



A discussion of the problems of Oregon Indians which are arising due to the government's decision to terminate federal supervision featured the annual World Prayer day of Medford Council of Church Women. Speaker for the meeting was Hiroto Zackoji (at left, above), employee of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, and he brought as guests Mrs. Helen Malone, Modoc Indian, and Finley

Barney, Klamath. Mr. Zackoji is working out a vocational and educational program for the Indians, and both Mrs. Malone and Mr. Barney are attending Oregon Technical Institute under the new program. Mr. Barney, enrolled in commercial art, here displays some of the work he exhibited at the meeting of local church women.—(Brainerd photo)

Problems of Oregon Indians Topic For Churchwoman's Annual Session

The problems of the Klamath Indians are not just "Indian problems" but "our problems," according to Hiroto Zackoji, employee of the Oregon State Board of Education who spoke for Medford Council of Church Women during the annual observance of World Day of Prayer. Mr. Zackoji's topic was "The Life and Culture of the Klamath Indians."

The speaker is at present working on a guidance plan to help young Indian adults in vocational and educational programs designed to fit them better for competing for jobs in the nation's complex society. The program grew out of the congressional action which removes the Indians from federal control. Mr. Zackoji was accompanied to Medford by Finley Barney, Klamath Indian, and Mrs. Helen Malone, Modoc, who are studying at Oregon Technical Institute under the new program. Mr. Barney is enrolled in commercial art, and Mrs. Malone in a medical technician's course. They were introduced and spoke briefly.

In his address here Mr. Zackoji gave a brief history of the Klamath Indians and pointed out some of the conditions of reservation life which resulted in their unfitness for competing in a normal society. He said that the Treaty of 1864 had ended the simple communal life which the Indians had led previously, and imposed "civilization."

The speaker said that reservation life and the dominance of the Indian Agency broke apart the family unit, "exploited the children and sent them to boarding school to alienate them from their own culture and made them dependent upon the Agency."

Even more drastic changes were brought about with the introduction of the timber industry to the Klamath basin about 1913, the speaker said. He described the passing of the frontier life, introduction of more extensive agriculture, passing of lands into hands of the whites, the immense wealth which accrued to some Indians because of their timber holdings and the development of political factions among the Indians.

"There was no absorption of the Christian faith that missions presented," the speaker said. "All units of family and tribe were discredited, and dependence upon the government was encouraged. There was no real acceptance of new standards. Against this background we can now see the real problem."

The educational department employee then briefed his audience on the law which terminates federal supervision over the Klamath Indian people and their property, pointing out that under the law the liquidation of Indian property must be completed by August 1958. Indians who wish to leave the Reservation may have their communal holdings sold and be given the cash; for those wishing to stay on, the Department of the Interior will form an incorporation.

"The Oregon State Department of Education has entered into a contract with the Indian Commission in order to offer educational opportunities at OTI," the speaker explained. "Though they came with insecurity, the record shows that they are capable of doing excellent work. At OTI their grades are all above average."

"We must not conceive of this as an Indian problem," he concluded. "It is our problem. It was created by our apathy. We here today share the responsibility for the situation. We should be aware of the long-time needs of the Klamath Indian people outside and those inside the Reservation. These are the problems of helping them gain self-respect and of becoming integrated in the affairs of the community."

During the question period

Sorority Holds Costume Party At Walker Home

Alpha Beta chapter, Beta Sigma Phi sorority held its annual Valentine party February 16 at the home of Miss Jacqueline Walker, 2329 Kings highway.

The theme of the party was "Secret Desires" and members and guests wore appropriate costumes. Mrs. Robert Vincent was selected "Miss Secret Desire of 1956" as having the outstanding costume. She was crowned with a silver and red crown and was presented with a huge red candy sucker as her scepter. Mrs. Vincent was attired in a "Miss France" bathing beauty costume.

Miss Rita Cardona, costumed as a movie queen and Mrs. Frederick Kruggel, Jr., wearing a Zigfield Follies chorus girl costume, tied for second and third place for outstanding costumes.

Special entertainment of the evening were several songs sung by Miss Virginia Larson, Miss Carol Wikstrom, Miss Mary Durham and Miss Lizbeth Shields.

Mrs. David Segur, Oakland, Calif., was also a guest at the party. Mrs. Segur, nee Marie Laird, was formerly a member of the local Nu Phi Mu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Miss Joan Pence, new pledge of Alpha Beta chapter, announced her engagement and approaching marriage by passing the traditional box of chocolates to her sorority sisters.

Valentines and handkerchiefs were exchanged between secret sisters in the sorority. Red and white hearts, red roses, candles and cupid were used as decorations. Various games were played by the guests attending.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and Mrs. Oris Goble.

Friendship Club Installs Officers

Gold Hill—Amethyst Rebekah Friendship club officers were installed February 20 in a meeting at the home of Mrs. Delos Walker. Mrs. John Cogswell is the retiring president and was installing officer. Mrs. Paul Molloy is the new president.

Mrs. Don Morrow was installed vice-president; Mrs. Walker, treasurer, and Mrs. Clyde Kell, secretary. Each was presented a corsage.

Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Blanche Merriman won prizes. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Clarence Parsley. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

DAV Juniors

The Junior Disabled American Veterans auxiliary met Saturday at the home of Mrs. Harvey Cassman, Central Point. Donna Thompson, Judy Guss and Sharon Simmons gave stories about the life of Abraham Lincoln. Gloria Thompson and Jacqueline George talked about George Washington.

Dorie Grissom told about Thomas Edison's life. Refreshments were served by Dorie and Sally Grissom. Donna Thompson, Reporter.

Dessert Luncheon Planned by Club

Fidelity club women plan a dessert luncheon at 1:15 p.m., Wednesday, February 29 at the home of Mrs. E. E. Cuffel, 909 South Central avenue.



Alpha Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority held the annual "secret desire" costume party recently and Mrs. Robert Vincent (center) was voted "Miss Secret Desire of 1956." Mrs. Vincent's costume represented a "bathing beauty" and the banner she wore read "Miss France." Miss Rita Cardona (at left) costumed as a movie queen and Mrs. Frederick Kruggel Jr., wearing a Zigfield Follies chorus girl costume, tied for second and third places in the costume contest.—(Brainerd photo)

Ceremony of Candles Symbolizes Prayer For Shipmates Class

A large group from Shipmates class of First Methodist church recently held a potluck dinner in the church dining hall with a program following.

The Lord's Prayer was portrayed by the lighting of 13 colored candles, and repeating the prayer. Leading the ceremony was Mrs. Bernice Kunzman, and 12 other women. Olaf Severson then sang the prayer, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ben Schmidt.

Rector to Speak For Church Guild

St. Mark's Evening guild members will hear the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of the church, at a meeting Monday, February 27 at 8 p.m., in the Parish house.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Fred J. Carr, Mrs. William E. Duhaime and Mrs. Paul C. Chinn.

Magazine Article Reviewed for Club

Butte Falls—"Lazy Man's Lode," an article from the March issue of the magazine, "Popular Gardening," by Ruth Stout, was reviewed by Mrs. Harry Dalton at a meeting last week of the Butte Falls Federated Garden club. Mrs. Fred Kincaid was hostess.

The article concerns the growing of vegetables and flowers without the work of spading by gradually increasing mulch to eight inches deep. The writer, who is 71, has confounded experts, according to Mrs. Dalton's review.

Because of inclement weather a Friday night banquet was cancelled.

Mrs. H. J. Arnold, president, conducted the business session, and Mrs. Ernest Smith reported that she completed a mission of decorating Camp White chapel for which Mrs. E. W. Abbott supplied plants from her greenhouse.

Auxiliary Given President's Key

A traveling key from the president of the Association of Ladies' auxiliaries, Patriarchs Militant, was received at a meeting February 17 of the auxiliary to Siskiyou canton of Medford. The meeting was held in Odd Fellows hall.

The key will be taken to Grants Pass auxiliary by the local group.

A dinner preceded the recent meeting and joint meetings with the canton are being planned for the near future.

Noon Prayer Time Planned by Group

The monthly noon prayer and fellowship time for Christian Business and Professional Women will be held Monday, February 27, from 11:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. in the annex of the First Baptist church, North Central at Fifth street. Those desiring to come may attend any time during these hours and bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be served by Mrs. Gertrude Neff, prayer chairman.

The dinner meeting for the group will be held Monday, March 5.

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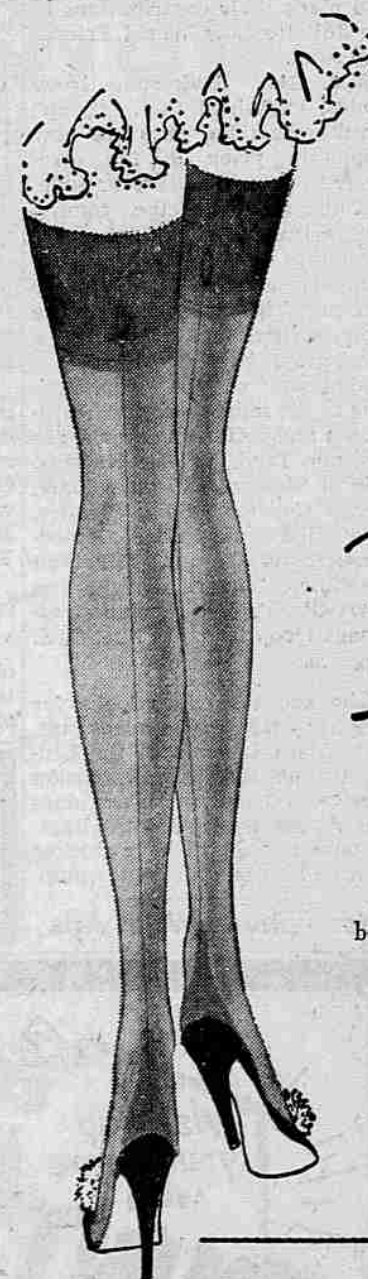
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