

Famous Minister's Wife Makes Home A 'Haven'

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New York—Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale impresses you as a woman who would remain calm through most any tempest.

"Controversy is not new to our life," says the wife of the famous minister. "My husband has been criticized in years gone by, usually because his philosophy is all too simple.

"Our mail has been about 50-50," she said. And that, she added, was all she had to say concerning the storm stirred recently when a group of prominent Protestant clergymen including her husband issued a statement questioning the fitness of a Roman Catholic in the White House.

Ruth Stafford Peale has been married for 30 years to the scholarly-looking man who has served as pastor at Marble Collegiate Church in New York since 1932.

She says that any wife's first duty is "to make the home a haven, a place of peace and quiet" for her husband.

Role Goes Further

But her role as a minister's wife goes much further. She is on the board of the National Council of Churches, has

for 12 years served on its general policy and strategy committee, is on the board of directors of the American Bible Society, lectures frequently, helps edit Dr. Peale's writings, and directs the "Foundation for Christian Living," a contributions-supported organization which mails reprints of the Peale Sunday sermons.

In addition, she runs, with the help of one full-time maid, the 12-room apartment the Peales occupy on Fifth Avenue and their country home at Pawling, N.Y. Pawling also



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is headquarters for the foundation which does the sermon mailings, she said. The list now totals 325,000 persons.

Mrs. Peale, the daughter of a Methodist minister, was born in Fonda, Iowa, grew up in Detroit, and majored in mathematics at Syracuse University, where she met Peale.

He had just been named pastor of the University Methodist Church in Syracuse.

"When we got married," she laughed, "the local radio station announced that the city's most eligible bachelor had been caught."

Three Children

The couple has three children—Margaret, 26, on the editorial staff of the "Faith at Work" publication; John, 24, a student at Union Theological Seminary; and Elizabeth, 18, a freshman at Mt. Holyoke college.

During an interview at the minister's office, Mrs. Peale told how she tries to keep her busy husband from working too hard.

"I try to see that things don't come at him like an avalanche," she said, "but in some logical sequence . . . that what is on his desk is what should be done at the moment . . . not piled with a period.

Open House Announced For School

Roosevelt school will hold its open house November 17. In connection with the event the Parent Teacher association will hold a baked foods sale, it was announced at the first meeting of the group held on October 14.

Mrs. W. O. Blackledge, president, announced her committee chairmen. They are Mrs. E. C. Williams, program; Mrs. A. R. Brown and Mrs. Robert J. Morris, ways and means; Mrs. Werner Warnholtz, room representative; Mrs. A. E. Piazza, legislature; Mrs. Lucian Van Gordon, music; Mrs. George Gannon, hospitality; Mrs. Edward Hall, hospitality; Mrs. V. R. Moore, historian; Mrs. William Kyker, Girl Scouts; Mrs. J. H. Hicks, parliamentary procedure; Mrs. J. P. Rowan, promotion; Mrs. Robert Taylor, membership; Mrs. Richard Pedley, magazine; Dr. June Byers, health and visual education; Mrs. Leon T. Yandell, publicity; Mrs. Robert Little, Camp Fire girls; Mrs. David Schulz, welfare and child guidance; Robert Sage, safety; and Mrs. Jack Lust, newcomers.

The 1960-61 budget was approved. Room count was won by Mrs. Frances Weaver in the primary department, and Mrs. Gertrude Lorton in the intermediate department.

In keeping with the theme Around the World, and placing emphasis on America, Mrs. R. A. Schuchard, pianist, played "America," "God Bless America" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Robert Sage introduced the entire teaching staff. He then spoke on questions which parents so often ask principals, his topic was "You've Asked Me Why?"

Mrs. William J. Thompson, representing the Junior Women's club, explained the use of the groups clothing pool. This project is partially financed by the sale of calendars, and these were made available to the group.

The next regular meeting will be held in December.

Convention Reports On Agenda for Club

A report on the national convention of Grandmother clubs held at San Antonio, Tex., will be made at a meeting of Rogue chapter, Grandmother Clubs of America, Monday, October 24. Officers will be installed.

Members are to meet at 12:30 p.m. at Girls Community club.

what must be done this week.

"Dr. Peale is the creative person . . . my tendency is to be logical. Like any other creative person, my husband is either on top of the world or in the depths. A clergyman, you know, carries the burdens of the world . . . he hears all day the tragedies of life . . . comes home depressed.

"I've learned that my job is to help him through such a period.



Dr. Roland M. Mayer, chief of staff at Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, demonstrates the use of the operating microscope recently purchased by the hospital auxiliary at a cost of \$2,475. Looking on are Mrs. Walter (Margaret) Nelson, surgery supervisor, and Mrs. V. Ward Hammond, president of the auxiliary. The instrument will be used principally for ear and eye surgery, the surgeon states, and for other intricate work.

Microscope To Be Displayed

On display at the annual fall meeting of Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Friday, October 23, will be the operating microscope recently purchased by the group for use by the hospital staff.

Dr. Jack Ingram will explain the use of the microscope, which was purchased at the request of the hospital

board, at a total cost of \$2,475. It was anticipated that the instrument will be used principally for ear and eye surgery. However, hospital officials point out that its first local application was for nerve work.

Charles I. Gustafson, administrator, reports that patients requiring ear or eye surgery which demanded this specialized equipment were formerly sent to Portland or San Francisco.

Principal source of income for the auxiliary is the snack bar and gift shop located adjacent to the hospital lobby.

The president's annual report covering the auxiliary's activities during the past year will be presented Friday afternoon.

Welcome Back Dinner Held

A welcome back dinner was given in honor of the Disabled American Veterans auxiliary by the men of the chapter Monday at the Girls Community club. The auxiliary had adjourned during the fruit harvest season.

Mrs. Roberta Wolfe, commander of the auxiliary, announced that the annual forget-me-not sale will be held November 9, 10 and 11. Mrs. Hazel Hawles, chairman of the ways and means committee, reported that plans will be made soon to have a rummage sale.

Mrs. Bertha Wolfe, representative of the Veterans Administration Volunteer service, announced that the auxiliary will have a booth at the VA domiciliary, White City for Halloween. Prizes will be given and refreshments served.

Mrs. James Lillie reported on her trip to the national convention which was held recently in Seattle, Wash.

Frank Barnes and Dorr Quail attended the dinner and meeting from Portland, Ore.

Potluck Dinner Planned Monday

Scottish Rite Women's club will hold their annual potluck dinner for the Scottish Rite men and their Masonic Blue lodge friends at the Masonic temple Monday, October 24.

The chairman of the evening is Mrs. L. S. Scott, president of the club. She will be assisted by Mrs. J. B. Lynch and other members. The dinner will be followed by a meeting for the men and cards for the women. Bridge, canasta and pinochle will be played.

All Scottish Rite wives and widows are invited to attend.

Thousands of Seniors Use Medford Activity Center

A total of 4,338 persons have registered at the Senior Activity center since it opened October 13, 1958. Attendance has been highest in March, June and October when guest books show well over 200 registered. Members come from Ashland, Medford, Gold Hill, Eagle Point, Rogue River, Jacksonville, Phoenix and Butte Falls.

Twenty-three members are taking beginning lessons in Spanish on Monday nights at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Victor Birdseye is teacher. Over 120 men and women used the center the first two weeks of

October, according to a report made October 19 to teachers, hostesses and the house committee.

The addition of two new classes, in mosaic and clay sculpture, was approved. They will be held Tuesday or Wednesday mornings after sufficient registration is secured.

The desire for a drama group is still strong, according to the center leaders, but to secure a coach it may be necessary to schedule another evening class.

All the teachers complained of a lack of space for classes in the small center, which has been used "far beyond the hopes" of the planning committee of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging.

The RVCA, a member of the United Medford Crusade, is expecting arrival of plans for a new center, which have been drawn by architects of McClelland company, promoters of the adjacent Shopping Center, as a gift of the council.

Teachers of the classes were asked to make suggestions as to special equipment needed to carry on teaching of art, music and crafts.

Dessert Luncheon Scheduled Friday

Electa Social club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, October 28, at the Girls Community club. Dessert luncheon will be served by Mrs. P. M. Aldredge, Mrs. Clara Hodgkins, Mrs. Maude Lovell, and Mrs. Lydia Ashe.

Mrs. Ben Bolin, president, will preside at the business meeting.

Unaffiliated members of the Order of Eastern Star in the valley are invited to attend.

Chapter Birthday To Be Celebrated

Central Point—Nevita chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will observe the chapter birthday and honor best matrons and patrons Tuesday, October 25. The lodge will meet at 8 p.m. in the Masonic temple with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Snook, worthy patron and matron, in charge.

Group Attends Training Session

Six members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds, First Methodist church, Medford, recently attended a training session in Salem. The theme was "Our Mission Today."

Mrs. E. M. Tilton, Portland, Western Jurisdiction president, spoke to the group on Thursday morning, followed by the conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Russell Watson, Portland. Her topic was "This We Do Together."

Mrs. Henry L. Haines, Salem, jurisdiction secretary of work in home missions, and Dr. Gertrude Boyd Crane, Forest Grove, conference secretary of spiritual life, lead the worship services for the sessions.

Clinics in various lines of work were conducted by officers of the Oregon conference for district officers. They were conducted by Mrs. George Roseberry on supply work, by Mrs. George Lawless on student work, and by Mrs. Oliver P. Taylor, on publicity. Also attending from Medford were Mrs. Charles Adamson, conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service guild, and two Eugene District officers, Mrs. Ross Youngblood and Mrs. Lester Lollis.

Following the training session, the Oregon conference executive committee to conduct business and make plans for the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Football Is Theme Of Meeting

Central Point—Festivities of Friendship night of Central Point's Bethel, International Order of Job's Daughters, held in the Masonic hall last week, were in the football theme. Miss Carla Borough won a miniature pigskin trophy of the evening, for her impromptu yell for Bethel 14, Medford, of which she is honored queen. Seven Bethels were represented.

During the evening the visiting Bethel officers were escorted and introduced by Queen Rebecca Ferrell. Present were Queen Carla Borough, Bethel 14, Medford; Queen Jacqueline Hume, Bethel 56, Shady Cove; Queen Teresa Six, Bethel 55, Medford; the misses Josephine Hume, senior princess, Bethel 56, Barbara Mitchell, junior princess, Bethel 55, and Patricia Brewold, junior princess of the new Bethel in Medford.

Each officer was presented a corsage in the form of a small football pompon of purple and white with a miniature banner attached.

Other visitors introduced and escorted were L. R. Manning, Medford, associate grand guardian; Mrs. Raymond Reter, guardian of Bethel 55, and John Fetherston, associate guardian; Mrs. Myrlyn Harvey, guardian of Bethel 14 and Myrlyn Borough, associate guardian; Mrs. Earl Brewold, guardian of the new Medford Bethel which is to receive its charter November 5, and Edward Grimm, its associate guardian.

Also honored was Mrs. Carl Elhart, Medford, past grand guardian of Oregon, Morris Boughner, Medford, grand worthy patron, Order of the Eastern Star, and Miss June Hopkins, representative to Wisconsin from Bethel 38.

Other out of town guests included Miss Lillian Lard, Grants Pass, and her mother, Mrs. W. F. Lard; Mrs. M. D. Borough, mother of Queen of Carla Borough, Medford; Mrs. Ralph Johnson, Nevita chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Miss Irma Johnson, Francis W. Johnson, the Misses Mary Lynda Rhodes, Katherine Zimmerlee, and Carol Bjork of Bethel 22 in Ash-

land, and members of the new Bethel in Medford included the Misses Carolyn Bailey, Karen Merrifield, Nancy Kuschen, Diana Buckles and her mother, Mrs. R. J. Buckles.

The refreshment table was centered with a football field on which two teams of football players, made from pipe cleaners and crepe paper, had been placed.

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