

Candidates Will Speak

The Eleanor Roosevelt League will hold a candidates night at Ping's Garden, on Thursday evening, April 26, beginning at 8 o'clock, according to Mrs. Frank Christian, president.

All Democratic candidates are invited to attend and give one minute talks and answer questions. All members of the league, prospective new members and any interested friends are invited to attend. Mrs. Christian said, coffee and refreshments will be available on a no host basis, she said.

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Teachers Warned About Alliances; Four Are Honored on Retirement

Teachers of the United States should strive for recognition as a profession and not ally themselves with labor as a total organic group according to Arnold Wolpert, San Mateo, Calif., regional field director of the National Education Association. Mr. Wolpert, speaking last night at Rogue Valley Country club to the Jackson County unit, Oregon Education association, said that "this kind of an alliance," referring to labor unions, "would be as catastrophic as one with a political party or any one religious group. It would mean we would give up our right to academic freedom and independence, and those rights for the public schools as well. Teachers have only one loyalty—that is to themselves and to the public schools. We must strive to keep the public schools free from domination by any one segment or viewpoint."

Other business of the evening included recognition of four members who are retiring this year from teaching, and installation of officers. Retiring are Mrs. Eva McKee, Medford, and Clarence Davies, Eagle Point, from the Eagle Point system; Mrs. Kathryn Larison of Washington school and Mrs. Delphie Cox, Medford High school. Superintendent Glenn Hale of Eagle Point, Principal Ron Weatherford and Principal Lester Harris presented the retirement pins, and Mrs. Kathryn Stancliffe, Phoenix, retiring president of the Jackson County Classroom Teachers' association presented each an award.

Ceremony Held
Installed were Mrs. Alyce Archer, Rogue River, as new president of the county OEA unit; John Stewart, Phoenix-Talent Junior High school, vice-president; Mrs. Charlotte Sweet, Medford, secretary; and Ronald McKenna, Central Point, treasurer. The ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Maxine Smith, former OEA unit president and former president of Oregon Education association.

John Mast, Medford, retiring county OEA unit president, presided and Verne Wolthoff of Medford High school was master of ceremonies. Mr. Wolpert opened his address by saying that teaching is "worth giving your life for" and said that teachers must have faith in mankind and must be dedicated to knowledge, truth, reason and rationality.

Turning to history briefly, the speaker said that this nation had been created out of all the threads of society, had gone through a period of being new, brash, bold and vigorous and the belief that "our way is the best." In the past when another ideology challenged "our way" we fought back, but in the present contest for survival "we are not able to fight back because many believe the means is too horrible," the speaker declared. The nation is going through a period of restiveness and frustration, Mr. Wolpert said, and added that we must have confidence that all problems will ultimately be solved.

Problems Noted
Touching on some of the problems of the nation, and of the teaching profession, he mentioned economic stability, integration and employment trends, including the increase of automation.

Speaking of problems peculiar to the teaching profession, Mr. Wolpert said that policies affecting education and the schools are often made without consideration of teachers, charged that "decisions are made in a vacuum" and said that the re- sponse to proposals, such as federal aid to education, are

often on an emotional rather than a rational basis. Mr. Wolpert said that teachers and education have been the target for much criticism but declared that "what we are and have become is a dramatic thing." He pointed out that public schools as such in this country are comparatively a recent development, not much more than a century old and stressed that the nation has made great progress in public education.

Responsibilities
In the interest of becoming a truly respected profession, Mr. Wolpert said teachers must accept personal and group responsibility, must carry on a corporate program of activity, such as all other professions do. Outlining some of these responsibilities, he listed: The improvement of educational opportunities for all children, solving of the problem of drop-outs; helping teachers to do a better job; improvement of working and welfare conditions for teachers; development of stature as a profession, including self-discipline and censorship; influencing of policies about teaching; helping to improve the structure of corporate agencies which teachers have created and striving to maintain public education as a free and independent system dominated by no one segment or viewpoint of the American society.

Mrs. Ruby Hiatt, program chairman, and Mrs. Helen Becker and Mrs. Zelma Foote, were on the program and arrangements committee for the annual banquet. At the close of the program, the new unit president, Mrs. Archer, was presented flowers from her husband and from the Rogue River schools.

About 125 members and guests attended the event. The guests included Keith Woodward, Grants Pass, trustee of the OEA board.

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 a.m. the day before publication.

Wednesday:
6:30 p.m. — Siskiyou canton, Patriarchs Militant auxiliary, IOOF hall.

7:30 p.m. — De Molay Mother's club, at Masonic temple.
8 p.m. — Southern Oregon chapter of the Oregon Association of Nursery Education, speech room at Hedrick Junior High school.

Thursday:
12:30 p.m. — Medford Sojourners, Girls Community club.

1 p.m. — Golden Link class of First Baptist church, home of Mrs. Lester Wilcox, 2335 Stewart ave.

2:430 p.m. — Medford committee of American Cancer Society Jewelerama, Rogue Valley Country club.

Gem Course Scheduled

Mrs. Helen Rice of Hillsboro, Ore., will conduct classes in the techniques and procedures of exhibiting, and judging gems and minerals Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29 at the Crater Rock Museum in Central Point. The classes are sponsored by the Rocky Ann Gem and Mineral club.

Mrs. Rice is a recognized authority in the field, and the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical societies, an organization of 129 gem and mineral clubs in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Washington is offering the classes as one of its services to members.

Because the course is extensive the classes will open both days at 8 a.m., and continue to 4:30 p.m. Coffee will be provided by the club and those who attend should take a picnic type lunch, officers pointed out.

To be discussed in detail will be the new uniform rules which rapidly are being adopted as the criteria for exhibiting and judging all over the nation. There will be a number of exhibition cases set up to illustrate both good and bad display techniques. What constitutes exceptional or mediocre specimens in the various exhibition classes also will be fully considered.

This is the first time such a course has been offered in southern Oregon and clubs in Ashland, Brookings, Canyonville, Cave Junction, Coos Bay, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Roseburg and White City have been invited to attend. For further information regarding this program or directions on how to reach the museum, those interested should call the federation director of the club, Delmar Smith, NO 4-1355.

Carnival Announced

Weed-The Associated Students at College of the Siskiyou, Weed, Calif., will hold the annual spring carnival Friday, April 27, at the old Weed High school gymnasium. The event will be from 2 to 10 p.m., and the public is invited to attend.

Admission is free, and funds will be derived from games and entertainment offered.

At 9:30 p.m. a carnival queen will be crowned. Vying for the honor are Peggy Otan, sponsored by the International club; Michele Pillion, Delta Chi; Susan Friedman, Phi Delta; Kathy Mills, Men's club; Beth Dean, Women's club; Berta Vacent, FTA and the Rally club.

Bob Coogins, Associated Student president, will crown the queen.

Many prizes will be given away, refreshments will be on sale and 13 booths will be in operation.

Kindergartens Topic for Tonight

How does the kindergarten help your child? How does the child react to kindergarten?

These and other questions will be discussed at meeting sponsored by the Southern Oregon Preschool association to be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the Little Theater at Hedrick Junior High school. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

To California

Ashland — Mrs. Daisy Savage, 252 B street, went to San Francisco last week where she expects to visit with friends there and across the bay in Oakland, her former home.

Social Events ♦ Women's News

Eagle Point CFG, Blue Birds Honor Students, Mothers

Eagle Point — Leaders of Camp Fire Girls and Blue Birds in the Eagle Point area entertained at a tea Wednesday afternoon, April 18 honoring first grade girls and their mothers.

Mrs. Ruthe Gerety spoke regarding the Camp Fire Girl and Blue Bird programs, explaining the founding of CFG in 1910.

A Blue Bird costume was modeled by Susan Short.

After the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. LeRoy Bedingfield's group of Camp Fire Girls. The girls also cared for younger children of the mothers who attended.

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