

Gardeners Convening In Portland

Portland-The 36th annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs opened here today, with Portland District I as host group. Sessions are at the Multnomah hotel and will continue through June 26.

"Portland's New Look" is the convention theme, with daily themes of "Gala Gardens," "The Excitement of Our Future" and "Art Forms."

Mayor Terry Schruk greeted the members when the session opened with Mrs. A. H. Mason, state president, presiding.

Newly elected national president, Mrs. J. Gordon Gose of Seattle, Wash., spoke at luncheon today on "Your National Council," and Mrs. Bert Ralston, new Pacific regional director from Craigmont, Idaho, will deliver her message Tuesday morning on "Happiness Is In Your Hands."

Professor Richard H. Blakeley, department of landscape architecture, Oregon State University, was scheduled to speak this afternoon on "Gardens as Space." Tonight the Forest Grove Camera club will present a "Concert in Pictures."

Mrs. O. V. Poe, Phoenix, retiring director of Siskiyou district, and Mrs. I. D. Fitzgerald, Central Point, who will be installed as the new director, are among those attending the sessions. In addition, presidents of the various Siskiyou district clubs and several club delegates, are attending.

Rogue River Club Women To Attend State Session

Rogue River - Mrs. Lewis C. McQuady, secretary of the Rogue River Garden club, and Mrs. J. A. Harvey, president, will represent the Rogue River club at the convention of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs in the Multnomah hotel, Portland, June 24 through 26.

Mrs. McQuady and Mrs. Harvey were installed at a Garden club meeting recently in the home of Mrs. Leslie Ackley, Grants Pass.

Other Officers installed were Mrs. Lloyd Beebe, vice president, and Miss Henrietta Oliver, treasurer. Mrs. Paul Hughes and Mrs. Earl Brooks, Grants Pass past presidents, attended the meeting. Both women are former residents of the Rogue River area.

Mrs. Rollin Stiehl, retiring president, was presented a pin, as past president. She has completed a second term of office as president of the Rogue River club.



Miss Joanne Callaghan, Eagle Point college student who was chosen Miss Rogue Valley of 1963, is pictured wearing a white arnell suit which is part of her wardrobe for the Miss Oregon pageant this week at Seaside, Ore. The suit is from Montgomery Ward's store here and Miss Callaghan's hair style is by Winnie's salon. Miss Callaghan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Callaghan, Eagle Point, and her chaperone, Mrs. A. I. Prugh, Medford, will leave Tuesday for Seaside and the pageant opens June 27. Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce staged the local pageant at which Miss Callaghan was chosen to represent the area in the annual beauty and talent contest for Oregon, and Wayne Medford was director. (Hooker-Johnston photo)

Scout Troop Holds Court Of Awards

A court of awards was recently held by Girl Scout Troop 128 at Roosevelt school.

Receiving hospitality, tree, and bird badges were Susan Gannon, Kathy Hall, Diane Hatcher, Diane Hewlett, Kathy Hiatt, Jan Morris, Cheryl Nelson, Barbara White, Norma Yandell and Marilyn Young. In addition, the cat and dog badge was earned by Norma Yandell.

The mothers and several younger sisters and brothers were guests of the troop. Gifts were presented to Debra Hall, Debra and Jack Hewlett, Beth and Dick White who all helped the troop in the Pear Blossom festival parade. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

In earning the bird badge the girls were assisted by Mrs. Pauline Bush for some of the requirements.

A luau was planned and carried out by the troop with the sixth grade troop from Hoover school and the leader, Mrs. Gordon, as guests. Leis made by troop members were given to each guest as she arrived. The luau was held at the Girl Scout center, decorations were done in a Hawaiian theme with shells, nets, floats and banks of flowers, and island recipes were prepared by the hostess troop.

Work on the Bicycle badge was begun by a bike hike from Roosevelt school to Parson's and return. Patrolman Wright of the Medford Police department gave a talk to the troop on bicycle safety. Troop 128 assisted Troop 59, led by Mrs. Max Larson, and Troop 139, led by Mrs. Robert Vincent, at their Fly-Up ceremonies.

Summer plans of several troop members include attendance at Girl Scout camp at Lake of the Woods. Leader of Troop 128 is Mrs. George Gannon and she is assisted by Mrs. William L. White.

Girl Scouts

Troop 139 Has Ceremony Recently Brownie Troop 139 held a fly-up ceremony at the Girl Scout Center. Members of this troop are Beth Bailey, Carolyn Berry, Joan Boehnke, Sandra Boulware, Julie Clarke, Christine Drysdale, Brenda Hartley, Cindy Heidemann, Kathy Heiken, Karen Langston, Kaye Maciolek, Robin Murray, Lori Richards, Patty Ricken, Janna Vincent, Michelle Waldron, and Beth White.

The ceremony began with a flag presentation by Christine, Brenda, Kaye and Janna. Mrs. Robert V. Vincent, troop leader, welcomed the parents. She and her assistants, Mrs. H. L. Bohlenke and Mrs. William L. White, presented the wings to each Brownie. Members of the troop then gave a corsage to each of the leaders.

The girls gave the Girl Scout promise, slogan and motto. They flew up by walking through an arch decorated with flowers. Linda Boulware acted as the fairy and touched each Brownie with her wand as she passed by. An emblem was pinned on each new Girl Scout by a member of Girl Scout Troop 128; the troop greeted the new scouts by singing "Girl Scouts Together."

All the scouts formed a friendship circle and sang "Where You Make a Promise" and Taps. Refreshments were served after the grace "Back of the Bread."

Members of Troop 128 are Susan Gannon, Kathy Hall, Diane Hatcher, Diane Hewlett, Kathy Hiatt, Jan Morris, Cheryl Nelson, Barbara White, Norma Yandell, and Marilyn Young and leaders are Mrs. George Gannon and Mrs. William White.

As part of the tenderfoot requirements for Troop 139, a cookout was held by Bear Creek shortly before the fly-up. One of three patrols laid a trail, another built the fire, and the third cooked lunch. Forest Ranger Doug Baker showed a film "The Frying Pan and the Fire" earlier to demonstrate fire safety in the forest.

Kaye Maciolek, Reporter

Past Presidents Club Will Meet

The Past Presidents club of the auxiliary to Crater Lake post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday, June 25 for a 12 o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Mary A. Weber, 1317 Murray avenue. Members are to take table service. The club president, Mrs. J. D. Brummond will be cohostess. A business session will open at 10 o'clock.

University Theater Lists Summer Plays

Eugene - "The Desperate Hours," a suspense drama by Joseph A. Hayes, will open the second Carnival theater season at the University of Oregon, Friday, June 28. The theater is a semi-professional summer theater venture, with performances held in the outdoor amphitheater on the south side of the University theater.

The drama will play June 29, July 9, August 1 and August 6.

Other summer plays planned are "From Rags to Riches," a melodrama by Charles Taylor, July 5, 6, 16 and August 2 and 10; "The Fantasticks," a musical based on the book by Harvey Schmidt, July 12, 13, 23, 26 and August 3 and 8; "Private Lives," high comedy by Noel Coward, July 19, 20, 27, 30 and August 9; "The Wonderful Tang," a children's play in the Chinese manner, written by Bomont Brustle, July 26, 27, 30 and 31.

All performances open at 8:30 p.m., DST, with the exception of "The Wonderful Tang," which will play matinee performances at 2:30 p.m., only.

A Club Intime, a weekly nightclub type activity for the entire family, will take place in the new addition of the Erb Memorial Student union each Wednesday, at 8:30 p.m., beginning June 26 through August 7. Free refreshments will be provided and an orchestra will furnish music for dancing.

June Birthdays To Be Observed

Security Benefit club members who have birthdays in June will be honored at the Wednesday, June 26 meeting of the club in the Pythian building.

A special guest at the last Wednesday's meeting was Mrs. Emma Perkins, 88.

Club members are invited to attend a family picnic August 25 in TouVelle park. Weekly meetings open at 11 a.m. and luncheon is served at 12 noon.

Calendar

Monday 8:30 p.m.-NOW lodge, Eagles hall.

6:30 p.m.-Degree of Honor Protective association, Girls Community club.

7:45 p.m.-Medford Rose society, Jackson county court-house.

Tuesday 11:30 a.m.-Women's fellowship of First Christian church, Lithia park, Ashland.

1 p.m.-Past Chiefs club of Pythian Sisters, Mrs. George Bryant, 3384 Forest ave.

1 p.m.-Red Cross Community service club, Red Cross center, Hawthorne ave.

Marriage Mending Laws In Japan Commended

By BOB METCALFE

Tokyo - (UPI) - Japan seems to have found a system that could cure much of the United States' divorce ills, says a Californian who has researched 11 countries in the past six months for divorce laws and customs that tend to save marriages.

Jay Burchett, a 47-year-old engineering professor at Pasadena City college, is vice-president of United States Divorce Reform Inc., a non-profit organization launched two years ago to tackle America's high divorce rate. (He said it averages about 28 out of every 100 marriages.)

Burchett, on leave from his college at half-pay, ended here his world-wide research into divorce customs and laws. The tour took him to see judges and government officials in Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Scandinavia and central Europe.

Will Write He intends to write a book and lecture in the United States, hopeful the ideas he has picked up will be adopted as state laws.

Burchett likes Japan's family courts system, he said, because it "tries to save" floundering marriages with case teams of psychiatrists, doctors and priests-and has accountants to divide property when divorce is unavoidable.

As in Britain, judges specialize in divorce and act only on case-worker recommendations.

And the system can function without lawyers. Divorce lawyers would starve in Japan, said Burchett, since the Japanese can get a divorce for as little as a \$25 court fee.

Grounds here include divorce by consent, though a three-month waiting period is mandatory.

Japan's family court system, set up in 1948 when the Japanese constitution was written, is based largely on studies made around 1900 by Judge Ben B. Lindsay of Chicago. Japan's divorce rate (69,000 in 1961) is one of the lowest of any country Burchett visited.

"Japan takes a positive approach," said Burchett. "In America we have an adversary system that pits husband against wife for the material things they can salvage from a divorce. It seldom tries to solve the petty differences that often lead to divorce. We destroy, rather than save marriages."

American couples get precious little help from lawyers in solving their problems instead of going ahead with divorce, he said. "Los Angeles divorce lawyers alone make \$20 million

a year," he maintained. "Lawyers are paid to liquidate marriages."

Said Burchett, "We want to take divorce out of the world of lawyers and put it into the hands of people specializing in personal relations."

Sweden Highest Among the countries he visited, Burchett found Sweden's divorce rate one of the highest. Britain had one of the lowest.

Burchett said he found in his tour that European women were not so downtrodden but pretty happy with their lot.

He said it was not a valid argument to blame U.S. divorces on American women's independence - "foreign women married to U.S. citizens have the same divorce rate, so the system's to blame."

He saw hope in the fact that a family court started in Toledo, Ohio, by Judge Paul Alexander in 1951 had reduced the divorce rate there, and that other U.S. cities were taking notice of the court's operation.

Candidate Burchett's interest in divorce reform prompted him to run for the California legislature last June. He said he spent \$280, drew 5,500 votes and finished fourth among the seven candidates. His platform was based strictly on divorce law reform.

Burchett has a personal interest in divorce law reform. His parents were divorced when he was six. He is divorced, and has custody of his five-year-old son.

Association Honors Two

Kansas City, Mo. - (UPI) - Annette J. Richmire of Rogue River, Ore., high school and Loretta Wirtane, 16, of John Sweet Union High school, Crockett, Calif., were honored today for their work in home economics.

Miss Richmire, a home economics teacher, was cited for a consumers education program which was designed to teach young women wise buying habits. Miss Wirtane, a student, was honored for a project of teaching nutrition to third grade children.

They were named "Home-making Student" and "Home-making Teacher" of the year by Seventeen magazine at a breakfast preceding the 54th annual convention of the American Home Economics association.

Picnic Planned By Talent Women

Talent - The annual picnic for Talent Garden club members is planned for Wednesday, June 26. Mrs. Glenn Mosser will be hostess.

Mrs. Leon Lockwood will be the cohostess. Those who attend should take table service.

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Nevita Chapter Sets Installation

Central Point-Nevita chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will hold installation of officers Wednesday, June 26, at 8 p.m. in the Central Point Masonic temple. Sunday's issue stated erroneously that the ceremony would be Tuesday night.

The installation is open to relatives and friends of OES members.

The chapter will hold a stated meeting Tuesday night at the temple.