

Social Events ♦ Women's News

University Women Hear About Home Rule Charter

A discussion of the county home rule charter was held at the April meeting of the Medford branch, American Association of University Women. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Kenneth L. Brown.

The discussion was led by Dr. Arthur Kreisman of Southern Oregon college who is a member of the county home rule committee. Dr. Kreisman first gave a brief explanation of the present county government system and how the system would be set up if the charter goes into effect.

Essentially, the county is now run by the state legislature, the speaker said. Although the people of the county elect nine county officers the duties of these officers are prescribed by the state legislature. None of these officers has any legislative powers. Originally when Oregon had only four counties this system was adequate. Now

there are 36 rather diverse counties in the state; and also as there has been a large increase in state business the legislature has found it more difficult to consider and to pass local legislation suitable for all counties of Oregon, it was brought out. It was the state legislature which originally suggested a county home rule system. Article 6 of the Oregon Constitution was voted on and passed by the people allowing those counties which wished to have home rule to obtain it. A later enabling act passed by the legislature set up the machinery for the counties to obtain it.

Committee Named

In Jackson county the county started the machinery in motion by appointing four people to a study committee. The state appointed an additional four people to the group and a ninth member was chosen by the other eight. The first job for the committee was to decide if county home rule was desirable in Jackson county and then to devise a charter if they thought home rule advisable. After two years of study and work the charter will be presented to the voters for their approval at the election May 18. Copies of the charter are available now at the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county for loan.

Under the county home rule charter the people would elect a district attorney, still a state officer, and a board of eight county commissioners who would serve as a block of policy makers in charge of county government. This board would appoint the administrative officers of the county. One member of the board would be chairman and

would run specifically for that position.

This would be a full time job while the other commissioners would find their positions to be part time. On the first ballot the commissioners would run at large but at that time the people would vote on whether they would like districting of the commissioners in future elections. The board would also hire an administrative assistant to serve as their executive secretary. This person would have no legislative, hiring, or budgetary powers.

Repeal Possible

Dr. Kreisman stressed that the charter is amendable or repealable by a simple majority of the vote. If it is not suitable in all of its parts after being in operation those parts can be changed. He also emphasized that all the safeguards of citizens' personal rights as written in both the federal and state constitutions are not changed by the charter.

A brief business meeting followed the discussion. The

Medford branch of AAUW will give a \$500 international scholarship in memory of Mrs. Wallace E. (Bertha) Haskins. This money was raised by the group from their recent fellowship play and rummage sale.

The recent graduates and their husbands are invited to hear Dr. Butler from Southern Oregon college speak about the pre-school child on April 23 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Bishop, 2525 Argonne street.

The next general meeting of AAUW will be held May 2 at the Red Cross building. It will be the president's dinner.

Gamma Xi Has Election

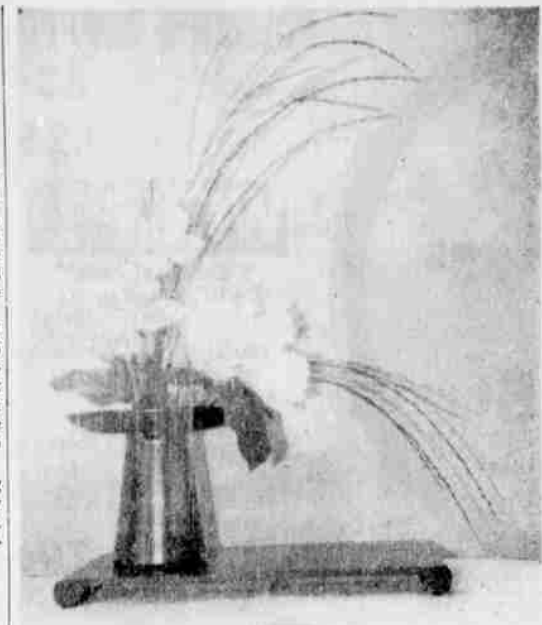
Central Point—Mrs. Carrol Adams was elected president of Gamma Xi chapter, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, at a recent dinner meeting.

The newly elected vice president is Mrs. Wilbur Eicher. Mrs. John Pinkham was elected second vice president, while Mrs. B. M. Thumler Jr. will serve as the recording secretary. The corresponding secretary is Mrs. Richard Piper; the treasurer, Mrs. L. L. Rowe, and Mrs. Gay Hallett will be the city council alternates.

Mrs. Herb Edwards was hostess for the meeting.

Retiring president, Mrs. Ray Madden, reported on final plans for a Founders' day dinner scheduled for April 30 at 7 p.m. at Kim's restaurant.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Darrel Greb.



Arrangements using bulb flowers will be featured at the flower show to be given by the Eagle Point and Shady Cove Garden clubs Friday, April 13, at the Eagle Point Scout-Community building. The public, garden club members and garden clubs are invited to exhibit and to attend. Show hours are to be 1:30 to 8 p.m. The show chairman is Mrs. Charles Cushman, TRinity 8-2081. The arrangement shown here features the Hogarth curve and was made at a meeting of the Eagle Point club last week. It has white Mt. Hood daffodils, ivy leaves and scotch broom branches in a black vase.

Ashland Couple Visit At Hornbrook Homes

Hornbrook—Sunday guests at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cummins and Mr. and Mrs. Rob Cummins were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Paulsen and five-weeks' old daughter, Julie, of Ashland. This is the young couple's first child. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Paulsen of Central Point, former long-time Hornbrook residents.

Two Women Give Talks On Indians

Ashland—Unwittingly the two members of Ashland Study club who presented the program at the April 2 meeting, held at the home of Mrs. R. Drew Lamb, chose similar subjects. Although both the book review given by Mrs. Harry Skerry Jr. and the half-hour talk by Mrs. Frances Hardy concerned Indians, there were marked dissimilarities and contrasts.

"The Andes, Roof of America" written by Claude Arthaud and Francois Hebert-Stevens, is a translation made vivid by remarkable photography. It tells the story of the peoples and their customs which have changed little during centuries since the early Inca civilization, said Mrs. Skerry.

Intermingled are mystical rites and superstitions handed down from generation to generation. Agriculture is largely dependent upon elevation in the mountains and high plateaus of the South American "backbone." The population, estimated at 20 million pure-blood Indians, exists under primitive conditions, eking out a bare livelihood. Like their ancestors they alternately celebrate with festivals or slump into stupor, a condition induced by the chewing of coca leaves from which cocaine is obtained. Formal education is unknown except in a few Christian missions of the remote Andes.

Mrs. Hardy's selected subject, the story of Ishi, lone survivor of the Yahi tribe of northern California, gives a different picture of an Indian who, in late adulthood, was transformed from a wild man to a person of intelligence and dignity.

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Mrs. Lamb, study club president, conducted the business at which an invitation to attend the April 18 meeting of the Medford Wednesday Study club was read. The 1 p.m. dessert luncheon is to be in the Girls Community clubhouse.

Members were reminded of the Tudor guild book fair April 13 and 14 at the Mark Anthony hotel and of the various Cancer Society benefits scheduled for the month of April, as well as the observance of National Library week, when on April 13 a tea will be given by three Ashland societies. Hostess with Mrs. Lamb for the Monday meeting was Mrs. Thornton Shively.

Families Return After Island Stay

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Orr, Old Military road, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Beck and their daughter, Miss Betsy Beck, and son, Fritz Beck, 1830 Hanley road, have arrived home after vacationing for two weeks in Hawaii.

The travelers accompanied a Shrine group. They were guests at the Princess Kaiulani hotel in Honolulu, and during their stay spent several days on an inter-island trip.

Roxy Ann Court Sets Installation

Roxy Ann court, Order of the Amaranth, will hold the annual installation of officers Saturday, April 14, at 8 p.m. in the Medford Masonic temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mayfield will be installed royal matron and patron; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bishop, associate matron and patron; Mrs. Lawrence Messal, conductress and Mrs. Bob Reynolds, associate conductress.

Mrs. Frank Salyers is chairman of the event.

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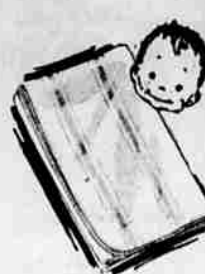
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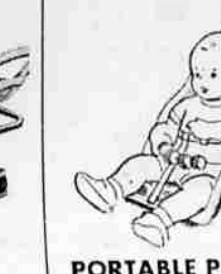
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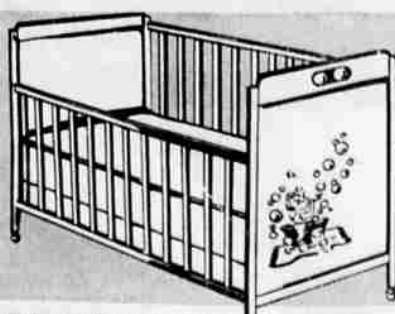
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