

### Former Teacher To Be Speaker

Mrs. Gertrude Parker Holmes, who for many years taught history in McLoughlin Junior High school, will speak of her teaching days and will conduct a history game at a meeting of Jackson County Retired Teachers association, Monday, February 8, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Girls Community club, Medford. Music planned by Mrs. Ruth Bolton will be announced.

The president, Mrs. Bernice Kunzman, asks that each member of the organization bring to the meeting a full report on his or her activities since retiring. Hobbies and other "time fillers" should be noted.

Miss Elizabeth Burr is chairman of the hostess committee for the day.

### PTA Playlet Planned in Butte Falls

Butte Falls-Butte Falls Parent-Teacher association will observe Founders day Monday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. with a playlet, "Speaking of Children," written by Bonaro Overstreet.

The local group has adapted the material for Monday's presentation. Taking part in the performance will be Mrs. Keith Scott, Mrs. Oliver Boyd, Mrs. Tom Stanton, Douglas Finch, Howard Simmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hamstra, Mrs. Donald Jolliffe and Mrs. Hunter. Mrs. Ted Fredenburg is director.

Plans are progressing on musical selections by the Mothersingers, a group of women who like to sing for the entire community, and who will sing Monday night.

A nominating committee will be elected to prepare a slate of officer candidates for the coming year.

March 11 has been set as the date of the auction and spaghetti dinner. A professional auctioneer will conduct the sale and miscellaneous items are being requested for the event.

A "slave" auction also will be held and anyone wishing to donate services is asked to notify either Mrs. Henry Tygart or Mrs. Virgil Conley. The auction and dinner is the only PTA fund-raising event planned this year.

#### Chapter AA

Chapter AA of PEO Sisterhood will meet Wednesday, February 10, at the home of Mrs. Gordon Hudson, 349 Windsor avenue, at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. R. W. Sleetor and Mrs. O. J. Frohnmayer will assist the hostess.

#### Card Party Held

By Rebekah Lodge Gold Hill - Mrs. Clarence Parsley, ways and means chairman of Amethyst Rebekah lodge, reports that 26 people attended the last luncheon and card party given at the hall. Proceeds will benefit the lodge, she said. Mrs. Wilmer Bailey, Mrs. Delos Walker and Mrs. Daniel Stewart, noble grand assisted Mrs. Parsley with the affair.



Magical effects, special lighting and colorful costumes are all to be found in the children's play, "The Sleeping Beauty," which will be produced in Medford Tuesday, February 9, by the SOC Players in cooperation with Medford branch, American Association of University Women. Tickets for the play, to be produced at 2:30 p.m. and again at 4:15 p.m., will be on sale at several valley schools tomorrow. Pictured here during the "hexing" scene of the play are (left to right) Mary Ewins, Klamath Falls; Jo Creel, Medford; Myrtle Converse, Ashland; Sabra Urath, Roseburg and Marjorie Jones, Medford. Dr. Dorothy Stolp directs the play and William Oyer, well-known Oregon Shakespearean festival actor, is technical director. Proceeds from the play will be used by the AAUW branch here for the fellowship fund under which both U.S. and foreign students are aided for advance study.

### Traffic Safety Topic for Group

"Traffic Safety" was the topic for a luncheon meeting of Insurance Women of Jackson County held Tuesday, February 2, at the Jackson hotel.

A brief business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Lois Stephen. Lt. Jack McMillan of the Medford Police department spoke. Lt. McMillan emphasized that traffic safety was the responsibility of every citizen and with the rising accident and death rate in the nation, education of the public and enforcement of the laws were of prime importance.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16 at 8 p.m. at the H. O. Martin agency, 413 North Central avenue, Medford.

### Synthetics To Be Topic

"Synthetic Fabrics and Fibers" will be the lesson topic for five Home Extension units which meet this week. Howard

Members of Howard unit will meet Thursday, February 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. N. F. Gier, 2902 North Pacific highway Mrs. J. S. Lydiard and Mrs. D. H. Steinmetz will be leaders.

Mrs. H. W. Morrow and Mrs. E. H. Trefren will be leaders for the Medford unit at a meeting Wednesday, February 10, at 10:30 a.m. at the county court house.

Luncheon committee members are Mrs. Mary Payton, Mrs. Reimer Petersen, Mrs. Robert Petersen, Mrs. Harry Buckmaster and Mrs. Jessie Walters. Oak Grove

Oak Grove Unit will meet Tuesday, February 9, at the home of Mrs. Robert Castle, 337b Jacksonville highway. Mrs. Eugene Cosette will be co-hostess. Mrs. Gilbert Munden and Mrs. D. L. Russell will be leaders.

On the luncheon committee are Mrs. Roy Hoover, Mrs. Robert Wobbe and Mrs. S. D. Sandburg.

Valley View school, Ashland, will be the meeting place for Valley View unit at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 12. Mrs. Charlotte Wood and Mrs. Stella Barrett will give the demonstration.

All women interested will be welcome, those in charge state.

Willamette

Willamette unit will meet Tuesday, February 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. George C. Barnum, 1884 Spring street. Those attending are to take sack lunches. Child care will be available.

### Plans Made For Marking Prayer Day

Medford Council of United Church Women will observe the World Day of Prayer Friday, March 4, with events in Zion Lutheran church.

A meditation luncheon will open the day's activities with those attending taking their own sandwich. The formal program will be held in the church sanctuary with Mrs. William Ricken, chairman, as leader. A nursery will be available for small children.

The Phoenix First Presbyterian church was host to a recent meeting of the board members of the council. Following a social hour and refreshments Mrs. Everett Faber, president, presided at the business session.

It was announced that a film strip "Face the Future," which shows conditions in Africa, is available for a nominal fee to groups wishing to use it in study groups or other church work. It may be obtained through the council officers.

Among the committee reports was one on migrant workers. It was stated that workers who come to the valley early find no housing facilities available as employers do not assume this responsibility prior to time work begins in orchards and on farms.

#### Kiwanis Party

Wives of Kiwanis club members will be guests of their husbands at a valentine luncheon to be given Wednesday, February 10, at 12 o'clock at Rogue Valley Country club.

Avoid pressing stained areas in clothing between washings or dry cleanings. Pressing can set stains permanently and accelerate fabric damage.

## Career Clinic Helps Older Women

By CLAIRE COX  
United Press International  
New York - (UPI) - Sociologists are looking to a group of midwesterners for a possible answer to a worrisome problem - what becomes of mother after the children grow up.

Science has been patting itself on the back for helping women turn middle-aged without feeling older. Now it is taking all the efforts sociologists can muster to make women like what is happening to them.

The problem is this: What can a woman do to keep active and feel useful after her children have left home?

A program developed in Cleveland may be the answer. At least, officials of the United Community Funds and Council of America hope so.

The Cleveland program is carried on by several organizations, one of them the Welfare Federation, a member of the national council. The course is called "measuring up-a career clinic for older women."

#### "Older" Defined

By "older" the experts who run the clinic mean any woman 35 or over who cannot find a job because employers do not think she is young enough. Personnel directors constantly are looking for girls in their late teens or 20's to fill clerical and stenographic jobs. Frequently when they decide to try an "older" woman in such work, they find they have hit a gold mine.

Women who enroll in the Cleveland clinic are charged a nominal fee of \$5 to attend 12 classes for six weeks. They hear lectures on how to apply for a job, what to wear when applying, office etiquette, how to get along with other workers, what salary to expect and where the best opportunities lie.

One of their biggest gains

is in developing self-confidence. Most women who take the course feel too timid after years of housework to venture into a school, factory or office to ask for jobs. But after they have met for six weeks and discussed their mutual problems, they discover quite a few persons are in their boat and that alone gives them confidence.

#### Changes Women

"I've always felt I was kind of dumb," one woman said on entering the course. "I didn't finish high school, you know, and I never had any kind of job except a waitress. My neighbors say now, 'What's got into you, you're different' and I am different since that career clinic."

A white-haired, 57-year-old woman, who had not worked since she left high school after the 10th grade to be married, became so fired with enthusiasm as a result of the clinic that she talked herself

into an office job. A teacher who had quit 25 years before to be married thought she would like to do office work, but she wound up going back to college for a refresher course and becoming a teacher again.

Most women who have taken the course have found jobs that they like. Some have not sought jobs, however. They just needed assurance that they could get work if they wanted it.

#### Record Good

The records established by the women have become so impressive that employers now seek them out. One said that he was tired of hiring young women only to have them quit to keep house for their husbands.

"The one I hired is 45," he said, "but since I'm only a couple of years older, I don't call her 'older' any more. So far, she's the best secretary I've had in five years."

### Three Initiated At Recent Meet

Central Point-The Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge met February 3 at the Odd Fellows hall in Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong were initiated by Deposit Corps. Three new members were initiated to the honor of the degree.

Mrs. Lillian Anderson received her seal for saying her secret word. Hostesses were Mrs. Lillian Anderson, Mrs. Marjorie Booth and Mrs. Ralph Burkhardt.

Members decided to hold drill practice on the final meeting of each month immediately following the closing of the lodge. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, at 8 p.m. at the hall. Hostesses will be Mrs. Larry Starks, Mrs. Gerald Kime and Mrs. Doran Knight.

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