

City's Needs Explained At Voters' League Meeting

Medford's need for expanded facilities for the fire, water and police departments were explained to the Medford League of Women Voters at the annual meeting of the group Saturday at the Rogue Valley Country Club. Speaking were Mayor Diamond Flynn, Water Superintendent Robert Duff and Leo Wiedner, acting fire chief.

Election was also held, with Mrs. Frank Fairweather elected first vice-president; Mrs. Richard Gray, second vice-president; Miss Elizabeth McGalliard, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Paul Janney, treasurer; Mrs. O. L. Williams and Mrs. Ed Bolt, directors and Mrs. J. A. Dierdorff, chairman of the nominating committee for 1951. Mrs. S. E. Phillips' term as president has one year yet to run.

Mayor Flynn stated Medford has been very conservative in its requests for increased taxes and said the added expense of governing the expanding city has been met through increased property valuation so that tax millage has actually decreased some. He declared that the police department is understaffed and the force underpaid so that it is impossible to give adequate protection. With 15 men to cover the city on 24-hour shifts, at times there is no police protection, he said.

He expressed full approval of the mayor-council type of city government, said the city superintendent is now in effect a city manager, and gave high praise to the various citizens' committees which have been working throughout the year.

Mayor Flynn said the city must look forward to some plan of compensating the mayor and council in order to offset the financial sacrifice involved in holding these offices.

Mr. Duff declared Medford's pure water is one of the city's greatest assets and said if such water were available in California it would be sold in bottles. He spoke of the large increase in services which the department

has had to encompass since the present plant was placed in operation in 1926, the city having grown from 9,300 population to 20,000 since that time.

Repairs are becoming necessary more frequently, he said, and added that a break in one pipe would leave Medford without water for 24 hours.

Superintendent Duff said there were two alternatives for increasing the water supply, one being meters for residential service, which would extend the life of the system for a little while, and more water brought in.

Estimated cost of the proposed new pipeline would be \$2,800,000 he said, and added that the debt can be paid off without increasing rates. He gave figures on present indebtedness and the sale of water to outside districts. Speaking of the needs of the fire department, Acting Chief Wiedner said that a serious situation prevails because of lack of equipment and personnel. He has recommended purchase of a ladder truck, building of two sub-stations, one on the east and one on the west side, installation of an alarm system, purchase of reserve hose and additional manpower.

Chief Wiedner said that Medford is the only city over 10,000 population in the state without a ladder truck and he said that the city's "class five" fire system is suitable for a town of only 11,000 population. Medford is being penalized now by insurance underwriters because of the lack of a fire alarm system, he said, and declared that it will be further penalized soon if the fire department is not standardized and the water supply increased.

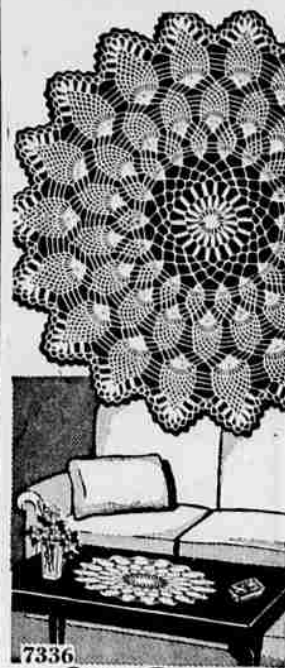
He said "it is up to the people of Medford whether they want to spend their money for increased insurance rates, and still be saddled with the fear of uncontrolled fires, or spend it for adequate fire protection and enjoy the peace of mind that comes with it."

League members asked many questions and expressed the opinion that Medford voters will support these measures which will be on the primary ballot May 19.

Mrs. Phillips reported briefly on the national convention, which she attended the latter part of April, and Mrs. Hugh Collins, voters' service chairman, reported on pre-primary registration activities of the league.

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Gold Hill Club Holds Annual Installation

Gold Hill—Gold Hill Past Noble Grands' club held installation of officers at the last meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Bell. New officers are Mrs. Alta Clement, president; Mrs. Ethel Martin, vice-president; Mrs. Melford M. Hood, secretary and Mrs. Walter C. McLean, treasurer.

Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Etta Carter on Garden row and Mrs. Harry D. Force will be program chairman for the meeting.

Refreshments closed the meeting.

State PTA Officer Installs Officers For Local Council

Medford Council of Parents and Teachers held its final meeting of the year Thursday at the Girls Community Club. Dessert luncheon was served by the executive group of the Jackson unit.

New officers for the year were installed, with Mrs. Frank Conner, Medford, newly elected secretary of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, as installing officer.

Taking office were Mrs. W. T. Frost, first vice-president; Mrs. John W. Danforth, second vice-president; Mrs. Wayne R. Welty, secretary; Mrs. L. E. Gustison, treasurer.

Mrs. John A. Carter, president, who is continuing in that office for the coming year, presented corsages to the officers of the past year, the incoming officers, the chairmen, presidents of the units in the council and the installing officer.

Retiring officers are Mrs. Lew Gilman, Mrs. Henry Padgham, Mrs. A. L. Randles and Mrs. F. L. Ragsdale.

The Roosevelt Mothers' chorus entertained with a group of numbers. Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer directed the chorus and Mrs. Richard Payne was accompanist.

Leo Wiedner, acting fire chief, spoke briefly and explained the proposed fire department bond issue which is to be voted on May 19.

Reports on the state PTA convention held in Portland in April were given by Mrs. Ben Greaser, Mrs. Frank Conner, Mrs. Robert Rukovina, Mrs. L. E. Gustison, Mrs. F. L. Ragsdale, Mrs. Frank Van Dyke, Mrs. Wayne G. Carter, Mrs. Jack Campbell, Mrs. Paul E. Atkins and Mrs. Carter. Others present who had attended the convention were Mrs. Allyn A. Monroe, Mrs. Don Elliott and Mrs. Chester Guehes.

Mrs. Riley Thomson, president of the Jackson unit, had charge of the arrangements for the meeting and Mrs. Clayton Jacobson and Mrs. Jack White were co-chairmen for the dessert luncheon.

Nominations Completed By Gold Hill Rebekahs

Gold Hill—Nominations for officers in Gold Hill Rebekah lodge, were completed at the regular meeting, Wednesday night, May 3.

The lodge plans to help sponsor the annual senior dinner to be held during the last week of this month. Other organizations will also help with the affair as has been done the past few years. Committee members are Ethel Martin and Hannah Routh.

The Rev. H. A. Dierdorff extended an invitation to the lodge to attend Memorial day services May 28 at the Community Methodist church.

A letter was read explaining the possibility of purchasing the old Chetco Inn building at Brookings to be used as a school for underprivileged children. If the property is purchased the school self supporting. The Inn has been used as a Coast Guard station during the war and since then has been used as a school by the Seventh Day Adventists.

Following the meeting the committee, Mesdames Belle Smith and Edith Bornaman, assisted by Mrs. Willie McLean, served refreshments. Mrs. McLean conducted several humorous games.

Presbyterian Youth Hold Phoenix Meeting

Phoenix—Young people of the Phoenix Presbyterian church met Sunday at the church for a "singspiration" followed by refreshments. During a business meeting plans for the summer's work were discussed.

A skating party will be held later this month at the Ashland rink. Invitations will be extended to young people of high school age, and it is hoped that a large number will participate.

Miss Beverly Wilson, with the aid of the young people, is planning the summer's activities.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Junior High Orchestra To Be On Concert Program

Junior high school will present the annual spring concert Friday, May 12, in the school gymnasium, with the orchestra, band and choral groups participating.

When the orchestra won a "1" rating at the district music contest held in Grants Pass, Arlon Bogart, one of the judges there said, "I'm impressed with the large number that are in this orchestra. I'm also impressed with the quality of tone and the general musicianship." Another judge, Calvin Storey said, "this is among the finest junior high orchestras I have ever heard."

The orchestra program for the concert Friday night will begin with the "Hungarian Village Overture" by Nagy. "Perpetual Motion" by Carl Bohm is a violin solo which has been arranged for first violin section solo with orchestra accompaniment by Isaac. The first string bass players of the orchestra, Carol Van Ausdall and Alfred Leavitt, will come forward to play a duo solo, "The Jolly Dutchman" by Isaac, and they will be accompanied by the string orchestra. The string section will play a novelty tune in our modern dance tempo titled "Jazz Pizzicato" by LeRoy Anderson. The final number will be "Mexican Overture," a group of Mexican songs arranged for orchestra by Merle Isaac.

Playing in the first violin section are Anelda Lewis, Geraldine Turpin, Carol Ellison, Marion Rice, Janet Monia, Ruth Ann Pederson, Janice Cameron, Elaine Cox, Margaret DeCarlo, Marilyn Myhre, Ellen Johnson, Joy Doty Wright and Flora Chavis.

Second violinists are Richard Werner, Caroline Schmidt, Geraldine Wisely, Donald Demmer, Gene Lowe, Viola Russell, Sharon Howard, James Guntton, Richard Reeves, Lorraine Charnstrom, Carlo Murray and LaWanda Hudson.

In the viola section are Charles Frost, James Myhre, Macy Overstreet, Marjorie Howard and Dorothy Hershiser.

Others in the orchestra are cellists, Laura Mae Huson, Mary Todd, Robert Jones; basses, Carol Van Ausdall, Alfred Leavitt, Ruth Jones, Delores Baize; flute, Sallee Buffington; clarinet, Marilyn Doty, Sharon Atterbury, Phyllis Watkins; saxophone, Ma-

Phoenix Pupils Give Program for PTA Unit; Delegate Makes Report

Phoenix—Pupils in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades of Phoenix school gave a program of music for the last meeting of the Phoenix Parent-Teacher association under the direction of Bernard Windt, music instructor.

The program included numbers by the seventh grade string quartet, and the fifth and sixth grade choral group.

Mrs. Gladys Sloan's sixth grade pupils gave a puppet show entitled "Hansel and Gretel."

Mrs. Stothers presented past officers with corsages and gifts, and chairmen of standing committees were also given gifts.

Mrs. M. O. Grove, delegate from the Phoenix association to the meeting of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers in Portland, reported on the convention.

Officers for the new year were installed by Mrs. R. D. Church, Medford, hospitality chairman for the county PTA council. Taking office were Mrs. Grove, president; Mrs. Bill Howard, vice-president; Mrs. Lloyed Schmelzer, secretary, and Mrs. Olin Barlow, treasurer.

Refreshments were served by mothers of children in Mrs. Morrison's room.

Members of the association are asked to take to the Phoenix May festival May 13 or 14 one dozen sandwiches. These may be taken to any Phoenix food booth, it is stated.

Spring Jamboree Set For Friday

Central Point—Central Point Extension unit invites everyone to the "Spring Jamboree" Friday, May 12 in the American Legion hall. Purpose of the affair is to raise funds for "Azalea House," a girl's dormitory to be built on the campus at Oregon State college.

The festivities are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. There will be canasta and pinocle games, and square dancing. Refreshments of cake and coffee will be served throughout the evening. A linen sale will be featured and the 4H will be in charge of a candy booth.

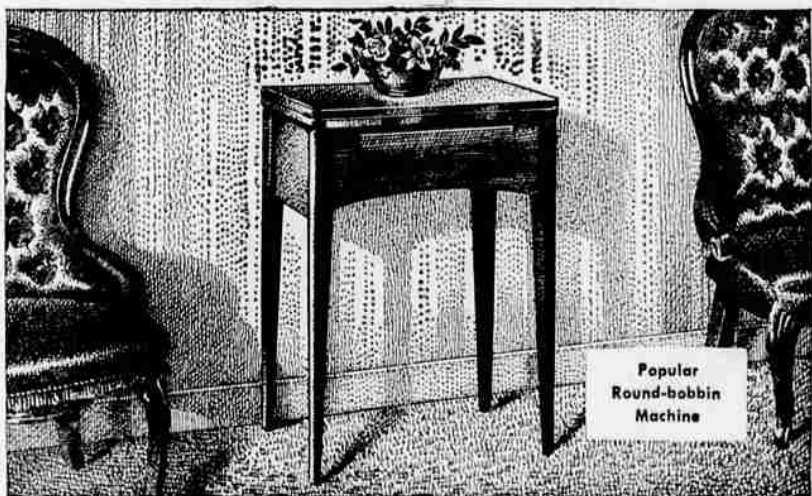
Nurses Association To Hold Meeting To District four of Oregon State Nurses' association will meet Wednesday, May 10 at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Rose Robinette, Siskiyou boulevard in Ashland.

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