

# Church Sponsored Groups Fulfill Community Needs

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Two church-sponsored organizations in the Klamath Basin have initiated numerous projects to serve the needs of the community, yet many of their efforts have gone unrecognized by the general public. The Klamath Council of Churches and the United Church Women joined forces to promote the migrant work at Malin and the annual "Teachers Tea," but each group also worked on individual programs.

The purpose of the Council of Churches, formed in 1933, expresses the objectives of the 13 participating churches. "To express through fellowship, cooperation and service, the essential unity of the Christian church."

To provide an interdenominational agency for cooperation of the churches in various fields of Christian activity, and such services as may achieve the objectives of the Christian religion. "To study the needs of the several communities of the area and devise plans through which these needs can be met."

The program set up to help the children of the migrant workers at their camp in Malin this fall is one example of recognition and fulfillment of needs of the community, although the recipients are members of the community for only about two months each year. Retired and a few active school teachers were organized to tutor the children on an individual basis, concentrating on the particular subject each student found most difficult. The program was not designed as a teaching program, but it was intended to help the children keep on a level with those able to attend classes regularly. Transportation of teachers for the 60-mile round trip was provided by car pools from each of the member churches in the council.

professionally the "sitters" were asked to come every day, and a schedule was worked out so they were always available when needed.

**Teachers Honored**  
The teachers' welcoming tea for teachers, board members, and maintenance personnel of public schools and OTI, was another combined effort of the two religious organizations. Given in recognition of the public school system and to acknowledge contributions of teachers to the community, the second tea given in 1962 has become an annual affair.

All ministers in the area were invited, and ministers and wives from the council's member churches acted as hosts and hostesses. UCW assisted with the arrangements and pouring.

A busy fall schedule for the council also included the Reformation Day Service which was open to all churches in the community. Primarily a musical program, it was originated to point up the unity of Christian churches. Ministers of the council led the spiritual portions of the service, featuring moments to men who were all church reformers and whose ideas remain contemporary to the church of today.

Through the month of October, the council headed a Church World Service Clothing Drive to collect clothing for needy people overseas. The articles were donated through the churches in the area and collected at the end of the drive to be sent to a CWS center for cleaning, processing, and shipping.

**Goodwill Promoted**  
The Council of Churches in 1962 took the initial step to institute the service activities of the Goodwill Industries in Klamath Falls. Goodwill bags for discarded household goods and materials were placed in member churches for donations of clothing, furniture, and appliances to be sent to the Portland plant for repair and resale.

Goodwill, a national interdenominational organization which strives to return handicapped people to normal employment, provides on-the-job training for handicapped and disadvantaged people. The entire operation is self-supporting. The donated items are repaired and completely renovated in the workshops and sold in Goodwill retail stores, with the profits used to pay the wages of the employees.

council are the Kingsley Field Chapel, First Presbyterian, Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Mt. Laki Community Presbyterian, Merrill First Presbyterian, Malin Community Presbyterian, Tulake Community Presbyterian, Hope Lutheran, Klamath Lutheran, St. Paul's Episcopal, First Methodist, First Congregational, and Church of the Brethren.

The officers for 1962, who coordinated the many programs of the council, were Mrs. Frank Peyton, president; Rev. Warren Pechman, first vice president; Rev. Carl Simmons, second vice president; Mrs. Everett Miner, secretary, and Jack Hopkins, treasurer.

The United Church Women presented three special programs for the benefit of everyone in the community last year. World Day of Prayer, on the first Friday of Lent, was designed for men and women of all faiths to join together in the annual observance entitled "For God So Loved The World."

The first Friday in May was May Fellowship Day, a day emphasizing Christian social relations. Members and guests enjoyed a potluck dinner, special choral music, and a speaker who pointed up "working together to help ourselves and to help others."

Dedicated to improving Christian world relations, World Community Day was observed the first Friday in November. Church women from all denominations worked together to make and fill 99 sewing bags with sewing supplies and cotton piece goods to send to Indonesia. An offering was collected to further social education and training programs for women in Indonesia, Brazil, and Chile, and to continue Christian World Relations' peace education. Each year the church women hold the worship service and send an offering to a different state or country to help refugees and destitute families, promoting international goodwill.

Each church belonging to UCW, with the assistance of Zion Lutheran and Midland Juvenile Grange, also sponsors another project which has long been publicized. Birthday cakes and cards are sent each month to patients at the Klamath Nursing Home to assure some remembrance for each patient on his birthday. Each group is responsible for one month of the year. Under the leadership of Mrs. Lewis Stork, president; Mrs. Steven Moss, vice president; Mrs. Fred Kelsey, secretary, and Mrs. C. C. Copeland, treasurer, women from 10 churches carried on last year's numerous community and world service projects.



**BIG DRIVE UNDERWAY** — It will take many contributions of this size for the Intercommunity Hospital Fund drive to reach its goal of \$725,000, but the pledge is a big undertaking for the Klamath Falls Lions Club which has pledged itself to \$5,000 and is shown here presenting a check for \$1,000 of that amount. Left to right are Dr. Glenroe Davis, vice president of the club; James Stilwell, general chairman of the hospital drive, and Dr. Harold Catmull, president of the Lions Club.

# Art Group Accords Honor To Accomplished Weaver

The Klamath Art Association was organized in 1943 as a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting arts and crafts in the Klamath Basin. The charter members were interested in various forms of artistic endeavor including photography, painting, and ceramics.

Among the first members were Mrs. Roberta Blomquist, Jimmy Rickheil, Vern Swansen, Mrs. Irma (Polly) Dixon, Mrs. Lorraine Johnson, Mrs. Lola Burnett, Mrs. Catherine Brumbaugh, and the late Sheldon Brumbaugh.

Recently honored for her support and continuing interest in the organization was Mrs. Dixon, who is an accomplished weaver. She is the first person to receive an honorary life membership in the art association. A student of weaving for 14 years, Mrs. Dixon's actual instruction began in 1950 at Weaver's Alley in San Francisco. This was followed by work with Kay Geary, one of California's leading designers, and Cay Garrett. She last studied at the Instituto de Allenda in San Miguel, Mexico.



**ARTIST HONORED** — Mrs. Polly Dixon, a charter member of the Klamath Art Association, was awarded the first honorary life membership given by the Association. A talented weaver, she is shown at her Gilmore jack loom which she has used to create original designs for upholstery, rugs, stoles, bags, lamp shades, and numerous other woven items.

# Fulfillment Of Hospital Building Object Of Intensified Fund Drive

Rushing toward fulfillment is the principal objective of the community — construction of a 141-bed hospital facility in Klamath Falls to take care of the medical treatment requirements of citizens of the Klamath Basin.

At its peak an organization of a fund solicitation that has as its goal a minimum of \$725,000 to be obtained from local sources. Other funds required for the project will come from federal sources and from bond sales on a mortgage basis. The entire estimated cost of the project approaches \$3 million for building, site acquisition, equipment and initial operating funds.

Directing the campaign for funds and related activity leading to construction phases is the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital Association Board of Directors. It is headed by chairman Ross Ragland. Vice chairman is Rev. Robert Groves, and Mes. Eleanor Ehlers is secretary, and James Monteth, treasurer. Other board members are Dick Henzel, Grant March, Erwin Brower, Dr. Donald Bauer, Dr. Fletcher Conn, Fred Stiversson, William Sweetland, M. A. Bowman, Dave Carman, Ted DeMerritt and George E. Smith.

Specific phases of the fund campaign have been turned over to a campaign committee which is in the final stages of organization of the drive which is presently underway. It will be concluded in April. Directing this phase are Jim Stilwell, general chairman, and Mike Balsiger and Dick Henzel, assistant co-chairmen.

A campaign cabinet has been set up to carry out detailed functions in the drive. It includes Jack Bishop, Dave Carman, Greer Drew, Mrs. H. P. Ellingson Sr., John Houston, Reuben Larson, Sam Ritchey and Ed Stastny. A

40-member advisory board, comprised of citizens from all areas in the Basin, will assist in the projected campaign.

Architects for the proposed four-story structure are Morrison, Howard and Starbuck. They have engaged the services of Jim Moore, Los Angeles hospital construction and design architectural consultant. Plans have been submitted to and approved by the State Board of Health and appropriate Washington, D.C. agencies.

While the site for the facility has not been fully determined, an effort is being made to purchase land immediately adjacent to the new Oregon Technical Institute site near McLoughlin Heights. The hospital has been organized as a voluntary non-profit institution under the sponsorship of the Southern Oregon Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

The proposed hospital is the result of several years of study of professionals and lay people in determining the needs for a medical facility in the community. Initially, the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce carried the burden in establishing and directing the studies. Ultimately, this responsibility was transferred to the present board of directors which was organized in January, 1962.

Plans for equipment in the facility include the most modern in surgical, X-ray and laboratory facilities. The building is designed to permit expansion. Of the initial 141 beds, 10 of them will be devoted to psychiatry care.



**DOWNTOWN SERVICE** — This new sign proved to be both attractive and useful for downtown shoppers in 1962. Here, workmen are shown as they installed a time and temperature sign for First Federal Savings and Loan. The new sign has proven a tremendous convenience for shoppers.

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