

Women's Groups State Aims and Purposes as Year Begins

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The interests, desires and needs of women of all ages and stations in life are served by scores of organizations in Jackson County. Some are units of far-reaching national groups while others are local in nature; some seek to educate, others to entertain. Some endeavor to indoctrinate the memberships and the public about political, moral or governmental issues. Some will provide recreation and diversion for those who become members and officers.

Since in most instances the "year" of an organization begins in September and ends in June or July, autumn is the rallying time. Today The Mail Tribune calls attention to a few of these scores of organizations in Jackson County and gives space to statements of purpose and policy prepared for publication. At all times the paper publishes material about the meetings and other activities of organizations as submitted by them.

Church Women

Mrs. Everett Larson, president of the Medford Council of United Church Women, states that the purpose of this organization is "To unite church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Jesus Christ through a program looking to their integration in the total life and work of the church and to the building of a world Christian community.

"To provide an opportunity for Christian worship, fellowship and service across denominational and racial lines.

"To manifest oneness in Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Saviour and to promote the spirit of Christian fellowship, cooperation and service with one another."

The council membership comes from 17 churches in Medford, Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Phoenix, and is open to all women in women's organizations of local churches. Four meetings a year are open to the public, the World Day of Prayer, held on the first Friday in Lent; May Fellowship day, the first Friday in May; Mission Institute day, third Friday in September; and World Community day, first Friday in November.

Home Extension

Through the extension program, women in Jackson County and all over Oregon have access to new information, new methods and results of research in homemaking.

All extension programs are planned by the women with the council and assistance of the county extension agent and a staff of extension specialists at Oregon State University, Corvallis. September is organization month for home extension units in the county. In October, leaders will present a lesson on "Fall for Entertaining."

Other projects will be "Communication in the Family," "Better Reading and Reading Equipment," "Single Housewife Reports," "What Women Should Know About the Automobile," "The Labor Years," and "Social Security." In addition there will be special interest programs on proper fitting of foundation garments and a workshop on refinishing furniture.

Some units meet in the evening because family responsibilities keep them from meeting during the day. This gives working women an opportunity to attend. Anyone interested in starting a group may call the Jackson County Extension office, 773-8215.

Voicers' League

The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility by encouraging citizens to take an informed and active part in government.

The league is nonpartisan. While members are encouraged to work as individuals in the political party of their choice, the league itself does not support or oppose any candidate or party.

Women citizens of voting age are eligible for membership, and dues are kept low so that anyone interested may join.

The league studies local, state, and national issues and may - after polling the membership - support or oppose an issue on the ballot.

Major community projects of the Medford League include a Candidates' Fair at election time, sale of a Voters' Information Sheet which includes factual material on the candidates and pro and con information on ballot measures, and publication of a booklet of Jackson County government.

The latter is used as a text for local government study in the county's schools. The league is currently at work on a parallel study of Medford's city government.

According to Mrs. C. H. Redmond, president of Medford Business and Professional Women's club, "The objectives of the Business and Professional Women's club are to elect the best candidates for women in business and the professions, to promote the interests of business and professional women, to bring about a spirit of cooperation among the business and professional women of the United States and to extend their opportunities through education.

This year our theme will be "Full Partnership. We will develop this theme by programs planned by a personal development committee, a civic participation committee, world affairs, and the legislation committee. The aim of the club will be to make each member personally aware of her part in her job, her community and the nation.

"The Business and Professional Women's club meets the third Thursday of each month at the Girl's Community Club at 7:30 p.m."

Service League

Medford Junior Service League was founded in 1947 by five young women who had the common desire to work actively to help their community a little place in which to live. These five invited 30 more young women to join them, and in the year which have followed, they have participated in such varied civic activities as staffing the canteen for the Red Cross blood bank, assisting with the different community drives, staffing the Red Cross day a week, working on the pre-school hearing clinic sponsored by the Jackson County Public Health office and many others.

Money has been raised by fashion shows, benefit teas, charity balls, year-end operation of a thrift shop, and gainfully by staging a fall, which have been presented every other year. This year the league will undertake a new project, an International Flea Market to be held in the arena on October 25, 26, 27.

In February of 1963, the first many other unions in

over 70 other countries of the world.

"The annual national convention is now being held in Columbus, Ohio. The world convention meets once in three years, the last one being last November in New Delhi, India.

"The Oregon State WCTU sponsors the Children's Farm Home near Corvallis where that in the years to come, we may promote enriched educational, cultural, and civic conditions in Medford," according to Mrs. John Collins, new president.

Medford WCTU

Mrs. G. O. Sanden, president of the Medford Women's Christian Temperance Union, points out that "The organization was founded about 90 years ago to promote total abstinence of all alcoholic beverages, including beer, and to influence people to live clean, Christian lives. Now the organization has grown until there are nearly one-half million members in the U.S.A. league opened a kindergarten for hard of hearing children, and it is to this endeavor that most of the groups' aid is given. Children trained here are able to go on to other schools and the goal of a more normal life. League members agree that working in and for the kindergarten has enriched their lives as well as the children's."

"It is the hope of the league needy children are given loving care and Christian training."

Last fall a brother and sister at Myrtle Creek, Ore., deeded an 800-acre ranch to the Oregon WCTU to be used to make a home for boys who would be given training in forestry and stock raising.

"The Medford union meets in the fireplace room of First Presbyterian church at 1:30 p.m., the third Thursday of each month. Visitors are welcome."

PTA Council

The objects of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers are "To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community; to raise the standards of home life; to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth; to bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child and to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantage in physical, mental, social and spiritual education."

The Jackson Council of PTA is comprised of 33 local units in the county. Its purpose is to promote cooperation among the member units on matters of mutual concern. It is also a channel of communication from the state and national congresses to units in its membership.

The first meeting of the year is an officers' school of information, to be held at the Red Cross building September 25. It will give the new officers of local units an opportunity to share their problems and receive information from those who have had experience in leadership. And from the publications made available by the state and national PTA Congresses.

Delta Sigma Phi is an international organization with over 150,000 active members comprising 6,500 chapters. Locally there are seven chapters, with representatives from each chapter forming the city council. The purpose for this council is to provide a way for the members of the chapters to correlate their planning and activity for city-

wide events such as the annual Valentine Ball, the Founder's Day celebration and the summer picnic. In May 1964 the Medford area group assisted by the Grants Pass and Ashland chapters will host the Oregon state convention.

Though basically a cultural and social organization, each chapter does have many service projects. These included a scholarship for a student nurse, a scholarship for a girl attending Southern Oregon college, a program of visits to nursing homes, making cancer bandages and financial contributions to the American Cancer society.

The next Beta Sigma Phi event, the Yellow Rose ball, will be September 7, and is sponsored by the Xi Beta Kappa chapter.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha

Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority in this area consists of Alpha Lambda, Delta Omega, of Medford and Beta Nu of Eagle Point.

The biggest philanthropic project is aid to the children's hospital school in Eugene. This school provides education and therapy for Oregon's handicapped children.

A door to door candy sale will be held September 10, 11, 12. Epsilon Sigma Alpha will sell Brown and Haley mints in Medford and Eagle Point. All proceeds will go directly to the school.

"The philanthropic phase of our sorority is the most satisfying. To be able to help others less fortunate than ourselves - these are the things that touch our hearts and make us proud we belong to Epsilon Sigma Alpha" according to Mrs. Lyman Smith, area council president.

Another main project of the sorority is handling the spring Easter Seal campaign in Jackson County.

Nurses Association

District 4, Oregon Nurses association, is the professional organization for registered nurses in Jackson County. Its primary purpose is to improve nursing practice by a continuing program of concern for nurses and nursing needs. "The Oregon Nurses

association actively promotes legislation conducive to better health care, seeks equitable salaries and working conditions, and offers guidance and placement service to the nurse who wants to know about opportunities open to her in nursing or the one who is interested in career development through further study," according to Mrs. Joan Bass, president.

Through membership in the local group, each nurse also becomes a member of the American Nurses association, which conducts educational and legislative programs, clinical institutes, research, among other services for nurses and for better health care of the people of the nation.

Plans are under way to bring the opportunity for membership to every professional nurse in this area.

University Branch

The objectives of the American Association of University Women are to give the college graduate an opportunity to continue her intellectual growth, to help her find ways to use her training and abilities to build better communities and to meet the ever changing problems of this Space Age, according to Mrs. Lloyd Bishop, branch president.

"Our major interest is in education itself, in its opportunities and contributions to society. Our Medford branch has supported higher education by giving nine \$500 graduate study fellowships in the past 10 years and we plan to give a \$500 fellowship this year. The state division of AAUW allocates \$500 from our dues to a state fellowship."

"The personal intellectual growth of our members is accomplished through study groups which are also open to all women of the community. Last year 46 non-members used the services of our study groups and we hope to increase this number this year.

I feel that the key to any successful organization lies in its programming. This year we have selected for a general study "The American Family in a Changing World." Through studying the impact of change on the family, each individual member will, I hope, gain a better understanding for herself, her family, and the world around her."

OSU Patio Party Set

All students who will enroll in Oregon State university as freshmen, or for the first time this fall are invited to a patio party at the M. R. listed home, 7 Windsor avenue, Thursday, September 5, at 7:30 p.m. Alumni of the university and others who have attended there will be present and a faculty representative will be a guest.

Campus attire is suggested. Student leaders, representing different phases of student life, will be on the program and entertainment is planned. Information will be available on housing, registration, sports, schools, curriculum and activities.

Refreshments will be served.

Neighbors Plan Special Session

Mistletoe camp, Royal Neighbors of America, has cancelled the regular meeting and will hold a session Tuesday, September 3 at the home of Mrs. L. S. Bashaw, 18 Almond street, at 1 p.m.

A dessert kaffeeklatsch will be held for members only since balloting on new candidates will be held.

The Medford group has accepted an invitation to attend a session in Ashland Wednesday, September 4, for initiation of candidates. A potluck dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the Medford camp members asked to take salads.

New Residents

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Williams and two sons, Dean and Larry, are new residents of Montague, having come here from Bridgeville in Humboldt county.



Mrs. Lyman Smith (at right), 317 Howard street, is president of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority area council. She is pictured here with Mrs. Arthur Pollard, chairman of the annual candy sale which the area

chapters will hold in mid-September. The sale raises funds for the Children's Hospital school. Eugene; support of the school is one of the sorority's state-wide continuing projects.

Winners Of Contest Announced

Miss Jeanne Bowers, 12 of 1312 Beatty street; Miss Sylvia Coggins, 17, of 1329 Beckman street, and Miss Jeri Cluff, 21, of 175 Meade street, Ashland, were winners last week in the Singer Sewing Machine company's Young-stylermaker contest.

Miss Bowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Bowers, won in the Tween division for girls from 10 through 13. Her entry was an apricot colored lined dress with reversible print jacket.

Miss Coggins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coggins was the Teen division (14 to 17) winner. She entered a two piece pink mohair suit.

Miss Cluff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cluff, entered the Miss and Mrs. division, 18 to 21 years old category. Her winning garment was an orange two piece suit with print scarf matching the lining.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. Helen Groves of Rath's Ready-to-Wear, Mrs. Harriet Gerhardt of LaPointe's Ladies Ready-to-Wear, and Mrs. Evelyn Brower of J. C. Penny company.

Mrs. Geneva Neill was the sewing teacher, and Mrs. Lillian Dobrowsky of the Singer company presented the three local winners fitted sewing cases. They are now eligible to participate in the area competition at Seattle. Area winner will compete with other area winners from throughout the United States in New York City.

Some 40 young women modeled the garments they had made during the local show last week at Hedrick Junior High school.

White Shrine Group To Meet

Nativity shrine, Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem, will assemble for the first time since summer recess Saturday, September 7 at 4 p.m., in the Grants Pass Masonic temple. Members are asked to note the time of the meeting.

A potluck dinner will be held after the meeting and those who attend should take table service and a food contribution.

After the dinner, members will attend a reception honoring Mrs. John Wright, worthy grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. This event is to be held in Tri-City school, Tri-City, Ore.

New Home

Montague Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lightie have recently moved into their new home on the Three-Mile-Lane north of Montague. Mrs. Eunice King, Eureka, mother of Mrs. Lightie, has been their guest.

To Hold Session

Past Commanders club of the Disabled American Veterans auxiliary will meet Tuesday, September 3, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. George Simmons, White City.

Following the business session refreshments will be served by the hostess.

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Extension Units Plan Meetings

The first meetings in the fall for three Home Extension units are scheduled this week.

The Medford Parents unit will meet for a spaghetti dinner at the home of Mrs. K. W. Jensen, 53 Rose avenue, Tuesday, September 3, at 7 p.m. Activities for the coming year will be discussed.

Mrs. R. E. Simmons and Mrs. Marion Wells will assist Mrs. Jensen with the dinner. Members are to take their own table service.

Upper Applegate

An organizational meeting for the Upper Applegate will be held Wednesday, September 4, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Paul McDonough, Box 1G, Sterling Creek road.

Those attending are to take a sack lunch with dessert furnished. Mrs. McDonough is unit chairman for the club year.

Lake Creek

The Lake Creek Extension unit will meet Wednesday, September 4, for an organizational meeting. The lessons for the year will be discussed and project leaders and homes for the meetings will be selected.

Mrs. Kent Stover, chairman, will announce committee members.

The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at Mrs. Stover's home. Other unit officers are Mrs. John Benson, vice chairman; Mrs. Fred Osterman, secretary, and Mrs. Leland A. Charley, treasurer.

The meetings are open to any interested woman.

Foreign Student Visits Gold Hill

Gold Hill - Kalor Joseph Devasia, a student from India who is studying missionary medicine in the United States, was a recent overnight guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Andrews, Upper river road.

Mr. Devasia stopped here enroute from Los Angeles, Calif., to Selah, Wash., where he will enter Western Washington School of the Bible. He studied last year at Biola Bible college in Los Angeles, and previously studied two years at Western Washington School of the Bible.

Mrs. Andrews' father, C. Chester Gilliam, Cottage Grove arrived in Gold Hill August 28 and will be a guest for several days in the Andrews home.

Mothers Club Sets All-Day Session

Medford Navy Mothers club will hold an all-day session September 3 in the home of Mrs. Ernest Reames, 6236 Crater Lake highway. A potluck luncheon will be served.

Members of Navy personnel are invited. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. John Davies, 773-3946.

Rainbow Girls Slate Election

Jacksonville - Election of officers will be conducted by Warren assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls when they meet Tuesday, September 3 at 7:15 p.m., in the Jacksonville Masonic temple. This will be the first fall session.

Reports on a grand assembly also will be given.

Because of the importance of business to members, officers have asked for a full membership attendance.



Mrs. Joan Bass, 2882 LaPine avenue, is president of District 4, Oregon Nurses association for the coming year. She is a public health nurse for Jackson County. The association works to raise the standards for registered nurses and for the nursing profession in general.

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