

Finance Chairman Reviews Accomplishments of League

Accomplishments of the Medford League of Women Voters during 1956-57 were explained today by Mrs. John Gustafson, chairman of the group's finance drive scheduled for Monday, May 6. Mrs. Robert Hiett is retiring president of the group.

"The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government," she said.

To implement this purpose, the non-partisan group carries on a program of service to voters and study of current governmental issues in all parts of the nation.

The Medford league arranged two public meetings last year preceding the primary and general elections to give voters opportunities to meet local, county, state and national candidates. Over 1500 persons attended the fall candidates fair.

Following study of the state constitution, the group took the stand that the constitution should be revised through the convention method and that it

was seriously in need of being replaced.

The group supported House Bill 420 concerning meat inspection, and supported community projects to stimulate thought on United States foreign policy.

A field trip to explore the water resources situation in Jackson county was taken by league members last month, with further study on conservation scheduled by all leagues next year.

Financial support is extended to the state and national leagues by the local group and delegates are sent to state and national conventions.

About 20 solicitors will make calls tomorrow on a relatively small number of local citizens outside the membership who might appreciate the league's purpose and current value, according to the chairman.

The \$500 goal will supplement the income from league membership dues and contributions.

School to Give Dance Review

Thurston School of Dance will present a review "Fantasyland" at the Craterian theater Friday and Saturday, May 3-4. The review will be presented between shows at the theater, and is scheduled at 8:40 p.m. each evening.

Theme of the review will be the story of the "Old Woman in the Shoe" and will be portrayed in both singing and dancing. Kurt Fiedler and David Curtis will provide the vocal selections and Mr. and Mrs. Thurston will dance in some of the acts.

Children from both Medford and Ashland will participate, and the Thurstons believe that the show will appeal to all members of the family.

Scenery has been designed and painted by Walt Backa especially to provide a pleasing atmosphere for the review.

The Thurstons came to Medford about a year ago from San Francisco where they operated a dance studio, and the couple also formerly owned a large studio in Phoenix, Ariz. Both have danced professionally in cities of the west coast and in Mexico.

Mrs. Thurston is a member of National Association of Dance and Affiliated Artists, and teaches the Russian method of ballet, as well as other dance forms.

Wenonah Club to Meet

The Wenonah club will hold their annual card party and smorgasbord Thursday, May 2, at 12:30 p.m. at the Redman hall on Apple st. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Floyd Lewis at SP 2-5352 or Mrs. Hans Rammin at SP 2-6609.

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Daughters Make Convention Plans

Members of Elita Deuel Hubbs tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, are making plans to attend the annual department convention. It will be June 24-26 in Portland.

At a recent meeting of the tent, the volunteer work which members do at Camp White was reported by Mrs. C. D. Hershiser, VAVS chairman for the group.

A 25-year membership pin was presented to Mrs. Lucille Dozier.

Next meeting of the tent will be May 13 at the courthouse.

Women's Page

Authorities Discuss The Working Mother

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press Correspondent

Washington—U.P.—Do working mothers contribute to the financial security of their families and the economic health of the nation? Or do they contribute to the rising rate of juvenile delinquency and the breakdown of the American home?

These questions are causing grave concern to religious leaders, educators, social scientists and government officials, a United Press survey showed today.

Two mothers out of every five who have children under 18 now are holding jobs outside the home. The number of working mothers has increased nearly 30 per cent in the past 10 years, and now stands at a record 6,500,000. Of these, 2,500,000 have children under six years of age.

While authorities differ widely in their opinions about the overall impact on American life, all agree that each working mother must be judged as an individual.

Some women, they say, go to work because they crave luxuries which their husbands' paychecks can't provide. Others become wage-earners by necessity. About one-fifth are widowed and divorced.

Some flee the hard work and heavy responsibility of full-time homemaking for an easier job in an air-conditioned office. Others are trying sincerely to make the best use of their time and talents while their children are away at school. Some working mothers undoubtedly neglect their children. Others are extremely conscientious parents.

Alarming Developments

Recognizing this wide range of individual differences, some authorities nevertheless consider the national trend as an alarming development.

In a recent nationwide survey of public school teachers by the National Education association, 80 per cent listed "lack of parental supervision due to mother working" as a cause of student behavior problems. One-third called it an "important" factor.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover told the United Press "parental neglect" is a major cause of increasing juvenile crime. He said it is likely to occur in three types of homes—those "broken by death or divorce," those in which parents are "too absorbed in their own social pursuits to give essential guidance and affection to their children," and those in which "both parents are working."

Msgr. Irving DeBlanc, director of the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, said the increase in the number of working mothers is "clearly related" to a deterioration of moral and spiritual values among large numbers of American youth.

"Creating a good home and giving children all of the love, security and guidance they need is a mother's first responsibility," he said. "It is a job that usually requires all of the time and energy she has."

"A mother should have a very grave reason for taking a job—something far more important than buying a new car or television set."

Psychological Strain

Dr. Eli Ginzberg, Columbia University professor who directed a recent study of women in the nation's labor force for the National Manpower Council, said working mothers themselves are exposed to "psychological strains" that may have a serious effect.

"They are likely to be especially uneasy about the impact of their working on the development of their children," he said. The effort to perform adequately in their dual role may cause conscientious women to exceed "their emotional and physical limits."

A strong defense of the working mother came from Mrs. Alice K. Leopold, director of the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Labor Department who happens to be a working mother.

Mrs. Leopold, who says she brought up two "non-delinquent" sons, said it is "grossly unfair to make employed women the scapegoats for every social ill of our day."

Juvenile delinquency, she said, has "many complex causes" and no one has produced any figures to show it to be more prevalent among children of

working mothers than in other families.

"Some women who don't work are just as derelict in their parental duty," she said. "Women who spend their time playing cards. And chasing around to social and civic activities often do less for their children than the average working mother."

Middle Ground

Middle ground in the controversy was staked out by a leading Protestant clergyman, the Rev. Dr. Richard Lentz of Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. Lentz, a Disciple of Christ minister who formerly was head of the Family Life Bureau of the National Council of Churches, told the United Press it all depends on the mother.

A woman who "puts her work ahead of her responsibility as a mother" and who is "not home when her children return from school," he said, is "definitely contributing" to juvenile delinquency.

"On the other hand, some mothers contribute to the delinquency of their children by staying at home. Many a child learns to drink because he sees his mother drinking at home."

"Holding a job has to be put in the total context of a woman's performance as a mother. A great deal depends on whether she is able to give her children the sense of security and love they would get by having her home all the time."

"Some women—I think a lot of them—are able to do that."

Style Show May 2 By Phoenix PTA

Phoenix—The Phoenix Parent Teacher association will present the annual style show by the high school home economics class Thursday at 2:45 p.m. in the Phoenix High school gymnasium.

The program will include installation of officers. Mrs. Chester M. Keene Jr., will serve a second term as president. Other new officers are Mrs. William Short, vice president; Mrs. E. E. Rasmussen, secretary; and Mrs. B. F. Sparks, treasurer.

Queen candidates Peggy Chisum, Elizabeth Prammann, Glenda Smith, Carol Anderson and Wanda Oetken for the Phoenix May Festival will be introduced. Refreshments will be served by mothers of high school students. Child care will be under the supervision of Mrs. Jarmin.

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Mothers Visit College Campus

A group of Medford women returned home Sunday after attending the annual Mothers' Week end program of Lewis and Clark college. The mothers attended a fashion tea, banquet and a play given for their enjoyment.

Mrs. William Wheat, Mrs. Elmer Ayres, Mrs. J. E. Russell and Mrs. John B. Lynch motored up Friday and returned Sunday. Mrs. Wilbur Arnold made the return trip with the group, and Mrs. H. C. Knight was also on the campus for the special week end.

Rogue River Club Members Visit Medford Garden

Rogue River — Twelve members of Evans Valley Garden club of Rogue River met at the home of Mrs. George K. Barrie April 24 from where they left for a visit to Katherine's Iris Gardens on the Jacksonville highway, Medford.

The visitors were escorted around the grounds by Mrs. K. C. Farley. There are several hundred different varieties of iris in the garden. Experts believe the tall bearded irises are the biblical "lilies of the field."

The women were also interested in the various specimens of flowering crabapple, the magnolia trees in blossom as well as the primroses and camellias and many other flowering shrubs and plants in the grounds around the home of Dr. and Mrs. Farley.

The women also visited the Jacksonville Museum and then went to Mary's Casa in Medford where luncheon was served. An azalea was won by Mrs. Charles L. Milligan. Members having had birthdays during the month, were remembered with gifts presented by Mrs. Tom Mauchline from the club.

The club will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. John Geldt, May 22.

Luncheon Set Friday

"Free Schools in a Free America" will be the theme of the annual May fellowship luncheon of Medford Council of Church Women to be held Friday, May 3, at St. Mark's Guild hall. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. The invocation will be by the Rev. Elvin S. Tolleson, and Mrs. James Morrow, council president, will introduce her officers.

The Rev. John Taylor will conduct a worship service for the program, to be held in the auditorium of St. Mark's church. The Madrigal Singers of Medford High school will present a group of numbers, directed by Lynn Sjolund. Mrs. Charles Champin will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer.

Mrs. Mazie Dizney, Miss Jane Snedcor and Mrs. Mamie Bloomfield will take part in a round table discussion, led by Mrs. Gaston Floux, Central Point. The main address of the afternoon program will be given by Mrs. Mabel Winston, registrar and dean of women at Southern Oregon college. Miss Verna Cingcade will explain her Christian education work in the public schools.

The Rev. George R. Bolster will give the eulogistic prayer, and the Rev. Dwayne Bachelor the benediction.

CALENDAR

Wednesday:

7:30 p.m.—Bethel 14, Job's Daughters, Masonic temple.
8 p.m.—Griffin Creek Community school club, at school.
8 p.m.—Medford Jaycettes, Rogue Valley Country club.
8 p.m.—Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge of Central Point, Central Point IOOF hall.
8 p.m.—Roxy Ann Home Economics club, Grange hall.

Thursday:

12:30 p.m.—Wenonah club, Redman hall on Apple st.
1 p.m.—Medford Garden club, courthouse auditorium.
1 p.m.—Women's Golf association, Rogue Valley Country club.
1:30 p.m.—Central Point Garden club, home of Mrs. Eugene Orr, Old Military rd.
1:30 p.m.—Sams Valley Ladies club, home of Mrs. Walter Miller.

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