

Progress Report of Activity Center Is Given at Meeting

Much progress has been made in providing educational and cultural activities for senior citizens in this area since the founding of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging three years ago.

A report on activities fostered by the council was given by out-going President Frank Glonning at a recent meeting in the Senior Activity center.

Approximately 600 senior citizens of Jackson county have benefited from the two Fifty-Plus Social clubs, the Senior Activity center, and the Friendly Visitors service which have been supported by the council.

recreation and friendliness to nursing homes and other homes for the aged.

All three projects have steadily increased, the council was told. Initial work of the group brought membership in the United Medford crusade, as well as assistance from the Medford parks and recreation commission, which provides and maintains the center at 601 East Jackson st.

Advancing to other needs of older persons, council committees on housing, health and employment have worked on long-range programs to obtain adequate low-cost housing for low-income seniors; to promote better health care and rehabilitation in nursing homes and other homes for the aged; to combat prejudice of employers toward hiring workers over 40 years of age; and to work against too early retirement.

Continuous publicity and public education through operation of the press, radio and television has been carried on by the council to make the community conscious of the needs of older citizens, who total 10 per cent of Jackson county's population.

The most extensive undertaking was the Southern Oregon District Conference on Aging in Medford in November, 1959. It was one of four sponsored by the Oregon State Council on Aging in preparation for the state conference held in April, 1960, and the White House conference in January, 1961.

The Rogue Valley council was the first in Oregon outside Portland to be organized under sponsorship of the State Commission on Aging. Glonning urged continued efforts by the council to bring the

needs of senior citizens before the community, and to bring increasing opportunities to senior citizens.

He praised council members and committee chairmen for the progress made in a "pioneer movement." He described the council's purpose as "to study the problems and desires of our older citizens and to promote, sponsor or initiate action to meet the needs we find."

Speakers Named for Mission Speaking

Four men will be available to valley organizations to speak about the proposed Medford Gospel Mission to be constructed on North Front st.

The four will attend the Monday noon meeting of the Medford Chamber of Commerce Roundtable at the Jackson hotel. They include Glenn McCullough, Dr. D. Kirkland West, Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin, and Clarence Wilson.

Organizations wishing to arrange for one of the men to speak before their group may contact McCullough at SPRing 3-7441.

Earlier this month, the executive board of the mission voted to exercise its option on the North Front st. property across from the Medford fire station. The site is 75 by 150 feet and cost \$10,000, of which \$4,000 is needed for the down payment.

ABOARD CARRIER
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Varied Daily Program
The Activity center has carried on a varied daily program for able-bodied seniors, and the visitor service was organized with the help of over 50 volunteers who were trained to visit and bring



INSTALLED - Carlos Sander, 3606 Bursell rd., Central Point, (above) was installed governor of the Medford Moose lodge last night. Wilfred Huffman, past governor, was installing officer, and Charles Skill, Portland, state director of Moose operations, was speaker. Master of ceremonies was Francis Cronin.

Rodgers Divorce Hearing Scheduled
Los Angeles -UPI- A hearing has been set for May 10 on a divorce action against singer Jimmie Rodgers, 26, whose wife has charged him with mental cruelty.

Mrs. Alza Colleen Rodgers, 24, filed the suit Friday in domestic relations court and asked custody of the couple's 1-year-old daughter, Michele Colleen, and \$2,500 temporary monthly alimony and child support.

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