

Beta Sigma Phi Holds Founders' Day Banquet

The 31st anniversary of the founding of Beta Sigma Phi sorority was observed at a banquet given by the group's City council April 30 at Kim's restaurant. Members and guests of the seven Jackson county chapters attended.

In addition to the banquet, traditional ceremonies were observed. The last year's activities of each chapter reviewed and new members welcomed.

Mrs. Richard Knoll, Beta Upsilon chapter, was chairman of the observance. Toastmistress was Mrs. Carol Adams. Other members having part in the program were Mrs. Clifford Curl, Mrs. Ronald Hall and Mrs. F. N. Starnes.

Mrs. Wayne Turpin presented a special message from the sorority's founder at international headquarters in Kansas City.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Frank VanDyke, dean of girls at McLoughlin Junior High school. Her topic was "Gracious Living."

Climaxing the evening, the Order of the Rose degree was given to seven members completing at least 15 years service in Beta Sigma Phi. Mrs. Mildred DeWitt led the presentation to Mrs. O. A. Eden, Mrs. Edgar Moir, Miss Adabee Seiler, Mrs. Wilson Slater, Mrs. Verl Walker, Mrs. Ernest Mickelson and Mrs. Everett Ballard.

Miss Seiler, Alpha Beta charter member, is the only such member still active in the city.

Each chapter also presented the Girl of the Year. They were Gamma Rho, Mrs. Jack Wheeler; Gamma Xi, Mrs. Carol Adams; Xi Mu, Mrs. Everett Ballard; Alpha Rho, Mrs. Herbert Wilson; Xi Beta Kappa, Mrs. Tom Shoop; Beta Upsilon, Mrs. D. T. Landing; Alpha Beta, Mrs. Richard Wager.

Mrs. Everett Ballard and Mrs. Richard Wager will represent the exemplar and ritual of jewels chapters at the regional convention in Eugene next month.

New officers for City council are Mrs. Everett Ballard, president; Mrs. Tom Shoop, vice president; Mrs. James Lick, recording secretary; Mrs. William Kidson, treasurer; Mrs. Ralph Kingman, contact chairman.

The sorority now has 7,000 chapters and 150,000 members in 14 countries.



A reception for new officers was the last function of the annual Oregon department convention of American Gold Star Mothers held last week in Medford. Pictured (left to right, front row) are Mrs. Victor Eakin, Medford, VAVS representative for the Veterans Administration domiciliary at White City; Mrs. Ord Castle, Toledo, retiring department president; Mrs. Clyde Sturgill, Medford, new historian; Mrs. Hilda Thomas, Coos Bay, new department president; Mrs. Grace Lichtenstein, Medford, reception chairman; Mrs. Mary Champ, Salem, first vice-president; (at back, left to right) Mrs. Mildred Edner, Tillamook, second vice-president and Mrs. Leona Baker, Eugene, corresponding secretary. Of particular interest during the convention was the report of Mrs. Celia Everett, Portland, 1961 hospital chairman, on service supplied to the state's veteran hospitals. During the year \$1054 was contributed, and gifts valued at \$5,703. Among certificates awarded to VAVS representatives was a 300-hour certificate to Mrs. Mary Jensen, a volunteer at Sam Jackson hospital, Portland. Mrs. Eakin and Mrs. Mary Parker, representative and alternate from the local chapter to the White City domiciliary, each have been awarded 1000-hour certificates. (Simonson-Walker photos)

Auxiliary Has Election

Ashland — Mrs. John Scott Hall is the new president of the American Legion auxiliary, having been elected at the last meeting. On her executive board will be Mrs. George Engle, first vice president; Mrs. H. F. Jenkins, second vice president; Mrs. Everett E. McLaughlin, secretary; Mrs. Charles Gettling, treasurer; Mrs. Guy Applewhite, historian; Mrs. Elden Corthell, chaplain; and Mrs. Emil Kroeger and Mrs. Emil Sorenson, sergeants-at-arms.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Mary L. Carpenter, case worker supervisor for Jackson County Welfare commission. She gave an interesting account of the child welfare program, telling of its aim to provide protection and care for neglected children or those whose environment might be a cause for juvenile delinquency. Much of the welfare service is given to children in their own homes, while others are placed in foster homes, she said.

The business meeting included a report on the recent

activities of the Junior Auxiliary members who have planted a number of shrubs around the Legion building. Mrs. Larkin Deer conducted the session.

Hostesses for the social hour were Mrs. Warren Cook and Mrs. Charles White.

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Couple Returns From Trip North

Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Sides, 926 Murray avenue, returned home last Sunday after a week's trip to the Seattle World's Fair and Victoria, B. C. They were accompanied by Mrs. Sides' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Teppen, Duluth, Minn., who visited with the couple here for ten days prior to attending the fair.

The travelers found the fair interesting and colorful and commented that standing in line was the order of the day for the more worthwhile features of the event. They were intrigued with Victoria, saw the famous Butchart Gardens, the Josephine Tussaud wax figures brought there from London, and the Parliament building.

Mr. and Mrs. Teppen returned with the Sides as far as Portland, visiting there with relatives before returning home.

Guid to Hear Book Review

Westminster guild of the First Presbyterian church will meet in the fireplace room Monday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. for the monthly session.

Mrs. Ivah Murray will present the devotion and Mrs. Al Lundquist is in charge of the program.

Mrs. Reta Miller will give a book review. Hostesses will be Miss Elizabeth Rice, Mrs. Glenn Schneider and Mrs. Harold Snodgrass.

New Members Honored Guests At Church Tea

Nearly 100 guests attended a tea honoring new women members of the First Presbyterian church Friday afternoon, April 27, in the Fellowship hall of the church. The tea was planned by the Fellowship committee with Mrs. Wallace Brill as chairman.

Pouring during the afternoon were the Mrs. D. Kirkland West, wife of the minister of the church; Mrs. Chester Wendt, Mrs. Lloyd Neilson, Mrs. Arnold Bohner, Mrs. Glen Harrison, Mrs. Austin King and Mrs. M. F. Hoover. Mrs. James K. Hoy was in charge of the guest book.

The musical program featured Mrs. Charles Champin, soloist, and the Madrigal singers from Medford High school, directed by Lynn Sjolund. The accompanists were Mrs. Harold Head and Mrs. George Maddox.

Traveler Returns From California

Central Point — Mrs. W. C. Higginbotham, Old Stage road, Central Point, has returned to her home after spending 10 days visiting friends in Wilmington, Calif., in the Los Angeles area.

She was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. George R. Bergman. Mrs. Bergman is the former Lois Frazee. While in southern California Mrs. Higginbotham visited the Mt. Wilson Observatory, Disneyland, and went sight seeing in the area.

Activity Center Prepares For Open House May 13

The Senior Activity center, 601 East Jackson street, will hold its fourth annual open house Sunday, May 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. as the first event of Senior Citizens week to be celebrated May 13 to 19 by the Rogue Valley Council on Aging.

This is the first date announced by the chairman, Dr. Frank Roberts and his co-chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Bowker of Central Point of a series of events planned to honor the senior members of the communities of Jackson county. During the week the public will view products of the talents, abilities, and cultural resources of senior citizens and what is available in this retired portion of the population.

Mrs. Clayton Walker and Mrs. Fred Rankin are co-chairmen of the open house and will be assisted by the teachers, hostesses and members of the eight classes which meet each week at the center. Assisting them will be the house committee headed by William Jones.

An art exhibit of paintings, mosaic craft, clay sculpture and woodcarving will be shown and music will be furnished by the Senior Center orchestra which will give a concert from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Refreshments will be contributed and served by the members of the classes, who will be hosts and guides. From 1 to 2 p.m. the Arm Chair travel group will be in charge.



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