

# Melody Mothers Begin Sixth Year Of Singing



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Pictured above during informal practice session, left to right, are Carol Runge, Lila Carlson, Mildred Luft, first president of the group, Ruphane Mannering, second vice president, and Betty Cross.

In October of 1957, a few women who liked to sing met in a group which later was sponsored by the PTA County Council and today is known as the Melody Mothers.

Still PTA-sponsored, membership in that organization and a real desire to sing are the only requirements for membership in Melody Mothers which now numbers between 30 and 35 women.

Strict adherence to weekly practice sessions under the direction of Ellen Miller every Thursday night from 7:30 to 9:30 in Mills School music room has resulted in the Melody Mothers ability to provide music for any and all occasions.

Director Ellen Miller is shown above at right checking musical scores with the group's accompanist, Anita Campbell.

The women have sung for many civic functions and clubs and each year are featured in concert at the PTA state convention. Their music repertoire ranges from sacred, spiritual and folk music to show tunes and popular standards. Arrangements for appearance dates may be made by calling the president, Beverly Tucker, TU 4-6707.



Melody Mothers, above, seated left to right, are Shirley Mitchell, Freida Huck and Delores Gilchrist. Standing, same order, Eunice Mayes, Frances Brouillard, Esther Hunt and Loyce Leech, first vice president.



Above, Martha Mikkelsen plays accompaniment for three Melody Mothers, left to right, Nancy Hall, Helen Johnson and Beverly Tucker, president.

At far left, Jackie Bedord, left, and Maxine Waite, both past presidents of the group, enjoy a coffee break during a rehearsal. At such times the women who are both housewives and working women enjoy small talk as well as talk about their common interest, music.

In the foursome at left, seated, are Jean Mueller, left, a past president, and Virginia Darling. Standing left is Vivian McKeohan and Darlene Blackman.

Not pictured are Barbara Olson, secretary-treasurer, and Verda Meyers, whose important job is music librarian.

Women of the Klamath Basin interested in singing with the Melody Mothers are invited to visit one of the Thursday evening practice sessions.



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