

Parent-Teacher Officers Named In Rogue River

Rogue River—Mrs. Dana McBarron was elected president of Rogue River Parent-Teacher association at a meeting held March 14 in the high school gymnasium. Others named to office were Mrs. Warren Bottroff, vice-president; Mrs. Mel Leonard, secretary; Mrs. Shirley Dick, treasurer.

The group voted to purchase six banquet tables for the use of the schools for the various occasions which require such service. The PTA will also buy 50 copies each of pamphlets containing educational information on pre-school children, and pre-high school students, which are to be made available to parents. These items are to be purchased with money raised during the year by the group, and will be considered the main project for the year.

John Harr, superintendent, informed the group on details of the school budget.

Mrs. L. Buck reported on the kindergarten, and advised that it is planned to continue this successful group next year. A chorus from the seventh and eighth grades provided music under the direction of Neal Stone, instructor. Sharon Sloan, newly enrolled from Texas, accompanied at the piano.

Serving refreshments were Mrs. M. Nicquette, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Morris Jones and Mrs. Ott Thompson.

A medium-sized banana furnishes about one-tenth of the daily requirement of vitamin A and one-seventh of the required vitamin C.



MRS. MAXINE SMITH



MRS. IVAH MURRAY

Four Valley Women in News During Convention of OEA

Four valley women are in the news as the result of elections held in Portland during the 53rd annual Oregon Educational association held there March 15 through 17.

Mrs. Maxine Smith, Medford Senior High school teacher, will serve again as president of the OEA Department of Classroom Teachers, a department of the association comprising more than 90 per cent of its current membership of 12,700.

Elected to the presidency of the Oregon State Retired Teachers association, which became an official group at the state convention, is Mrs. Ivah Murray, retired Medford school teacher.

The vice-president is Miss Ethel Ried of Ashland, and Mrs. Mae Richardson, Central Point, was elected to the office of corresponding secretary.

Wilfred Burgess Prineville, is the new president of the OEA.

Three items of legislative priority for Oregon teachers were in the limelight at the convention.

Mr. Burgess, in accepting his new office, told the convention audience that Oregon teachers should have three primary concerns at this time. "Our profession must become more professional," he said, in emphasizing that improvement of the education program is first in importance. Second is concern to "guard against poor substitutes for teaching" in the form of make shift devices to cope with increased enrollments. Third, the OEA must assist these agencies whose aim is solution of Oregon's tax problems to help solve the problem of school finances.

The organization's state legislative, economic welfare and school finance committees gave three items priority in OEA legislative action for the 1957 session of the Oregon state legislature.

Top priority was placed on securing legislation to insure that at least 50 per cent of the operational costs of Oregon public elementary and secondary education be provided from state funds. Next in priority will be a study by the OEA of the formula for distributing the state basic school support fund with the understanding that the association will not support a change in the present formula until the goal of 50 per cent state support is achieved.

The third item of legislative priority will include major emphasis on two proposed economic welfare measures. These include a mandatory minimum salary

schedule and legislation to permit granting fringe benefits to public school educators.

At the meetings of the retired teachers group reports were made by presidents of the five local units which include Portland, Salem, Jackson County, Klamath Falls and Roseburg.

The group is dedicated to work with organizations of active teachers in matters pertaining to education and to promote the interests of retired teachers.

Main speaker for the sessions was Joy Hills Gubser, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, who emphasized the importance of the retired teachers' influence in matters pertaining to education.

Miss Annette Crissey, director of RTA for Oregon, spoke on membership and Miss Roberta Rippey gave a summary of preparations being made for the national convention of RTA to be held in July also in Portland.

Miss Rippey is the convention chairman and also had made luncheon arrangements for the recent sessions. Mrs. Antonia Crater, retiring president of OEA, installed the new RTA state officers.

The other officers are Miss Mary A. Champ of Salem, treasurer; H. M. Broadbent, Salem, auditor; Mrs. Hope Davey, Portland, recording secretary, and Miss Crissey, Portland, historian.

Shady Cove-Trail Meeting Reported; Plan Smorgasbord

Shady Cove-Trail — Shady Cove Parent-Teacher association held a monthly meeting, preceded by a potluck dinner, Monday evening at the Shady Cove school.

The county PTA council meeting to be held at Elk-Trail school Wednesday, March 21, was announced. Several of the officers and members planned to attend.

Tentative plans were discussed for a smorgasbord to be held sometime in April. At the next meeting in April, the program will consist of an exhibition of square dancing given by Mrs. Ray Briggs sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils. On April 20 the Shady Cove band and chorus under the direction of R. W. Root and Mrs. Ted Conway will be presented in a spring concert at the Shady Cove school. All interested are invited.

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Pagan Tribes Originated Custom of Colored Eggs

The familiar custom of coloring eggs at Eastertime began centuries ago. Long before Christianity, as a matter of fact, there were many pagan tribes who exchanged richly colored eggs during their annual Springtime festivals. It was their way of wishing one another continued happiness.

In fact, there were Easter eggs even before the first Easter Sunday. Almost from the dawn of civilization, the egg has been considered a symbol of life and fertility. The ancient Egyptians actually believed the earth was hatched from an egg. And in Persia it was believed that a gift of colored eggs would bring good luck. These early races dyed their eggs with herbs, then gave them to friends and loved ones on March 21st, to celebrate the beginning of Spring and as a gesture of affection.

As time passed, the custom of giving colored eggs migrated from one country to another.

Eventually, Christians adopted the egg in their Easter services as a symbol of the Resurrection. Even while hiding in the catacombs of ancient Rome to escape persecution, they dyed their eggs a deep red to commemorate the blood of Christ.

The first Easter cards were published in Northern Germany, just about 100 years ago. At that time, most of them pictured Holy Land scenes and used Biblical quotations as verses. Gradually colorful Spring flowers were introduced into the designs. Then came Easter cards with jaunty little chicks, bunnies, and ducks. Each year the number of Easter card designs has increased. And so the modern Easter card, with its air of delightful Springtime gaiety, has developed.

You may have wondered how it happens that Easter arrives on a different date every year. The answer is quite simple. The early historians of Christianity didn't record the exact date of

Sunday, March 25, 1956

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Officers Named by Wanderers' Club

Election of officers was held at a recent meeting of the Wanderers' club held at the home of Mrs. Leroy Cline. Mrs. Carl Fichtner was elected president, and Mrs. James Cech, secretary-treasurer.

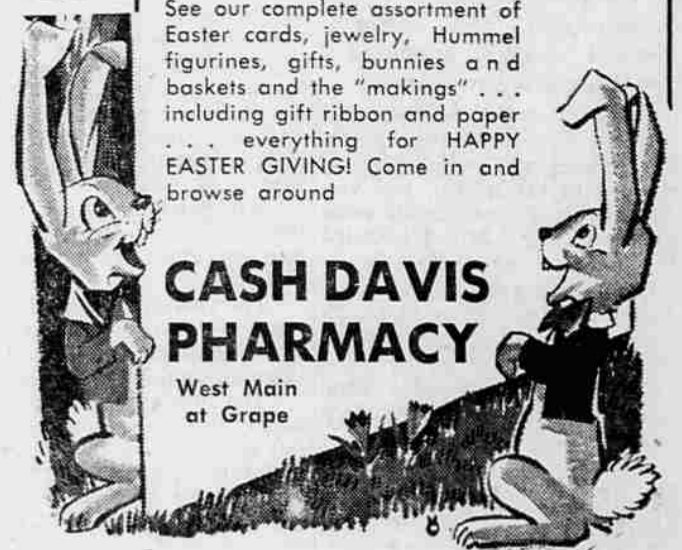
The club voted to change the meeting date to the second Wednesday of each month.

Following the business meeting, canasta was played with prizes being won by Mrs. Margaret Davis and Mrs. Pearl Offutt.

the Resurrection. So at the Council of Nicaea, in 325 A.D., the Roman Emperor Constantine asked a group of religious leaders to decide when Easter should be celebrated. They adopted a formula still in effect, under which Easter is always the Sunday following the first full moon after March 21st, which as you know is the first day of Spring. As a result, Easter Sunday can arrive anywhere from March 22nd to April 25th. This year Easter is Sunday, April 1st.

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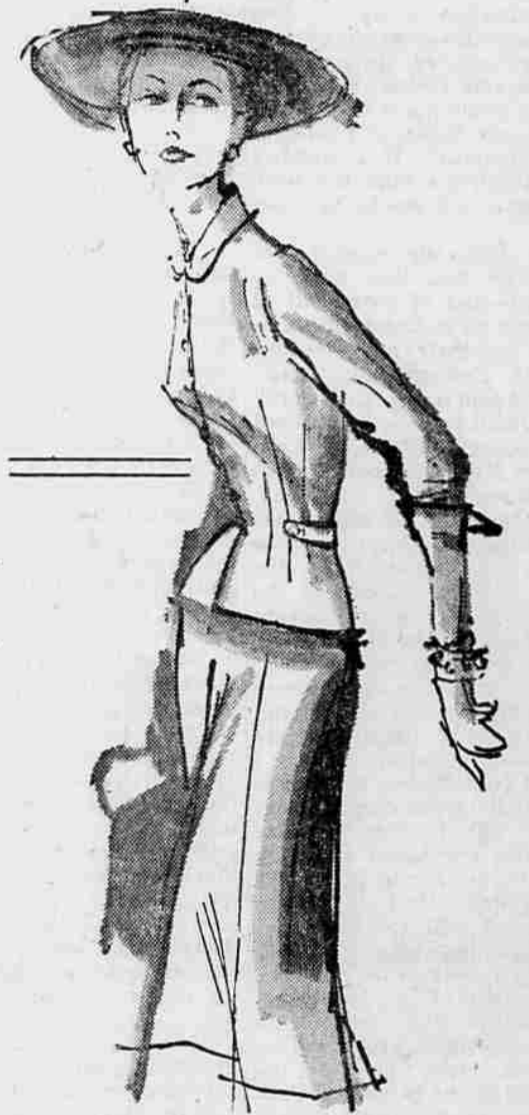
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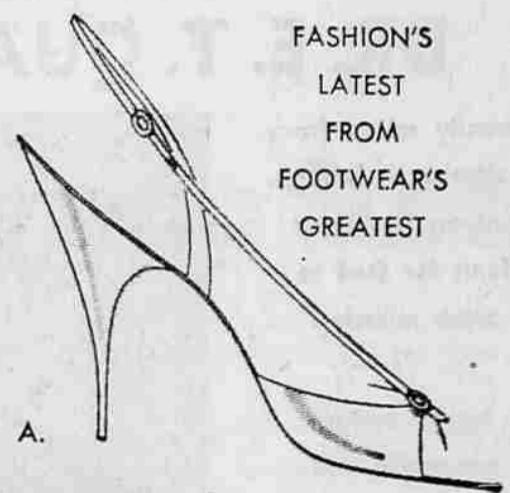
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