

Oregon Working Woman's Economic Status Said Too Low; Social Problems Created

Portland - "Forty out of every hundred self-supporting women in Oregon earn under \$250 a month while the living expenses of the majority constantly exceed their wages," Dr. Eric J. Weiss, Bureau of Labor research director, told a Portland meeting of the American Association of University Women yesterday.

Dr. Weiss based his statements upon a survey he recently conducted of working women in eight Oregon cities who must earn their own livelihood and often that of dependents. He said the survey is the first in a series of research studies initiated by Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen to pinpoint problems of human relations as they affect the wage earner.

The economic living pattern of the independent woman was selected because of the labor bureau's responsibility for setting minimum wage and employment standards for women.

"It appears the old prejudice of regarding women as the weaker sex with lesser ability has been replaced by a bias inferring she has lesser wage needs. This results in women workers receiving less pay and less advancement opportunities than men," asserts the research director. "In the public mind a man seeks employment because he has to, and a woman because she wants to, so the woman in the self-supporting position becomes largely ignored."

Medford Man Given State Office

Edward Bostwick, secretary of Talisman lodge, Knights of Pythias, Medford, was elected grand master at arms of the Oregon Knights of Pythias at the state convention held recently in Eugene. Held at the same time in Eugene was the annual meeting of the grand temple of Oregon, Pythian Sisters.

Attending from Medford were Mrs. Donald Rose, official representative, Talisman temple, Pythian Sisters; Mrs. Harry Bryant, past grand chief, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fichtner, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bostwick; Mrs. Don Anderson, Mrs. Polly Offutt; and Mrs. Rene Grosh, Ashland.

Representing Talisman lodge, Knights of Pythias, Medford, was Past Chancellor Joe W. Fritsch. Royal Prince Sam Jennings, Medford, portrayed the part of Mahedi at the Dokk ceremonial held Saturday evening preceding the convention. Fifteen past chancellors from Oregon received the Grand Lodge degree at the opening of the Monday morning sessions.

Elected grand chancellor of Oregon was Thomas Hartfield, Roseburg attorney. Miss Betty Jean Bergner of Centralia temple, Salem, was installed grand chief of the Grand Temple of Oregon, Pythian Sisters.

Supreme Chancellor William H. Pierce, Atlanta, Ga., will visit Portland, November 11, when the rank of page will be conferred upon northwestern state candidates. Talisman lodge will meet Monday, October 20, at 8 p.m. in the Pythian building. A report of proceedings at the grand lodge will be given.

Many Must Work
Dr. Weiss said his studies indicated 42 per cent of all Oregon working women are independent wage earners who are either unmarried, divorced, widowed or separated from husbands. Many also support dependent children or relatives. Non-payment or irregularity of child support payments by divorced or separated husbands was more the rule than the exception, according to his findings.

Orange Relish
Peel and cut 2 or 3 oranges into medium-thick slices (do this over a bowl to catch juice). Add a tablespoon each sugar, wine vinegar and instant minced onion; chill for several hours. Serve as a refreshing relish to accompany baked ham or roast chicken.

remain low because of an over-supply of needy women workers. These conditions are said to have virtually eliminated men from certain occupational fields and the average age of women in them is considerably older than the general average of women workers. Dr. Weiss named retail sales, service occupations, skilled and semi-skilled operatives and a number of clerical jobs in the depressed occupational group.

The research director said he had eliminated from his study women who are working mainly to supplement the family income, in order to secure a real bread-and-butter comparison between the position of the self-supporting woman and her male competitor in the labor market. The surveyed occupational groups included professional and technical workers, managerial and supervisory employees, clerical workers, sales personnel, service and operatives or material handling occupations.

Medford Included
Cities chosen for the research included Portland, Salem, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Medford, Corvallis, Pendleton and Astoria. Dr. Weiss said his questionnaires were divided proportionally among the cities and according to the numerical strength of the occupational groups within the cities to give a realistic evaluation. The questionnaire included queries on earnings, living costs, savings, marital status, dependents and other economic elements.

The percentage of income spent on food is a fair criterion on the adequacy of wages in relation to cost of living," Dr. Weiss told the meeting. "Our labor bureau survey showed Portland professional women spending 19.8 per cent of their income on food while the city's service workers spend 29.7 per cent. In Eugene professional women have 55.3 per cent of income remaining after providing for food and shelter while operatives, sales and service personnel have only 30 per cent left for all other needs. Twenty per cent of our respondents earned less than \$200 per month. It seems only one out of four self-supporting women have savings. Since 40 per cent are 45 years of age or older, they have a deep-seated anxiety about

their economic future when their earning capacity of work possibilities come to an end."

The study estimates 36,000 working women in the eight cities are self-supporting and one-fourth also are supporting dependents. Dr. Weiss states the survey revealed not merely individual problems in his opinion but an over-all economic and social problem. The complete study with statistical breakdowns on all occupational groups and cities is now available at the Bureau of Labor.

Bayou Pecan & Rice Dessert
The cook in the Deep South has used the home-grown products, pecans, rice and syrup to make a dessert so wonderful you'll never forget it!
It takes 40 minutes baking to toast the pecans and blend the vanilla, eggs, butter and dark syrup into a heavenly sweet. Use one of your fancy baking dishes and serve this dessert from the baking dish at the table. This dessert is so delicious it deserves a ceremony of some sort!

INGREDIENTS:
2/3 cup uncooked white rice
1 1/3 cups water
1 teaspoon salt
3 eggs, beaten
1 1/3 cups dark corn syrup
1 cup granulated sugar
3 teaspoons vanilla
3 tablespoons melted butter
3/4 cup milk
1 1/3 cups coarsely chopped pecans

METHOD: Put the rice, water and salt in a 2-quart saucepan. Bring to a vigorous boil. Turn the heat down low. Cover with a lid. Simmer over this low heat 14 minutes. Remove the saucepan from the heat but leave the lid on 10 minutes. While the rice cooks, mix together the eggs, dark syrup, sugar, vanilla and butter. After the rice cooks, stir in the milk. Cover and cook over low heat until the milk is absorbed. Stir occasionally. Press the rice over the bottom of a glass pie plate or shallow baking dish holding about 6 cups. Just before baking, pour the egg-syrup mixture over the rice. Sprinkle with the pecans. Push the pecans into the syrup mixture. Bake uncovered, in a pre-heated 350° F. oven 40 minutes. Serve warm. Top with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream, if desired. This recipe makes 8 generous servings.

Party Centerpiece
For an attractive party centerpiece, arrange colorful dried fruits with nuts in a pottery or wooden bowl, and tuck in small sprays of autumn leaves. After the party, serve the fruits for nibbling out of hand, or cook with lemon slices for a mixed fruit compote.

Carrot sticks and glossy ripe olives make a relish bowl of appropriate colors for Halloween. Ripe olives, in spite of their rich flavor, are not high in calories. There are only about 10 calories in a mammoth olive, making them a relish even dieters can "afford."

Camp White Dance Planned by Auxiliary

Ladies' auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Oregon, will sponsor a dance at the Camp White Domiciliary Monday, October 20, at 8 P. M., in the Camp White theatre.

Music will be furnished by Local Musician's Union 597 and the Green Valley Boys, led by Carl Atkins.

Those wishing transportation may take the bus at the Trailways depot at 7:30 p.m.

When you're not in a mood to make merry with pots and pans, serve a seafood tray of canned shrimp, crab and salmon, surrounded by parsley and centered with a bowl of ripe olives. Pass crisp crackers.

PTA Program Important At Junior High School Age

The importance of parent participation in the parent-teacher association movement at the junior high school level is being stressed in the current membership campaign. October is enrollment month each year for the PTA movement throughout the United States.

In the following article released by the Jackson County Council of Parent-Teacher associations the junior high school level program is discussed.

When school age children reach the junior high level, we find that a certain percentage of parents become "drop outs" from parent-teacher activity. At an age when children need the interest, concern, guidance and encouragement of parents as never before, some of the parents are simply not to be found. The tremendous growth and development, and consequent social adjustment of boys and girls who are "in-between age," is the main program of study and work for junior high schools PTAs. Program discussions by qualified doctors, nurses, dietitians, ministers and school counselors, help parents to a better understanding of their junior-high youngster.

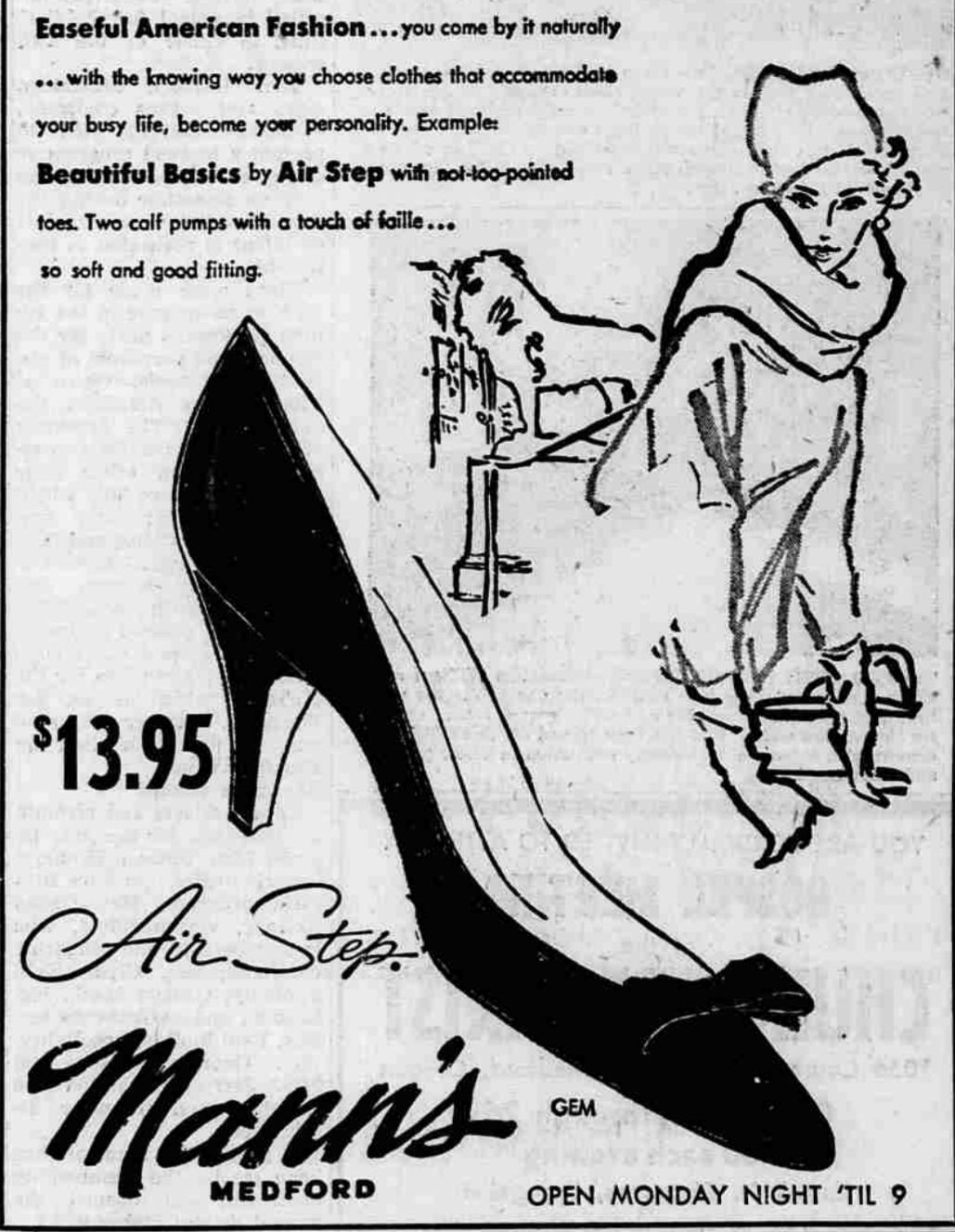
Planning Needed
Teaching methods and curriculum discussion by school personnel, bring a more thorough understanding of the importance for thoughtful planning by the student, counselor and parents of the course of study the child will pursue into high school. Consideration of the earlier years' achievements is necessary, as

Dessert Sauce
For a delicious dessert sauce, heat together honey, soft butter, chopped nuts and plump, tender, light or dark raisins. Spoon the sauce over warm spice cake.

Cool 1 or 2 tart apples and instant minced onion with shredded red cabbage. Add a little wine vinegar and a tablespoon of butter just before serving. Delicious with duck or goose.

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