

County Home Rule Charter Topic For Republican Women's Session

A home rule charter for Jackson county should be "a simple and broad instrument which will keep strictly within the perimeter of state requirements and still integrate, without conflict, the rights and privileges of all residents of the county whether they live within or outside incorporated areas."

The speaker was McLeod Maurice, Gold Hill, who with Mrs. Thomas Rutter, talked Monday noon for the Medford unit of the Oregon Federation of Women's Republican Clubs at the March luncheon meeting, held at North's Chuck Wagon.

Mrs. Rutter is chairman and Mr. Maurice a member of a committee appointed to study home rule and make recommendations. The nine member committee, with eight in attendance, voted six to two last week to draft a home rule charter and submit it to the voters of the county at the next primary election.

Mrs. Rutter, main speaker for yesterday's meeting, opened her talk by pointing out that county government was organized 100 years ago as "an arm of state government" when Oregon was largely rural, and that the structure is now outmoded because of the radical changes which have taken place throughout the years. She said that home rule would "return to the county power to make its own decisions" adding that

this power would not include judicial functions.

The committee chairman emphasized that the group had not voted on possible forms of county government under home rule, but had voted to attempt to write a charter as a first step in the right direction.

Will Hold Hearings

She said that after drafting the document, a series of hearings would be held in order that citizens might express their opinions, and revisions made if needed. The committee will be aided by the Bureau of Municipal Research in Oregon in drafting the charter.

She named the committee, giving brief backgrounds, to indicate the "varied viewpoints" represented. Members are Earl B. Day, former county judge; Maurice McLeod, retired executive of General Motors; Eugene Ricker, retired Veterans Administration official; William Jess, Sams Valley farmer; W. E. Davies, Eagle Point farmer; Gerald Werner, retired banker living in Ashland; Frank Farrell, attorney; P. G. Humphreys, engineer for The California Oregon Power company.

Mrs. Rutter outlined some of the reasons advanced by committee members favoring home rule. These include the fact that under the present system, no requirements are set up for those holding county office; that there is too

much state control, that no meetings of the court and other officials are held and that control is exercised by the members of the court through budgets; that there is too much "fragmentation" and too little centralization; that a smaller number of officials might be possible; that a centralized purchasing system could be employed.

The chairman also pointed out that under the present system, the county would be less prepared to take emergency action should the time come when the O and C monies, which now pay for county government, would fail to meet these costs.

Authority Needed

More authority and responsibility are needed in county government in the opinion of the majority of the committee, according to Mrs. Rutter. She said that Mr. Ricken and Mr. Wenner had been the dissenting voters, Mr. Ricken believing that the county could not institute such changes as could be brought about under the existing system, and that Mr. Wenner believed it would be well nigh impossible to bring about the needed changes by vote of the county residents.

Mrs. Rutter stressed that adopting a county charter would in no way commit the county to the county manager system, which she said many voters dislike. She said that the charter would outline such matters as representation, administration, fiscal responsibility and an employee system.

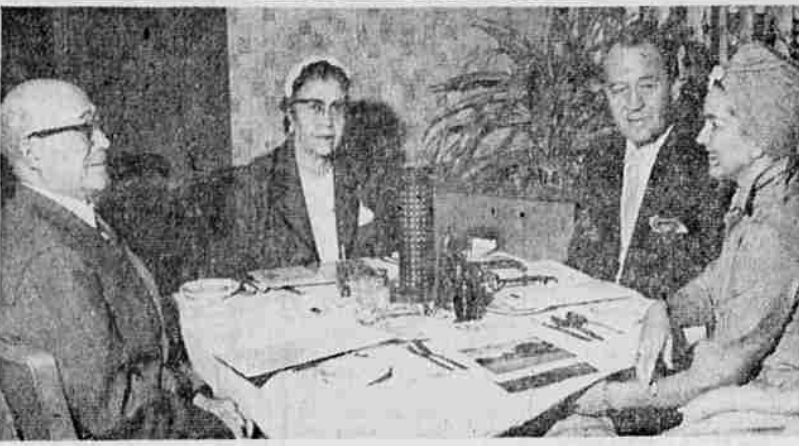
Mr. Maurice stressed that under Oregon laws, special legislation was enacted for Portland and Multnomah county and then made available to all other counties when and if each one reached the same population level as the metropolitan area at the time it was enacted. Thus Lane county, having recently reached 150,000 level, finds automatically available to it laws and powers enacted for Portland and Multnomah county in 1915.

Indicating that this is a poor situation, Mr. Maurice said that the 1960 census gave Jackson county a population of 73,000 persons, of which 40,900 live in the 10 incorporated municipalities, leaving 33,000 outsiders "who can't exercise any portion of the rights to which residents of the smallest incorporated municipality are entitled."

He continued by saying "To my mind, the value of our voting is impaired if we cannot vote to settle matters of concern to the county, as well as city, state and national affairs." He pointed out, however, that a county charter could not relieve the court of the responsibility of fulfilling and enforcing existing and future general laws enacted by the state legislature.

Mrs. E. A. Littrell, club president, presided and Mrs. Edward Sickels introduced the speakers. Mrs. Littrell reported on a meeting of Republican women held in Salem last week, and announced an informal reception for Congressman and Mrs. Edwin Durno March 31 when the two will be in the county.

Social Events ♦ Women's News



Lt. Col. Gregory Boyington (at right) was given by younger men in the famous Marine flying squadron, The Black Sheep, during World War II. The retired officer and Mrs. Boyington are pictured here having dinner at Regue Valley Country club with the retired officer's mother, Mrs. E. J. Hallenbeck. The former United States Marine corps air ace is known widely as "Pappy", the affectionate name which he author, also fills lecture engagements.

Colonel Gregory Boyington Visits Family in Medford

Lt. Col. Gregory Boyington, retired United States Marine corps air ace of World War II, and Mrs. Boyington were in Medford last week for a brief visit with Mr. Boyington's mother, Mrs. E. J. Hallenbeck, and Mr. Hallenbeck, who live on South Oakdale avenue.

The retired officer, who is widely known throughout the United States and other parts of the world as "Pappy" Boyington, earned his nickname during the days he was a member of the "Black Sheep" Marine flight squadron because he was the oldest man in the group.

After the close of World War II and his release from a Japanese prison, Colonel Boyington wrote a best-selling book which he entitled "Baa Baa Black Sheep." His second book, "Tonya," was recently published. In this the colorful Mr. Boyington writes of China and the period when he was a member of Claire Chennault's "Flying Tigers."

Colonel Boyington also lectures throughout the United States on the topic of China, and states that there is need

Nile Sets Installation

Mrs. Arthur M. Peters, Ashland, will be installed as queen of Zuleima temple, Daughters of the Nile, next Saturday night, March 25, in a ceremony set for 8 p.m. at Ashland Junior High school.

Other elected officers include three Medford members, Mrs. Murray S. Gardner, Princess Tizah; Mrs. Jack Moreland, princess recorder, and Mrs. Ralph McKay, princess banker. Mrs. Chester Stonecyper Sr., Klamath Falls, will be installed princess royal, and Mrs. G. A. Barnhart, Gold Beach, Princess Badoura.

Mrs. Walter Hanby, Ashland, is chairman of the decorating committee, and Mrs. Voss Kramer, Ashland, is in charge of reservations. Visiting members of other Nile temples who wish to attend are asked to telephone Mrs. Kramer or Mrs. Peters.

Federated Clubwomen Hold Western States Conference

Three Medford women were in Portland last week to attend the western states conference of the General Federation of Women's Clubs for which the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs was hostess.

Mrs. Clay M. Lee, First district president, was a delegate for the Oregon Federation and a hostess for the conference. Mrs. Jack D. Brummond, corresponding secretary of First district and president of Travel Study club, and Mrs. L. E. McConnell, Medford Junior Women's club, also attended.

Sessions were held in the Sheraton hotel March 14-17.

District presidents were hostesses for an open house March 14 for all federation members. Business sessions opened March 15. Mrs. Fred C. Gast, president of the Oregon Federation, spoke on "What My State is Doing". She told of all the projects in which Oregon Federation participates and also on membership.

Guest speaker for the Wednesday luncheon was Colonel Mary Louise Milligan, director of the United States Women's Army corps, from United States headquarters, San Francisco. She listed the qualifications for girls to join the Army, stating that they should be well adjusted before entering the service.

State Presidents from Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Washington, Utah, and Wyoming, all spoke on federation work in their various states.

Governor Speaks

Governor Mark O. Hatfield spoke on "The West, Our New Frontier", at a banquet Wednesday evening. He spoke of the early settlers, and stated that without women, there would be no history. "The wife is just as much to be praised as the man," the governor said. "She is behind the man with love and devotion."

Winners Announced

Duplicate bridge winners of this area gathered at Girls Community club Saturday for the winners' game sponsored each month alternately in Grants Pass and Medford by the American Contract Bridge League.

Sixteen tables played the Mitchell movement. North-south winners were Mrs. Frank R. Baker and Chester Reavis, first, 191; Mrs. Ben Todd and Mrs. Richard Milestone, second, 190½; Jack Barr and Mrs. Frank Dolenshek, third, 186½; Mrs. C. L. Howard and Mrs. Paul McDuffee, fourth, 179½; Mrs. W. W. Stevenson and Mrs. Sam Richardson, fifth, 172.

Winning east-west were John Shortridge and Walter Ensminger, first, 206; Mrs. Patricia Gilhouse and Mrs. Barr, second, 199; George Rode and George Polski, third, 185; the Paul Hattons, fourth, 177½; Dr. and Mrs. Ben Wright, Grants Pass, fifth, 163½.

Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Richardson served as hostesses.

Next winner's game will be in Grants Pass May 20.

Deller Family Visits Portland

Ashland-Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Deller, Klamath Falls, spent several days visiting at the Phoenix home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Deller, Thursday the two couples drove to Portland to spend the remainder of their spring vacation with the Paul Deller family. All four Dellers are teachers—the seniors are in the Klamath Falls city schools, while David teaches in Ashland Junior High school and his wife, Toby, in Walker elementary school.

March Birthdays To Be Observed

Townsend club will honor members having March birthday anniversaries at a potluck dinner Wednesday, March 22, at Walker's Dreamland, 415½ East Main street.

At the last meeting, the auxiliary chairman announced a "grab bag" event on the fifth Wednesday meeting, March 29. Following the business meeting, Murphy's Easy Valley Harmonicas furnished music for dancing.

Direct or indirect light coming from the ceiling has some disadvantages. If this is the only type light in the room, it can call attention to an uninteresting ceiling and produce an even, monotonous over-all light.

Group Receives Official Visit From President

Mrs. Margaret Holt, Monmouth, Ore., grand gila monster in Oregon for the Military Order of the Lizards, recently paid an official visit to Cebu swamp during a meeting held in Medford at Girls Community club. The order is the fun and honor branch of the auxiliary to United Spanish War Veterans.

Mrs. Holt was accompanied to Medford by Mrs. Bessie Sutton, Corvallis, grand chameleon, and Mrs. Margaret Sinclair, McMinnville, gila monster of Ilo swamp, Albany.

Mrs. Holt is also president of Phillips auxiliary, Albany, and a past president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, Dallas, Ore. Mrs. Sutton is a past department president of the United Spanish War Veterans' auxiliary in Oregon.

During the meeting here, Mrs. Holt installed Mrs. Kathryn Sweetland, Grants Pass, as gecko; Mrs. George Brent and Mrs. Nellie Lessing, dragons; Mrs. Grace Berry, salamander and Mrs. Bessie McCarty, trustee.

Plans for the annual convocation of the grand swamp, to be held in the Marion hotel, Salem, June 20, were outlined by Mrs. Holt. She appointed Mrs. Renne Grosh, Wilderville, Ore., a chairman of the ways and means committee.

The visitors were presented gifts and corsages. They were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson, 803 Pine street, while here, and Mrs. Anderson honored them at a party. Following the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. James Van Der Steen and Mrs. Bertha Nelson gave a party in honor of the guests at 900 Mir Mar avenue.

Golden Link Class Schedules Meeting

Golden Link class of First Baptist church will meet Thursday, March 23, at 1 p.m. for dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. E. H. Niedermeyer, 2975 La Pine avenue.

Mrs. Mary Norvell will present devotions and the social committee is Mrs. Nina Stensson and Mrs. Joseph Lester.

Wenonah Club States Meeting

Wenonah club of Weatonka council, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet Thursday, March 23, at the home of Mrs. Carrie Milnes, Narreagan street. Dessert at 1 p.m., will be followed by cards.

of General Federation second vice president.

The object of the conference, which includes 12 western states, is to promote a feeling of good fellowship among the club women of this area, to further any interests which may be for the welfare of the states, and to promote the program of the General Federation of Women's clubs.

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:

6:30 p.m. - Jacksonville Royal Arch Masons, Widows, Jacksonville Masonic temple.

7:30 p.m. - Chapter BE of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. E. P. Leavitt, Old Stage rd., Central Point.

8 p.m. - Crater Lake post and auxiliary, VFW, VFW hall.

8 p.m. - Westminster Presbyterian church Women's association, Esther circle with Mrs. Herb Grey, 400 North Barneburg ave.

Wednesday:

10:30 a.m. - Central Point Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Doris Dumphy, 911 West Tenth st., Medford.

11 a.m. - Medford Townsend club, Walker's Dreamland, 415½ East Main st.

12:30 p.m. - Chapter AA of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. William Leever, Coal Mine rd.

12:30 p.m. - Mistletoe club, Girls Community club.

Advance Night Held by Lodge

Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge held advance night at the last meeting. Mrs. C. E. Naffziger is now guardian neighbor.

Mrs. Sadie Gill, Seaside, Calif., was a guest.

Mrs. George Watson reported on a recent card party.

Joyce Dillon, 12 years old, is a new juvenile member.

The Medford lodge has been invited to Grants Pass for installation of officers April 29. Medford is to furnish the flag bearer and take part in a drill.

Election of delegates and alternates for a district circle meeting in Eugene May 11-12 was held. Delegates are Mr. and Mrs. Buford Kight and Mrs. Edith Devaney; alternates are Mrs. Florence Bousom, Mrs. Naffziger and Mrs. Carrie Milnes.

Another card party has been planned for March 27. Mrs. Devaney and Mrs. Naffziger are in charge. Friends are invited to attend.

Mrs. John Dodge is chairman of the committee for the business meeting April 12.

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