



Among the 85 women who gathered in Medford recently for the annual spring luncheon of the Southern Oregon council, PEO sisterhood, were these four members. Pictured (left to right) are Miss Alma Frerichs, Chapter AG, Grants Pass, vice-president of the council; Mrs. Dolph Phipps, Chapter CP, Medford, second vice-president of the state chapter; Mrs. W. H. Gerretsen, Chapter BI, Roseburg; and Mrs. Verne A. Wilson, Chapter CP, Medford.



Mrs. W. A. Samuelson, president of Kiwanian Dames, served as commentator for the annual May luncheon and style show of the group, held at Rogue Valley Country club. The gay decorations included cage baskets filled with blossoms and cages with the pet birds of members.



Three members of Kiwanian Dames who served as models for the recent luncheon and style show are pictured here wearing gowns they modeled. Show (left to right) are Mrs. Richard Field, Mrs. Edward P. Barnett and Mrs. Merle Foland. Funds from the event are used for Kiwanian Dames' projects, one of which is purchase of equipment for the Girl Scout established camp, Low Echo, at Lake o' Woods.



Medford League of Women Voters, which recently held the annual election of officers, is part of a state and national organization which helps women to become effective and intelligent voters and assists in informing them on non-partisan political questions. Pictured here are five representative members and officers. Shown (left to right) are Mrs. Leland A. Mentzer, chairman of the league's study this year of individual liberties; Mrs. Frank Fairweather, a past president who headed the league's local campaign for a state inspection meat bill; Mrs. Lu-eille Foster, president; Mrs. Paul Janney, treasurer and Mrs. Hugh Collins, voters' service chairman.



Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority recently held an informal gathering at the home of Mrs. Grace Collins, 1810 East Main street. Eighteen attended, and another meeting is planned for June. Four of the women present for the party were (left to right) Mrs. John Dellenback, Mrs. Otto J. Frohnmayer, Mrs. William Peek and Mrs. James Rowan. Theta alumnae are not formally organized, and have no officers.



Shown here are the 1954 and '55 "girls of the year" named by Beta Sigma Phi chapters at a recent Founders' day banquet. They are (left to right) Mrs. Walter E. Taylor, 1954, and Mrs. Charles Gosh, 1955 member of the year for Alpha Sigma, Ashland; Mrs. Nick DeWitt, 1955 and Mrs. J. Edgar Moir, 1954 winner for Alpha Beta; Mrs. Russell Budreau, 1955 winner for Alpha Rho; Mrs. Verl G. Walker, Xi Mu's 1954 choice and banquet chairman, and Mrs. John Lamberty, Alpha Rho's 1954 winner.

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### Women in the News

By Olive Starcher

The spring calendar has been crowded with many events, some of them large annual parties, attended by members and guests from all parts of southern Oregon as well as Medford.

Recent days brought the annual founders' day banquet of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, the annual spring meeting of PEO chapters in southern Oregon, the annual luncheon and style show of Kiwanian Dames, a gathering of Kappa Alpha Theta members and election of officers for many groups.

Among the groups electing officers was Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist church, an organization which has about 275

members. Two subsidiary organizations, Ruth Esther and Susannah Wesleyan Service guilds, have an additional 60 members.

Another large organization which recently held election was Medford League of Women Voters. During the past year this group has sponsored speakers on such topics as individual liberties, United Nations, education, city government and trade, carried on an extensive campaign in favor of legislation for state inspection of meat, and conducted a study of public schools and a survey on trade.

In addition a group studied constitutional revision and last fall a voters' service committee worked to inform the voters on matters concerning candidates and measures.



Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist church recently elected officers to serve the coming year. Mrs. Lionel G. Rankin, 842 Taylor street, is the new president and shown here is Mrs. Rankin (at left) discussing her duties and problems with the retiring president, Mrs. Floyd Lewis, 707 Sherman street, at the Lewis home. Before her election as president Mrs. Rankin had served as secretary of promotion for four years. Mrs. Lewis was treasurer of the group before becoming president.