

Republicans Hold Election

Mrs. Wayne Stine was elected president of Jackson County Republican Women at the January meeting held yesterday at the Jackson hotel. She succeeds Mrs. R. J. Keeney.

Mrs. C. B. Francis was elected first vice-president; Mrs. Lester Adams, second vice-president; Mrs. Billy Blackstone, third vice-president; Mrs. James Moerder, secretary and Mrs. Frank Ross, re-elected treasurer. Mrs. Kenneth Dezman read the report of the nominating committee.

Mrs. Keeney, who presided, reviewed the past year, which she said she believed had been active and worthwhile. She admonished members not to relax their "interest or industry" on behalf of the organizations, and thanked the members and committee chairmen for "willing help and cooperation."

Mrs. Stine, who has been serving as first vice-president and program chairman the past year, announced a contest for the coming month. She asked members to write on "Why I am a Republican," and mail their statements to Mrs. Moerder, 51 Janney lane. Mrs. Stine said the contest would not only crystallize the thinking of the membership about their party beliefs, but might also result in some material for the next campaign.

Mrs. Stine introduced Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, county clerk, who spoke on the report of the interim committee on Oregon election laws.

Mrs. Royal E. Bebb offered the invocation.

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Verbal Sparring Enlivens Republican Women's Session

A bit of verbal sparring between Jackson county's clerk and a retiring member of the Oregon House of Representatives enlivened the January meeting of Jackson County Republican Women, held yesterday at the Jackson hotel.

Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, the clerk, reviewed the report of the legislative interim committee on elections, saying in the course of her talk that apparently the committee had not studied the present laws very thoroughly before embarking on the task of making suggestions for revisions. E. H. Mann, defeated in the last election in his attempt for reelection to the house and a member of the interim committee to which Mrs. Hopkins referred, rose to retort that Mrs. Hopkins "has left a false impression" and said he would correct these impressions at a later date. Both, however, urged everyone in the county to make a thorough study of the report and of the changes which the interim committee will recommend to the coming session of the Oregon legislature.

Mr. Mann said he felt the committee had made a very thorough study both of the present laws, their inadequacies and contradictions and ways in which these might be corrected. He said the revisions and laws proposed by the committee were extensive, one proposed law being almost 300 pages in length.

The representative added that 14 laws would have to be changed in order that voters might sign the poll books but once, instead of twice.

In opening her talk, Mrs. Hopkins said that county clerks of the state had long believed elections laws should be revised, and had suggested to the committee four main points which they wanted considered. She said clerks of the state asked for conflicting sections to be clarified, for a law which would specifically lay down rules for the number of outside registration places which each county might have; for a workable revision of the law concerning absentee voting; and has asked that the committee recommend extension of the period between closing of registration and election from 30 to 60 days.

Mrs. Hopkins said this last was extremely important, and enormous amount of work which must be accomplished by the clerk's staff in the brief period of 20 working days, mostly with "green" employees.

The Jackson county clerk said Oregon clerks felt election laws need to be strengthened and clarified in specific, clear language which could not be subject to different interpretations. Instead, she said the interim committee had become "wrapped up in theory" and had neglected the practical.

Mrs. Hopkins reviewed several sections of the report for her audience, pointing out that the proposed revisions put almost the entire responsibility of elections in the hands of the secretary of state, giving him power to lay down procedures under an outline of broad policies set up by the legislature. She pointed out that the committee would give the secretary of state the power to fire county clerks whom he believed were not carrying out their election duties properly.

"Weak, loose election laws are dangerous to our security," Mrs. Hopkins said. "Security may be lost at the polls—the power to control elections should be kept in the hands of the legislature, and not delegated to one person," she added. At one point Mr. Mann interjected that "No one has been administering the election laws, unless it was the county clerks."

In reviewing the report, Mrs. Hopkins touched on the matter of how voters' lists are to be released to political parties and others who wish them; on the matter of material for the voters' pamphlet, and how it shall be put in the hands of the voters; on the section which would change the law which has been interpreted to mean that employers may not allow their employees to register or vote on salaried time; on the section which deals with a law which would set up a literacy test for voters, and various others.

Following Mrs. Hopkins' talk, Mrs. Stephen G. Nye, past president of the organization, proposed that groups be set up to study the proposals of the interim committee.

Veterans' Prizes Awarded at Club; Scores Announced

Camp White — Three veterans who held high scores for December games were awarded prizes at the last meeting of Camp White Veterans Bridge club. Asa Kimball had the largest monthly score, Walter Humes was second and William Hickey, third.

The prizes were provided by Medford unit, American Legion auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Coode, Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Walker, all from Grants Pass, were guest players. Mrs. Roy Pruitt and Mrs. William Kennedy took charge of the buffet supper which followed play.

Earning master points for north-south high scores were Mrs. Clifford Howard and Don Reverman, first, 148 points; Mrs. R. J. Conroy and Roy Pruitt, second, 142; Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Walker, third, 138; Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sanderson, fourth, 131 points.

Mrs. Josephine Clark and Mrs. Oda Thomason scored 126 points to lead east-west players. Other winners were Mrs. Alto Pruitt and Mrs. George Rode, second, 123 points; the Berg Martens, third, 117½ points; Mr. and Mrs. Paul McDuffee, fourth, 116.

March of Dimes Drive Sponsored By Mt. Pitt Club

Butte Falls — Mt. Pitt club of Butte Falls is sponsoring a March of Dimes drive through January. The project will conclude January 25 with a party at the City hall.

Other organizations of Butte Falls have been asked to cooperate on the project in order that it may be successful.

During December the club aided Butte Falls Lions to buy Christmas candy for the school children, and delivered Christmas baskets to needy families. Members assisted at a Christmas shoot and completed a doll project.

December brought the club year to a close, and officers report that it was a busy and successful one.

Weatonka Council Plans Ceremony

Mrs. Noel Erskine, deputy great inchoonee of Weatonka council, Degree of Pochontas, will install elective chiefs of the order for the present term at a meeting to be held in Redman hall Friday, January 11. She will be assisted by the great mechnewa, Mrs. James Wicker.

The regular business meeting will open at 8 p.m. Members attending are asked to provide pies for refreshments.

Cancel Ride

Due to weather conditions, Medford Trail Riders have canceled a ride planned for Sunday, January 13. The ride will be held later when weather permits, it is stated.

Italian Bridge Team Holds Lead in Play

New York — (UPI) — The Italian contract bridge team has jumped into a commanding lead over the American team for the world championship.

The European champions picked up 4850 points in the play of 28 hands, extending their lead to 5630 points. With only 76 hands left to be played, the chances for an American victory appeared slim.

The championship is decided after a play of a total of 224 hands.

Capes of All Varieties Shown By Designers for Spring Wear

By GAY PAULEY
United Press Correspondent

New York — (UPI) — Capes in all lengths and for all occasions sweep into spring.

This versatile cover-all, which has been in and out of fashion since man first draped a bear-skin across his shoulders, this season definitely is in.

Designers show the cape in variations from a full-length, cocoon-shape, to a bolero-like "mantelet."

"The short cape will replace the short coat for spring," predicted manufacturer Harry Frechpelt. His firm is one of 40 members and auxiliaries of the couture group, the New York Dress Institute, showing their new collections to 200 visiting fashion reporters.

Designer Pauline Trigere featured the cape for both daytime and evening. A brief "mantelet" topped a full length sheath evening dress. She showed a sweeping cape of black and white floral-print silk over a bare-topped cocktail dress of white peau de soie. Several of her costumes, came with cape rather than jacket tops.

Designer Paul Farnes topped a black linen sheath with a waist-length cape of black and white basket-wave wool.

Originality a coat manufacturer, came up with what the firm said would be a "pace setter" on into fall. It is the cape-like coat, cut like a coat in front, but with the back gathered to a deep yoke to create a cape effect from the rear. Deep, Dolman sleeves helped add to the illusion.

"A cape is graceful and pretty," said the firm's Irving Bader. "But many women find it difficult to wear. With our version, a woman can have her cape and eat it too... so to speak."

Another Originality innovation; heavy wool fringe finishing the hemlines of both capes and suits.

Other highlights of spring collections to date:

Chiffon rated as the favorite fabric for evening. Herbert Soundheim, who used chiffon in both pastel and brilliant ones and in short and long gowns, commented that women will be "chiffoned to death" this season.

The use of no longer is just a trend, he said, "It's an avalanche."

Designer Jo Copeland continued to stress the costume look.

CALENDAR

Calendar notices and news for the society section of the Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Thursday:

7:30 p.m. — Unity Truth center, room 203, Holly Theatre bldg.

8 p.m. — Jackson county Civic Music association, Medford High school auditorium.

8 p.m. — Past Noble Grands club, home of Mrs. E. D. Scripser, 727 West Fourth st.

8 p.m. — Reames Chapter 66 OES, Medford Masonic hall.

8 p.m. — Roosevelt PTA, at school.

Friday:

10:30 a.m. — Valleyview Extension unit, schoolhouse.

11 a.m. — Unity Truth Center, room 203, Holly theater bldg.

12:30 p.m. — St. Mark's Elizabeth guild, Parish hall.

1:30 p.m. — Past Presidents, Ladies' auxiliary to Eagles lodge.

Plan Dance

Waggin Wheelers Square Dance club will hold a dance Friday, January 11, at Art Smith's barn on Griffin Creek road, at 8:30 p.m. Potluck refreshments will be served, and the public is invited to attend.

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