

### Women's Role Important In Russia, Speaker Says

The role of women in the USSR is an important one according to Dr. Leonard Mayfield who spoke for the January meeting of the Jackson County unit, Oregon Federation of Women's Republican clubs held yesterday noon at the Red Cross building. Dr. Mayfield, superintendent of public schools in Medford, was one of a group of educators who spent the month of October touring Russia.

Russian women are accepted in most of the professions on the same level as men, Dr. Mayfield said. They are trained as physicians, teachers, dentists and scientists and make up about 25 percent of the political leadership. However, Dr. Mayfield said he saw no women police officers, and was told that there are none in the military field, although they do office work in these branches of service. They do not drive taxis, but run street cars and buses, the speaker said. Dr. Mayfield said he saw no women managers of factories, but many are in major subordinate positions.

Russian women are used as construction workers for roads and buildings, Dr. Mayfield said, and also work as guards, as interpreters and as secretaries. They are excused from work for 120 days, with full pay, for maternal reasons.

The USSR celebrates a Woman's day, this being the only major nation to do so, the speaker said. It is set each spring, and industry is encouraged to give all women employees a part if not a whole day off from work. The role of women is "played up" he said, with medals, awards and extra compensation for women. Motherhood is extolled, and families with more than five children are given extra funds.

On the other hand, family life is not on the same basis as in the United States and other countries, Dr. Mayfield declared. At the age of three, children are put into nurseries, later they attend kindergartens and then public school. If the schools are remote from the parents' home, the children are boarded at the schools and see their parents only on week ends, he said. In the summer time, all children three years and older are sent to camps.

All schools of any size have a staff of doctors, dentists and nurses on hand to care for the health and physical needs of the children, the speaker said. Children are required to visit a doctor once each month. The educators on the tour noted, however, that the equipment in schools and in the offices of doctors and dentists seemed obsolete by U.S. standards.

"In Russia parents bear children but the state raises and educates them," Dr. Mayfield observed.

**Being Westernized**  
Dr. Mayfield and his group noted that Russian women workers did not wear slacks, popular garment in this country, but a form of overall. One of the recent changes in the Soviet union is that the Russian men are beginning to say that women should be taken out of heavy construction and industrial work, and should try to be more feminine, Dr. Mayfield noted.

Western type clothing is becoming popular, perfume is now on sale, the travelers noted two beauty parlors in operation, and style shows are held.

The moral code in Russia is very high, Dr. Mayfield declared and added "it may be higher than ours." He said that divorcees are extremely difficult to obtain, that the public behaviour of both

young people and adults is restrained and that there is no display of sex in any manner whatsoever. The increased importance of women may have been somewhat responsible for this strictness, the speaker noted, pointing out that in the first years following the revolution and the rise of Communism, the people of that country became known for their looseness of morals, Lack Clubs

Endeavoring to compare the social and recreational life of women in the USSR with that of women in this nation, Dr. Mayfield said that as far as he could determine, there are no clubs, service groups or fraternal organizations such as prevail in the United States. Talking to college students about their mothers, Dr. Mayfield was told that the parents attend political meetings if they are Communist workers, attend the opera, theater, ballet or athletic programs, or possibly gather with neighbors to play chess or listen to music.

An extensive program of extra-curricular activities is carried on for the youth, Dr. Mayfield said he was told that more than 500 different activities and recreation programs are available to young people, all arranged by the government.

The speaker said that evidences of the "police state" still linger. Every citizen has a "card" which he must use to obtain food, travel, hold a job or visit a neighbor. This card may be taken from him for a number of reasons: this control must necessarily exercise a restraining influence on the conduct of everyone, Dr. Mayfield concluded.

The speaker said everyone in his party was treated with extreme courtesy and that members of his party went everywhere they chose except that they were not taken into Russian homes.

"Everyone over 16 years of age and physically able in Russia works," said Dr. Mayfield. "Not to work is considered unpatriotic." Delegations of citizens call upon anyone not working to determine the reason.

Citizens work not for their own welfare, or that of their families, but for the welfare of the state, he said. Dr. Mayfield said that the Russians with whom he came in contact who were in positions of leadership all seemed extremely capable. Because there are no classes or courses in administration and leadership, Russian leaders "emerge" because of their inherent ability. After this emergence is noted, then the Communist party encourages and trains the individual, Dr. Mayfield declared.

Dr. Mayfield explained something of how political offices are sought and held in Russia, noted that there is never any choice of candidates, and said choice seems to confuse the people. Russians seem to be a happy people, he said, and added that by past standards "they never had it so good." Because of this, changes in the political system in Russia will not come from the people, he believes, but only through the Communist party itself.

"I liked the Russian people, but I distrust their leaders," Dr. Mayfield concluded. "Because their leaders will do anything to advance Communism, I believe 'we better keep our powder dry.'"

Dr. Mayfield was introduced by Mrs. Stephen G. Nye, Republican representative from this district and a former member of the Medford schools board. Mrs. Frank C. Bash, new president of the group, presided.

Honored during the meeting were two new citizens, Miss Eleonora Ozasek, native of Austria, and Mrs. G. H. Bertram, Germany.

**Former WAVE To Be Speaker**  
Mrs. James Asher will speak for a meeting of Medford Jaycettes to be held at the home of Mrs. Leland Carpenter, 2741 Ruth drive, Wednesday, January 20, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Asher will tell of her experiences while serving in the WAVES.

Mrs. Charles Jones will serve refreshments.

**Rogue Elk Unit To Study Salads**  
Central Point - Mrs. Kenneth Lacy, 533 Cherry street, will be hostess for a meeting of Rogue Elk Home Extension unit to be held Wednesday, January 20. It is set for 10:30 a.m. and a demonstration on salad making will be given by Mrs. Lacy and Mrs. Harold Corliss.



Rome—Rapuano, first of the Italian designers to release pictures of his spring collection, introduces the "Vampire" silhouette as Rome's fashion showings opened Wednesday. The eccentric cape, done in blue silk and wool, falls dramatically in pleats from shoulder to hem. Rapuano's collection was shown Friday. —(UPI Telephoto)

### Travels of Student Reported

Gold Hill - Africa was the theme for the January program presented at the last meeting of the Woman's Society of the Gold Hill Community Methodist church held at the home of Mrs. Wilmer Bailey.

"The Golden Cord of Service" was the subject for the afternoon's lesson given in conjunction with a church-wide study of Africa this month. Mrs. Roy Eskew was in charge assisted by Mrs. E. C. Hoffman, president of the society. Mrs. Dollie Arnold led the devotions.

Co-hostesses were Mrs. Nina Dusenberry and Mrs. Dale Smith. Mrs. C. Norman Gail was asked by Mrs. Lawrence Smith, vice president and program chairman, to speak of her daughter, Miss Mildred Gail, a Rotary fellow who is studying at the National School of Living Oriental Language in Paris. Miss Gail wrote her parents of her Christmas vacation spent in London with other students.

Mrs. Gail said that her daughter's impression of London was that it is huge, efficient, and sturdier than Paris. Londoners seem happier and are friendlier than Parisians, but Paris is more beautiful, Miss Gail wrote.

**Sees Abbey**  
Miss Gail spent a part of Christmas eve with hundreds of other people gathered around a large lighted tree that centered Trafalgar Square in London, where the crowd sang traditional carols led by a choir of men and boys. Miss Gail attended Christmas worship services at Westminster Abbey, the famous old cathedral where England's royalty is crowned. As a guest at the home of a fellow student in Wimbledon, a suburb of London, on Christmas day, Miss Gail wrote that she enjoyed a dinner of turkey and English plum pudding.

### Entry Blanks Available For Annual Art Exhibit

Entry blanks for the annual art show being arranged by Medford branch, American Association of University Women, may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Fred E. Rankin, SPing 2-8448, on weekdays, or Miss Catherine Fonken, SPing 2-5627, evenings and weekends. Completed entry blanks and pictures must reach the committee by 1 p.m. Friday, January 29, according to Miss Fonken, art chairman. They are to be taken to the Crater room of the Medford hotel.

Work in several media will be accepted, including oils, water colors, pastels, drawings, lithographs, etchings, serigraphs, block print, and pen and ink work. Various sculpture media, such as wood, metal, clay, plaster, plastic, and wire, will also be accepted.

Oil paintings should be framed. Drawings, water colors, and prints should be matted. All artists of southern Oregon are encouraged to participate in order that the show may be as representative as possible. There will be a separate division for high school art. All junior and senior high school students are encouraged to enter work.

The public is cordially invited to see the show. Hours are 7:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, January 29; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, January 30; and 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, January 31. There will be a reception honoring the participating artists on opening night, Friday, January 29, starting at 8:00 p.m.

**Phoenix Group To Meet Friday**  
Phoenix - Phoenix Home Extension unit members will study salad making at a meeting set for Friday, January 22, at the home of Mrs. Evan Rasmussen, Fern Valley road. The meeting was originally set for last week. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and Mrs. Rasmussen and Mrs. Ray Hendrickson will be leaders. A planned luncheon will be served at noon, with salads made during the morning demonstration to be served. Any interested woman wishing to attend may call Mrs. J. O. N. Poling, SPing 2-1235, regarding menu contributions. Table service will be required.

### Italian Fashion Designers Not Dictatorial for Spring

By SHEILA WALSH  
United Press International  
Rome—(UPI)—Italian high fashion designers are far from dictatorial in their style decrees. Rome gives a woman a chance to make a choice. She can go romantic for spring with floral prints, gossamer fabrics and Scarlett O'Hara waists. For the woman who likes her clothes sophisticated, there are sleek, linear sheaths, tubes and triangles.

De Luca drew the curtain on the Roman half of the Italian fashion shows with a collection that emphasized line and color. He gave his collection no name. Instead, he quoted Gertrude Stein's "A rose is a rose is a rose."

De Luca could have switched it around to "a rose is a skirt is a skirt." His after dark dresses blossom into rose shapes and petal motifs. Jackets are long enough to be three-quarter coats in the De Luca collection. He has one two-tone ensemble typical of the collection in pink and chestnut brown. The pink shantung jacket, curved inward at the waist, falls to thigh level. The long-torso brown dress is gently fitted and bursts into pleats where the jacket ended.

Hemlines do not quite cover the knees. Draperies and gathers are pulled toward the back of the skirt for afternoon and cocktail dresses. Strawberry pink, bottle green, periwinkle blue and warm shades of brown and beige are the striking colors of the De Luca collection.

Patrick De Barentzen presented a collection for the woman who likes "striking ideas." The look is leggy. Skirts are short, hitting the middle of the knee. Sculptured coat dresses that barely indicate the existence of the waist alternate with dramatically vertical tube sheaths.

He also showed a double-breasted raw silk coat dress in lime green that flares slightly towards the hemline. A flame red taffeta cocktail dress with three quarter sleeves looks suspiciously like a sack. A microscopic inward curve of the seam in the neighborhood of the waist is the only indication that the sack is dead.

De Barentzen tops his straight and narrow dresses with bright silk hats by Giles. They are shaped like tall chefs' hats. He presented a shocking pink hat with a black fleecy wool cape. The slender cape that enveloped the figure from shoulder to knee is buttoned down the front with a double row of shocking pink buttons.

The Balestra and Garnett collections feature flowery prints, springtime pastels and soft silhouettes.

**Returns**  
Mrs. Fred Fick has returned to her home at 502 North Holly street after spending the past several weeks with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miazzi and son, Michael, Pasco, Wash. Mr. Miazza is an attorney with the Atomic Energy commission.

En route home Mrs. Fick made stops in Portland and Salem.

**Osteopathic Group To Aid Hospital**  
Several projects were planned by the auxiliary to Southern Oregon Osteopathic association at a meeting held recently at Tally-Ho dining room.

One will provide blankets for the nursery of the new Crater Osteopathic hospital. Reports were made on the sale of national Osteopathic Christmas seals in this area. Funds from the sale provide research and student loans.

## Women's News Social Events

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

**Tuesday:**  
7 p.m.—Pythian Sisters, Pythian building.  
7:30 p.m.—Chapter BE of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. W. E. Hercher, 1608 Stratford ave.

7:30 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian church Women's Association circle, with Mrs. Clyde Webb, 915 Reddy ave.

8 p.m.—Rogue Valley Handweavers' Guild, home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Loros, 1862 Wednesday.

9:30 a.m.—Woman's Society of Christian Service circle 2, with Mrs. Milton Snow, 1208 Leland ave.

9:45 a.m.—League of Women Voters, with Mrs. David Boals, 34 Glen Oak court.

10:30 a.m.—Central Point Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Leo Ghelardi, Old Stage rd., Central Point.

10:30 a.m.—Rogue Elk Home Extension unit, Lacy home, 533 Cherry st., Central Point.

11 a.m.—Townsend Harmony auxiliary club, Carpenters hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.

12 noon—Reames Social club, Medford Masonic hall.

12 noon—Phoenix Grange HEC, home of Mrs. Willis House, Fern Valley road.

12:30 p.m.—Chapter CP of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. S. V. McQueen, 2136 Hillcrest dr.

1 p.m.—Chapter CG of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. R. C. Beatty, 1798 Myers lane.

1 p.m.—Nevita Past Matrons, North's Chuck wagon.

1:30 p.m.—Contemporary Book club, home of Mrs. Glen Jackson.

2 p.m.—Wednesday Study club, Girls Community club.

**PTA Announces Buzz Program**  
Central Point-Group "buzz sessions" will be featured at the Central Point Parent-Teacher association meeting to be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, January 21 in the Junior High school library.

Parents of the students from Jewett Elementary school, Central Point Elementary and Junior High school will gather to hear, and if they wish, take part in group discussions on questions concerning problems or proposed improvements of the school.

This program, which has in the past proved to be a favorite of the parents, gives them an opportunity to hear open discussion on questions which they have presented in writing. Parents of seventh and eighth grade pupils will be hosts. All interested persons are invited by the PTA to attend this meeting.

#### PTA Council Meeting Announced

A program emphasizing the national theme, "Strengthening the home, source of our nation's greatness," will be given at a meeting of the Jackson County Council of Parent-Teacher association Wednesday, January 20. It will be held in Phoenix Presbyterian church beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a coffee hour.

Election of a nominating committee and approval of by-laws are on the agenda.

During the morning program Mrs. Tom Ness, Medford, council legislative chairman, will give a report and Mrs. Leo Hoag, Prospect, will speak of the coming Great Decisions program. Mrs. Marcus Woods will speak on tuition scholarships and Mrs. Leigh Gustison, Medford, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, will talk on Founders' day.

Mrs. William Towne, Medford, will report on PTA's effort to control pornographic materials sent through the mails.

The afternoon program will open with Mrs. L. P. Crocker, Medford, speaking on the matter of a teacher for the juvenile detention home. "Why Families Break Up" is the title of a skit to be narrated and discussed by James Pullman, supervisor of the Jackson County Welfare department.

Members of the Phoenix school faculty will be on the program at noon and luncheon will be served by the Phoenix PTA unit.

Child care will be available for a charge; lunch will not be provided.

**Masonic Night To Be Observed**  
Jacksonville - Adarel chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold Masonic night at a stated meeting Thursday, January 21, at the Masonic temple, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Furman Everham, worthy matron, and Don Shores, patron, will preside.

**Card Party Planned For Wenonah Club**  
Wenonah club of Wenonah council, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet Thursday, January 21, at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Audley White, 523 North Riverside avenue. Cards will follow dessert.

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