise.

The auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. of the Christian church met with Mrs. A. J. Hanby, 726 Welch street, on Wednesday. About 20 ladies were present and the subject Mexico was discussed. Mrs. Quigley, the president, presiding. Rev. D. D. Boyle gave an address on the political situation in Mexico and Mrs. Hanby gave a paper on the climate, products and everyday life of the people. Mrs. M. S. Broadbent of Central Point sang a pleasing solo and Mrs. Manning talked on the life among the people of the Garo hills of India. Mrs. J. O. Isaacson and Mrs. M. S. Broadbent of Central Point were the guests of the hostess for the day.

Plano pupils of Miss Flora Gray were heard in recital at the Presbyterian church Friday afternoon. The young players performed entirely from memory, with good rhythm, while beauty of tone and due attention to expression bespeak thoroughness and understanding on the part of both teacher and pupils. Miss Gray will keep her studio open at 144 South Central avenue during June and July.

Mrs. William Hudge entertained last week with a beautifully appointed bridge luncheon for Mrs. Lathrop Perkins, who has returned to her former home in Chicago to reside. Covers were laid for nine and the rooms were beautifully decorated with roses. The dining room was in red and the living room in pink. A guest prize was provided, also a second prize won by Mrs. Harmon.

Jack Sullivan celebrated his 11th birthday in a most happy manner Monday evening with a birthday party, his guests being Lewis Richardson, Robert Duff, Lawrence Duff, John D. Patton, Warren Hoy, Ned French, Dana Davis, Mead French, Junior Hanley, William Rice, Francis Murphy and Carleton Zimmer.

The Sunset club met at the home of Mrs. Stone Thursday afternoon for the final meeting of the year. The club is composed of a coterie of ladies living on the beautiful foothill ranches west and the plan of organization which has been both social and literary has been much enjoyed.

The Philathea class of the Presbyterian Sunday school will meet at the home of Mrs. Alfred Tee, 705 North Riverside, at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Tee has but lately moved to this address and all members of the class are requested to note the change.

Mrs. Nellie McGowan and her sister, Mrs. H. P. Hargrave, left last evening for Portland, where they will be in attendance at the grand chapter Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. McGowan is an officer in the grand chapter, being grand conductress.

Miss Angie Halley gave a farewell party yesterday afternoon for Miss Wilna Harrison, who leaves soon with her parents to make her home in Petaluma.

A number of Medford's younger set gave a dance to a number of Ashland friends last night and returned their hospitality of last week, when the Ashland boys and girls were hosts at a picnic in Ashland canyon. Most of those present went last year either to the Ashland or the Medford high school, and the evening was spent delightfully in dancing. Light refreshments were served.

Six of Medford's younger set that have been attending O. A. C. the past term, arrived in Medford Friday morning. Although all are enthusiastically for their college, they are very glad to get back to Medford. Those that came this morning are Ned and George Vilas, Mildred Antle, Bert Stull, Armond Taylor, and Joan Anderson.

A literary section of the Greater Medford club has been decided upon and a course of study suggested, but as yet no chairman has been found.

At the last general meeting of the club it was decided upon to name a committee to be called the library committee whose duty it would be to confer with the library board on all questions relating to club work, on in connection with the purchase of books. Mrs. Ed Andrews, Mrs. Lumsden and Mrs. Pickle were named as this committee.

The kindergarten committee are not asleep. They are just resting, and taking a survey of the land with a view to further labors when the time is ripe.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Bird met with the high school girls in the library assembly room, to name the committees for the Vitality league, which Dr. Stewart proposed founding. A very enthusiastic meeting followed and a number of sports were decided upon. Tennis, and basketball groups are to be formed and a walking club has already begun hiking. The hike was taken Thursday morning to the reservoir, where breakfast was served in a carte and the early morning view admired by nine high school girls and the pathfinder, Mrs. Davidson. Next Wednesday the girls will go to the Rebec home near Jacksonville, starting at 5:30 and returning by 8:30.

Miss Angie Halley entertained a number of her friends at a farewell party Friday afternoon for Miss Wilna Harrison, who leaves Monday for Petaluma, Cal. Games on the lawn were enjoyed during the afternoon, after which each guest was requested to write a letter to Miss Harrison which she should read on the train. Dainty refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Those present were: Misses Wilna Harrison, Vera Lane, Hazel Antle, Esther Warner, Nellie Campbell, Lee Halley, Susie Lindley and Alene Allen.

The first of a series of musicales by pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alton Haight given at their studios, 116 South Laurel street, last Saturday afternoon, was attended by over 100 invited guests and was pronounced one of the most enjoyable affairs of the kind ever given in this city. The next musicale will be given in about six weeks.

The Presbyterian Sunday school motored to Phoenix Wednesday in automobiles and had a picnic on Bear creek. Over twenty cars were used in transporting the hundred that attended. Baskets of lunch were brought and spread upon the grass, and the day was very pleasantly spent.

The Christian Sunday school held a picnic in McLaughlin's grove, southeast of Medford, Tuesday. There was a large crowd in attendance and they spent the afternoon pleasantly playing games, after which a bountiful picnic luncheon was served.

Mrs. Porter J. Neff entertained informally Wednesday afternoon and again Friday evening for Mrs. Alan Bracklreid, who leaves Monday for a six weeks' visit with her cousin, Dr. Mabel Aikin, in Portland.

Mrs. Milton James of Capital Hill gave a delightful informal afternoon Thursday for her mother, Mrs. Baker. Among the guests were Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Horney, Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Marsh.

St. Marks guild gave a very delightful card party Thursday at the guild rooms, which were very well attended.

Mrs. T. E. Daniels entertained informally last week for Mrs. Lathrop Perkins.

Mrs. J. M. Schmidt entertained the Home Mission society of the M. E. church South Wednesday afternoon, at her beautiful home on the Jacksonville road. After the business session the following program was enjoyed:

Song, "Higher Ground."
Prayer, Mrs. Riley D. Henson.
Reading, Woman's Place in Industry
Miss Gertrude Smith
Reading, The Industrial Condition in Foreign Lands, Mrs. W. T. Goul Foreign Lands.

Mrs. W. T. Goul
Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Henson, Mrs. Goulder.

Vocal Duet, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Goulder

Illustrated Reading, Our Children as Future Actors in the World's Evangelization.

Mrs. Riley D. Henson
Reading, A Missionary Society
Mrs. Emily Conrad

Reading, The Outside Child's Needs
Mrs. Coburn Lewis

Illustrated Reading, What's the Matter With the Foundation?
Mrs. Robert L. Taylor

Instrumental Solo
Miss Alberta Goulder

At the close of the program Mrs. Schmidt served a chicken dinner, assisted by Miss Gertrude Schmidt.

The ladies of Le Samedi club entertained their husbands with a four course dinner Thursday evening at the home of W. M. Van Scoyoe, 811 Bennett avenue.

The decorations were Caroline Testout roses. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames R. R. Ebel, H. G. Stockman, Edward Soutter, O. C. Boggs, Geo. T. Collins, C. C. Van Scoyoe, W. M. Van Scoyoe, T. C. Wicks.

The ladies of the Christian church will give a Rose social Tuesday evening at the church. A lunch of strawberries and cake, chicken sandwiches, salad and coffee will be served and a charge of 25 cents made. The patronage of the public is solicited.

Mrs. G. M. Williams entertained at her home on West Eleventh street Thursday. The guests were Mesdames Caldwell, Bigelow, Elliot, Mead, Witte, Weber, Johnson of Eugene, Parsons, Orr and Miss Boyland.

The Blue Ribbon Sunshine Band met with Harold Thompson, North Apple street Thursday afternoon. This band of Sunshiners are doing a good work, caring for the sick and helping the needy.

The local high school gave a dancing party last night at the Natorium inviting the Ashland high school, thus returning a like invitation accepted a few weeks ago.

The Sunshine circle of the Christian church met this week at the home of Mrs. Norris on North Bartlett street. The assisting hostesses were Mrs. Pell, Mrs. Caskey and Mrs. Biden.

BOOK REVIEWS

Helen C. Gale.

"Heredity in Relation to Eugenics," by Charles Benedict Davenport. Published by Henry Holt & Co. (Library).

Davenport does not believe with Elbert Hubbard that "a bad man is a good man gone wrong," but holds with Galton that "we are vehicles in which all our ancestors ride," and that if our ancestors were bad then we are bad—if they were good, then we are good. He says: "I am what the determiners in my two fused germplasmas have developed into under the culture which they have experienced during their development. I am not responsible for my early culture nor for the reactions determined by it, but that culture is partly determined by my make-up. Those people who believe that the body is the expression of the soul, and that each soul is responsible for its own happiness or unhappiness—responsible even for the peculiarities of its body, must take exceptions to the above statement. To Davenport we are not only the vehicle in which all our ancestors ride, but this vehicle even has a predestined course mapped out for it.

"The success of a marriage," he goes on to say, "from the standpoint of eugenics is measured by the number of disease resistant, cultivable offspring that come from it. Happiness or unhappiness of the parents has little eugenic significance. Eugenics has to do with traits that are in the blood, the protoplasm." He goes on to call prenatal influence a superstition. This all sounds very scientific, but if one would dare to criticize in any little way a man who is as high an authority on the breeding of animals as Davenport, the sentimentalist might say that while man is an organism—an animal, that there is a divine spark—a soul within him that makes him different from the lower animals, and that this soul reaches for something higher and experiences joy beyond

those of eating, drinking and sleeping, and these joys and aspirations, so the sentimentalist likes to believe, enter into the makeup of the unborn child; the deep love existing between the father and mother, the prenatal influence—especially that of maternal love—and the environment of culture and refinement must in many cases counteract some of the harmful heredity tendencies. It has only been in recent years that people have turned their attention seriously to the improvement of the human race, Davenport forcibly points out the necessity of eugenics. He says that probably two and one-half million children are born in the United States each year. One-half of a million die before they attain the age of one year and half of all are dead before their twenty-third year. All this happens because they are born unable physically to resist disease. Love is the attraction of sex for the propagation of the race, and there are few people who fall in love altruistic enough to hold in mind the future generation. Whether science will ever be able to guide the infatuated lover away from the object of his affections if she cannot produce a child showing ancestors free from taint of blood is an absorbing question. But if a deeper and more universal study were made of eugenics even the sentimentalist would be more careful in the placing of his affections.

We who are here now are what we are, so our work is with the new generation. If the children of today are taught that their supreme function is parenthood, if they are instilled with the idea that the children who will come to them some day will be more to them than their own life; that they will rejoice in their children's physical and mental perfection, or be most unhappy in their defects, then our boys growing to manhood will naturally lead cleaner lives and the girls growing to womanhood will demand more of the men they marry than they have heretofore done.

The scientific eugenist has very cold-blooded ideas to offer for the better development of the race, and the spiritual dreamer has many beautiful theories for the uplift of the human soul. A sensible combination of the two extremes might strike a successful medium.

"Heredity in Relation to Eugenics" is full of new ideas, useful information and interesting theories. One of the most striking arguments in the book is on the breeding of our national family, the control of immigration. Our present laws recognize the right and duty of regulating immigration. The nature of Davenport's idea of control varies from the present law and of course is based on eugenic principles.

"Heredity in Relation to Eugenics" is not hard or dry reading as might be supposed from the title. It was written for general readers and not for students alone. Each thought is made clear and every assertion is further emphasized with charts.

"The Heart of the Hills," John Fox, Jr. Published by Scribner's (Library).

This is a book from the Kentucky land full of feuds, night riders and many lawless deeds that are native to that state.

Fox tells a story in a manner that compels interest. His descriptions are beautiful and his plot full of action. He understands his uncouth mountaineers and his cultured family of the bluegrass equally well. His plea is for them both. This plea is admirably expressed by his character, Colonel Pendleton, a fine gentleman of the old school, who on his deathbed is talking to his son, Gray, and Jason Hawn, a son of a lawless mountain family. He says: "The war started us downhill, but we might have done better. I know I might. The earth was too rich; it made life too easy. The horse, the bottle of whisky and the plug of tobacco were all too easily the best—and the pistol always too ready. We've been cartoned thro' the world with a fearsome, half-conscious slapping on the back. Our living has been made out of luxuries; agriculturally, socially, politically we have gone wrong, and that for the American sense of humor the state would be in a just, nation-wide contempt. The Ku-Klux, the burning of toll gates, the Goebel troubles and the night riders are all links in the same chain of lawlessness, and but for the first the others might not have been. But we are, in spite of this, a law-abiding people, and the manhood of the state is still here. Don't forget that—the old manhood is here."

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The two cousins, Jason Hawn and Mavis Hawn, were born and bred in the mountains. They had been brought up in an uncouth atmosphere where a family feud had poisoned their life and happiness from birth. Marjorie and Gray Pendleton were cousins who had lived in the bluegrass country and their environment had always been one of cultured refinement. The illiterate grandfather of Jason was not unlike the polished Colonel Pendleton, father of Gray, when it came to fundamental principles of honor.

Through the story, weaving in and out of tales of feuds, political dissensions and lawless deeds that took place both in the mountains and in the valley of the blue grass, runs a pretty romance of these four young people. The old honor—the inherent trait of the Kentuckians—is shown in Gray from the beginning and brought out in Jason through his change of life. When the strife between the men of the mountains and the men of the valley was over and each recognized in the other the same fine qualities of each other, Fox ends his book with the following paragraph, beautifully expressing the brotherhood of the Kentuckians: "And looking far ahead, both could see strong young men hurrying up from the jagged bluegrass into the lagging hills, and strong young men hurrying down from there, and could hear the heart of the hills beating as one with the heart of the blue grass, and both beating as one with the heart of the world."

WILD ANIMAL NOVELTY AT THE ISIS THEATER

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