

Clubs to Hold Dinner Session

A joint meeting of the Medford Toastmasters and Toastmistresses clubs will be held Monday, November 24, at 6:45 p.m. at the Girls Community club. Dinner will be served.

Toastmistress for the evening will be Mrs. Clarence Wilson, and speech evaluator, John Weisel. Mrs. Clarence Rolls will speak on "Feathers on the Floor." Mrs. Thomas Ball on "A Biography," Douglas Roach, "Destiny Now," and Dan Hull, "The Importance of Being Feminine."

Derby Extension Unit Holds Recent Meeting

Derby—Mrs. Eibert Hefley and Mrs. Charles Hayes were project leaders for the lesson on "improving ourselves as hostesses" at the recent meeting of the Derby Home Extension unit at the home of Mrs. Truman Collins.

Table decorations and services suitable for various types of entertaining were shown by colored slides. Announced at the meeting was the December 12 date for a turkey dinner and baked food sale at the Derby gymnasium.

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Recruitment, Adequate Training Of Teachers Said Major Problem

"Challenges to Education in the Space Age" were discussed by a panel of teachers at a meeting of the Medford branch, American Association of University Women last Wednesday evening. Recruitment and adequate training of capable young people to become the nation's teachers emerged as the number one challenge. Mrs. Paul R. Smith, moderator, pointed out that until this requirement is met, none of the other goals of education could be attained.

Mrs. Robert Butler cited the fact that with the school population's rapid increase there will undoubtedly be a shortage of at least 135,000 qualified teachers next year. This lack will have to be met by using teachers with less than certification standard training. She stated that colleges as well as lower schools face this dilemma. Many with doctorate degrees are going into business, leaving the colleges

to draw from high school faculties to supply their own. The long range solution sought for the problem is to raise training requirements for teachers at all levels, thereby improving their status and making the profession more attractive to students choosing vocations. Oregon is already moving forward in this matter, it was said.

Mrs. Smith emphasized that educational associations, contrary to public belief, are working harder for the raising of standards than of salaries. She noted, however, that a well-fed teacher can do a better job.

Problem of Gifted
Mrs. Wallace Haskins, in dealing with the subject of the "Gifted Child", brought out the two types of gifted children: those of unusually high general intelligence and those with special talents in certain fields. She said that the estimated 600,000 to 1,000,000 gifted children in the United

States have long been the most neglected group in our educational system. In the last two years this has been more widely noted and corrected. Early identification of special ability is felt to be important. The best approach to this is considered to be to look for the talents in all children and try to develop them.

"Frills in Education" was presented by Mrs. Ray Frisbie. She reported that in questioning Medford taxpayers, both parents and otherwise, the amazing revelation was how little many of them knew about what the schools are doing. However, the following were mentioned as "frills" by some people: athletics, especially football ("which takes so much time", they said), yell leader groups, musical performances or organizations outside of school, radio programs, driver training, P.T.A., dramatics, school parties of various kinds, clubs, cooking classes for boys, "life adjustment" classes, short-sighted building programs that result in elegance rather than adequate space.

More analysis is admittedly needed to determine what things are really "frills", Mrs. Frisbie said. It is suggested that parents can help in relieving the time demands on the children by helping them be more selective in taking on activities. As to the cost of "frills", Mrs. Smith observed that "until we spend as much on education as we do on liquor, tobacco and beauty shops we should be sparing in our complaints about the cost of education."

Accomplishments Noted
In conclusion, Miss Catherine Fonken touched on accomplishments of the Medford school system. The close proximity to Southern Oregon college has made teacher recruitment less of a problem than average, she said. Medford students at all levels have rated well toward the top and far above average in tests given on a nation-wide scale. Medford high school graduation requirements are higher than the state average. Medford has special classes for retarded and handicapped children. Children with above-average ability are given an enriched and somewhat accelerated program.

Hostesses were Miss Anna May, Mrs. Herbert Seitz, Mrs. Jack Lewis, Mrs. Clarence Mathison and Mrs. Edward Gordon.

Date for the next AAUW meeting is Saturday afternoon, December 6. The children's play "Rumpelstiltskin" will have two performances on Wednesday afternoon, December 10. Tickets will be available at the schools.

Pythian Sisters Planning Events

Pythian club will meet on Tuesday, November 25, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Edward Bostwick, 3273 Biddle road. Mrs. Rae Jack will assist. Members are asked to bring their own sack lunch.

Pythian Sisters met last Tuesday evening for roll call, reobligation, the report of the nominating committee and the report of the grand representative, Mrs. Don Ross.

Initiation and election of officers will be on the schedule for the next meeting. A birthday party is also being planned. Members are reminded to bring their silverware coupons.

The committee for the evening was Mr. Bostwick, Carl Fichtner, James O'Duane and Harry Barneburg. The committee for next meeting will be Mrs. Helen Roseman, Mrs. Polly Offutt and Mrs. Don Anderson.

Past Chiefs' club of the Pythian Sisters met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. M. Aldredge for a covered dish luncheon. Final plans were made for the cooked food sale and bazaar to be held December 6 at Leonard Electric company.

Those having articles for the Pythian Home are asked to bring them to the next meeting or contact Mrs. Barneburg or Mrs. Aldredge. Cards were played with prizes being won by Mrs. Mabel Nicholson and Mrs. W. L. Walden. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. W. L. Michael for a 1 o'clock covered dish luncheon.

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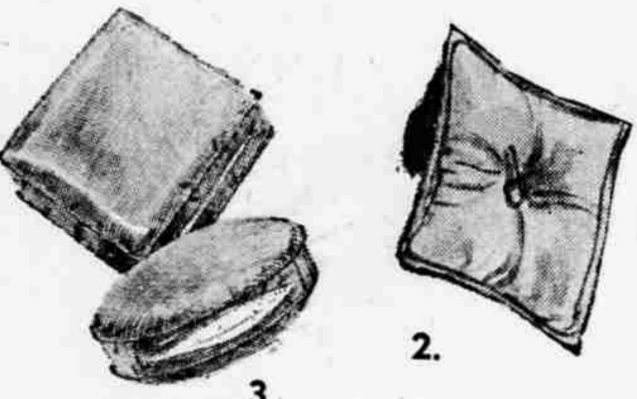
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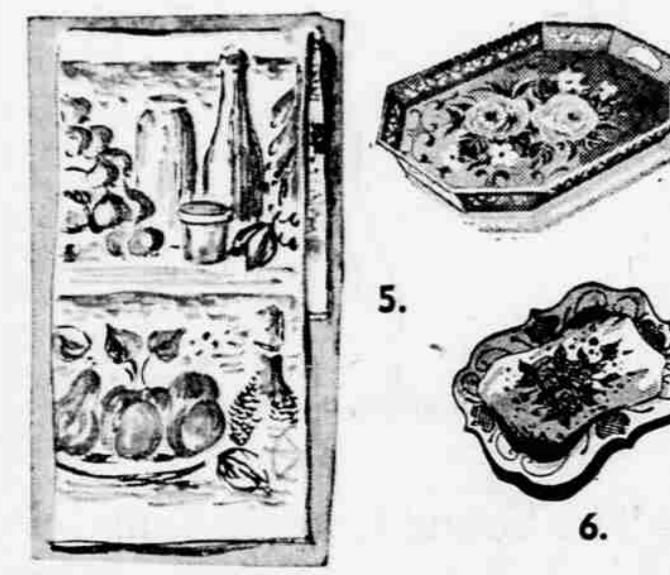
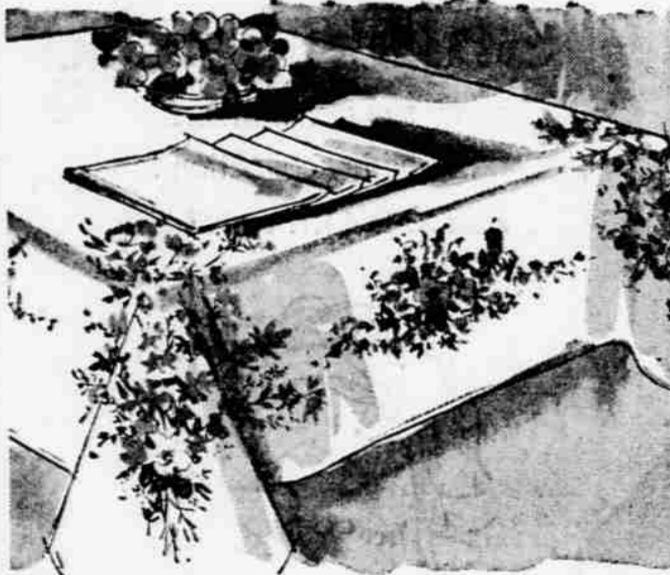
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