

# Women Warned Against New England Conscience

Mrs. Edward Hughes, Portland, legislative chairman for the League of Women Voters of Oregon, cautioned Medford women Saturday not to become so passionately convinced of the state's legislative needs that they develop a "New England conscience" and think they must "do something about everything." Women must keep a sense of humility and employ "thoughtful selectivity" in the things they undertake, she emphasized.

Mrs. Hughes drew on her own Indian ancestry for the story of a hen-pecked Indian husband whose name-changing ceremony was the American slang phrase into Indian for "the man the chicken bit" — and warned lady lobbyists not to leave legislators feeling like "men the chicken bit."

"Often we must pioneer a project and let others carry on after the wheels have been set in the right direction," she added.

Mrs. Hughes explained her work with the legislature to 50 members and guests of the Medford League of Women Voters at a luncheon at the Rogue Valley Country club. The League lobbyist said she is much impressed with the terrific job which our legislators do against great odds, some of which are many bills, much pressure from special interest groups, and little salary. The responsibility for legislation rests squarely with the voters, she pointed out, since they elect the legislators and vote the salaries.

Mrs. Hughes described the League's alternatives in legislative activity as three — pro, con — or "no stand." Always this is based squarely upon consensus from the local leagues, which is in turn based upon study of that specific problem or project.

The league's legislative committee is directly responsible to the state board, and its position on a bill must be cleared with the state board before committee members appear and speak for the League at a hearing, Mrs. Hughes explained. The specific stand which the League has taken on bills pending at this legislature she described as follows:

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Mrs. Hughes answered questions regarding legislation of special interest to the audience and on which she had information. She pointed out the individual's role in expressing desires and opinions to legislators, and suggested that any League member call to the attention of the state legislative committee or the state board any legislation which that person feels the League should study.

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## Birthday Observed By Legion

A birthday cake, decorated in the traditional blue and gold, was presented to Commander Hugh McKenzie of American Legion Post 15 by the auxiliary unit president Miss Laura York in observance of the Legion's 40 years of service to the community, state and nation. This event was the climax to the annual birthday dinner held March 11 at the Red Cross building under the chairmanship of the past president's parley.

"The Shadows" from St. Mary's school entertained the gathering with vocal selections.

Miss Kathy Uridel, a student at McLoughlin Junior High school, was introduced by the auxiliary's Americanism chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Sutter. Miss Uridel was the winner of an essay contest held recently by the auxiliary. She then read her essay entitled "This Is My Country," and was presented with a cash award.

Honor guards were presented to members of the auxiliary for their years of continuous service and those receiving thirty year pins were: Mrs. Laura Albetz, Mrs. Herbert Alford, Mrs. Rose Bunch, Mrs. Maude Coddling, Mrs. Ed Feldman, Mrs. Lester Finley, Mrs. Clarence Fry, Mrs. Irving Housechild, Margaret Kerr, Mrs. R. I. Stuart, and Mrs. Myrtle Wright.

Introduced at the dinner was Eugene Orr, who is serving as national rehabilitation committee chairman for the American Legion; Keegan Townsend, District 15 commander; and past commander Fritz Nissen and Mrs. Nissen, who came from Vancouver, Wash., for the event.

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Easter Girls, wearing old-fashioned ruffled pantallettes with their pretty cotton dresses and carrying tiny parasols, danced and sang for the picnic scenes of "The Great Decision" given recently at Jackson school. Pictured here are (left to right) Cheryl Eckerson, Brenda Lacy, June Porter and Janie Corcoran. Mrs. Lillian Bohrer



Square dancers were included in the action of the play-let "The Great Decision" which pupils of Jackson school gave recently in the school auditorium for parents and friends. Pictured during the dance are (left to right) Joe Gordon, Donna Schafer, Peggy Beddell, Gary Rennick.

of the faculty was general chairman for the production given by students of the second and third grades. The production served to train the children in how a city operates as well as provide experience in group singing and dancing.

## Jaycettes

A meeting of Medford Jaycettes will be held Wednesday, March 18, at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Donald Madden, 501 Oregon Terrace.

An amendment to the constitution is to be proposed at this meeting, and work on a rummage sale is planned.

## 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 for publication and for week day news is 5 p. m. the day before publication.

Monday: 8 p. m. — Faith circle, Central Point First Presbyterian church, home of Mrs. Max Clark, 1115 East Pine st., Central Point.

8 p. m. — Natural Foods Associates, courthouse auditorium.

8 p. m. — Olive Rebekah lodge, Odd Fellows hall, 221 West Sixth st.

8 p. m. — Susannah Wesley unit, Wesleyan Service guild, First Methodist church, with Mrs. Richard Stratton, 454 Grand ave., Central Point.

8 p. m. — VFW auxiliary, dance at Camp White theater.

Tuesday: 9:30 a. m. — Woman's Society of Christian Service circle 1, with Mrs. Robert Little, 1700 Lenora dr.

10 a. m. — Rogue Valley Navy Mothers club, home of Mrs. Glen Curtis, 839 Wabash ave.

12 noon — Woman's Relief Corps, Central Point, in Legion hall.

12:30 p. m. — Esther circle, Eastwood Baptist church, with Mrs. S. D. Earhart, 11 North Peach st.

12:30 p. m. — Medford Lady Elks, Elks temple party lounge.

1 p. m. — Prospect Garden club, with Mrs. Warren Barr.

1 p. m. — Woman's Society of Christian Service circle 3, with Mrs. S. W. Watson, 726 West 14th st.; circle 5, with Mrs. W. G. Werner, 1840 Stewart ave.; circle 6, with Mrs. Jessie Minear, route 4, box 331; and circle 8, with Mrs. A. K. Morse, 36 Ashland ave.

1:15 p. m. — Woman's Society of Christian Service circle 4, with Mrs. John Kent, 922 South Oakdale ave.

1:30 p. m. — Oak Grove Neighborhood club, home of Mrs. George Armstrong, 122 Janney lane.

1:30 p. m. — Woman's Society of Christian Service circle 7, with Mrs. James Fleming, 311 Laurel st.



J. Fred Coots, who has composed more than 3,000 musical works, 700 of which are in published form, will speak for a meeting of Siskiyou Knife and Fork club Thursday, March 19, at 7:30 p. m. at the Plaza cafe, Ashland. Among Mr. Coots' hit songs is "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" and "Love Letters in the Sand." Club members are to make their reservations no later than Tuesday, March 17, according to Mrs. Ella Hendricson, secretary.

## Meeting Planned By Prospect Club

Prospect — Prospect Garden club will hold its March meeting at the home of Mrs. Warren Barr, Tuesday, March 17, at 1 p. m.

Topic for discussion will be "Care and Pruning of Shrubs," and the lesson will be given by Mrs. George Brown.

Refreshments will be served preceding the meeting by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Richard Bean.

Plans are now being made for a flower and Oregon antique show that the club will give August 21. Members are reminded to bring their suggestions for a show theme to this meeting. Each member will be asked to answer roll call with her suggestion for the show theme, and a vote will be taken to choose the theme to be used.

## Look For Quality

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## Texas Designers Promote White for Summer Wear

By GAY PAULEY UPI Women's Editor Dallas, Tex. —UPI—The second largest state claims first with the fashion for summer white.

Texas manufacturers, promoting the spotless look, feature white in every type of active and spectator sportswear in this, a major sportswear manufacturing center.

But it's white which the industry says is easy for a woman to keep that way, because of the use of wash and wear fabrics, both in the chemically-treated cottons and synthetics. Fabrics include synthetic sharkskins, cotton cords, dacron and cotton mixtures, cotton denims, satin-finished cottons, piques, and play-knit, a woven fabric resembling the true knit. All come in the little or non-iron category.

White stole the limelight on the opening day of a three-day series of style shows given each spring by the 43-member Dallas fashion manufacturers' center for visiting fashion reporters.

Contrasting with the whites is a whole avalanche of vivid hues copied, the industry said, from the Indian tribes of the Southwest. These include cactus green, bold yellow and red, several shades of turquoise, indigo, chartreuse and sharp pink.

The Dallas manufacturers, who sell to 25,000 stores in the United States and abroad, join Paris and New York in bringing back the female form. "No excuses, no extremes, no exaggerations" is the way Women's Wear Daily, the trade publication, summed up the spring and summer silhouette.

Variety in Shirts Waists The rejuvenated shirtwaist is shown with new trimming and detail in a variety of fabrics — silk linen, imported voile, eyelid embroidery, print cottons, pique and organza.

The sheath also is back — "acres of sheaths, Texas-size acres that is," said a center spokesman. These mostly are for daytime, although there are a few for after-five occasions. For fancy get-up, the manufacturers show full skirts in plain or embroidered organza, organza and silk chiffon.

Look also for a multitude of prints on the summer scene — florals and polka dots for all ages from baby to grandma. Checks are popular in suits and jacketed dresses.

Literature for young people will be discussed by the Rev. John Reynolds at a meeting of Medford Women's Christian Temperance union to be held Thursday, March 19, at Girls Community club at 2 p. m. The public is invited.

Mrs. Edith Cox will speak of the early history of the union, using material she has gathered from old records.

The Rev. E. S. Tollefson will give devotions, and Mrs. Beatrice Yocum will furnish music.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Sue Anderson and Mrs. Harriet Gibbs.

The oldest Protestant church in the U. S. is St. Paul's in Eastchester, N. Y. It was founded in 1655.

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## Republican Leader Loses Weight As Builder

By ROSE MC KEE Washington—Want to shed excess weight without dieting?

Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen lost 40 pounds by working in the yard of the new home the Dirksens had a home builder construct for them on a wooded tract overlooking the Potomac River in Virginia, 20 miles from Washington.

The Illinois Republican enjoys clearing the woods below his house, chopping firewood, and digging in the garden. He credits this recreation — he wouldn't ever call it "work" — for the fact that he has reduced from 215 to 175 pounds and is exceptionally fit for the arduous work ahead in this Congress.

The house itself was designed by Mrs. Dirksen except for one detail. The Senate's Republican maestro insisted on a fireplace in the living room big enough to burn five-foot logs — and he got it.

The stone and redwood house, a one-story ranch type with a long front entirely of glass overlooking the river, is the first home of their own that the 63-year-old Senator and Mrs. Dirksen ever have had. In Pekin, Ill., where both grew up, they make their

home with Mrs. Dirksen's 84-year-old mother. In Washington, the Dirksens had lived in a hotel or apartment house during most of his 25 years as a member of Congress.

"I had dreamed about this house ever since I was married in 1927," Mrs. Dirksen told a member of the National Association of Home Builders. "I had ideas about the kind of house I wanted for so long that when it came to drawing up the blueprint, it was a matter of piecing ideas together."

She paused, then said, "I wouldn't change a thing about it."

The kitchen and master bedroom, as well as the living room, have glass walls looking toward the river. The kitchen is done in fruitwood and bronze, a gas plate stove with a bronze front, a gas wall oven and under it, an electric oven.

She likes the four-door arrangement of refrigerator and freezer because "I can stock up on meats and am not always opening that part" of the deep freeze. The kitchen draperies are of flowered yellow.

The living room has a niche for the Senator's study, and a dining area opposite the grand piano. Draperies which can

close off the immense glass wall are of muted stripes of olive green, orange, beige and purple.

Mrs. Dirksen's favorite room is the master bedroom, in wedgwood blue and white. It has its own fireplace, easy chairs and a color TV set as well as a striking view of the river. She finds the room "more like another living room." There is also a guest bedroom with its own bath.

Apartment Also The Dirksens maintain an apartment in Washington which they use when the Senate runs into night sessions or they have late engagements. But if such activities break up fairly early, they drive to their new home. Even then the Senator often gets in a little outdoor activity, such as stacking firewood.

His current pride is a big bird house for martins—big enough, Mrs. Dirksen added wryly, "for 24 families of martins." It is four-foot square with a green gabled roof and porch. The Senator and a neighbor spent the greater part of a Sunday trying to get it installed properly but the apparatus on which it rests was so tricky they wound up having to get a contractor to do the job. Now the Senator is waiting to see if the swallow-like martins will use it.

## Incomparable Hildegard Hauls 27 Pieces Luggage

By DOROTHY FLANDERS United Press International St. Louis—The "incomparable Hildegard" hauls 27 pieces of luggage on trains and planes that take her to singing engagements across the country.

"I expect I've spent a half million dollars on clothes," said the star of supper clubs for more than 20 years. "They have become a trademark."

Hildegard has been called "America's most elegant chanteuse," a role she regards with pride.

"I have two personalities," she said in an interview while appearing recently in St. Louis. "My upstairs personality is the real me. The downstairs Hildegard shocks me sometimes."

At night she is a "Satin and brocade gal," she said, but she prefers wool suits and simple dresses for everyday wear.

Hildegard made her mark in the entertainment world in the 1930s when she startled audiences by accompanying herself at the piano while wearing long evening gowns. She became a singing star and, on the side, revived the dying evening glove industry.

She has three rules for the woman who, like herself, appears ageless. Her contemporaries will find the last two simple enough—providing they get past Rule No. 1.

"Start to reduce when your weight goes up just two or three pounds," she said. "I can gain five pounds in a day and a half. It takes two days of dieting to lose it."

Then, she said, choose simple lines in style and emphasize a fabric with interesting weave or design.

"I carefully choose a line and fabric to show off this figure I work so hard to control," she said.

For the interview, she wore a simple charcoal-grey wool dress, accented with beige satin collar and cuffs. A two-tone beige hat topped her blonde hair.

High style has become so much a part of Hildegard that she recently added a fashion coordinator to her traveling staff of six. Miss Helen Rich, former fashion editor of the Miami Daily News, now advises the singer.

Hildegard explained, "Sometimes I make terrible mistakes in style. And when I make a mistake I am out a thousand dollars."

She changes her gown twice nightly during appearances, choosing from 25 evening dresses. Each has its matching pair of shoes. There are six pairs of gloves for every gown.

"I get special requests for certain dresses just as I do for certain songs," she said.

Fans who remember her famed interpretation of "Lili Marlene" and "Darling Je Vous Aime Beaucoup" seem to like her white satin gown with the brilliant red duster. "The men," she added with a laugh, "always prefer one of two shades—black or white."

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