

Planning Session Held by Leaders Of Church Group

Officers-elect of Women's Fellowship, First Christian church, met at the home of Mrs. W. A. Denney, Madrona Lane, for dessert luncheon May 15.

Opening worship was under the direction of Mrs. M. E. Olson, new worship director.

Mrs. Claude Cooper, president-elect, conducted a planning session for the 1957-1958 season beginning July 1.

Other officers-elect and circle leaders in attendance were Mrs. Chester C. Peterson, recording secretary; Mrs. F. S. Chapman, corresponding secretary and publicity chairman; Mrs. M. R. North, treasurer; Mrs. Ruby Hicks, Mrs. Gerald Johnson, Mrs. Darold McDonald, Mrs. Wilmer Warren and Rev. and Mrs. William P. P.

Plans for the new year were outlined through worship, education, service, fellowship and financial support under the leadership of Mrs. Wayne Troxell, study director and Mrs. J. H. Hopkins, service director.

An invitation was extended by the retiring president, Mrs. Troxell, for all the new executive board members to attend the executive board meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. W. I. House, Fern Valley road, May 21, at 11 a.m. A covered dish luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock. All in attendance are asked to bring their own service.

Women and Money Subject Of BPWC Speaker Thursday

"Trust Funds and Wills" were discussed by L. L. Clark, a trust officer of the First National Bank, Medford Branch, at the Thursday meeting of the Business and Professional Women's club.

Stressing that everyone should make a will, Mr. Clark explained that a will should be reviewed occasionally and may become void if the person has been divorced or married. Then, he added, if the individual moves from one state to Oregon the will may not be good under Oregon laws.

Banks may not draw up wills he said, but they can make suggestions. The family attorney may draw up the will.

When the will is drawn up, Mr. Clark said, it is important to review how the property is owned—jointly or jointly with another. The lawyer drawing up the will should be aware of all property the person owns, savings, any powers of appointment, debts, any possible inheritance, and members of the family.

If property is jointly held it will pass to the survivor in case of death but the right of survivorship must be indicated in the title or contract. This clause is necessary in the state of Oregon.

Directing his talk to the business woman, Mr. Clark mentioned that 70 per cent of the private wealth of the nation, 60 per cent of savings, and 50 per cent

of corporation stock are owned by women.

He added that 80 per cent of the beneficiaries of life insurance policies are women and 70 per cent of the estates left by men are left to women. One additional point mentioned was that 64 per cent of the estates left by women are left to women.

Mr. Clark listed information that a married woman should know concerning her husband's estate. He asked such questions as, where does the husband keep his will and life insurance policies? Who are the family lawyer and insurance agent? And who is the family banker? He added that these questions are particularly important if the husband and wife have joint bank accounts and if the estate is listed in joint ownership.

Speaking of trust funds, Mr. Clark defined a trust as "an equitable right or interest in property, distinct from the legal ownership, which is held by one person for the benefit of another."

He explained the duties of the trustee and gave qualifications that persons should insist on when setting up a trust fund.

The two ways to set up a trust fund Mr. Clark said, were the living trust which is arranged when both parties are alive, and a trust under a will, which is set up upon the death of one of the persons involved. In many instances, he explained, the latter type makes use of life insurance.

Purposes for setting up trusts were given by the speaker. They included: for a man to provide for his family; to provide management for a particular asset; to meet special needs of children, especially in the case of a handicapped child; and to prevent the appointment of a guardian for minor children. He added that the trusts may be varied and arranged to serve many purposes. He emphasized that owners of small estates with minor children should consider trusts for the children when making wills.

Mr. Clark discussed five different estate plans that may be set up for leaving assets to the wife, children, or in trust funds.

During the business meeting of the BPWC club, seven guests were introduced. Silver crescent moons labeled "Money Moon" and red and yellow roses decorated the tables for the dessert meeting.

Chapter Schedules Delegate Reports

Crater Lake Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Saturday, May 25th, at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. M. Anderson, 2607 Eastover terrace.

Reports of delegates to the recent state conference in Ashland will be given. Mrs. F. G. Glonning and Mrs. Marion Wood will be cohostesses.

Potpourri

Jane Snedcor, on the faculty of Medford High school in 1907, wrote a playlet for the senior class—seven girls known as "The Seven Sissy Seniors"—to be presented on May 29 for Class day. Fifty years later, lacking a few days, Miss Snedcor and her brother, Fred, who also taught in Medford High school in those early days, entertained four of those seven graduates for a party in her home. The remaining three, Sadie Van Dyke, Minnie Corey and Eleanor Maule, are no longer living.

The four women, Mrs. Dave Wood of Medford, Mrs. C. H. Putney of Ashland, Mrs. Frank Pumphrey of Portland and Miss Helen Watt of Altadena, Calif., spent both Monday and Tuesday together. Tuesday at the Snedcor home they looked at old pictures, posed for others and re-lived events of their school days.

The picture taken of the seven in the spring of 1907 shows them all wearing skirts and shirtwaists fashionable at the time, and all but one wore the little triangular class pin. All of the pins are now lost, but instead of pins all wore corsages of gardenias and red carnations, gifts of Mrs. W. L. Walden for the 50-year reunion.

Mrs. Putney, whose idea it was to hold the reunion, was the former Ethel Curry, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Curry who both were born in the Rogue valley. Mrs. Pumphrey, whose mother came across the plains with a pioneer caravan, was Flora Gray, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gray. Miss Watt's parents were Mr. and Mrs. James E. Watt, and as a girl she lived in the large home which is now the Osteopathic hospital and her father was an early-day orchardist.

Mrs. Wood was born Inez McCray and her father, V. T. McCray, was the engineer who designed and built the first irrigation dam at Fish lake for the old Jackson County Irrigation company.

There was much to recall, much to say, and many memories brought to mind when the Sissy Seniors held their reunion last week.

Also at the Snedcor's as reunion "kibitzers" were Miss Kathryn Van Dyke (no relation to Sadie) who makes her home with Miss Watt in Altadena, and Mrs. Putney's sister, Mrs. H. A. Stanley of Medford. Mrs. Stanley, who graduated in a later class, owns the picture of the Seven Sissy Seniors, a part of her extensive collection of old photographs. Both Mrs. Stanley and W. E. Thomas, both cooperative collectors, often loan their pictures for publication in The Mail Tribune.

The Ladies' Home Journal couldn't have known about the Sissy Seniors' reunion, but material from the May and June issues went back to the days of 1907. The Journal recalls that in June of that year America's beloved humorist, Mark Twain, was made a Doctor of Letters at Oxford, and "The Red Mill," "Girl of the Golden West" and "Mrs. Warren's Profession" flourished on Broadway. Perforated "Peekaboo shirtwaists" (see today's picture page) were all the rage, and a new ditty spoofed ladies' towering bonnets. It went like this: "We have the horseless carriage. The wireless and all that, Also the loveless marriage. But not the birdless hat."

In May of that year a half-century past, New York saw several firsts: one was the taximeter cabs, imported from Paris, with a driver up front in the open.

The editors of the Journal deplored America's country schoolhouses as, "an ugly clapboard box, with a dirt yard and outhouse, with no grass or shrubs or trees" and urged the beautifying of such schools with plants.

Then, as now, Medford must have been forward looking for its one and only schoolhouse, pictured also on today's front page, was a substantial structure of brick with a lawn. The town must have boasted a band or orchestra, too, for musicians are shown playing on the lawn. (We forgot to inquire if there was "indoor plumbing.")

Sunday we discovered that the high cost of living has caught up with seeds. It had been a long time since Potpourri planted any seeds—pappy grows the vegetable garden—but since a seed company sent us a gift of four packages of flower seeds, it seemed a pity not to use them. So we begged for a little space in with the vegetables.

Packets of seed cost a quarter now, instead of a dime as we remembered they did a long time ago, and there aren't so many in the little paper envelope. In fact, pappy declares that his package of cucumber seed had only 13 in it. But if they all grow, that will be enough and more.

There's a fascination about seeds. Why should petunia seeds be so tiny, and zinnia seeds coarse and rough. Some of the seeds had tiny little straw-like whiskers on one end. At last we came to the package of Richfield wildflower seeds which we scattered and raked in, per instruction, remembering that the last time we planted wild flower seeds, years and years ago, all that came up and survived were wallflowers. Their descendants still bloom in our garden early every spring, though, and we love their sweet, spicy smell.

We stopped planting seeds long enough to chat with neighbor Jeanette Meyer, who brought over to the fence a potted plant which she had brought from the hills. According to the wild flower book it is one of the fritillarias, this one having greenish flowers flecked with bronze spots. Mrs. Chandler Drew had some in a wild flower arrangement at the annual Cancer society tea, and in a telephone conversation later, said she was told that locally they are called "dough lilies." This is because they have a strong, yeasty odor when put into a warm room.

Some have a reddish cast, and these are often called Mission bells, according to Saunders. Others are a darkish brown, and are known as Chocolate lilies.

Our file labeled "column" is simply bulging with interesting material on a thousand and one subjects. From Zola Vincent's food "shorts" we gleaned this: A recent survey of foods eaten in a school cafeteria disclosed that about 80 per cent of the school children had chosen a balanced lunch, but only 50 per cent of the teachers had done so. Milk and milk products represented the principal lack in the teachers' diet. So there.

This coincided with a story from the US Department of Agriculture which says that "much of the nation is well-fed on the wrong foods." High calorie foods are too popular it seems, since these foods merely keep the eater fat, and don't supply enough of the protective foods. The USDA warns that very few adults get enough calcium, which is so very important for health.

The American Institute of Laundering says it's the wearing, not washing that damages shirts. Controlled tests prove this, the institute claims. One shirt was washed and pressed 136 times without ever being worn. After the last laundering and pressing, it still remained in good condition. An identical shirt was alternately worn and washed. After 34 wearings and washing, the shirt was worn out.

"Petroleum Peggy" of the West Coast Oil Information committee came up with this: Motorists pay more for soft drinks that they do for gasoline. A gallon of soda-pop costs about 80 cents—a gallon of even the highest test gasoline is way less than half of that. Nearly 30 per cent of the gasoline money we spend isn't for gasoline at all—it's taxes. Direct taxes on gasoline are three times as high as the federal tax on luxury items.

Taxes also worries the Grocery Manufacturers of America. GMA wants its customers to know that out of every five dollars spent on food, the tax collector's bite is one dollar. For the average family of four, this is just like setting another plate at the dinner table.

GMA's Paul Willis also wants everyone to know that up until World War II, the food bill was always much bigger than the tax bill. But now it's a different story. In 1957 the annual tax bill will be around \$100 billion which is one-third larger than the \$73 billion it is estimated the nation will spend on food this year.

More Tax Talk—A recent issue of the Wall Street Journal had a long story about two young men in New York City who "with their less than willing wives" scrupulously noted down each and every expenditure for a full year. Some of the results were astonishing. One man found that he had paid \$235 to have coffee brought to his desk. One couple had shelled out more than \$300 for carfare. But what they paid out in taxes—direct and hidden, surprised the men the most.

Although it's somewhat difficult to figure "hidden" taxes, the Tax Foundation says that at least 116 taxes figure to some extent in the price of a man's suit, about 100 taxes on an egg, 150 taxes on a woman's hat and 600 taxes on a home.

It's commonly said that once a tax is imposed, it's never repealed. But anyhow, we don't have to pay a window tax anymore. In colonial days, the householder was taxed a specified amount for every window.—O.S.

Reunion Dinner Planned by Club; Members Greeted

Mrs. George D. Osler, president of Scottish Rite Women's club, extended a welcome to all new members of the club, Monday evening, at the Masonic temple.

Plans were completed during the business session for the semi-annual reunion dinner for Scottish Rite Masons and the class of candidates which will witness the 32nd degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, at the Masonic temple June 8. Mrs. Osler appointed Mrs. Howard C. Goldsmith chairman and Mrs. Harry F. Nordwick as co-chairman for the event.

Mrs. Elmer C. Deivert was voted an honorary member of the club.

It was also voted to include pinocle to be played on social nights along with bridge and canasta. After the business session, cards were played.

Mrs. Erwin C. Hoffman received a special award for the evening.

After a stated meeting of the Lodge of Perfection, with Venerable Master Knute H. Lindgren presiding, and a stated meeting of Chapter of Rose Croix, with Wise Master Willard E. Hunter officiating, the Scottish Rite Masons joined the ladies for a coffee hour.

Refreshments were served from tables decorated with arrangements of iris, columbine, sprays of apple blossoms and a Maypole.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Frank Salvers, Mrs. Wyles E. Berry, Mrs. R. D. Chamberlain and Mrs. William E. Brewster.

Monday night, May 20, Wyles E. Berry and cast, under the direction of Clay M. Lee, will confer the 18th degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry upon a class of candidates at the Masonic temple.

Next meeting of Scottish Rite Women's club will be May 27, at 8 p.m., Masonic temple, with Mrs. Lee L. Stone chairman. It will be a social event.

All Scottish Rite Masons wives are invited to attend.

Meeting Changed By Social Club

Central Point—Nevita Social club will meet Monday, May 20 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ted Flury, Dodge Bridge road, Eagle Point, instead of the previously announced location, according to Mrs. Merrill Harsh, club president.

Members Present Convention Report

Reports from the recent northwest regional convention of Toastmistress clubs at Eugene were given at the Tuesday meeting of the Medford club by Mrs. Clarence Wilson and Mrs. James Vandersteen. Mrs. Jean Pattison of Vancouver, B.C., speaking on "Two Years in Alaska," was awarded first place at the convention and will represent the northwest in the national convention at Dallas, Texas, in July. Mrs. Irene Hillstrom of Salem, first place winner in the inter-council meeting at Grants Pass April 28, placed second. Governor Robert Holmes presented the awards at the speak-off banquet in Eugene.

At the convention Mrs. Lola Leach of Vancouver, B.C., was elected as northwest director and will represent the northwest region on the national board of Toastmistress club. Mrs. Zella Boulanger of Seattle was elected regional supervisor succeeding Mrs. Frank Taylor of Portland.

Mrs. Bertha Haskins presented the topics based on May day happenings at the local meeting with Mrs. Clayton Ruhl and Mrs. Willis Williams speakers for the evening. They were introduced by Mrs. F. W. Dorigan, toastmistress, and Mrs. Irene Wheeler was hostess. Miss Anna Streed gave the education talk.

The next meeting of the Toastmistress will be held Tuesday, May 28, at the home of Mrs. Effie Kurtz.

Bethel Initiates Two Candidates

To new initiates were taken into Bethel 14, International Order of Job's Daughters, at a meeting May 15. The new members are Miss Judith Hile and Miss Diane Edmonds.

Mrs. John W. McGill, grand guardian for the state of Oregon whose home is in Beaverton, made a surprise visit of the Bethel as she has been in this area during installation of various guardian councils. Mrs. McGill was introduced to the Bethel as was Miss Sue Knight, grand Bethel representative to Montana. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Boughner, matron and patron of Reames chapter, Order of Eastern Star were also honored.

After the meeting was concluded an addendum honoring Miss Ann Garner, retiring queen, was given by members of the Bethel. Refreshments were served following the presentation.

Members have been reminded that the next regular meeting, June 5, is installation.

Riders Plan Show At Grounds Today

The second in a series of horse shows sponsored by valley riding clubs will be given by Medford Trail Riders this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Posse grounds. The show will include a gymnana.

The first show this year was sponsored by the Junior Posse. During this series of shows competition among the participants will be judged on points, with trophies being awarded to the two clubs with the highest point standing.

A refreshment stand will open at 10 a.m. with refreshments being served all day. There is no charge for spectators at the show and the public is invited to attend.

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