

Open House Set Thursday For League Kindergarten

To acquaint residents of the area with the work of the kindergarten operated by Medford Junior Service league, open house will be held at the school Thursday, October 29. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; the school is located at Priddy and McAndrews road.

It is hoped that the open house will focus attention on the League Folies, set for November 4-5 at the Craterian theater to raise funds for the kindergarten.

Explaining the kindergarten, and its place in Oregon's educational system, Mrs. Ray L. Casterline, league member, wrote:

Little children, at work or play, can be in kindergartens in every town and city. In Medford, however, we have a kindergarten that is specialized, the Junior Service league kindergarten for children with hearing or speech problems. There are only three other such schools in Oregon—one in Salem, and two in Portland. San Francisco has only one comparable school, and there are none between Medford and San Francisco.

The Junior Service league founded its kindergarten in 1953, and has since maintained it with the support of the people of Jackson county. League members believe that the teaching work of the kindergarten should be understood by everyone who has purchased a ticket to a Folies production, a fashion show, or a house tour, since the proceeds from these enterprises, and from every League project, make possible the training of the little children who attend the kindergarten.

Open House
Thursday, October 29, open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 at the Red kindergarten building at Priddy and McAndrews road. The children will not alter their usual routine, and those who visit will see how they learn from play situations, with other children and with their teachers.

Social contacts with others are essential to a child who is learning to speak and to read lips. The purpose of this kindergarten is to help the children to take their places in a hearing world. A child who cannot hear does not learn to imitate speech without special training. If he does not learn to read lips and to talk, he must learn to communicate with sign language. It is far easier for a child to learn to sign than to learn to speak and read lips, but a child who signs only is severely handicapped in his future life, for he can associate only with those who also understand the sign language.

The three schools in Oregon that educate hard-of-hearing children beyond the kindergarten level are the state school at Salem, Hos-

ford, and Tucker Maxon, both in Portland. Tucker Maxon is a private school, but Hosford is a public school which has a separate unit for deaf children. As these children develop skill in speech at Hosford, they are gradually integrated into classes with hearing children. Children who have been trained in the Junior Service league kindergarten for several years have a good background in speech. Several have been accepted by these schools, which must be selective, since they can train only a limited number of children at one time.

Mrs. B. Brandt Bartels, director of the League kindergarten, recommends that a child with a hearing or speech problem be sent to the kindergarten soon after he is 18 months old. Otherwise, he

will fall far behind hearing children with his speech.

Special training is required to be a teacher of the deaf. Mrs. Norman E. Jahn, who has taught in the League kindergarten during the past three years, trained at the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich., and then taught in that city until she moved to Medford with her husband, Mrs. Bartels trained and taught at Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, Mo. Very little special equipment is needed, however. A group hearing aid is necessary to help train the residual hearing of each child by the auditory method.

Since 1953, several families have moved to Medford from Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, and northern California to make it possible for their children to attend the kindergarten regularly. This summer, a young couple moved here from Great Falls, Mont., to enroll their two-and-a-half year old daughter. The little girl's grandparents, who live in Klamath Falls, saw a television program on the Medford channel which told of the kindergarten and introduced the children who were students last year. A letter of inquiry led to the move last summer.

Last year, three children came from Ashland and two from Grants Pass to attend the kindergarten. One little girl from Bandon lived with her aunt periodically, so that she might receive some training. Children from other communities in the county have been students in other years.

Members of the Junior Service league are happy that so many children can be helped through their efforts, and each member helps Mrs. Jahn in the schoolroom during the year. They are grateful for community support, and want everyone interested to attend the open house next Thursday.

Daughters to Hold Meeting Tuesday
Elta Deuel Hubbs tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 27, in the courthouse auditorium.

Members will continue their sewing for the Camp White domiciliary.

Travelers To Speak

Women and children of South America will be the theme of pictures and talks by Mrs. D. Kirkland West and Mrs. George Flanagan at the October meeting of the Women's Association of First Presbyterian church.

Mercy circle is in charge of the luncheon, which will be served at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday, October 27, in Fellowship hall at the church.

Mrs. West and Mrs. Flanagan toured Brazil and other South American countries last summer when they and their husbands attended a World Presbyterian Alliance meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The travelers visited mission stations of the Presbyterian church, as well as out-of-the-way places where they talked with the people and took pictures.

Mrs. Charles Champlin and Mrs. Melvin Hoover will present two vocal duets. Officers will be elected following a report of the nominating committee.

Members are to bring their annual "offering of the least coin" which will be dedicated.

Medford Woman Leaves for East

Mrs. Marrs Gibbons, Old Military road, left yesterday for Washington, D. C., to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Capt. and Mrs. James Muncie. The couple recently returned to this country after an assignment in Africa.

Later Mrs. Gibbons will visit her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Hadley in Hartford, Conn., will spend some time in Boston and will then go to Cleveland, Ohio, to spend the holidays with relatives. She will be joined by Mr. Gibbons at that time.

Following the holidays, the Gibbons plan to spend a month in Phoenix, Ariz.

Finger-Press for Drip-Dry
New York—A good trick with most drip-dry garments is to "finger-press" them occasionally as they dry. Smooth out seams and plaques, collars, cuffs, ruffles and sashes for best results, suggests the Cleanliness Bureau.

Party Announced By Welcome Club

A "hard times" Halloween party will be held Saturday, October 31 at 8 p.m. at the Girls' Community club for members of Welcome Wagon club, their husbands and guests. Games and dancing will comprise the evening's entertainment; costume dress is optional.

Guests attending the two previous meetings of the club have been Mrs. Francis Latham, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. Harry Adams, Mrs. Henry Miller, Mrs. Fred C. Moore, Mrs. Robert T. Bridge and Mrs. John John Luke.

Alfred Navarrete will be guest speaker at the next meeting of Welcome Wagon club to be held Thursday, November 5 at 8 p.m. at the Girls' Community club. Mr. Navarrete will speak on "The

Halloween Party Planned by Lodge

The Degree of Honor lodge will hold a Halloween party Monday, October 26, at 8 p.m. at the Girls' Community club. Mrs. Katherine Pitts will be program chairman. The committee said for members to "come dressed as you are" and take a sack lunch.

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Plan Dinner Meeting
Medford Neighbors of Woodcraft will meet Monday, October 26, at the Eagles hall at 6:30 p.m. for dinner. Games and cards will be held after a business session. Members planning to attend are to take a covered dish.

Junior Hospital Auxiliary Aids Patients and Staff

A total of 514 hours of volunteer service have been given to patients and visitors at Rogue Valley Memorial hospital through the junior auxiliary program since June, according to Mrs. Glen O. Bessonet, president of the auxiliary. This includes approximately 80 hours of adult guidance to the teen-age members, and 434 hours of individual service given by the girls under supervision.

Twenty-two girls were enrolled in the group when it was organized in June under the direction of Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer and Mrs. Robert Morris, Rogue Valley Memorial hospital auxiliary members. All were at least 16 years of age, in the junior or senior class at Medford high school, and had completed the home nursing course given by the school nurse, Mrs. Clark Anderson.

Taking the name of "Candy Strippers," the girls adopted a uniform of pink and white striped jumper, and white blouse, worn with the American Hospital Association emblem. After completing the required orientation course, the girls have been trained to perform a variety of tasks in the hospital, such as operating

the elevators during visiting hours, delivering messages throughout the building, assisting in clerical work in the admitting office, and helping entertain young patients in the pediatric unit.

Girls in the junior auxiliary sign up for regular two-hour duty periods each week, and any girls wishing to work additional hours are assigned extra duties by Mrs. Mary A. Vanderlin, director of nurses. Before working in the hospital, each girl must have a negative tuberculin test and a chest x-ray, as required of all hospital personnel, it was pointed out.

Mrs. Frohnmayer states that an additional five seniors and 22 juniors at the high school are planning to begin service with the Candy Strippers soon. Approximately half of the original group have now gone away to college, or are unable to continue working at present.

Membership in the junior auxiliary was originally restricted to allow intensive training, but the adult supervisors now feel that the girls have proved of sufficient aid to justify recruiting replacements and expanding the services further.

Among the girls who have been most active in the program, the Misses Susan Fontaine and Jan Everham have each given 60 hours or more; Misses Donna Dell and Mickey Darras have served 54 hours apiece; and the Misses Anne Matthews and Ruth Coovert more than 40 hours. Miss Coovert is president of the group.

Purpose of the organization, as stated in the by-laws, is to provide the "plus services" of kindness and courtesy to patients, their families, and hospital personnel; to be of service to the community by furthering the public relations of the hospital; and to encourage and train for future professional hospital personnel.

Dinner Planned In Rogue River

Rogue River—Members of Rogue River Garden club and their families will hold a Halloween dinner at the Grange hall Saturday, October 31, at 6:30 p.m.

The club plans an all-day workshop at the Grange hall November 17 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Women attending are to bring table service for the potluck luncheon. Members of other clubs have been invited.

Mrs. A. C. Lewis, Phoenix, will conduct the morning class on dry arrangements and Mrs. R. T. Nichol will conduct the afternoon session on Christmas decorations.

Plans for the coming events were made at a recent meeting of the club at the home of Mrs. Robert Rowilson, East Evans Creek road. Mrs. Roy Larson, president, was in charge. Members brought flowers arrangements and had a bulb exchange.

Mrs. Esther Shock led a discussion on fall and spring bulbs.

Wives of Masons Announce Dinner

All Scottish Rite Masons and their wives are invited to a covered dish dinner at the Masonic temple Monday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Those attending are to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert.

Committee members in charge are Mrs. H. C. Goldsmith, Mrs. Orville Hamilton, Mrs. W. H. Holt, Mrs. Cole Holmes and Mrs. J. B. Lynch.

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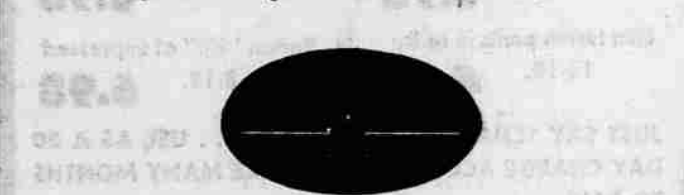
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