

Women's Page

Secretaries' Group To Be Formed Here By National Worker

A southern Oregon chapter of the National Secretaries' association is being organized in Medford at the present time by Mrs. Jean H. Williams, Kansas City, Mo., field representative of the group and Mrs. Williams has just completed organization of a chapter at Corvallis, Ore., and in February a chapter was established at Eugene under her supervision.

Portland and Salem have had chapters of the association for the past few years.

Mrs. Williams states that the organization is non-union and non-profit, and was formed specifically for secretaries to promote educational, professional and social advantages for women in this profession.

With the aid of Mrs. Thelma King, receptionist for the California-Oregon Power company who has been a member of the group located in another city, Mrs. Williams is engaged in contacting secretaries of Medford and a number of announcements have gone out this week. Mrs. Williams also states that any secretary interested in the organization may call her at room 410, Medford hotel.

Prospect Association Holds Dinner Meeting; Coming Events Planned

Prospect—Last meeting of the Prospect Parent-Teacher association was a dinner, March 28, in the school cafeteria. Eighty members were seated around a horseshoe-shaped banquet table decorated with yellow daffodils and tall white candles in crystal candelabra.

During the program hour, Mrs. C. Reese Braley of Medford told of her experiences while visiting in Siam two years ago.

Next meeting of the association will be April 25 and Mrs. Blanche Frisbie, public health nurse, will speak on cancer.

Scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, is a meeting of the social hygiene group of the association at the home of Mrs. James Popp at 1:30 p. m. There will be a talk by Miss Kathryn Berberet, county school nurse, on "Safety in the Home." Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to attend.

Central Point Corps Schedules Meeting

Central Point—Women's Relief corps of Central Point will meet Thursday at the IOOF hall at 2 p. m. Plans will be made for a "merchant's luncheon" to be given soon, and the president asks for a full attendance of members.

Eagle Point Schools Hold Open House; Addition Described

Eagle Point—A room-by-room display and general open house featured the last meeting of the Eagle Point Parent-Teacher association held at the school. This attracted one of the largest groups ever assembled for a PTA meeting in Eagle Point.

A tour of both high school and grade buildings proved interesting and instructive to the group and generous displays of school work were shown in all rooms from the lower grades through all high school departments. In the high school, interest was centered in the shop and the work being done there, in addition to the well-equipped home economics department. These are both additions to the system since consolidation was effected seven years ago.

Interest was shown in specimens of flys made in the natural science department and in the same department, dark room facilities were seen that assist in developing the hobby of photography.

Additional interest was shown in two new rooms added to the high school during the past winter. These are large rooms with the latest lighting equipment and amply insulated against sound.

The systematic tour through the whole system was designed to afford a means of tracing the school's growth from the time of its consolidation up to the present time. It was pointed out that the school has grown from a small plant of four elementary rooms to one of 12 rooms seven years later, with now a completely new high school system with shop and gymnasium and an increase in daily attendance in high school from 50 to the present figure of 190 pupils.

It was also pointed out that the increase in room and equipment has raised the physical value of the plant from approximately \$30,000 in 1943 to the present figure of \$205,000.

During the program of the association's meeting, Superintendent Hale reviewed the recent growth of the school but spoke principally about the first wing of a new elementary structure upon which work was recently started. He said this building would be a long, single-story structure of four rooms with full lighting from the north and elevated strip lighting of glass blocks on the south. He said the building will be constructed of pumice blocks and would be equipped with a radiant heating system. It is expected to be ready for use when school opens in the fall, according to the superintendent.

John Richards, county juvenile officer, addressed the meet-

Easy-Sew Fashion



Marian Martin

Just look at this easy-sew dress! So FEW pattern parts—NO shoulder seams. And fashion galore—see the new standaway pockets, deep neckline, yokes! Pattern 9399 comes in sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 40. Size 16 takes 4 1/4 yards 35-inch fabric.

This easy-to-use pattern gives perfect fit. Complete, illustrated Sew Chart shows you every step.

Send TWENTY-FIVE CENTS in coins for this pattern to MARIAN MARTIN, care of Medford Mail Tribune, Pattern Dept., P. O. Box 6740, Chicago 80, Ill. Print plainly YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, SIZE, STYLE NUMBER. LOOK! A book of easy-sew Marian Martin Patterns for Spring. Send Twenty Cents in coins for your copy and plan all the lovely new clothes you want. Patterns for everybody, plus a Free Pattern printed in the book.

New Officers for Woodcraft Circle To Be Installed

New officers of the Medford circle, Woodcraft, will be installed at a joint meeting with Phoenix and Ashland circles set for Thursday night in Phoenix.

To be installed are Mrs. L. O. Howard, past guardian neighbor; Mrs. Clarence Jordan, guardian neighbor; Mrs. B. L. Staats Sr., advisor; Mrs. Edith Sevany, clerk; Mrs. J. M. Dodge, banker; Mrs. LaMulle Reinking, magician; Mrs. Charles Boussum, attendant; Mrs. George L. Watson, captain of guards; Mrs. George Culy, flag bearer; Mrs. Vern L. Bailey, inner sentinel; Mrs. Carrie Milnes, outer sentinel; Miss Verene Bailey, musician; Mrs. Watson, correspondent; Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Boussum and Mrs. Milnes, managers.

Mrs. Florence Drake of the Phoenix lodge will be installing officer.

League Hears Report Of Legislative Study At Meeting Saturday

A report of the legislative study made in recent weeks by members of the League of Women Voters was given to the general membership of the league at a meeting last Saturday.

Mrs. Lester Adams, Applegate, is chairman of the committee which made the study, and she was aided by Mrs. Frank Van Dyke and Mrs. William McAllister.

For Saturday's meeting Mrs. John S. Day spoke on rules of procedure for legislatures and Mrs. C. Reese Braley spoke of the organization of standing committees. Mrs. Ben Day's report was the effects of power given presiding officers of the house and senate on committee members and assignment of bills.

In addition, a film was shown which portrayed the process of passage of a bill through a state legislature, the film having been made with the Wisconsin legislature as a model. The film was secured by Miss Jeanette Thatcher of the league.

Ruch-Sterling PTA Postpones Meeting; Party Reports Given

Ruch—Due to Easter vacation, the April meeting of Ruch-Sterling Parent-Teacher association has been postponed one week, and will be held at the school April 14 at 8 p. m.

The April Fool party held by the association was pronounced a success, and the PTA council has extended its thanks to all parents and friends for their help.

During the evening a number of contests were held. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson won the Jitterbug contest, Morris Byrne and Mrs. Johnny Bowman won the waltz contest and in the "lemon dance" C. W. Childers, Bill Godfrey and Everett Beard were winners. Left "holding the lemons" Each winner received a home-made cake.

Announce Wedding Of Medford Couple

Mrs. Thora Smith Lawrence and Dr. Frank Roberts announce their marriage on Tuesday, April 4, in Vancouver, Wash. Both are from Medford.

The couple will spend a few days in northern Oregon and in Washington and will return to Medford Sunday by plane. They will be at home at 2218 East Main street.

RNA to Meet

Royal Neighbors of America will hold the regular business meeting Thursday, April 6, at 7:30 p. m., in KP hall, with Mrs. D. T. Ferguson presiding.

All members of the degree staff and their substitutes for the state convention are asked to attend for practice.

Club Postponed

The meeting of the College Women's Club of Rogue River valley, scheduled for April 8, has been postponed to April 15. Mrs. Frank Davis will be hostess to the club with the meeting to be at the Methodist church in Ashland.

Any Length Scarf



Alice Brooks

Crochet a fifteen-inch scarf in No. 30 cotton for a tray. Make a long scarf for buffet or table. Both from this wonderful design. Scarf makes up in any length you need! It's easy, too. Pattern 7070 has crochet directions.

Our improved pattern—visual with easy-to-see charts and photos and complete directions—makes needlework easy.

Send TWENTY CENTS in coins for this pattern to Medford Mail Tribune, Household Arts Dept., P. O. Box 5640, Chicago 80, Ill. Print plainly NAME, ADDRESS with PATTERN NUMBER.

Our ALICE BROOKS Needlework catalogue is the best ever! Send fifteen cents, in coins, now for your copy. Illustrations of Designs for crocheting, knitting, embroidery, toys, quilts, children's clothes. Free needlework pattern is printed in book.

Wednesday, April 5, 1950

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Woman Composer Of Native Opera Finishes New Work

New York—(U.P.)—America's only woman opera composer wishes this country would encourage its native composers to write opera so she wouldn't be in a class by herself.

"There's no truth in the idea that America can't produce a Verdi or Wagner," Florence Wickham said. "We'll have native opera when there's a market for it."

Mrs. Wickham, who turned to operatic composition 25 years after she retired as a leading contralto at the Metropolitan Opera, said she has found operatic composing "a deluxe undertaking."

The tall, blue-eyed blonde who sang with Caruso and Scotti ought to know. She had to go to Germany in 1938 to have her first opera, "Rosalin," produced. When news of its success seeped back to the United States she finally found a market here at home.

New York Coming

This summer Americans will have a chance to hear her second work, "The Legend of Hex Mountain." It is a folk opera with Pennsylvania Dutch trimmings, and Miss Wickham calls it a "real native work" because it has its setting in her home state. She wrote the whole works—music and libretto.

"It takes a lot of courage to write an opera when you know there is almost no chance of having it produced," she said. "But I do think there's a better chance of success if a composer writes about an American theme."

She has fashioned her plot about an old Amish legend that a witch who does a good deed is freed from the evil spell which binds her. Miss Wickham has obtained just about the best witch in the country for the role. She is Dorothee Manski, who won fame at the Metropolitan as the witch of "Hansel and Gretel."

The opera will have its premiere in August at the Plymouth, Mass., music festival with a cast of Metropolitan singers. Then Miss Wickham plans to move it to Broadway to chalk up a musical record.

Broadway Best Bet

Ladies' Club To Hold Meeting on Thursday

Sams Valley—Sams Valley Ladies' club will meet at the home of Mrs. Arnold Nense Thursday, April 6. Members attending are to bring articles for the Junior Red Cross to the meeting.

Last session of the group was at the home of Mrs. Jack Korner, March 23.

"Broadway seems to be the only outlet for an American opera right now, although financing a New York production is prohibitive," Miss Wickham said. "There is little chance of getting a hearing with one of our opera companies although singers, conductors and directors all are eager to try new works."

She said opera composers such as Kurt Weill and Gian Carlo Menotti already have given the Broadway public a taste for a layer of opera in their theatrical sandwich. If the appetite keeps growing, opera composing may become a paying proposition, she believes.

"Goodness knows, opera composing is the most up-hill work in the music world," she said. "I think it can be done only on direct inspiration with as little thought of box office sale as possible. Opera should be real art, that's why so few composers can afford it."

CALENDAR

Wednesday
7:30 p. m.—Job's Daughters, Masonic temple.
8 p. m.—Gold Star Mothers, Girls' Community club.
8 p. m.—Central Point Rebekahs, Oddfellows hall.
Thursday
12 noon—Zonta club, Jackson hotel.
12:30 p. m.—Wenonah club, Mrs. Ralph Parks, Dixie lane.
1 p. m.—Women Golfers, Rogue Valley Country club.
1:30 p. m.—Woman's Bible class, Mrs. A. E. Chew, 1404 West Main street.
2 p. m.—Medford Garden club, YMCA.
2 p. m.—Nichols Branch Get Together club, home of Mrs. Wilbur Reed.
2 p. m.—Central Point Women's Relief corps, IOOF hall.

The sizes of stars vary over an enormous range. The largest known are 500,000,000 miles in diameter, while the smallest are around 50,000 miles or perhaps less, smaller than some of the planets.

Fur Storage



Phone 2-6500 or 2-6696

Polarized Care

In the Only Underground Vault in Southern Oregon!

Furs are periodically fumigated with a gas deadly to all moth life but harmless to furs and fabrics. Humidity is automatically controlled. Of course, our vault is fire and burglar proof and your coat is fortified further by full and complete insurance!

FREE PICKUP BY BONDED DRIVER

MEDFORD CLEANERS

22 S. Central - 34 N. Holly



Free! HOME TRIAL OFFER!

10-Day Free Trial in Your Own Home

GENERAL ELECTRIC PORTABLE DISHWASHER

No expense—no obligation. Wash your own dishes in your own home with the new General Electric Portable Dishwasher.

Here's the amazing Dishwasher America asked for. It's portable! It's a sensational work-saver! It brings you new freedom and leisure time!

With this amazing new General Electric Portable Dishwasher you can actually wash all the dishes from a typical dinner service for six persons—without even getting your hands wet with dishwasher!

You Can Buy One of These G.E. Portable Dishwashers for Only

\$2 A WEEK NO INSTALLATION COST
CALL US NOW • Phone 2-4585

You Can Put Your Confidence in GENERAL ELECTRIC and the

HOME APPLIANCE CO.

115 E. MAIN

PHONE 2-4585

Once-a-year

SALE HALF PRICE!



Dorothy Perkins DEODORANT
REGULARLY \$1.00
50¢ PLUS TAX
LIMITED TIME ONLY

SO EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD that once you try Dorothy Perkins flower-fresh Deodorant you prefer it always! Try it today FOR CHARM'S SAKE. It's effective and gently safe, ever-fragrant, ever-creamy. Today it's AN EXCEPTIONAL BUY, too, so get your family summer supply now during this half-price sale!

WESTERN THRIFT

30 N. CENTRAL

DIAL 2-2874

ADRENALIN SOCKS

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

main and bartlett streets

For The In-Between Figure

Perhaps a Lovely Sheer

or

Select a print from our large collection of 'Forever Young' half sizes dresses priced from . . .

\$8.95

Forever Young
"See that the name is spelled"

An Ideal Topper . . .

which makes your own ensemble. All wool, unlined, sizes 16 1/2 to 24 1/2. Navy or black.

\$8.95

USE BURELSON'S LAY AWAY PLAN

NEW PHONE 2-6428