

UN Chapter Supports Food Distribution Plan

A plan whereby the government of the United States will release a ton of surplus foods to relieve food shortages abroad in return for every \$10 contributed by American citizens is backed locally by the Medford chapter, United Nations' association. The plan was worked out in cooperation with the internationally known Friends' Service committee, which will use its world-wide facilities to distribute the food.

The Medford UN chapter has released a statement concerning the plan which reads as follows: "One of the most perplexing paradoxes to the sensitive person today is the problem of America's abundance as contrasted with food scarcity in as many parts of the world. Our ever-increasing storage of agricultural blessings is threatening to become an embarrassment of riches and the source of a feeling of guilt to Americans, who are credited with being among the most generous peoples on earth. Many suggestions have been made as to how to make inroads on our surplus and to relieve the misery of those more unfortunate than ourselves. However, just simply giving doesn't seem to be the answer, according to experts on world trade. These experts point out that the maladjustments which would be brought about would increase, rather than decrease, the tensions produced by unequal distribution of that most important good, adequate food.

"Now, in the United States, we have stored up food in excess of \$8,750,000,000 in value. The current estimate on storage also runs around a million dollars a day. To relieve this ever-swelling abundance, the government has resorted to various measures, including donations abroad through voluntary agencies, disaster relief, school lunches, and domestic donations to needy persons.

"Recently the United States government, in conjunction with volunteer workers of the Friends Service committee here and abroad, has offered to release a ton of food for the hungry two-thirds of the world for every \$10 contributed by American citizens.

"This food includes wheat, corn, butter, rice, barley, oats, dried milk and cottonseed oil. The government pays for the transportation of this food to the point of distribution where the Quaker workers take over and direct the distribution of the

food to the hungry, regardless of race or creed. The only qualification is need.

For every \$10 contribution, about 2000 pounds of food finds its way from our swollen silos to the empty bellies of the starving. All contributions are tax-exempt and can be mailed to the American Friends Service committee, 1108 S.E. Grand avenue, Portland 14, Oregon.

"The comparative value of what each \$10 buys is ofered milk, \$340; cheese, \$600; butter, \$900; butter-oil, \$1100. Where else can you get such value for \$10?"

"This seems to be the most efficient scheme worked out so far to share our abundance with those who are in desperate need of such help, and help ourselves to reduce our tax-ridden abundance."

VFW Auxiliary Of Shady Cove Plans Nomination

Shady Cove — Nomination of officers will be held at a meeting of the auxiliary to Steelhead post, Veterans of Foreign Wars set for Friday, March 2, at 8 p.m.

At the last meeting two new members, Mrs. Phillip Holt and Mrs. Norman Bandy were initiated. Guests were Mrs. Patty Paige, district president; Miss Lorene Kell, district chaplain and Mrs. Ivan Lusk, president of the auxiliary to Crater Lake post.

Major Bruce spoke to both the post and auxiliary on the advantages which young men may now receive by enlisting in the armed forces.

Mrs. Gene House thanked auxiliary members for their cooperation during the recent visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile. Members not only donated blood but assisted the bloodmobile staff.

Further plans were made for the St. Patrick's day dance which the auxiliary will hold Saturday, March 17.

An article on Americanism was read by Frances Miller and Mrs. Ivan Hale reported on youth activity.

Mrs. Russell Stelle was named chairman of the Oregon cottage fund.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

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To Hold Meeting Jacksonville—Adarel chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a stated meeting Thursday, March 1, at 8 p. m. at the Masonic hall in Jacksonville. Mrs. Orval Shores, worthy matron, will preside.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Arthur Carroll, chairman, assisted by Mr. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Fred Woodrige, Mrs. Wallace Peabody and Noel Davis.

Meeting Announced For Wenonah Club Wenonah club will meet Thursday, March 1, at 10 a. m. at Redman hall. A potluck luncheon will be served at noon.

Society

Teachers To Ponder Sales Tax

Whether the organization will support a state sales tax will be a major consideration of 160 delegates to the representative council of the Oregon Education association who will meet in the Lincoln high school auditorium on March 2 and 3. Purpose of the annual session is to determine the policies of organization for the coming year, which will affect current issues of key importance to Oregon's school program. OEA President Mrs. Antonia Crater of Newberg will preside at the session.

The council is the governing body for the organization, a statewide professional association for educators, which counts in its ranks some 12,600 or 85% of all Oregon teachers.

Attending the meeting from Jackson county will be Mrs. Maxine Smith, Medford, president of the Department of Classroom Teachers, OEA; Mrs. Gertrude Holmes, Roland Harley, Neil Richardson and Elmer Fleming, all Medford; Richard Leigh and John Stuckey, Ashland; Mrs. Kathryn Stancliffe, Phoenix; Mrs. Frances Willett, Central Point and Mrs. Viola Pomeroy, Eagle Point.

An important item to be decided is OEA support of a sales tax which would make possible state support of 50% of the overall current operating cost of public elementary and secondary education in Oregon. The delegate body will also consider placing the organization on record in support of Senate Joint Resolution 4 which would permit the legislature to attach the emergency clause to a tax measure.

A recommendation submitted to the group by the OEA federal legislation committee calls for OEA support of the passage of an emergency school building construction measure similar to the Kelly bill which is now under consideration in the United States Congress. Another recommendation will ask the OEA to favor general federal aid to public education without federal control.

A recommendation for amendment of the state minimum salary law for teachers will be presented. It would seek an increase of \$400 in the present state minimum teacher salary law.

Action will be taken by the group on a recommendation that the rural school district boards be replaced by a county educational board and that the county school superintendent be made an appointive officer in each county. Another consideration will be the recommendation of the economic welfare committee that the present March 15 hiring law be altered to require school boards to provide teachers and administrators with written reasons for dismissal.

Meeting Planned By Phoenix PTA

Phoenix — Phoenix Parent-Teacher association will meet Thursday, March 1, at 2:45 p.m. in the grade school gymnasium. First grade will participate in an Irish folk dance under the direction of Mrs. Orva Taylor, group singing is planned.

Child care will be provided by Mrs. Floyd Jarman in the grade school library during the meeting.

Refreshments will be served by mothers of children in the sixth grade in the cafeteria after the meeting.

Flowers-by-the-Month Scheme Successful in New York City

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY
United Press Correspondent
New York — (U.P.) — Delivery boys hand boxes of flowers to housewives here each week and the usual comment is, "Wonder what it is this time?" They're not blasé, they're flower-starved city dwellers who subscribe to a curious new kind of flower service. It might not succeed if the customers didn't live cement-surrounded lives.

They pay a monthly fee for a weekly floral surprise package. The idea, as so often happens, originated in three different minds at approximately the same time. "We thought," said one of the two young men responsible for one of the ventures, "that people here must be crying for some breath of natural life."

"Ours is a fairly modest plan," explained Stanley Randall, a 30-year-old bachelor from Dallas, Tex., who operates the second flower delivery service. His silent partner is Jason Lane, 26-year-old head of the research department for a broadcasting network.

each week for \$12.50 a month. Some weeks it's roses, others chrysanthemums or gladiolas." Greene believes in "masses of flowers." He practically blankets his customers with blooms for a \$10 weekly fee, sometimes sending 25 carnations, 25 roses and a dozen snapdragons in one huge box.

City PTA Council To Hold Election

Election of officers for the coming year will be held at the regular meeting Thursday of the City Council of Parents-Teacher Associations, it was announced today by Mrs. Roland Holmes, president. The group meets at 1:15 p.m. at the YMCA, and is open to any interested PTA members.

Mrs. Holmes states that participating units should be represented if possible by their presidents, vice-presidents, and two delegates each. School principals and superintendents are ex-officio members of the council.

Mrs. Cliff McGinty, chairman of the nominating committee, will present a slate of nominees for the officers. Other nominations may be made from the floor, providing the consent of the nominee has been given.

West Side School Sets Hobby Show

West Side—The annual hobby show of West Side school students is to be held this week and parents are invited to participate, showing their hobbies along with those of their children. The show will be Friday, March 2, in the school gymnasium at 7:30 P. M.

A picture of Toketee Falls in color furnished by Copco will be shown and refreshments are to be sold. This is the students' fund raising project each year and a small admission will be charged. To correct a previous announcement, spring vacation for West Side schools will be March 12-16 instead of March 19-23. Because of this change the Mothers' club will hold their next meeting Wednesday, March 7, at 8 P. M. in the school cafeteria.

"We send a dozen flowers to each week for \$12.50 a month. Some weeks it's roses, others chrysanthemums or gladiolas."

The two young men, one from California and one from Texas, pooled their time and money and set up "Flowers for Gracious Living" six months ago.

At approximately the same time Luther Greene, a producer of documentary films and a friend of Doris Duke, heard that Miss Duke had leftover flowers at her greenhouse in Somerville, N.J.

"I got the idea of charging people so much each month and sending them a box of flowers each week, whatever was in most plentiful supply that week," Greene explained.

Miss Duke, who has continued the operation of the greenhouse established at the Duke farm by her father, agreed to let Greene try the plan.

Too Popular It went so well they ran out of flowers, Green confessed, and had to start buying flowers outside the farm to fill the orders.

In both cases, you take what the men decide is the best flower or flowers of the week. Most of the customers live in Manhattan and don't set foot on a blade of grass from one month to the next.

Butte Falls Lions Entertain Guests Butte Falls—A group of guests from Shady Cove attended the last meeting of Butte Falls Lions club and auxiliary.

The event was a potluck dinner in the cafeteria of Butte Falls High school. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Don Harman, Mr. and Mrs. William Croucher, Mr. and Mrs. Athel Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Chubb, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Spain and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Williams.

Mrs. B. E. Pringle, president of the auxiliary, reported that the style show committee had selected the theme "Forever Spring" for the coming style show. It will be held April 27 at 8 p.m. in the high school.

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