

Society and Clubs

BPW Federation to Renew Fight For Equal Rights Bill

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 New York—(U.P.)—Another march on Washington is in the works—this one backed by 170,000 strong-minded females whose slogan is "equal rights, regardless of sex."

The Capital will hear the tap of spike heels just as soon as a new Congress goes into session. For the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs believes that 1957 will be its year of victory for one of the most important planks in its legislative platform. That's the one which calls for an equal rights amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

"We mean equal legal rights," said the federation president, Miss Hazel Palmer, of Sedalia, Mo. "Why, do you know that the Supreme Court has twice ruled that women are not persons?"

Dead Serious
 "We're dead serious; we're not a bunch of frivolous females," she added.

The BPW, the oldest and largest national organization for women who work, is just one of several women's groups backing the equal rights idea. But it is the only group which actively lobbies for its legislative program.

Miss Palmer, a practicing attorney since 1932, is one of several representatives of the 170,000-member organization who will be contacting congressmen. She said she also plans to work on the "opposition"—some labor, church and women's groups.

Equal rights bills have been in Congress before, but failed. She said opponents claim that women lose other protective measures now on the books—such as maternity benefits and widow's pensions.

Rights Continue
 "I always point out," she said, "that farmers and veterans have special legislation . . . but their rights under the Constitution remain the same."

The federation president, a trim and pretty blonde, said some opponents argue that by gaining equal rights a woman would lose some of her femininity.

"They said the same thing about our right to vote," she said.

She pointed out that 46 per cent of the women holding outside jobs today are married.

"I'm sure the working wife has the same respect of her husband and children as the one who lolls around the house all day," she said.

"We women don't want to be on a pedestal anyway. We want to be partners. That southern

Parties, Meetings Held Recently by Sorority Chapters

Three Beta Sigma Phi chapters held recent meetings and parties.

A Mother Goose party was given at the home of Little Bo-Peep, Mrs. Carl Christenson, September 18 by Upsilon chapter.

Prizes for games played during the party were won by Wee Willie Winkle, Mrs. Donald Yocom, and the Fairy Godmother, Mrs. Paul Ludwig. For the best costume a prize was awarded to the "Little Girl at the seashore," Mrs. Walter Smith.

Guests attending the party were Mrs. Martin Herrin, Mrs. Lawrence McConnell, Mrs. Paul Ludwig, Mrs. John Mansfield, Mrs. E. B. McCallister, Mrs. M. C. Lemieux, Mrs. Harry Barker, Mrs. H. J. McCarey, Mrs. Del Wright, Mrs. Richard Knoll, Mrs. Donald Yocom and Mrs. Rae Bostwick.

Next meeting of Upsilon chapter will be a model meeting at the home of Mrs. Wayne Harris, October 9. Members are to take guests.

"The Home We Make" is the study book for the coming year of Xi Mu chapter, Beta Sigma Phi. At a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Nick DeWitt, 320 North Keeneway last Wednesday evening a program on "Planning the Home" was given by Mrs. Tom Lytle. She discussed choosing the site, the budget and financing, engaging an architect and the house plans.

Mrs. Oris Gobel assisted the hostess.

The next meeting will be October 10 at the home of Mrs. Verl Walker.

Mrs. Ed Bunnell, 11 Portland avenue, was hostess last Wednesday evening in her home for a meeting of Alpha Rho chapter. Mrs. William Tyce gave the program "Painting the Person."

Plans were discussed for a fall rush party to be held October 3 at Rogue Valley Country club under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Middleton.

Co-hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. James Chapman and Mrs. Henry Schroeder.

Mrs. Richard Henselman, 333 Ardmore avenue will be hostess for a model meeting and style show October 11.

Create a colorful two-tone salad mold with canned fruit cocktail, bite size marshmallows grated rind of a lemon in black raspberry gelatin for one layer. For the second layer, stir finely shredded cabbage, chopped walnuts and the juice of a lemon in lemon flavored gelatin.

Special Ceremony Held at Session Of Medford Bethel

Special installation of new officers was held at a meeting of Bethel 55, Job's Daughters, at Knights of Pythian hall September 25. Queen Judy Lobdell presided and conducted the installation.

Taking office were Miss Marcia Spence, junior princess; Miss Pat Hansen, guide; Miss Karalee Selby, marshal; Miss Jackie Craig, junior custodian; Miss Eloise Harbert, senior custodian; Miss Penny Sampert, chaplain. Misses Donna Dell, Alice Moir and Paula Scott were installed choir members.

Miss Margaret Selby, senior princess, served as guide.

Mrs. Paul Selby, guardian of the Bethel, installed two council members. They are Mrs. Harold Gordon, guardian secretary; Mrs. Glen Fabrick, guardian of paraphernalia.

On October 9 the Bethel will be inspected by Mrs. Thelma Schild, grand guardian for Oregon, and initiation will be held.

It was announced that the Bethel will participate in the state wide candy sale of Job's Daughters. The sale will be from October 1 to 15.

Refreshments followed the meeting.

Visitors introduced were Miss Marva Sult, queen of the Bethel at Bandon, Ore.; Mrs. William Sult, grand fourth messenger; Mrs. Paul Selby, grand librarian; Miss Margaret Selby, grand Bethel marshal; Mrs. Wendell Spence, Mrs. Sult, past guardian; Lem Manning, a past associate guardian of both Bethel 14 and 55, Medford.

Miss Iverne Ivarson, Boise, Ida., was a guest.

Oak Grove PTA Has First Session

Mrs. Charles H. Ward, president of Oak Grove Parent-Teacher association, introduced her officers and members of the executive board at the first meeting of the unit for fall.

They are Mrs. Gerald Parsons, vice-president; Mrs. John Ramos, secretary; Mrs. L. P. Crocker, treasurer; Mrs. Gilbert Knips, publicity; Mrs. Audrey Wisdom, room mother representative; Mrs. Elmer Champion, Christmas treat; Mrs. Robert Buckles, historian; Mrs. Paul Larson, health; Mrs. Tom Robnett, safety; Mrs. Roy Elmgren, hospitality; Mrs. L. P. Crocker, membership; Mrs. Ross Goodroad, magazine.

Room mothers for the ensuing year were also introduced. They are Mrs. Eldred Peyton, Grade 1; Mrs. Thomas Humphries, Grade 2; Mrs. S. B. Sandberg, Grade 3; Mrs. Audrey Wisdom, Grade 4; Mrs. W. W. Driskell, Grade 5; Mrs. Maurice Tuttel, Grade 6; Mrs. Ivan Ekberg, Grade 7; Mrs. Frank Berns, Grade 8.

H. Bruce Metzgar, school principal, introduced his staff and gave a short talk on changes made in the district.

Mrs. Ruth Gerety, executive director of Camp Fire Girls,

Evans Valley Club Shown Slides of Famous Gardens

Evans Valley—Slides of the famous Butchart Gardens near Victoria, B.C., were shown at the monthly meeting of Evans Valley Garden club, held at the home of Mrs. George M. Crawford, Bybee Springs. The hostess served dessert, assisted by Mrs. Tom Mauchline.

The gardens cover some 20 acres and were developed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Butchart many years ago. An old lime quarry was the inspiration that started the couple on the horticultural venture. Mrs. Butchart was an ardent member of garden clubs in both the United States and Canada for over 40 years.

The business meeting was opened with prayer by the club chaplain, Mrs. Wendell M. Stringer. She also read an article on the raising of fuchsias and had cuttings of several varieties for distribution among the members.

The project of the club, landscaping Evans Valley Union school, and a park and picnic area on the school grounds was discussed.

Mrs. W. H. Hall of East Evans creek was a guest.

The next meeting of the club spoke briefly in an appeal for leaders.

Mrs. Ward reminded members of the rummage sale schedule for October 26 and said rummage was needed.

Refreshments were served by mothers of children in the eighth grade.

PTA Workshop To Be October 8

A workshop in leadership training for parent-teacher associations in Jackson county will be held Monday, October 8, in the First Methodist church in Medford. Over 100 PTA members and officers are expected to participate, according to Mrs. Lester Bradshaw, president of the county council.

Mrs. Ellen Dell Bieler, Western Springs, Ill., field worker for the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, will conduct the workshop. Ashland PTA will serve coffee at 9:30 a.m. preceding the main program, and the Medford group will serve lunch at noon.

Child care will be provided at a nominal charge.

All PTA members and others interested are invited to take part in the workshop. Mrs. Bradshaw said, "Mrs. Bieler's visit here affords the county an unusual opportunity to benefit from her wide experience in PTA work," she declared.

Jaycettes to Hold Session Wednesday

Medford Jaycettes will be guests of Mrs. Will Robertson, 1517 Wilson place, for a meeting Wednesday, October 3, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Robert Shangle and

Mrs. Ted McLean will be cohostesses. Games will be played and the members are asked to take "white elephants" for prizes. Mrs. Christie Rose, hair stylist, spoke to the members when they recently met at the home of Mrs. James Asher. A question and answer period followed.

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