

Election and Workshops Mark PTA Council Session

Mrs. Owen A. Kunkel, Medford, was reelected president of the Jackson County Council of Parent-Teacher associations at a recent council meeting. Elected to serve with Mrs. Kunkel were Mrs. John Huffman, Eagle Point, first vice-president; Mrs. Georgia Smith, Phoenix and Mrs. Walter Doherty, Gold Hill, junior vice-presidents; Mrs. Chester Keene, Jr., Medford secretary; and Mrs. Riley Cook, Central Point, treasurer.

Mrs. Kunkel will attend the annual convention of the Oregon Congress of PTA's, as the official representative of Jackson county, and will serve on the board of managers of the congress for the 1958-59 year. All of the council officers plan to attend a leadership training conference on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene in July.

Duane Anderson and Phyllis Briggs, two of the five students from Eagle Point High school who attended the governor's youth conference in Salem in November, told of their experience in helping formulate the youth code adopted by the more than 400 high school age youth at the conference. They discussed measures of the code, and said that it is being used as a general guide in their area of the community. Complying with the code is a matter of individual honor, rather than a mandatory rule, they said.

Workshop Held

Lawrence Tweedy, council juvenile protection chairman, and boys' counsellor for the Jackson County Juvenile department, conducted a workshop on foster and shelter homes for the county. Assisting him were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swan, who operated a foster home in the county for several years, and are now superintendent and matron for the detention home; and Miss Celia Walker, of the Jackson County Public Welfare department. Miss Walker explained that certain requirements must be met before a home can be licensed to operate as a shelter or foster home. Information regarding these requirements can be obtained from the welfare department. She stressed the difference between shelter homes, a temporary arrangement not ordinarily exceeding 90 days; and foster homes, as long a placement as is deemed necessary or wise by the welfare department. Foster homes for junior and senior high age youth are the most urgent need, especially farm placements, Miss Walker stated. The most fundamental requirement for homes of this type, are a stable home where affection and firmness are evenly balanced.

Mr. and Mrs. Swan, who have three children of their own, told of their experiences in maintaining a foster home. Some of the rewards were exemplified by young people becoming well-adjusted and assuming their responsibilities and positions in the community. Mrs. Swan remarked with a note of humor, "Don't take a child unless you like other people's children!"

Clinic Available

Mr. Tweedy emphasized that the Child Guidance clinic is always available in working with problems which may arise in readjustment of children placed in foster homes. Community residents interested in the foster home program may obtain more detailed information from Mr. Tweedy at the juvenile department, or Miss Walker at the welfare department.

Mrs. Arthur Boye, health chairman, conducted a workshop on health and summer roundup. She was assisted by Mrs. Cleo Kent, Jackson County Public Health nurse, and Mrs. E. J. Lamarre, Red Cross representative.

Mrs. Kent outlined the services of the public health department, including the overall immunization program, and the recently opened dental clinic. She listed the plan for the summer roundup, a program conducted annually to assure the medical exam-

ination of each child who will enroll as a first grader in Jackson County public schools in the fall. Local unit health chairmen should first arrange with the school principal, a public health or school nurse, and a doctor to set a convenient date for the round-up. These three persons will make complete information available to the health chairman for the necessary mechanical arrangements.

Program Explained

Mrs. Lamarre explained the home nursing program conducted by the Red Cross as a means to assure better home care of the ill and, also, as a civil defense measure. The goal the Red Cross would like to attain is to train one member of each family in home nursing, Mrs. Lamarre said. She emphasized the value of teachers and registered nurses, whether currently licensed or not, receiving the training, carried on for five consecutive days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., stating that these people are well-equipped to then teach lay persons. The classes for home-makers require 14 hours of class time work over a period of four of five weeks. Persons desiring to take the teacher training course may wish to use the service of baby-sitters available through the Red Cross office, Mrs. Lamarre stated. Complete information regarding the course may be obtained from the local Red Cross Chapter office.

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.

Wednesday:

2 p.m.—Beehive Friendship club, with Mrs. Frank Chapman, 1041 West 11th st.
7 p.m.—Jackson County Medical society auxiliary, home of Mrs. Mamie Sleeter, 1715 East Main st.
8 p.m.—Woman's Society of Christian Service, circle 6, Mrs. Walter Higgins, 202 Oakwood dr.

Thursday:

10:30 a.m.—Howard Home Extension unit, Harmony Hall, Friends church.
10:30 a.m.—Upper Rogue Grange Home Economics club, home of Mrs. Roy Vaughn.
12:30 p.m.—Medford Sojourners' Girl's Community club.
6:30 p.m.—Alpha Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Child Guidance association annual dinner, Medford Senior High school.

Friday:

1 p.m.—Phoenix Garden club, Community hall, Phoenix.
1:30 p.m.—Past Presidents of Ladies auxiliary of Fraternal Order of Eagles, home of Mrs. Henry Ruch, 809 Newtown st.
8 p.m.—Degree of Pocahontas, Redmen hall.

Saturday:

2 p.m.—College Women's club, Girls Community Club.
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