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Mrs. R. H. Westerfield, Ashland, (left) president of the Rogue Valley Camp Fire Girl Council, is pictured here with Miss Gwen Harper, regional director of the organization. Miss Harper spent part of last week here conferring with council members and leaders and met with board members during a luncheon at Stanley's cafe, Medford.

Red Cross Takes Over Visiting Service

The Friendly Visiting Service, organized in November, 1958, by the health committee of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging, has been recently transferred to the Jackson County Chapter, American Red Cross according to Russ Jamison, president of the Council, and Mrs. Chester Guches, chairman of the health committee.

The service was organized to fill a need for visitors to nursing homes and homes for the aged. In the future, the Red Cross Chapter will administer a and sponsor the service and provide recruitment and training, it is stated.

In approving the recommendation for this action, the executive board followed the policy of the council since its organization in 1957, which is "to survey needs of elderly people in this county which were not met by any other organization and to promote or initiate direct services until some organization specially fitted to give these services could be persuaded to do so."

Because of the experience, training and structural organization of the Red Cross which offers similar services to veterans at the Veterans Administration domiciliary, White City, the committee stated that the Red Cross seemed to be the logical agency and the one most effective in strengthening and broadening this service to the elderly.

The council commended the chapter for its decision to take on this added responsibility and promised its public support. A vote of thanks and commendation was given the many clubs, churches, and lodges which "adopted" nursing homes and the many single volunteers who have served as friendly visitors for the last five years. Hope was expressed that all the volunteers who have assisted the RVCA in this pioneer endeavor will continue to work under the direction of the new sponsorship of the Jackson County Red Cross.

Women in the Friendly Visitors Service read to the patients in the nursing homes, write letters for them, do their shopping, help them celebrate on such occasions as birthdays, take them walking and for car rides, and fill other requests and needs.

The history of the development of the Friendly Visiting Service since 1958 shows a careful consideration of the wishes of nursing home owners and operators who were consulted before the service was established, Mr. Jamison declared.

A meeting was called where those interested filled out questionnaires and signed a request for services. Firm opinions were expressed that such service should be regular in order to give the most help to patients, many of whom had no relatives or friends near them and needed contact with the outside world. It was noted that at the holidays, many came to see patients, then for months no one would visit. It was agreed that volunteers should be trained and should understand and respect the rules and conditions of care in nursing homes.

Training sessions were set up by the committee for the volunteers recruited through the efforts of the Medford Council of Church Women and by talks to clubs and lodges and the help of the press and radio. Assisting in the training were Mrs.

Margery Haley, social welfare worker for Jackson County Public Welfare Department, and Mr. Frank Fairweather, Red Cross area volunteer. They compiled a set of rules and instructions on what to do and what not to do when visiting the sick for the more than 60 women who entered the Friendly Visiting Service during the last five years.

This training booklet was mimeographed and is still available. It was reproduced by the Oregon Council on Aging and sent out to similar organizations in Oregon, and formed the basis of training programs accepted by the Oregon Public Health Department which last

year published a "Handbook for Volunteers serving the Aged" and appointed a full time social worker, Mrs. Hale Pragoff to direct the organization and training of volunteers throughout the state to provide such service for the aging.

Mrs. Pragoff was the chief speaker at the RVCA annual meeting in February, 1963, and met with the leaders of the Friendly Visitors and operators of nursing homes to plan future programs. In August, Pragoff assisted the RVCA in training 22 new volunteers to work in this field.

At that time, initial arrangements were completed to ask the Red Cross board to sponsor the service in the future.

SOC Professor To Be Speaker

Dr. Leon Mulling of Southern Oregon college will speak for a meeting of the College Club of the Rogue River Valley set for Saturday, November 9, in First Methodist Church, Ashland at 2 p.m.

Dr. Mulling, an instructor in the speech department of the college, traveled in Europe last year and will show slides taken during his stay abroad.

Mrs. J. C. Kaylor will sing. Mrs. Amos Willets and Mrs. Frank Davis will be hostesses. Mesdames S. H. Treichler, B. J. Holland, Roy Nye, Mabel Moore and Esthel Reid will take charge of the tea.

Mothers Club Plans Session

The monthly meeting of the Mothers of Twins club will be held Thursday, November 7, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Delvin Elder, Nick Young road, Eagle Point.

All mothers of twins are invited to attend. Further information about the organization and transportation may be obtained by calling Mrs. Robert Lance, 664-3125.

To Meet

Womans Auxiliary to the Jackson County Medical Society will meet Wednesday, November 6 at the home of Mrs. Warren Bishop, 2425 Nieto Way. Dessert will be served at 7 p.m. and a business meeting will follow.

Program Slated For Gardeners

Rock garden plants and color in the garden will be discussed at a meeting of Medford Garden club set for Thursday, November 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the Jackson County courthouse auditorium.

Mrs. C. A. Renken will talk on the bird of the month, the Oregon junco, and Mrs. E. H. Loveness will give the horticulture lesson on "Variety in Rock Garden Plants."

Mrs. Clifford E. Green, Central Point, will talk on "Year Around Garden Color." Mrs. Herbert Sims is tea chairman.

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Open Pairs Champions Win Helen Hatton Trophy

Mrs. Paul McDuffee, Medford, and Col. D. H. Barber, Shady Cove, were first place winners in the Southern Oregon open pairs tournament sponsored by the Medford unit of the American Contract Bridge league over the weekend. Their score for the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon sessions was 265 points. Twenty tables of players participated.

They are the first winners of the new Helen Hatton trophy set up in memory of the late Mrs. Paul A. Hatton who was active in valley bridge circles for several years before her recent death. The names of the winners will be engraved on the trophy.

Second place was taken by George Rode, Medford, and Richard Speicher, Crescent City, who scored 259½ points, and third went to Mrs. Sam Van Dyke and Mrs. Glenn Harrison, both Medford, for 250 points.

Other winners were the B. L. Sandersons, fourth, 240½; Mrs. R. T. Jones and Paul A. Hatton, fourth, 239; Mrs. W. W. Stevenson and Mrs. F. R. Baker, sixth, 238.

Mrs. W. W. Stevenson and Mrs. F. R. Baker took first place, north-south, in Section A, first session, with 133 points, and east-west winners in this section were Mrs. McDuffee and the colonel, scoring 131. Mrs. Jones and Mr. Hatton were first in Section B, north-south, with 129, and the Leland Clarks took first in this section playing east-west and scoring 136 points.

For the second session Sunday, first went to Mrs. McDuffee and Colonel Barber playing north-south, for 134 points and first, east-west, was won by Mr. Rode and Mr. Speicher with 141 points.

In Section B, north-south, first was won by Mrs. Gene Thomas and Mrs. L. O'Keefe, Ashland, with 131 points and first, east-west, were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Callison, Roseburg, 132.

A buffet supper was served after the first session Saturday

Drive Started To Aid School Of Packaging

CHICAGO (UPI) — There's more to a package than what's inside. There's the actual package or container itself.

The growing importance of the field of packaging is underlined by the launching of a nation-wide fund raising campaign to furnish financial assistance to potential professional packaging experts.

I. Robert Levy, Chicago, was appointed director of the campaign by Maurice J. Day, president of Packaging Foundation Inc., and by Philip J. May, vice president of business and finance of Michigan State University.

Levy, midwestern vice president of the Packaging Foundation, plans to take a year's leave of absence as president of the Allpak Co., packaging consulting and engineering firm based in Chicago, to head the program.

The objective: to raise at least \$2 million from the nation's industry to assist the Michigan State School of Packaging, the only school of its type in the world.

Day said that packaging has grown into the nation's fifth largest industry and that it "represents a tremendous economic factor in all parts of the country."

"Our marketing structure depends heavily on packaging of all types, and if sources of packaging were suddenly cut off, the distribution system of the nation would collapse," Day said.

Delegate Reports on Convention

Mrs. Thelma Marty, Medford, vice-president of the Oregon Licensed Practical Nurses Association, was one of five members who represented the association at the annual convention of the National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses held last week in Indianapolis. Mrs. Marty returned to her home over the week end.

Other Oregonians at the convention were Mrs. Helen Dwyer, Klamath Falls, state president; Mrs. Gloria Glasscock, Portland, president-elect; Mrs. Aletha Parsons, Portland, and Mrs. Mildred Livesley, Bend. Mrs. Marty reports that the 1964 national convention will be held in Portland, Ore., September 21-26.

Mrs. Marty reports that during a banquet, news of the disastrous explosion at the Indianapolis Fairgrounds which took so many lives reached the nurses, and that the Indianapolis members all left the event to report for duty at the various hospitals. All others volunteered, and a number served as blood donors during the emergency, she stated.

Leadership Theme "Leadership—A Dimension in Practical Nursing" was the theme of the convention, the 14th held by the National Federation. About 700 practical nurses from all 50 states attended, learning about new methods for serving patients. The Federation is the only national organization with a membership exclusively of persons licensed as practical or vocational nurses.

National president is Miss Catherine T. Garrity, Boston. Mrs. Lillian Kuster, New York City, founder of the national organization, spoke of its origin. Mrs. Mary S. Resh, special assistant to the director of the office of manpower, automation and training in the United States Department of Labor, told the convention that the need for practical nurses is "enormous." She said the surgeon general's consultant group on nursing estimates that the nation needs 27,000 additional practical nurses annually.

Other speakers were Mrs. Agnes Beatin, Washington, D.C., director of the Women's Division, Allstate Foundation; Donald I. Brown, R.N., Logansport, Ind., director of nursing services of the Logansport State Hospital, and the Rev. Kenneth S. Murphy, Boston, president of Rescue, Inc.

Three hundred students from 10 states attended on Student Day.

Fancy Celery

Fancy ways for fixing celery for relish trays and decorative effects are these: Break a head of celery into its individual stalks. Trim, leaving only the most attractive leaves at the top of each stalk. Cut each stalk into 3-inch lengths.

For sticks, keep cold and crisp until serving time. These can be served plain or stuffed with cheese or other favored dunk.

For celery curls, make parallel cuts forming narrow strips almost to the end. Or cut both ends of celery almost to center of each piece. Crisp in ice water and slit ends will curl.

Calendar

Tuesday: 7 p.m. — Rogue Valley Knife and Fork Club, Rogue Valley Country Club.

7:30 p.m. — Chapter BE of PEO Sisterhood, with Mrs. Victor Sether, 1007 Queen Anne Ave.

7:30 p.m.—Westminster Guild of First Presbyterian Church, Fireplace Room of Church.

8 p.m.—Crater Lake Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW hall, 42 North Front St.

8 p.m.—Past Presidents of Degree of Honor, home of Mrs. Esten Krause, 16 South Columbus Ave.

8 p.m. — Pythian Sisters, Pythian building.

Wednesday: 12:30 p.m.—Chapter CP of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. John Graff, 31 Geneva Ave.

1:30 p.m.—Central Point Garden Club, home of Mrs. Donald E. Faber, 415 Hazel St., Central Point.

1:30 p.m.—Contemporary Book Club, with Mrs. Ralph Barnes, Old Stage Road.

2 p.m. — Wednesday Study Club, Girls Community Club.

Dinner Planned

In Wilderville WILDERVILLE — A harvest dinner will be held Saturday, November 9, at the Wilderville Community Church. A turkey dinner is planned, and serving will be from 5 to 8 p.m.



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