

Wind-Blown Soroptimists Attend Ashland Sessions

Ashland — Rain-soaked, wind-blown Soroptimists from all parts of the state braved Oregon's storm to attend a week end district meeting in Ashland. The official register showed 84 members representing 15 clubs; 36 of those attending were members of the Ashland hostess group. Klamath Falls and Brookings members assisted in the two-day conference entertainment.

Highlight of the District 2 meeting was an address at the Sunday morning breakfast by Mrs. Lily E. Quarnberg, past president of Soroptimist Federation of the Americas, Inc., and representative on the Soroptimist International association governing body. Her subject stemmed from a recent statement of U.N. Secretary U. Thant, "We Have Passed the Time."

In a fact-filled half-hour, the club officer from Vancouver, Wash., called upon Soroptimists to "strike a spark for deeper international understanding and to accept responsibility for citizenship."

Briefly touching upon a recent European visit while attending the SIA board meeting in Helsinki, Finland, Mrs. Quarnberg brought vivid pictures of conditions existing in Poland, in Germany, and behind the Iron Curtain.

She described the evidences of Nazi atrocities in Warsaw and quoted a guide who declared, while showing a wartime cemetery in Helsinki, "The Soviets may take our country one day but they will never take the hearts of our people."

She was in East Berlin at the time of greatest tension last August and was forced to walk across No Man's Land carrying her luggage. All of the women in her party had to retrace their steps many times to transport all of their traveling bags.

Mrs. Quarnberg told of problems in Latin America where educational needs are paramount and where Soroptimists have great opportunities. She touched upon Spain, saying that she had to revise some of her preconceived ideas. Although economic conditions were not good, she felt no atmosphere of dictatorship. She hopes to visit Africa to learn of their needs as they become a part of the world's community of nations.

The world-traveling club officer made a strong plea for a closer study of internal problems as they affect America and her position in world affairs. She urged members to strive for the Soroptimist goals of good citizenship and high ethical standards in business and political life. She also urged a continued effort toward the advancement of the status of women; the study of trends and evaluation of changing policies; the support of this country's principles and ideals; endorsement of the United Nations as the chief instrument for maintenance of world peace; aid to new nations; assistance to refugees, and growing cooperation with Soroptimist sister clubs as a means toward better international understanding.

"We have passed the time for superficial thinking," declared the speaker. "We must accept the challenge of personal and group leadership and take a new look at ourselves, as together we seek new patterns that will insure peace."

Governor Talks
At the Saturday evening banquet held in the Mark Antony hotel, Mrs. Dorothy Button, Bellingham, Wash., governor of the Northwestern region, was the speaker. Her subject: "The Challenge of Soroptimism," emphasized the potential reservoir of woman power and the responsibility of each individual member to develop and direct leadership in the right channels.

Panels on classification and membership; service objectives; programming and education, and public relations were conducted by district chairmen during the opening session Saturday afternoon in Trinity parish house. Mrs. June McManus, LaGrande, director of District 2, presided over the business meetings.

Mrs. Mabel Winston, president of the Ashland Soroptimist club, welcomed the conference at its opening session. Mrs. Button also led a class for club presidents Saturday afternoon.

Entertainment played an important part in the district conference and was a feature of the social hour preceding the banquet as members arrived wearing hats indicative of their business classifications. The hatless ones were fined. A tour of the Shakespearean theatre gave an afternoon interlude.

Mrs. Margaret Larkin, Klamath Falls, who is regional secretary, led and was co-ordinator of reports made by members who had attended the San Francisco convention in July. Pictures of the federation convalesce were shown by Mrs. Adelaide Clary of the Ashland club. Miss Cora Mason, member of the hostess club, was in charge of the Sunday morning devotions, using the story of Mary and

Martha as an analogy. Mrs. William Allen sang a hymn, accompanied by Mrs. Hattie Litwiller.

The Brookings Soroptimist club furnished unique table decorations of driftwood, shells and seashore flowers, which were afterward given away. The Brookings president, Mrs. Olympia Moody, presided.

Dr. Dorothy Stolp, Ashland Soroptimist and Southern Oregon college faculty member, regaled the Sunday morning listeners with lively and amusing comments on her experiences in Great Britain when she visited at the

Soroptimist House in London. Musical numbers were presented during the banquet by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schall, new members of the college faculty.

At the conclusion of the conference sessions Sunday morning, Mrs. Shirley Williams, Coos Bay, district secretary, gave the credentials report and Mrs. Catherine Smith, Corvallis, presented the courtesy resolutions. The next district meeting will be held in Corvallis in October of 1963.

Mrs. Frances Worth and Mrs. Mildred Klum were general chairmen in charge of

the Ashland conference. Other club chairmen were: Mrs. Cora Woodward, housing; Mrs. Norma Erwin, registration; Dr. Dorothy Stolp, entertainment; Mrs. Bess Madison, hostesses; Mrs. Montana Trites, favors; Mrs. Velma Jones, publicity; Mrs. Adelaide Clary, programs, and Mrs. Hattie Litwiller, music.

First Meeting Held by PTA
Illinois Valley — Walter Johnson presided for the first meeting of Illinois Valley High School Parent-Teacher association. Principal Frank Heisacker introduced the teaching staff, giving a short sketch of each teacher's background.

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Guests Attend Model Meeting

Alpha Beta chapter, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, held a model meeting recently at the home of Mrs. D. D. Waltermire, 3335 Forest drive. She was assisted by Mrs. John Watkins and Mrs. Ray Jones. Mrs. Cecil Davis and Mrs. Mildred DeWitt, XI MU chapter, were guest speakers. Their cultural topic was "Self Estimate." Other speakers were Mrs. Richard Wager, who talked on the history of Beta Sigma Phi; Mrs. Charles T. Tucker, "What Beta Sigma

Phi Means To Me"

and Mrs. Watkins, who talked on social activities of the chapter. Mrs. Gilbert Stuart, Mrs. Gordon Casey, Mrs. K. D. Knackstadt, Mrs. Robert Morris, Mrs. Robb Adams and Mrs. D. Ruffner were guests. November 4 has been set as the date for the preferential tea to be held at the home of Mrs. G. A. Cottingham, 1329 Queen Anne avenue. The October 23rd meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ray Jones, 1525 Lenora drive.

Woman's Society Planning Party

Wilderville — The Woman's Society of Christian Service is meeting at the home of Mrs. Darwin Ingalls today to make plans for a Halloween party for the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

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