

Yreka Society Holds Meeting

YREKA — The Women's Society of Christian Service held its first general meeting recently at the Yreka Methodist Church since the reorganization of the church women's groups.

Mrs. Harold Evett presided at the meeting where the discussion of the organization of six WSCS Circles was the main topic of business. Three of the circles have already been formed, and plans for the formation of three more were made, two of which will meet evenings, the third to be an afternoon group. Each of the circles will adopt names of women of the Bible.

Work performed by the WSCS throughout the world was related by Mrs. Harold Coleman, who also announced that the World Day of Prayer has been set for February 21.

One of the circles which has been formed is the Miriam Circle, which was formerly the King's Daughters. This organization met recently at the home of Mrs. Ernest Johnson. It was decided to hold the meetings of the new circle on the third Wednesday of each month, the next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Don Clements on March 19 at 8 p.m.

Officers elected by the group were Mrs. Brenda Gamble, chairman; Mrs. Harold Coleman, vice chairman and program chairman, and Mrs. Don Clements, secretary-treasurer.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Johnson, assisted by Mrs. Gamble and Mrs. L. C. Sheppard.

GETTING THE GOODS

MADISON, Wis. — Judge Roy Proctor fined Phillip Kinsler \$15 on a traffic charge after the Madison's car was involved in a collision with a taxi. Judge Proctor was riding in the taxi.

BASIN BRIEFS

Alturas — Rifle and Pistol Club will have a practice trap shoot for all club members on Sunday, February 23, at 1 p.m.

Filing — for Alturas city councilman were Cal Cook, Sigurd Samneil, Gilbert E. Wardwell, Karol Woodward and Kent P. Larsen, incumbent. Irma Elliot is unopposed for city treasurer. The election will be held April 8.

Malin — Parents and Patrons will meet Tuesday evening, February 18, at the grade school gym and will feature scouting and colored slides shown by Malin scouts who attended the Scout Jamboree in Washington, D.C. last summer. Charles Hale is program chairman. Refreshments will be served by third grade mothers.

Heart Fund — Mrs. Stephen Rusyn, Alturas, will be captain of

Montague Sets Founder's Day

MONTAGUE — A Founder's Day program will mark the meeting of the Montague Parent Teachers Association to be held at the Montague Elementary School on Thursday evening, February 20, at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Ruth Cook, chairman in charge of the program, has announced that it will consist of a skit on Founder's Day by pupils of the third grade, a dance by pupils from the fourth grade, introduction of past presidents and a cake candlelighting ceremony.

During the business session, Mrs. Alice See, president, will appoint the nominating committee to select the new officers to serve during 1958-59. A report on the forthcoming spring production to be presented by the Montague PTA on March 7 and 8 will be made by the chairman and director, Mrs. Maxine Foote.

the eastern half of Alturas during the Heart Fund campaign which will be conducted by Odd Fellows and Rebekahs for the California Heart Association on Heart Sunday, February 23. She was appointed by John Ennis, Cedarville, general of the Modoc County drive.

Honored — Mr. and Mrs. Phillips A. Woodward, Alturas, were honored with a post nuptial dinner party at Mary's Place on Saturday night.

Dinner Party — Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baehr and Mr. and Mrs. Orville W. Boyd were hosts to the past matrons and past patrons of the Alturas Chapter, Order of Eastern Star at the February dinner party Wednesday night at the Masonic Temple in Alturas.

Basketball — A basketball jammer will be held Wednesday, February 19, at 8 p.m. in the Merrill High School gymnasium. Competing teams will be from Merrill, Lakeview, Dorris, Klamath Falls and Tokotee Lions Clubs. Proceeds will be divided equally between the five Lions Clubs for use for the promotion of the sight conservation program.

Epperson Builds Sputnik Model

DORRIS — A working model of a satellite whirling around the earth, which was made by Arthur B. Epperson, Klamath Falls insurance man, was demonstrated to members of the Dorris Lion's Club at their last meeting on Wednesday at the Star Inn.

W. S. Hagelstein, secretary, asked members to think of the names of the presidents of the club between 1949 and 1953, and reported on the success of the March of Dimes dance, which was co-sponsored with the Butte Valley VFW Auxiliary.

Free World Faces Task As Refugee Ranks Gain

NEW YORK (UP)—One of the most tragic chapters in the history of the past half-century is written in tears, blood and misery of more than 140 million persons uprooted and driven from their homelands by war or political, racial and economic oppression.

The melancholy figure of the refugee is not a new sight to the eyes of mankind, for his history goes back at least as far as the great exodus of the Jews from Egypt.

But it is in the past 50-odd years, with their massive wars and revolutionary political upheavals, that the refugee population of the world has swollen with alarming and pitiable speed.

Experts concerned with the refugee problem say there is no doubt the refugee problem of modern times is all out of proportion to those of the past. They cite as a major reason the fact that today's conquered peoples have the means of transportation needed to escape oppression, while their forebears were simply forced to make the best of the presence of their oppressors.

Another factor is that modern man, having lived freely, will choose voluntary flight rather than relinquish his freedoms. This works two ways, for in literally millions of cases, persons who cling to unpopular political, religious and racial background have been forced to flee their homelands on pain of death.

Corn is a sacred substance to Pueblo and Navajo Indians in western United States. Ground into corn meal, it is used in their religious ceremonies.

Whether it is for any of these reasons, or simply man's basic will to live that has driven millions to seek refuge in foreign lands and among strangers, the fact is that the plight of the refugees has been a great problem politically, economically and morally for the free people of the world.

It is upon the free people that the responsibility has fallen to either integrate the newcomers into their own cultures, resettle them elsewhere, or send them back from whence they came.

The modern world's refugee problem began shortly after the turn of the century. By the time World War I was over, more than five million persons had been forced by war or oppression to flee their homelands.

These included 250,000 Armenians who escaped massacre in Turkey, a million refugees from the Balkan wars and more than 3½ million persons uprooted by World War I. Most of these were repatriated or resettled in Europe, the United States and Australia.

In 1918, a new class of the homeless—the political refugees—came on the scene. More than 1,500,000 Russians fled the Bolshevik revolution. An additional 500,000 Turks, Armenians and Greeks also were banished from the Communists' new world. Post-World

War I treaties accounted for displacement of 6½ million people in Turkey, the Balkans and Upper Europe.

For years, these refugees surged back and forth across borders, thousands to return to their homelands, others to give up hope of ever returning. France accepted and integrated 400,000 Russians and the rest were resettled in 46 other countries, including Manchuria.

The modern-day refugee has his own bitter system of counting time—before Hitler and after Hitler. Before the war that Hitler wrought was over, more than 79 million persons in Europe and Asia became displaced, were transferred to slave labor camps, or were able to escape in the wake of the advancing tanks and roaring artillery.

Of this number, six million Jews were mercilessly slaughtered in concentration camps. Of the 73 millions remaining, about half were slave laborers and civilians uprooted by battle who eventually found their ways back home.

In the postwar period, those who remained homeless swelled to more than 57 million in Europe, Russia, Asia and the Middle East. Of this number, at least 17 million today remained unsettled, unrepatriated and unintegrated into new homelands.

And still the one-way tide of the homeless and uprooted washes in. In the past few weeks, alone, 300,000 Dutch residents have been forced to leave Indonesia. Annually, more than 250,000 East Germans flee the Iron Curtain. In the last three months of 1957, Italy and Austria received nearly 6,000 refugees from a new source—Yugoslavia. At least 15,000 more are expected from Yugoslavia this year.

Hundreds of refugees daily pour in from the Chinese mainland to Formosa and Hong Kong, and in Hong Kong alone, nearly a million live in the squalor of card-

board huts or caves, with little or no hope for resettlement. Their plight is similar to that of the 900,000 Palestine Arabs whose fate awaits a political settlement in the Middle East.

It is these people, the unsettled, unrepatriated, unintegrated and despairing 17 million plus that the free world must, somehow, assimilate. It has been able to do that in the case of millions in the past and now searches for a means of doing so again.

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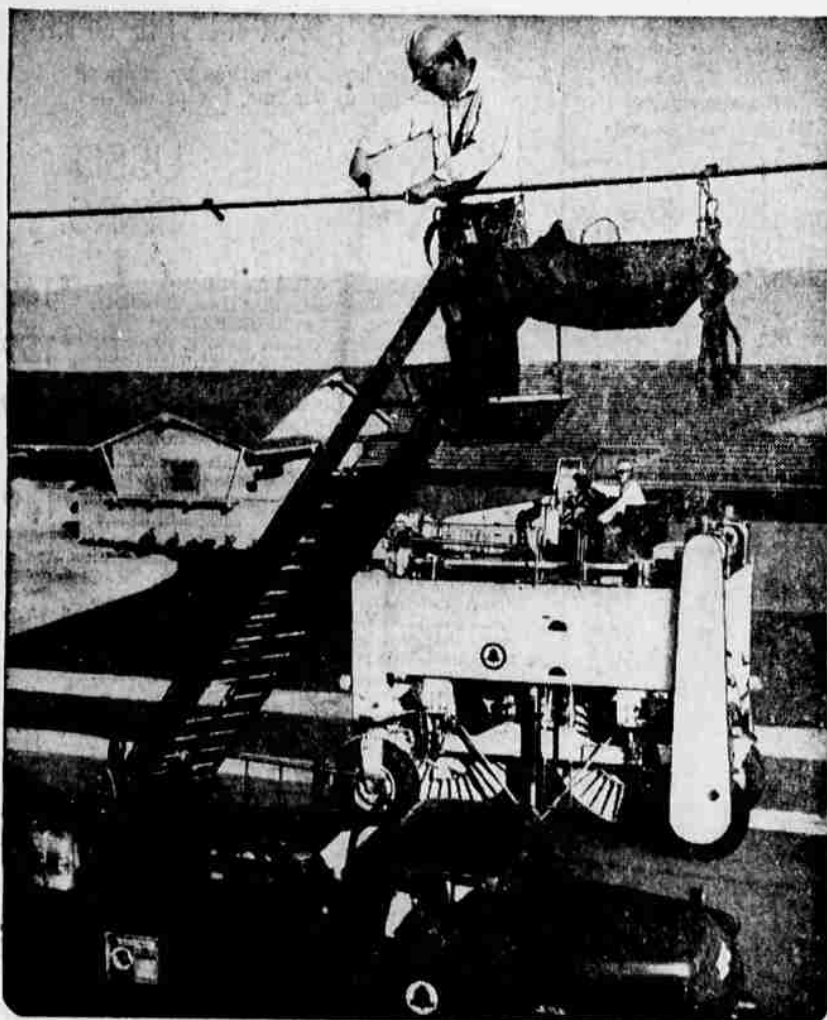


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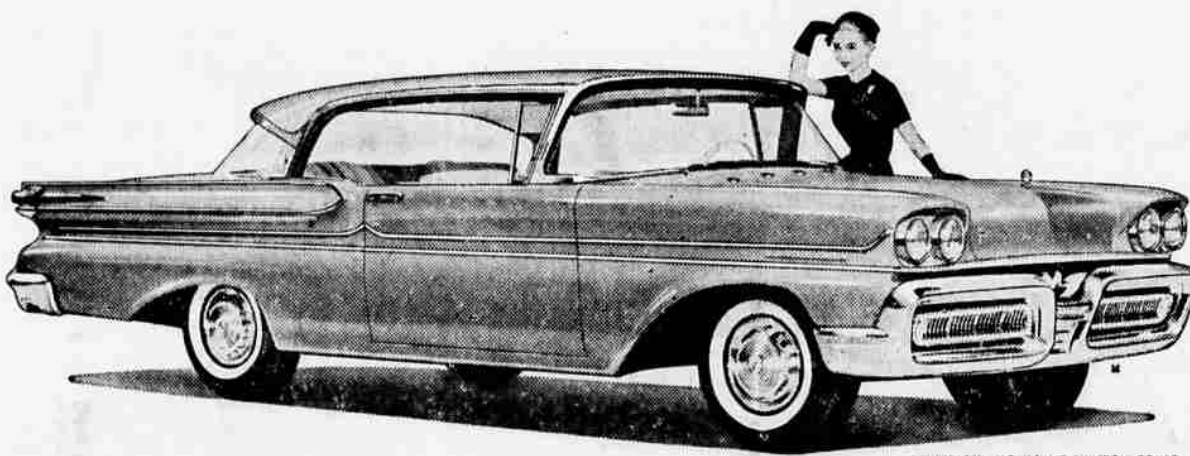


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