

Women's Organizations of Valley Look Forward to Active Year

Women's organizations of southern Oregon are looking forward to a busy and active 1958, a survey made last week indicates. Their wide variety of interests include schools, civic projects, health and religious endeavor, adult education, charitable programs and home, civic and roadside beautification.

Of county-wide scope is the work of Jackson County Public Health association, of which Mrs. Henry Padgham is president, and Mrs. Padgham states the association is looking forward to a year of increased activity in tuberculosis control and general health education, both physical and mental.

It will continue its intensive case finding program aimed at the high incidence areas where TB is most often found. It will continue its educational program by all methods available for the purpose of enlightening students and the public as to the nature of TB and related health matters.

The association recognizes the fact that tuberculosis is a specific disease, but also that the general level of public health bears a direct relationship to it, and for that reason advocates and supports a strong Health Department which can promote high standards of health in the community.

Hundreds of volunteers carry on the association's program.

Citizen Participation Encouraged by League

Citizen participation in government will continue to be the overall purpose of the Medford League of Women Voters during 1958.

The more than 100 members in Jackson county will join other leagues throughout the United States in support of items for study and action chosen by the women on the national, state and local level.

Conservation of water resources, a topic under study by leagues throughout the U.S., will be studied by the local group for the second year. Another national item, the study of federal loyalty and security programs, is expected to be completed by June.

On a local level, the League of Women Voters of Oregon has studied the state constitution for a number of years. Since 1956 much research has been done with the legislative interim committee on fringe area problems and with other organizations.

Support Home Rule

As a result, all Leagues in Oregon have stood firmly behind the proposed constitutional amendment permitting county home rule.

The proposal, which would allow more flexible government in individual counties, will appear on the ballot in the November election.

On the local level, the league committee for a "Know Your County" survey will continue its study of Jackson county government aimed at "helping citizens know their way around their county government."

The long-active voters service

committee will devote efforts toward the election laws, many of which have been changed and rewritten since the last general election. League members feel much effort will be needed for citizens to understand them by the 1958 primary and general elections.

Mrs. Hugh Collins is league president.

School for Deaf Supported by League

One of the youngest but one of the most ambitious service organizations of the valley is Medford Junior Service League, organized just 10 years ago in October by a small group of young women who wished to be of service in the community. The group has grown tremendously since then, both in size and responsibility. League members count their participation in all charitable or service groups as part of their league work, and in addition have contributed to the children's departments of two of the city's hospitals and until this year carried on the canteen work of the Red Cross blood bank.

Now the group's main project is the kindergarten for hard of hearing children. The school is the only one of its kind between Portland and Sacramento and children of pre-school age with hearing difficulties are taught lip reading and to speak.

Conducted first in the Presbyterian church, the school was moved to 606 Victory street. This year's class consists of 8 children, and in the past five years a total of 22 deaf children have been given a better life because of this early training.

Mrs. Wilma Jan, trained teacher of the deaf, is on duty every day and is assisted by two league members.

Problem Faced

This coming year the league faces its biggest problem, for the building on Victory street will no longer be available beginning with summer. The league president, Mrs. Collier Buffington, states "If we are to continue this valuable service for deaf children, we will need the help of everyone to find a building or building site, for classes. It is hoped that someone will suggest a site, or donate a lot for a building. Everyone who attends league benefit functions helps us, and we do thank each of you. The November Folies was successful because of widespread support and in 1958 we plan a fashion show, rummage sale, spring house tour, champagne supper and the annual charity ball next December.

Educational Projects Sponsored by AAUW

Purpose of the American Association of University Women is the uniting of the alumnae of different institutions for practical educational work, for the collection and publication of statistical and other information concerning education, and in general for the maintenance of high

standards of education.

Various study groups are open to any woman interested in the programs offered and anyone not eligible to be a member of AAUW is welcome to join these groups.

Groups Open

Among the study groups is the art group which each year sponsors an art show during National Art Week at which valley artists are invited to participate. The radio study group is responsible for a story hour aired five days a week on KJYC.

A community project of the whole group is the Children's Theater production which brings live theater to the children of the valley. This year the play, "Cinderella," will be presented in February by a theater group from Southern Oregon college.

Anyone interested in becoming a member may contact Mrs. Harry Chipman, membership chairman, telephone SP 2-2974, about requirements for membership as determined by the national organization.

Mrs. A. J. Johansson is president of the Medford branch.

Projects Continued By Medford BPWC

Medford Business and Professional Women have a number of important continuing projects to which members devote much time and effort through the years.

About one-third of the women are Civil Defense volunteers trained for duty in the registration and information section. An educational loan fund is maintained for women who require additional training for their positions; who wish refresher courses; or who seek training to secure a position as wage earner because of personal misfortune.

Roster Kept

Promotion of qualified women for policy making posts is encouraged through the BPW "women's roster," an up-to-date list of women who are qualified for appointive posts in various fields.

Membership in the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce with regular representation at meetings is a continuing responsibility of the group. It is aimed at "understanding and contributing to the industrial expansion of the community."

An Oriental student scholarship is provided and participation in the Christmas gift program for the Mental Health association of Oregon was begun in 1957.

The over-all purpose of the BPW is to train women for leadership in community activities, maintain a well-informed group concerned with economic, political and international problems, stress individual participation in fund drives and other civic projects, encourage understanding of employee-employer relationship and employment and job administration.

Miss Voda Brower is president of BPW and Mrs. Jean Mast is first vice president.

Fellowship is Aim Of Church Women

The Medford Council of United Church Women will strive during 1958 to unite all church women in a fellowship of love, work and cooperation, according to Mrs. Everett A. Faber, council president. "We are united in our allegiance to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and our program strives to integrate women in the total life and work of the church," she stated. "To aid in building a world Christian community is the goal of councils in 2,000 communities in the United States. Through the Council of United Church Women, a program of fellowship, worship, study, action and giving is planned each year."

"Of major concern to the local council are the three special days observed annually: World Day of Prayer on February 21, 1958; May Fellowship day on May 2 and World Community day November 7. Chairmen for these observances are Mrs. William Ricken, Mrs. S. D. Earhart and Mrs. Melvin Ward. An Institute of Mission study is also each fall.

Throughout the year, committees will be concerned about juvenile and family problems, legislation, migrants, religious education in the schools, race relations, United Nations and others.

"During the holiday season, we have read, sung and thought about the 'glad tidings' brought anew each year. I wish to re-

mind all church women of these 'glad tidings' and wish for every church woman all that is best in the new year, 1958.

Leadership Stressed By County Council

Beginning with its first meeting January 15 in the YMCA social hall, the Jackson County Council of Parent-Teacher associations will assume its annual responsibility for extension work and leadership training.

The council, in the structure of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, conducts the workshops for PTA leaders in various fields, brings information regarding school administration policies and school board plans and programs, and organizes new units in the area.

During the next few months, the council, through its legislative chairman, Claude Thompson, Central Point, will continue to interpret legislation affecting schools that was passed by the 1957 Oregon legislature. One major item requiring PTA attention is the reorganization of districts, a measure passed by the legislature requiring each school district to conduct, or become a part of, a district with a full twelve year educational program.

The PTA also has a vital interest in the current survey by the State Department of Education concerning the possible establishment of a trade school for high school students in this area.

Sunday, December 29, 1957

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Local PTA units of the county saw the realization of five years continuous effort with the recent completion of the juvenile detention home.

Alf B. Mekvold, Jackson county superintendent of schools, has asked PTA cooperation in interpreting to parents the insurance program available to students through the schools.

Mrs. Owen Kunkel, president of the council, is representative of this area to the Board of Managers of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The board is the governing body of the congress that makes necessary decisions on PTA business between annual conventions. Meetings are held three times a year, the next having been set for January 9 in Portland.

District Gardeners Plan Active Year

The 25 garden clubs representing over 750 members of the Siskiyou District of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs are planning a very active season for the coming months. Mrs. Ira D. Fitzgerald, Medford, is district chairman.

An extensive litterbug campaign will soon get underway to help keep our highways and communities clean. This will include the placing of litter cans in towns and along highways, and programs to acquaint the public with the litterbug problems.

There will also be programs open to the public on the conservation of water and our forests.

Many of the garden clubs will carry on their projects to help landscape and beautify public buildings such as schools and libraries, and donate plants and shrubs to parks. In the past the clubs have made plantings along the highways and many are planning more extensive plantings this coming season.

One of the civic projects the garden clubs have been active with is the landscaping of certain areas at Camp White. This spring the area around the med-

ical and administration building will be landscaped under the supervision of the garden clubs. Thirty - six roses have been provided for the project. Flowers for the Sunday services at the Camp White chapel are provided by one of the clubs each week.

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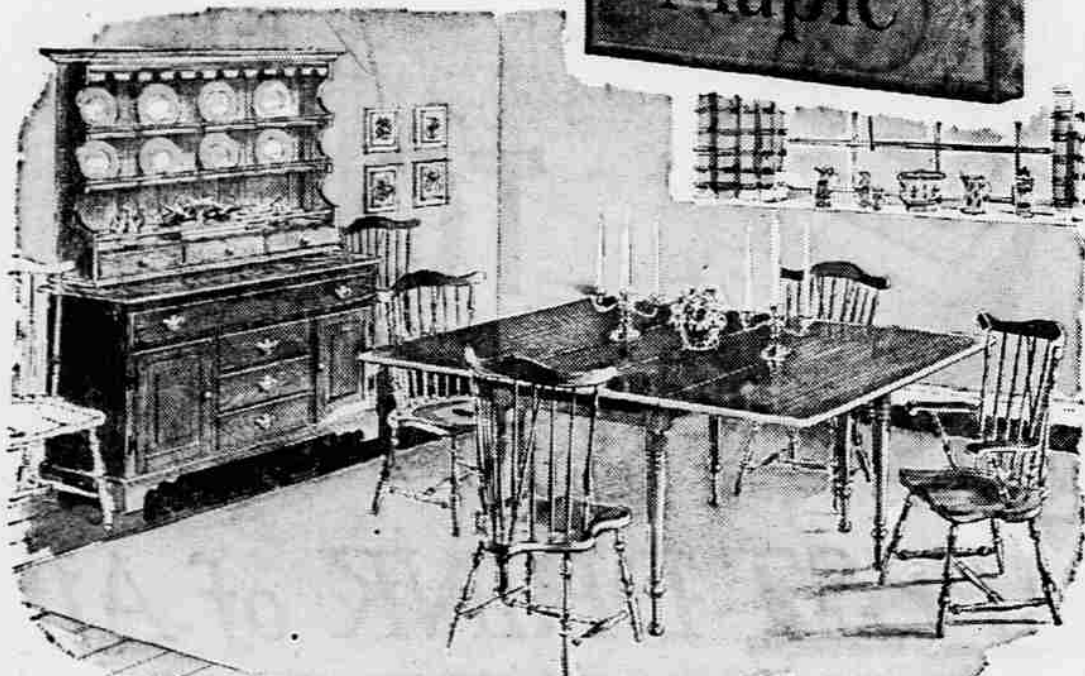
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