

# Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs District Board Meeting Held in Ashland

Plans for the various clubs in District 1 of Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs for the ensuing year, were made by the board members, at a meeting held in the Women's Civic Club House in Ashland, Thursday, August 20.

Mrs. Carl W. Peterson, district president, opened the morning session with the flag salute, and presided at both the morning and afternoon sessions. Mrs. Gertrude Bartlett led the group in prayer.

During the morning session, a discussion was held on obscene literature that is being circulated. Mrs. Peterson appointed a committee of Mrs. Roy F. Nye, Ashland; Mrs. Clay M. Lee, Medford; and Mrs. Jessie Cooley, Grants Pass, to make a resolution and present it at the afternoon session.

Resignations were accepted from Mrs. Willis T. Fasel, Medford, chairman for international affairs for the district; Mrs. Charles O. Long, Talent, district chairman for public affairs; and Mrs. Vera Backstrom, district chairman of art.

Mrs. Peterson appointed Mrs. Stephen Sabo, Ashland Civic club, chairman of international affairs; Mrs. Ralph O. Chapin, Rogue River Civic Improvement club, chairman of public affairs; and Mrs. Nye, Ashland Civic club, chairman of art.

**State President**

Mrs. Walter Brown, Klamath Falls, state president of

Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, spoke at both sessions, telling the highlights of the national convention in Los Angeles in June. Mrs. Brown reported that about 3,000 attended the convention; 160 went to Manila to the second international convention in the Philippines, and 70 went on the trip around the world. The 1960 convention will be held in Washington, D. C.

The executive board recommends that all clubs in the district hold offices for a two year period, coinciding with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Nye read the resolution made by the committee on obscene literature, which would have the district go on record as being in favor of more stringent legislation concerning the publishing and distribution of obscene literature.

The resolution asked that steps be taken to maintain a decent standard of dress in public places. The resolution was accepted by the board members and will be presented to the clubs.

Mrs. Peterson introduced Mrs. Lee, state chairman for trade and aid, and president of Travel Study club, who spoke.

**Letter Received**  
Mrs. Peterson introduced Mrs. Sabo, who read the re-

port for "Care" for the district and also a letter from Robert F. Linder, chief of mission, Heraklion, Athens, Greece, thanking the district for the money sent them. The letter stated that the contribution went toward self help kits given to the "Royal National Institute," a private foundation headed by the King, whose chief activity is in helping indigent children learn a trade and become self supporting. Twenty one technical trade schools and three rural home making schools are operated throughout Greece.

Mrs. Bartlett gave two poems, "Togetherness" and "In Adoration," which she had written.

A no-host luncheon was served the group, by Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Ralph A. Foster, Mrs. Mae Russell and Mrs. Nye.

**Decorations**  
The luncheon table was centered with a large bowl of golden glow and fire lilies. Places were marked with small tablets as place cards.

Those attending were: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Sabo, Mrs. Chapin, Mrs. Nye, Mrs. Bartlett, district chairman of poetry and state historian; Mrs. Lynabel Deck, president of Rogue River Civic Improvement club; Mrs. Cooley, secretary of Grants Pass Women's Federated Breakfast club; Mrs. H. J. Stephens, Rogue River Civic Improvement club, chairman of conservation and district second vice president; Mrs. Thomas M. Sott, president of Grants Pass Women's Federated Breakfast club; Mrs. E. B. Burkett, secretary of Rogue River Civic Improvement club; Mrs. J. C. Ottinger, Talent, district parliamentarian; Mrs. Ralph Foster, Ashland, district secretary; Mrs. Mae Russell, Ashland, district treasurer; Mrs. Widener Hendrixson, president of Ashland Civic club and district first vice president; and Mrs. Peterson.



Centralia—We've been spending a lot of time with older folk these last few days, particularly with those in the Sharon Home here, where mother has lived for the past two years or so.

Sharon Home is neat, orderly and well run, and in some ways is quite "homelike." Residents of Sharon Home may have their radios, their own chairs and lamps, and some keep plants and flowers in their rooms. Breakfast is eaten in the rooms, but for dinner and supper, residents who are able assemble at central tables and some one says Grace before the meal begins.

Visitors may come and go as they wish during the day, and relatives, such as Potpourri, are welcome to stay as long as they wish and may take their meals with the residents.

Most interesting of all is the spirit of comradeship and helpfulness which pervades the home. Since mother is in a wheel chair, and is comparatively helpless, one of her neighbors wheels her into the dining room and another adjusts the large apron which she finds useful since her aging hands have trouble with knife and fork. If the woman down the hall feels depressed, her neighbors make an effort to be extra cheerful. Treats of fruit and candy are shared, and family news is repeated from neighbor to neighbor.

This news hen was extremely surprised to find how many women 70 years old and older attended the National Federation of Press Women's convention in Portland last week. Some of the young women became a bit restive under the business of helping these members up and down stairs and in and out of buses, and at least one older woman was heard to declare that she hoped her daughters actively restrained her from attending conventions after she was that feeble.

But the woman chosen as NFPW's Woman of Achievement for 1959 is well into her 80's and is still active in the newspaper profession. A woman from Texas who readily admitted to advanced years—a former poet laureate of her state, said she spends a part of almost every day writing and continues to have her works published.

At least one older man Potpourri met had very decided ideas about the problems facing the older person who travels. Retired, but still active and alert, this man was on the last lap of a trip from Los Angeles around the U. S. and Canada and he was indignant about the treatment which the employees of transportation facilities accord the older person. He told how men and women in their 70's were forced to carry their own luggage, were hustled and hurried from place to place, ignored at times and even left behind when they happened to be only a trifle late. He told how reservations on trains, booked weeks in advance and for which he had paid an extra fee for "holding," were not available when he appeared at the depot. His remarks about his travels were made in a calm and thoughtful manner, and we feel his closing comment might well be heeded by those who run bus companies, airlines and trains.

"Since older people are becoming a larger and larger share of our population, and since more and more of these people have money to travel and are eager to travel after retirement, why don't the transportation lines take better care of them and court their business?" he wanted to know.

We finally found time to sort over the pile of convention material and favors and decided what to keep. It's amazing what one can collect at a national convention. Before leaving Portland we filled a couple of waste baskets at the hotel, and took with us an assortment of special newspapers, maps, recipes, souvenir programs, a score of folders and booklets, post cards and pencils.

The convention goers also received numerous favors such as perfume, address books, packages of filberts, of grass seed and of cereal. During the Idaho breakfast the delegation from that state gave away shiny silver dollars, paper weights, cards with tiny garnets attached and other favors. The U-Haul brunch tables were loaded with toy trucks and large envelopes filled with facts about that firm, and interesting little Japanese Kokishi dolls which were gifts of the Northwest Orient Airlines.

During every meal many articles were given away on a number basis. These included such gifts as cashmere sweaters, alligator purses, and slide viewers. Southern Oregon was represented in this gift-giving, too. Potpourri went armed with several boxes of Pearfection contributed by Severson's and place mats provided by Altrusa club; Faith McCullough of the Ashland Tidings gave away, among other things, copies of books by Ashland authors and decorated the tables for one luncheon with souvenir paper dolls advertising the Oregon Shakespearean festival.

At a luncheon given by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, each woman received a long-stemmed red rose.

This remark is making the rounds among Centralia men: "Well, I wear the trousers in my family, but you have to look under my apron to find them." O. S.

## Group Discusses Workshop Plans

Phoenix—Plans for a Presbyterian workshop were discussed Thursday afternoon at a meeting of the Women's association of Phoenix First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Enid Caster was appointed chairman of the luncheon committee for the workshop which will be held October 7 at the church. Members also discussed the annual December bazaar.

Mrs. C. A. Stothers, president, was in charge of the meeting. Dessert luncheon was served by Mrs. Caster and Mrs. W. M. Caldwell. Deborah circle had already started work for the bazaar. The circle will not meet during September but will resume meetings in October. The last meeting of the circle was a no hostess event and was held at Jackson Hot Springs with families of the members as guests. A picnic luncheon was served at noon.

## Granddaughter Honored at Party

Gold Hill—Debbie Abbott, Chula Vista, Calif. was honored at a party given on the lawn at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gogswell, Gold Hill, August 12, to celebrate her sixth birthday.

The afternoon was spent playing games. Ice cream and a merry-go-round cake were served by Mrs. Gogswell to the guests. Mrs. Richard Straus and four children, Jackie, Janice, Kimbra and Dickie, Mrs. Roy Centers, Chipper Payne, Mrs. Leroy Sutton and children, Shirley and Bobby, Mrs. Stanley Newnam and daughters, Cindy and Dianne, Becky and Ricky Addington, Cheryl Governor, Susie Steivler all of Gold Hill, the honoree and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Abbott, Chula Vista, and Julie and Dickie Abbott attended.

Debbie has been a guest at the home of her grandparents the past two months.

# CALENDAR..

**Today:**  
2-4 p.m.—Bethel 14, International Order of Job's Daughters, Medford Masonic temple.  
2 p.m.—Rogue Valley Herb society, Plaza cafe, Ashland.  
**Monday:**  
6:30 p.m.—Knights of Pythias and Sisters, Pythian hall.  
7:30 p.m.—Medford Civil Air Patrol, CAP building, Medford airport.  
**Tuesday:**  
10:30 a.m.—Woman's Society of Christian Service, at church.  
12 noon—Elta Deuel Hubbs

tent, courthouse auditorium.  
2-5 p.m.—Women's association tea, First Presbyterian church, at John Winton home, Agate rd.  
**Wednesday:**  
10 a.m.—Blue Star Mothers of Oregon, Department of Oregon picnic, Masonic hall in Riddle.  
10 a.m.—Kiwanian Dames coffee hour, home of Mrs. Ray Baker, Table Rock Vista ranch, route 2, box 273, Central Point.  
11 a.m.—Medford Townsend club, Carpenters hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.

7:30 p.m.—Gamma Phi Beta sorority, home of Mrs. Jack Crawford, 1503 East Main st.  
7:30 p.m.—Southern Oregon Society of Artists, Girls Community club.  
**Thursday:**  
12:30 p.m.—Sojourner's club, Girls Community club.  
**Saturday:**  
9 p.m.—Moose lodge dance, Moose lodge.



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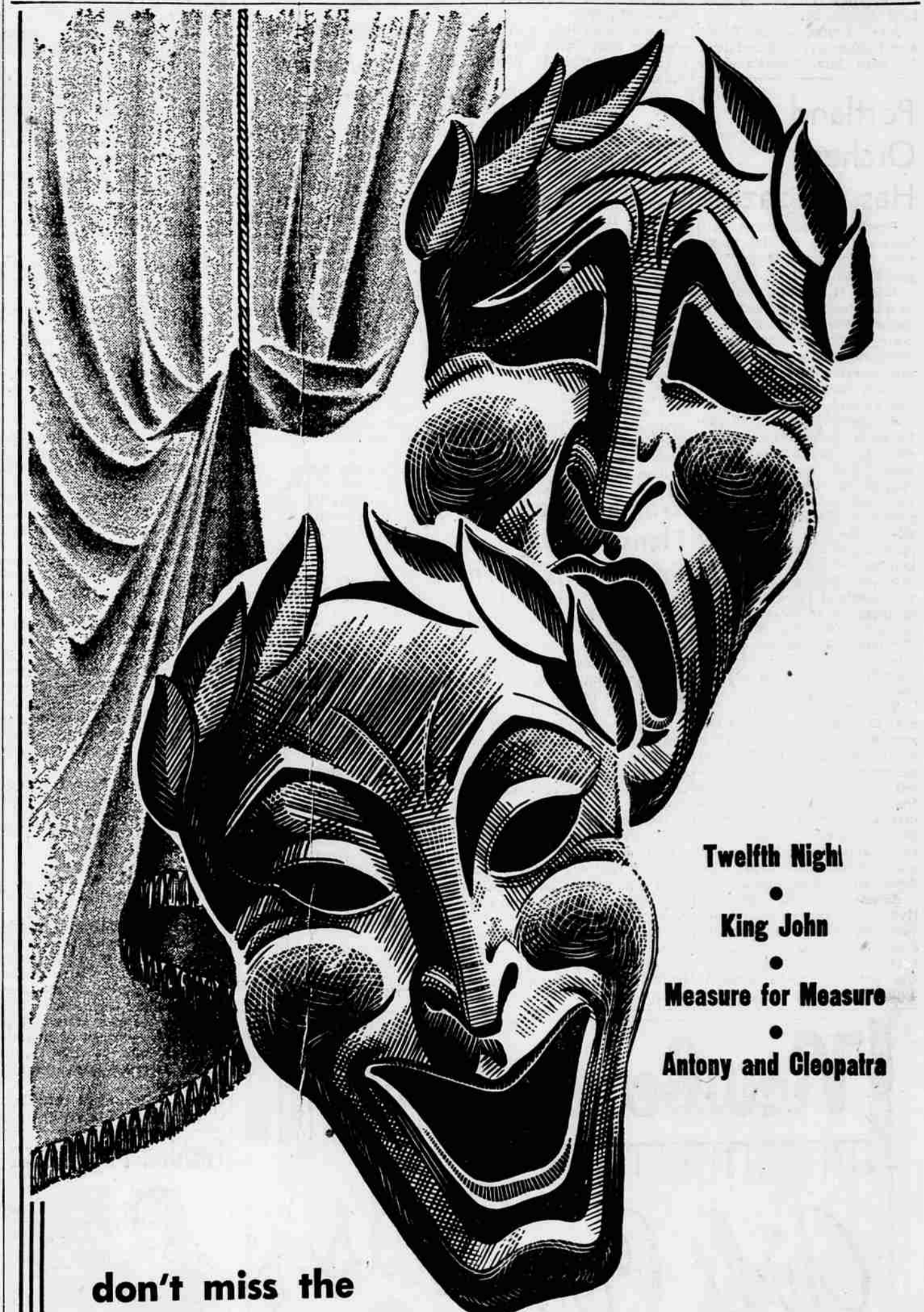
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