

Group Adopts New Name And Elects Officers Friday

Election of officers and change of name were the main items of business accomplished by the Jackson County Public Health association at the annual meeting held Friday, April 25.

The new officers of the organization are Col. William H. Bartlett, president; Mrs. Richard Knight, vice-president; Mrs. Ray Frisbie secretary; and Mrs. Richard Watson, treasurer.

The organization voted to change its name to the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association. Because of the difficulty in associating Christmas seals with the former name, it was thought to be wise to change the name so as to make the identity of the association clearer. Also, the public health association constantly being confused with the Jackson County Health department, it was said.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Edward J. Knapp, seal sale; Glenn Jennings, case-finding; Mrs. Walter Bish and Mrs. Chester Fitch, family life; Mrs. Henry Padgham, public relations; Mrs. Iva Burton, television; Gerald Latham, finances; Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, Sparrow Memorial; Miss Helen Bullis, patient care; H. Chandler Drew, rehabilitation; Mrs. Edward Sickels, volunteer services.

Board members-at-large are Mrs. Robert Miner, Dan Bulkley, Mrs. Stanley Parrish, Fred Sears, Dr. Eugene Ray, Mrs. Bayard Getchell, Mrs. John Reid, Mrs. Jack

Contest Set For Monday

The annual Jackson county high school public speaking contest sponsored by Medford Knights of Pythias will be held in the Pythian building Monday, April 28, at 8 p.m. Contestants from various high schools throughout the county will be entered, and the winner will compete with the winner of the Josephine county contest April 30 in Grants Pass.

The state contest will be held in Portland, the regional in Spokane, Wash., and the winner at that event will go to Boston, Mass., for the national event.

Prizes are scholarships of \$3,500, in an college or university. All expenses are paid by the Knights of Pythias who sponsor these contests every year. Medford post winners are Lewis Bright, William Frake and Nathan Douthitt.

The contests are open to the public. Should a girl be a winner, a chaperone is furnished to accompany her as well as her parents. Suitable prizes will be awarded here in tomorrow night's contest to the three top place winners, it is stated. Donald Lacey of Central Point High school and chancellor commander of Talisman lodge here, is chairman.



Mary Dodge, left, member of the editorial staff of the Junior Quill, McLoughlin Junior High school newspaper, received a certificate of achievement on behalf of the school at a meeting of Jackson County Public Health and Tuberculosis association at the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel Friday noon. The award, which is one of the nine given in the state, was for an editorial published in the paper on tuberculosis. Presenting the certificate, right is Mrs. Theodore P. Barss, health education chairman of the organization. It is believed that this is the first time that the award has gone to a junior high school paper, Mrs. Barss said.

Flower Seed Production Work of Many Experts

EDNA KING MANDEVILLE

On a recent tour through a leading flower seed house, it occurred to me that many of my readers might be interested in knowing just how seeds are selected and prepared for home gardeners. So often we buy something without knowing anything at all about its background — and just as often an interesting story passes us by.

Flower seeds are grown by experts with large staffs of trained personnel to supervise the choice of planting stock, the planting itself, the care of the growing plant, and the final harvesting of the crop. It takes years to become expert in these stages of seed production, since most every variety needs its own treatment as to time, soil, moisture, etc. A single false step could ruin a crop or make it generally inferior.

Generally, seed growers confine their efforts to varieties that can best be produced for market under their particular soil and climatic conditions. Some zinnias and petunias are raised in Colorado, moon flower in Georgia, salvia in New Jersey and believe it or not—Texas blue bonnet does come from Texas. Fortunately for the beautiful state of California, many varieties produce seeds well there, and as a result it is the leading flower seed state, although a large number of perennial varieties are grown in the northwest.

Some varieties are raised mostly in other countries. Portulaca, for example, comes principally from Holland, as do most varieties of phlox Drummondii. A leading grower of primrose seed has his farms in Denmark and Japan is the country of origin for

a good share of such varieties as petunia, morning glory, balsam and portulaca.

I'm often asked if seeds grown in one locality will do as well in another area as home-grown seeds would. The answer is that they might very well do better. Let me give you an illustration: It takes a long, hot season for true morning glory seeds to mature properly for best flower production. For this reason most seeds of that variety are grown in California, where there is no danger of frost. Plump, healthy, fully matured blue morning glory seeds from California will produce finer blossoms in New York state, for instance, than seeds grown in that state during a year when there is an early frost.

The flower fields have to be watched carefully to make sure that only the "true" plants are allowed to mature. If the field is one of Melody Fantasy zinnias, for example, only plants of perfect Melody are allowed to mature. Any plant that shows signs of having the "regular" zinnia petals rather than the gracefully curved petals of Melody must be pulled out. An occasional plant whose buds indicate a color other than the soft lavender of Melody must also go. This "rogueing" as it is called, must be done before the plants are far enough developed to interest the bees, for these important little creatures can ruin an entire crop if they pollinate a few rogues.

Harvesting a crop is important. Some varieties, like Portulaca, are most difficult to harvest. When a pod of this variety is full of seed, at just the right time for harvesting, it will burst open and scatter the seed in every direction. You can imagine trying to find these tiny seeds after they've fallen to the ground! Perhaps one reason why so many Portulaca come from Holland (in addition to the ideal climate) is that the soil in some areas is covered by a hard crust. The grower can wait till all the pods have burst and then simply sweep up the seeds.

The grower also has to consider the other peculiarities of the various flowers. When his experience has been such that he knows the best way to handle seeds from planting right through harvesting, the crops he produces will be the very best.

Often, due to hand pollination and other operations too important to be trusted to nature, a crop of seeds like those of the tiny hybrid petunia may actually be worth more than their weight in gold. Just think—a hundred pound sack of hybrid petunia seeds, which a man could carry on his back, might be worth sixty thousand dollars or more!

Lady Lion Clubs To Serve Coffee For League Event

Lady Lions clubs of the valley will serve coffee at the "Meet Your Candidates" program to be sponsored by Medford League of Women Voters Thursday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Hedrick Junior High school. Mrs. Nat Etzel, past president of the Eagle Point Lady Lions club, will be chairman of the coffee project.

Invitations have been sent to all of the candidates for county, judicial and state legislative offices in the coming primary election. Each of the candidates will speak briefly in his own behalf.

Questions from the audience will be collected and as many as possible answered by the candidates. Time permitting the candidates will be available for individual questioning after the formal program. Mrs. Thomas Rutter, voters' service chairman, cordially invites everyone to attend.

Fellowship Luncheon Set Friday

Theme for the annual May fellowship luncheon to be sponsored by Medford Council of United Church Women May 2 in the First Presbyterian church, is of unusual interest.

The theme, "A Place To Live," will be discussed by a panel with Mrs. Frank Fairweather acting as moderator and will consider the several phases of a program which is now being worked out for the aging of the community. Included in the discussion will be ideas on housing, health, recreation and employment.

Mrs. Samuel Earhart and Mrs. Glenn Harrison are co-chairmen for the day and are announcing the following program arrangement:

Miss Verna Cingcade will speak on "Christian Education in Our Schools" during the program and Mrs. D. Kirkland West will talk on "Our Needs."

The Medford High school choir, under the direction of Lynn Sjolund, will sing and the Rev. W. Lee Mansveld will be soloist.

Panel members in addition to Mrs. Fairweather will be the Rev. R. H. Mathewson, Miss Elizabeth McCalliard, Mrs. C. A. Thatcher, and C. L. Williams.

Other participating ministers include Clynton Crisman, the Rev. Melvin W. Dixon, and the Rev. John Reynolds. Nursery care will be provided at the First Methodist church during the afternoon.

Fidelity Club Postponed Meeting
A meeting of Fidelity club set for April 30 has been postponed, the club has announced.

Capping Ceremony Held For Dental Assistants

Fourteen new members joined the Southern Oregon Dental Assistants' society Wednesday at their meeting held at the Red Cross building.

Guests for the evening were the employer-dentists, their wives and the society members' husbands and parents.

Mrs. Sybil Prescott, Grants Pass, former Oregon Dental Assistants' association president, was the presiding officer for the candlelight initiation ceremony.

Mrs. Lucille Wilson and Mrs. Vyrbelle Thompson, Medford, were the conducting officers. During the initiation ceremony each new assistant was capped with the official dental assistant cap.

A reception followed the ceremony to honor the new members and guests. The association's colors of blue and gold was used on the serving table. Mrs. Gladys Hughes, Medford, poured, and Mrs. Frances Dempster, former local society president, cut and served the cake.

Initiated at the meeting from Medford were Carol Clark, Phyllis Clark, Beth Myers, Karen Njaa, Betty Orndoff, Miss Darlene Paulazo, Miss Joyce Pestka, and Mrs. Audrey Reiss. Others were Mrs. Dorothy Degley, Ashland; Esther Fabrick, Doris Newton and Jane Roley from Grants Pass, and Lee McLoughlin and Betty Prosser from Rogue River.

Grand Chancellor Guest of Knights
A large attendance of members heard Oregon Grand Chancellor Claude Kelly, Bend, speak for a meeting of Medford Knights of Pythias Monday night. Refreshments followed.

Mrs. Kelly accompanied her husband to Medford, and she was entertained by members of Pythian Sisters.

Past Grand Chancellor Hugh Welsh, District Deputy Grand Chancellor Ray Newman and five other members of the Grants Pass lodge were among those attending.

Wednesday night, LeRoy F. Cline, Edward Bostwick, Emil O. Johnson, Robert Dames and Jo W. Fritsch met with members of Thermopylae lodge in Grants Pass to honor Grand Chancellor Kelly during his official visit to that city.

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Family Reunion Held in Medford

Members of the Joseph Robertson family held a family reunion April 18 through 20 in Medford at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Heidmann, 1806 Thomas road. Attending the gathering were the five children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robertson.

Here for the event were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Olson, Omaha, Nebr., Mrs. N. B. Bjerke and

son, David, Redondo Beach, Calif., G. O. Robertson, Manhattan Beach, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Robertson and six children, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Heidmann and four children. Unable to attend were another daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Olson, Omaha, Nebr.

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