

Camp Fire Girls Open Birthday Week At Church Today; Clergy Praises Work

A spiritual note will sound the opening of Camp Fire Girls 45th birthday celebration set for March 13 to 20, as members of the youth organization in the Rogue Valley and across the nation attend religious services this week end, dressed in their official costumes.

Local clergymen are expected to make special mention of the country's oldest youth organization for girls in their week-end messages, while a number have already cited Camp Fire for the spiritual growth it encourages among young people.

"It gives me great pleasure to congratulate this fine group at the beginning of its Birthday Week," the Rev. Thomas McCamant, of Medford Congregational Church said today. "Camp Fire is to be commended for its wholesome attitude toward religion and the carry-over it displays in many acts of service to the community."

The Very Rev. Father Nicholas J. Deis of Sacred Heart Church added another word of praise for the more than 392,000 active Camp Fire Girls and four million "alumnae" throughout the U.S. "We are indeed blessed in America to have such a splendid group serving our girls and leading them to a deeper respect for spiritual values and the importance of church attendance," he said.

"It is with good reason that the Camp Fire law begins 'Work God,'" Mrs. Alan Pattison, council president pointed out. "All races and religions are embraced by this group and our members learn to respect the rights of those holding differing beliefs, while exercising their own freedom of worship," she added.

Rogue Camp Fire Girls, working together or individually, will start their 1955 birthday observance—themed "Let Freedom Ring"—by putting into practice one of the tenets of the Bill of Rights.

Medford Camp Fire Girls are members of the Medford United Fund.

Judges Selected For Essay Contest

Judges for an annual essay contest conducted by the Crater Lake post, Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, were announced last week by those in charge of the contest. The judges are Mrs. Bren Starcher, chairman; James McGoodwin, and James Dunlevy.

Judging will be based on literary style, interpretation of students' views and patriotic inspiration. The essays are not to exceed 1,000 words. The contest deadline is March 15.

Sams Valley—Mrs. Walter Miller will be the hostess, Thursday, March 17, at 2 p. m. for the Sams Valley Ladies club. The last meeting of the group was at the home of Mrs. Earl Bigham.



Camp Fire Girls of the nation are celebrating their 45th birthday this week, and valley members will open the special week by attending church today in uniform.

Central Point PTA Elects Officers At Last Meeting

Central Point—Officers were elected at a meeting of Central Point Parent-Teacher association of the Junior High school.

They are president, Mrs. Chester Ashton; first vice-president, Mrs. Stanley Parrish; second vice-president, Mrs. Arthur Straus; secretary, Mrs. Harry Dowson, treasurer, Mrs. M. G. Cote.

The president, Mrs. Morris L. Frink, presided. The invocation was offered by Mrs. W. C. Higginbotham.

After a business meeting, a film on "Bicycle Safety" was shown by the safety chairman, Mrs. Chester Ashton.

H. P. Jewett, superintendent, was the speaker. He spoke of the school housing shortage and showed numerous slides of new school construction in various parts of the country. The superintendent stated that plans for the new building should be ready for presentation to the school board March 14.

A past president's pin was presented to Mrs. C. C. Thompson by Mrs. Frink.

Students who participated in the musical numbers were Kathleen Higginbotham, Sharon Coffman, Dorothy Hansen, Sandra Ghelardi, Phyllis Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Edith Van Hoey and Julie Ashton.

It was announced that no meeting will be held in April, but instead an open house will be held at the school April 7.

Social Club

Central Point—Nevita Social club will meet at the home of Mrs. Harold Head, 1415 Euclid avenue, Medford, Monday, March 14, at 8 p. m. Mrs. Rex Note and Mrs. Leta Kyle are co-hostess.

Two Speak At Meeting Of Gardeners

Mrs. John Litster and Mrs. John Holst, both Gold Hill, were speakers for a meeting of Medford Garden club at Girls' Community club March 3.

Their topic was "Board and Lodging—and Beauty Too." Mrs. Litster spoke on the "Humming Bird," its habits and beauty, and Mrs. Holst spoke on the western meadowlark, Oregon State bird. She also displayed a wren bird house commenting on points for the birds comfort and safety. The entrance should be the size of a quarter to keep out intruders, and the top or bottom hinged for cleaning purposes. A feeding post made of a piece of tree limb with holes bored for suet, etc., and with small limbs to perch on, was displayed.

Mrs. C. C. Sater gave the horticulture lesson for the afternoon, her topic being "New Life." She talked on the germination of seeds. Mrs. Sater said some seeds should be started in wet peat moss and the sweet pea should be soaked in hot water about 6 hours, thereby increasing germination from 50 percent to 90 percent.

Prizes were won by Mrs. R. H. Peterson and Mrs. E. L. Crane. Signing the guest book were Mrs. M. M. Hammonds, Mrs. Reta Brovald and Mrs. Ed Ganvung of the Jerome Prairie Garden club and Mrs. Burle S. Griffin of Roxy Gardeners.

New members received into the club were Mrs. Lillian McMillan, Mrs. H. J. Boyd and Mrs. Rosella Theesfeld.

Mrs. R. W. Smith and her committee had charge of the tea table with Mrs. Burle S. Griffin and Mrs. C. L. Coyle pouring.

Members are reminded to prepare "Easter bonnets" ready for the April meeting.

Medford Garden club will hold the annual plant sale at the Johnston Stores, 112 South Riverside avenue April 2, starting at 8 a. m. Also the club will hold a spring flower show at the YMCA April 5 from 12 to 9 p. m.

Sorority Chapter Makes Plans for Coming Activities

Plans for coming activities were made at a meeting of Xi Mu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held at the home of Mrs. Edgar Moir, 1105 Shafer Lane, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Roy Stein, a rose-fer exemplar member from Roseburg, was a special guest.

A nominating committee was appointed by the president, Mrs. Wilson Slater, and further plans were made for Exemplar day, which will be May 10. Committee in charge will be Miss Adabee Seiler, Mrs. Edgar Moir and Mrs. Slater. Plans for Founder's day were also discussed.

Several members will assist the sorority's city council in providing entertainment and hostesses for the evening of March 23 at Camp White. Hostesses will be Mrs. Cecil Davis, Mrs. Moir, Mrs. Veri Walker, Mrs. Slater and Miss Seiler. Miss Carol Slater will give a violin selection accompanied by Mrs. Slater and Miss Adabee Seiler will give a reading. All members will participate by furnishing refreshments for the evening.

Mrs. Walker gave the cultural program for the evening reviewing the well known play, "You Can't Take It With You." The hostess served refreshments at the close of the evening. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Slater, 310 Mary street, March 22.

Announce Talk By Missionary

The guest speaker Monday evening, March 14 for Gorsline Missionary circle members of the First Baptist church, will be Mrs. Ralph Gorsline. The speaker is home on furlough from the mission field in Brazil. She will speak on the work being done there.

The session will begin at 7:45 p. m. and will be at the church annex.

An invitation to attend is extended by the circle members to the Women's Fellowship members.

Members of the circle are reminded by the officers to take to the meeting clothing and other articles for which they have signed.

Central Point—Past Matrons club of the Nevita chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet at the Anders home on Beebe road, Wednesday, March 16. Luncheon will be served at one o'clock.

New Garden Club At Camp White To Be Federated

Five new members were introduced at a meeting of Medford Sojourners club Thursday at the Medford hotel. Nearly 60 were present.

Decorations were spring flowers and candles at the serving table.

The new members are Mrs. Clyde Brooks, Mrs. D. F. Conderman, Mrs. Bob R. Hart, Mrs. David Stearns and Mrs. Arvid Athens.

Prospective members welcomed to the club were Mrs. Donald Jones, Mrs. A. M. DeHeart and Mrs. Erwin C. Hoffman.

Birthday wishes were extended to Mrs. Mable Wright.

A special prize was awarded to Mrs. K. L. Denton.

Following a business meeting, cards were played the remainder of the afternoon. Bridge prizes were won by Mrs. K. L. Denton and Mrs. John H. Lusk, canasta prizes by Mrs. O. M. DeHeart and Mrs. Benton Smith and pinocle prizes by Mrs. D. C. Goodman and Mrs. Wright.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Malcolm Hall and Mrs. Helen Construk.

The next meeting will be held March 24 at the Medford hotel. It will be guest day and all inactive and active members are urged to attend and bring their friends. Those wishing to attend may make reservations by calling Mrs. A. L. McClure, 3-3924 and Mrs. George Lovenberg 2-4781, not later than Monday noon, March 21.

Newcomers are cordially invited to attend and become members.

Sanitarian Talks For Meeting of Reese Creek Unit

Reese Creek—Mrs. Joe Whipple, chairman of the Reese Creek Extension unit, Tuesday was hostess to the group for the lesson on vegetables. Mrs. R. C. Nelsen and the hostess prepared the planned luncheon, using vegetables in different ways.

Mrs. R. B. Fleming, chairman of child guidance, spoke on the continued need for homes willing to take children and also the qualifications required.

Robert Hart, the new county sanitarian was a guest speaker, telling of the dangerous conditions resulting from sewage disposal in various parts of the county. He also stated that septic tanks should be installed by qualified companies so they will operate properly and not become a health problem in the community.

He advised the group not to buy parakeets or any kind of birds from door to door salesmen. The birds sold by local stores are all inspected, he said.

Mrs. C. J. Kelley and Mrs. Clifford Moore were appointed on the nominating committee to recommend the new officers for next year.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Kenneth DuFour on April 5.

Mrs. Herbert Perdue of Reese Creek and Mrs. Joseph Nepper of Albany, Ore., were guests.

Beta Sigma Phi Chapter Observes Fourth Birthday

Members of Alpha Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated the fourth birthday anniversary with a dinner party held at Mon Desir inn on Monday, March 7. Two guests, Mrs. Floyd Hart and Mrs. Jane Eatherton, attended. The names of the members' secret sisters for the past year were revealed.

The next regular meeting of the chapter will be on Monday, March 21, at the home of Mrs. David Bergstrom, 1575 Roberts road. The cookies which the chapter is to furnish for Camp White domiciliary on March 23 may be brought to this meeting, or may be left at the home of one of the volunteer hostesses for that evening. These include Mesdames Roger Note, John Lamberty, Russell Budreau, Treavell Turpin, Tom Lytle and Henry Fisher.

Gardeners to Meet In Jacksonville

Jacksonville—Jacksonville Garden club will meet Thursday, March 17, at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Leonard McKee. This is a change from plans announced at a previous meeting.

Hostess committee in charge will be Mrs. Dee Hendrickson, Mrs. Omar Culy and Miss Molly Ray.

"Annals for Your Garden" will be the topic, with Mrs. Lawrence Luy as featured member speaker.

Dental Assistants Present Clinics For Convention

Four Medford members of the Oregon State Dental Assistants association have returned from Portland where they attended the 13th annual convention of the organization held March 7 through 9. The women from here are Miss Grace Jones, Mrs. Frances Dempster, delegates, and Mrs. Frances Rutter and Mrs. Irene Culy, clinicians.

The new president elected at the session is Mrs. Sybil Prescott, Grants Pass, a former Medford resident.

Dr. Lee Mellish, advisor for the southern Oregon chapter of the association, assisted Mrs. Culy and Mrs. Rutter in preparing their clinics. Dr. Gene Chamberlain, also of Medford, was on the board of judges made up of three doctors who judged the clinics.

"Have you tried this?" was the title of Mrs. Culy's clinic, and "Model Splitting," was the title for Mrs. Rutter's.

Clinic winners were from Salem, Oregon City, and Portland.

Dr. Cecil H. Bliss, Sioux City, Ia., was the main speaker. His topic was, "The Exceptional Dental Assistant."

State Commander Guest in Medford; Sale Plans Made

Mrs. Rudy Heiden, Roseburg, state commander of the Disabled American Veterans' auxiliary, made her official visit to Jackson County unit March 8.

A business meeting and social hour were held in the D.A.V. hall with Mrs. Ivan Hatfield, local commander, presiding.

Mrs. Heiden reported on the department commanders' conference held in Colorado Springs, Colo. She stated that the national hospital chairman, Mrs. Florence Green, stressed the importance of the Carville hospital and listed many things done for the inmates of this leprosarium in Louisiana. Mrs. Heiden also reported on her activities as department commander and commended the local unit for having all their mandates in.

A gift was presented to Mrs. Heiden for the auxiliary by Mrs. Ed Neff, Mrs. Baden Robinson, Grants Pass, wife of the chapter department commander, was introduced and welcomed.

The auxiliary voted to purchase a tree for the park at Camp White. Plans are being made for a food and sewing sale some time before Easter. Mrs. Neff, ways and means chairman, and Mrs. Bert Hickman, sewing club chairman, will be in charge of this sale.

Garden Club

Butte Falls—Mrs. Ernest Smith will be hostess Tuesday, March 15, to Butte Falls Garden club women. The session will open at 1:30 p. m., and anyone interested in attending is invited. Members are asked to invite friends.

Lady Elks

Lady Elks plan a dessert luncheon and an afternoon of court whist Tuesday, March 15, at 1:30 p. m., in the Elks club party lounge. The serving committee will be Mrs. Earl Crismon, Mrs. J. C. Murray and Mrs. John Graves. Wives of Elks members are invited.

Grand Officer Cancels Visit; Party Planned

A visit to Pythian Sisters lodge Tuesday by the grand chief, Mrs. Ruby Zacher, Redmond, has been cancelled because the grand officer recently was involved in an automobile accident. Lodge officers announced last week. Though Mrs. Zacher was not seriously injured she is unable to make the trip now and the visit has been rescheduled for May 17.

The meeting will be held at 8 p. m. but the potluck dinner which was to precede the session also has been cancelled.

The refreshment committee for the evening will be Mrs. Don Ross, Mrs. W. L. Michael, Mrs. Della Watkins, Miss Florence Bain, Mrs. Joe Cook and Mrs. Ed Bostwick.

Officers and staff members are to meet for practice today at 4:30 a. m., at the Pythian building.

At a meeting of Pythian club last Tuesday evening, Mrs. Joe Cook was elected secretary-treasurer for the remainder of the year. She replaces Mrs. Arnold Molschenbacher, who has resigned.

An attendance contest beginning at the next meeting and continuing through the month of September was decided on. The captains are Mrs. W. L. Michael and Mrs. Ida Ireland.

A card party for members and invited guests is planned for the next Pythian club meeting to be held March 22. Proceeds will go to support of the Girls Community club.

Prizes at the last meeting were received by Mrs. Margaret Davis, Mrs. Joe Fritsch, Miss Florence Bain and Mrs. J. T. Conrad.

Hostesses were Mrs. Audrey White and Mrs. Mabel Nicholson.

Hostesses for the next meeting will be Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Carl Fichtner and Mrs. George Thomas.

Visits in Medford

Hilbert Wilson, Marble, Minn., arrived in Medford yesterday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilson, 7 Chestnut street. Mr. Wilson will leave Wednesday for Chula Vista, Calif., where he will join Mrs. Wilson for a visit in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Broad.

Today Mr. Wilson and his parents are guests in Gold Hill of the visitor's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gail.

Easter Weekend Tour to San Francisco Announced by Southern Oregon College

Ashland—Townpeople interested in participating in a Southern Oregon college "culture tour" to San Francisco on Easter weekend, April 8, 9, and 10, are asked to contact Dr. John D. E. McAulay at the college.

Estimated total cost for the tour, Dr. McAulay said, would be \$29. Reservations should be made by April 1.

The day-by-day itinerary of the group as given by Dr. McAulay is: Friday—leave Ashland at 3 a. m., visit Shasta Dam, arrive in San Francisco at 3 p. m., check-in at the YMCA hotel, dinner at Shanghai Low in China Town and attend "The Teahouse of the August Moon."

Saturday—breakfast at Foster's, visit to Macy's and City of Paris, Gump's Jade collection,

lunch at Fisherman's wharf, a trip around the bay, visit to the Palace of the Legion of Honor, dinner at Ripley's French restaurant, and attend "Handel's Messiah" at the Opera house.

Sunday—Breakfast at Foster's, visit to Mission Delores, the zoo, lunch at the Cliff Young museum, dinner at aki House, the aquarium and the de Young museum, dinner at Moar's cafeteria, attend Standard Hour at the Opera house and a visit to the Top-of-the-Mark before leaving for home.

Dr. McAulay suggested that participants on the tour might provide for an additional \$6.00 for souvenirs and other incidental expenses, making the total cost around \$35. The college telephone number is Ashland 2-4611.

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