



Plans for rejuvenating the local chapter of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution were made at a dinner meeting held November 10 at the Medford hotel. Among those attending were (left to right) Frank Ross, president of the chapter; Joseph C. Long, Portland, vice-president gen-



Wives of state and local officers of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution were guests at a dinner which the society gave November 10 at the Medford hotel. Included in the group were (left to right, Mrs. John Walker, Portland; Mrs. Albert C. Brown, Portland; Mrs. Joseph C. Long, Portland, whose husband is a vice-president of the national society, and Mrs. Frank Ross, whose husband is president of the Southern Oregon SAR chapter.

Veni - Vidi

By MARGARET SCHULER

Rome—St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, in this city of 450 Catholic churches, is considered—listed in the guide books—a national monument.

The story is interesting. Until Garibaldi, 100 years ago, wrested the State from papal power, no protestants were permitted to worship inside the walls of Rome. Episcopalians held services in secret, often in unpleasant places. (It is said that one place was adjoining a garbage dump). They were subject to police interference. When the State was on its own, the government went to the Italians, and requested a church. We were a foreign power and free to worship as we liked. Permission was granted.

At that time many Americans wintered in Rome—the Roosevelts, Astors, Morgans people with money—and it was they who financed the building for the most part. Sir George Street, famous British architect, built the church.

The great mosaic chancel is the work of the pre-Raphaelite, Byrne-Jones. It is primarily his work which warrants its being recognized as a monument. The mosaics are awe-inspiring and beautiful. He did what Michelangelo and other early artists did: he painted in the faces of his patrons on the religious figures. If you are aware, you will see President Lincoln, General Grant (why Grant and not Lee, no one knows), Garibaldi, Mr. Roosevelt, (Teddy's father) Mr. Harri-

man, and Lady Byrne-Jones. Visitors from all over the world come to see the church and to sign the guest book. The congregation on Sunday includes protestants of all faiths—Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists. Many British Anglicans worship here. The regular parishioners are small in number in relation to the large number of tourists who visit St. Paul's.

After services on Sunday, as in Episcopal churches everywhere, friends meet to visit, and visitors may, or may not, meet anyone. The parish budget is prepared as everywhere, and you are cordially invited to pledge. Last week was the annual Parish dinner. This differs somewhat from the churches in the States. Servants do the work, you eat at little tables, and all food is served individually. There are four courses, and coffee is served ala Italia. You never see all the goodies which are so interesting and integral a part of the annual dinners at home, heaped on long tables.

In October 26 Time Magazine, under Religion, there is a picture of three of the Protestant observers at the Ecumenical Congress. All of them have preached at the church. The theme of the talks—all of

them—was Christian Unity. The Archbishop from Columbia had collected data on the numbers of peoples who might have become Christians had there been more understanding and sympathetic rapport among races and creeds. His most telling story, which students of Mahatma Ghandi well know, was about the great pacifist, Ghandi was an admirer of Christ. He thought the Sermon on the Mount the greatest piece of literature ever written. In his room when he died—the only thing on the walls was a picture of Christ on the Cross. At one time Ghandi had tried to go to a Christian service, and was turned down because of his color.

The Archbishop, dark himself, suggested that millions of converts may have been lost to the Christian faith by that one act. He cited another, a great power among the Hindus said, at one time, that he had considered Christianity but that there was something wrong with a religion in which there were so many divisions and sects, and such unfriendly relations.

The Rev. Douglas Horton, former dean of religion at Harvard, and representing the International Congregational council at the Congress, in his talk, brought out that under the present Pope, a new wind has blown from Rome. "That wind may change under a new pontiff, and the conservative element seek to break down the friendly contacts being established with other Christian denominations. I will not say that the cold war has ended, but it shows signs of ending. We are here to interpret what we see in the best kind of light, and to try to get an understanding of Roman Catholicism. It may take a thousand years to unite. It would be foolish to predict. But what we do know is that union is possible in an atmosphere of this kind. It was impossible yesterday."

The Ecumenical Congress—which is still front page news in all Italian papers—may continue for two years, possibly longer. It is being recalled that the Council of Trent lasted eighteen years—from 1545 to 1563.

At the American Catholic church in Rome—St. Susanna—the Rev. Gregory Baun spoke on the scandal of Christian disunity. He said "You cannot think it is up to the others (the non-Catholics) to do all the moving, while we sit and wait."

Africans, too, have questions to ask, and have organized to try to get reforms. Even such a question as the following—why are angels always painted as white, and devils as black?—are asked.

Another subject being discussed is the language of Latin in the Mass. Certain bishops feel that they should have the privilege to substitute the vernacular if they saw fit.

Nearly 900 Parents at Open House

Approximately 900 parents of students at Hedrick Junior High school attended the open house at the school November 13, according to Principal Glenn L. Linn.

This is an average of nearly one parent per child, he noted, since 1,001 students were listed.

Lodges Schedule Dinner Meeting

Oregon chapter, Royal Arch Masons and Royal Arch Widows will meet in the Jacksonville Masonic temple Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m., for a potluck dinner. All Royal Arch Masons and their wives are invited.

The committee members will be Mrs. Earl Brewold, Mrs. William Childreth, Mrs. Lewis Conley and Mrs. Roy Williamson.

ed on the school roster that day.

Meeting first in the gymnasium, visitors heard the Hedrick Varsity band directed by Ron Bartlett. They played three selections, "Washington Post March," "Blue Mist Be-guine," and "Young Love." Carroll Graber presented the ninth grade choir, accompanied by Gary Louvre. They sang four pieces, "Lord of Hosts," "Salvation Is Created," "Gossip, Gossip," and "Willow Wind."

Mrs. Hale Greenman, president of the Hedrick Parent Teacher association, conducted a brief meeting and introduced PTA board and committee leaders. Welcome to the visitors on behalf of the students was expressed by the student body president, Max

Guiley, and Mr. Linn introduced the faculty.

During the classroom visitation which followed, parents met with individual teachers to learn more about material to be covered, and objectives of the course during the school year. By following the student's daily class schedule, parents had an opportunity to spend 10 minutes in each room and then return to the cafeteria for refreshments served by the PTA executive board.

Student Guest In O'Brien

O'Brien—Miss Jeanie Smedley had as her guest last week Miss Amy Cameron, a student at Milo academy near Canyonville. The two are former room mates at the academy.

Catholic Women Name Committee

Catholic Daughters, Court St. Marys last week announced the appointment of committee women for various activities of the group.

Mrs. John Mansfield has been appointed chairman for National Catholic Community service, and Mrs. Peter Ruef is volunteer alternate representative for this service.

Mrs. Paul Newcomb is chairman of the committee which works with Chaplain Laurence Eskey at the Veterans Domiciliary. White City, and Mrs. Edith Devaney has charge of altar linens. The committee members also go as a group on the second Tues-

days of each month to sing at the domiciliary.

Mrs. V. P. Nicoletti and Mrs. Richard Knoll are co-chairmen of the committee which caters for wedding receptions, and Mrs. Floyd Darland heads the committee for visiting the homes of the aged. This is done on the second Tuesdays of each month and the committee also distributed Halloween favors.

Mrs. John Dubay has reported that nearly 150 quarts of fruit were canned by the group for sisters of the parish. The group also planned to entertain November 17 for their husbands and friends at a potluck dinner and social evening in the Knights of Columbus hall.

Earlier in the fall a group from Court St. Marys attended a meeting of the Klamath Falls court when Mrs. Monte Kontz joined the Medford group and Mrs. John Larson transferred from the Klamath Falls court.

Attending the meeting from here were Mrs. Alberta Haas, Mrs. Richard Pruitt, Mrs. Kontz, Mrs. L. E. McMurray, Mrs. George Davy, president of the court; Mrs. Claudia Scruggs, Mrs. Lee Dupray, Mrs. Harvey Humphrey and Mrs. William Dugan.

Herb Society Plans Meeting

Herbs for hot beverages will be the subject of Mrs. Charles Ray when she speaks Tuesday, November 20 at 1:30 p.m. for members of the Rogue Valley Herb society.

Roll call will be answered by naming a variety of artemisia.

Mrs. R. A. Abel and Mrs. L. W. Lingscheit will furnish the exhibit of the month and Mrs. LeRoy Cline and Mrs. H. A. Ward will be the hostesses.

Earlier in the fall the club conducted a harvest festival and silver tea when gifts of herbs were sold, and a table display showed numerous ways in which herbs may be used.

Security Benefit Club Plans Dinner

Security Benefit club members will serve a Thanksgiving dinner during their meeting Wednesday, November 21. The session will open at 11 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. and will be held in the Pythian building, at the corner of North Grape and Fifth streets.

A dance is planned by the club for Friday, November 30.

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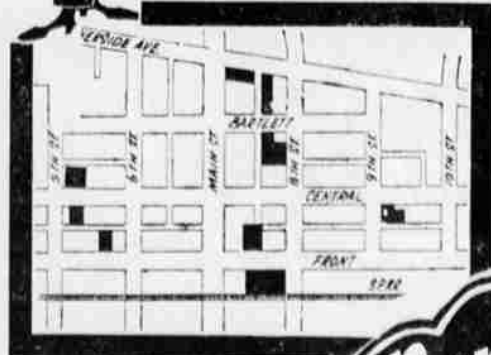
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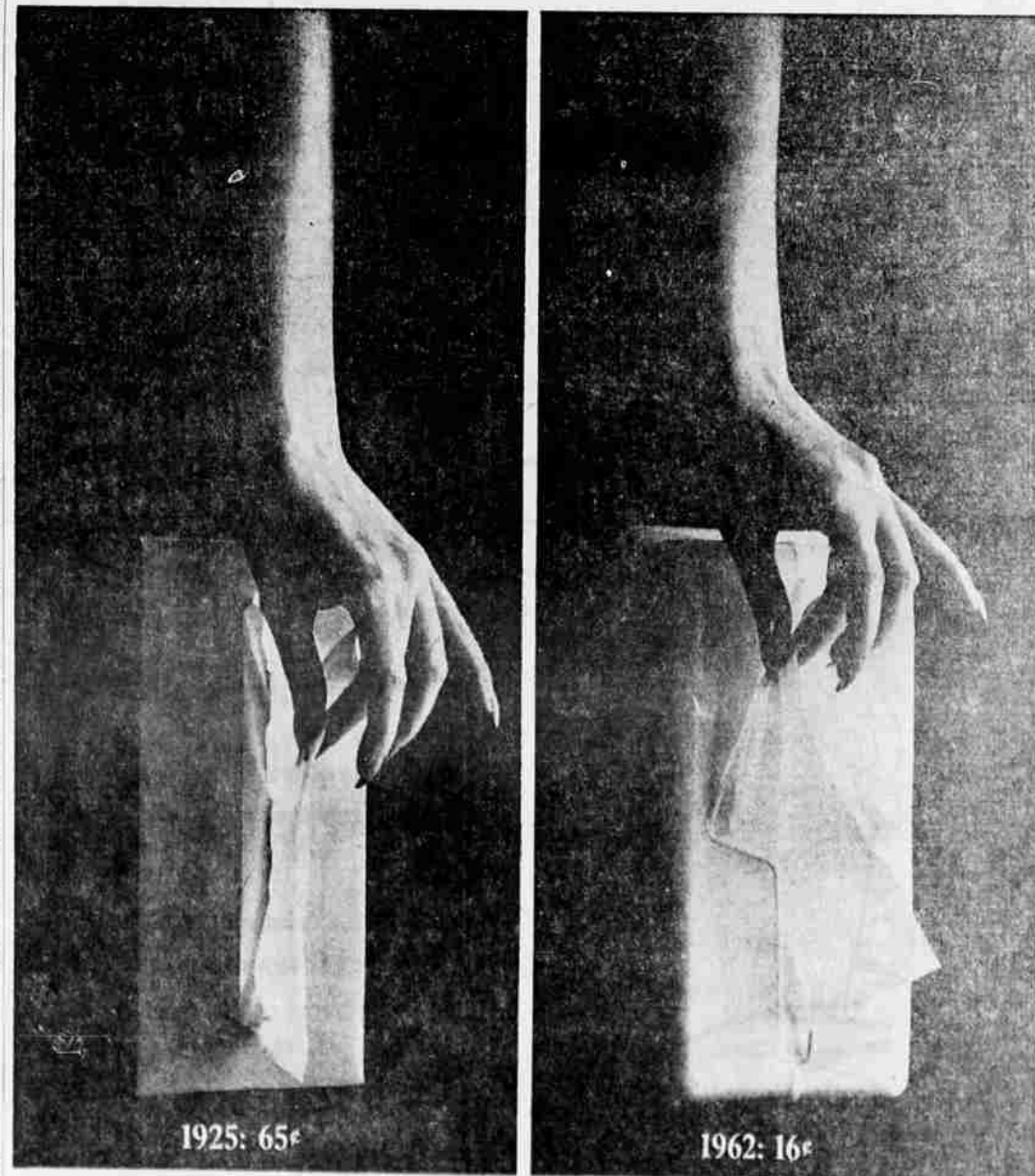
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