

Women's Activities

The Fight Against Cancer

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This month many women of the valley are devoting time to the annual fund drive of the American Cancer society. Since cancer is one of the most dreaded of all diseases, and since annually many persons of all ages die of cancer, the forces of the entire nation are marshalled under the sword of the American Cancer society to combat this major disease.



The Jackson county committee of the American Cancer society, which manages the annual local drive for funds, is headed by Mrs. John S. Day, Medford. Among the women assisting Mrs. Day are (upper left) Mrs. Earl Lawson, (at left) and Mrs. Russell G. Barnes, members of the Medford committee. Mrs. Raymond Fish is also a member of this committee.

As a means of adding to the fund, a tea will be given Wednesday, April 23, at Hillcrest orchard, Hillcrest road, from three to five o'clock. A feature of the event will be exhibits of hobby collections, with several collectors of the city co-operating.

One of the collections to be exhibited will be fans owned by Mrs. Day, and pictured (upper right) are Mrs. B. Brandt Bartels (at left) Mrs. Lawrence Ellis and Mrs. Day, with a few of the beautiful fans. Both Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Bartels are members of the county committee.

Also exhibiting collections will be Mrs. Shelby M. Tuttle, Georgian silver; John M. Lynch, miniature automobiles; Mrs. Charles W. Lemery, miniature rooms; Mrs. Paul Meyers, souvenir spoons; Mrs. Milton Schuchard, lamps; Mrs. Bayard Geichell, china and glassware; Mrs. H. A. Davis, dolls; Mrs. Timothy Daily, willowware; Mrs. Joseph T. Antony, figurines; Dr. Bartels, clocks; Mrs. Fred Bayliss, demi-tasse spoons; Mrs. Fred T. Burich, china.

Three additional committee members are shown (center) with some of the supplies used locally in the campaign. Pictured (left to right) Mrs. Ray Casterline, Mrs. Robert W. Hanf and Mrs. Fred T. Burich.

Unpacking posters which are being used in the drive are (lower left) Mrs. Ray Frisbie, (at left) Mrs. Delos Walker, Gold Hill, and Mrs. Paul Hoffman, Prospect, members of the county committee.

Members of Junior Service league and of the cancer committee spent several hours stuffing envelopes to be mailed to county residents asking their support of the drive. Shown (lower right) are (left to right) Mrs. Walter Graff, Mrs. Jack Enders, Mrs. Warren Bayliss, cancer committee member, Mrs. Wright Scoville, Mrs. John Crawford, Mrs. Robert W. Root, Mrs. Norton Smith and Mrs. Richard Sleeter.



When the work of the American Cancer society was first started in Jackson county, it was carried on by the Medford Health group, one of the units of Jackson County Public Health association. As the program expanded, plans were made to form a separate committee and Mrs. Day was named chairman in 1947. She headed a committee of six.

This year the county committee is under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary to Jackson County Medical society, with Mrs. Bartels, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Burich, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Hanf and Mrs. Casterline, auxiliary members making up seven of the 11-member committee.

Of the money raised in Oregon each year, sixty per cent is kept in this state and of the remaining 40 per cent, 25 per cent is used for research, carried on in centers throughout the nation, and 15 per cent carries on the national education program.

In Oregon the funds are used for research at the University of Oregon Medical school and Oregon State college, to purchase facilities for diagnosis and research, the training of technicians, establishment of tumor clinics, production and showing of both lay and professional films on cancer, lectures, instruction of nurses in cancer nursing and postgraduate refresher courses in cancer for the general practitioner in cooperation with the university's medical school.

The American Cancer society had only \$10,000 for cancer control work in 1913, the year it was founded. Last year more than \$15,000,000 was given ACS by the public. The 1952 Cancer Crusade goal is \$16,000,000 for triple programs of research, service to patients and education.

About 600,000 persons are under treatment for cancer in the United States now, the society estimates. Because of the high medical costs, and the long period of cancer illness, a severe financial burden will be placed on most of these patients and their families. ACS attempts to lighten this load and to make the patient more comfortable through a humanitarian program of service.

In its education program the society stresses that cancer is curable in its early stages, and that of the 215,000 persons who died of cancer last year, more than 70,000 died needlessly.

