

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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### September Meeting

"Blueprints for Leadership" will be the theme for the fall conference of the Peninsula District, California Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, to be held at Asilomar, Sept. 20 and 21, with the Peninsula and the Salinas business women acting as hostesses. Special guests will include Mrs. Ivy A. Grace, president, California Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

"The Ramparts We build" is the theme of the National Business and Professional Women's Club for 1952, and the theme chosen by the district group is planned to continue and enlarge upon that of the national organization. Both themes may be expanded to include a variety of subjects and to promote the ideals of the business woman of today. The subjects should make interesting and educational material.

Mrs. Virginia English, the president of the Monterey Peninsula club, and Miss Mary Irwin, the presiding officer of the Salinas organization, will be the official hostesses.

Mrs. Thelma Stohr, teacher at the Bay School and past president of the Peninsula Club, and Mrs. Bessie Swenson of the Salinas club, are the convention chairmen. They have chosen wisely in appointing the committee heads who will have charge of the many details of the conference.

The Monterey Peninsula Business and Professional Women's club will be 22 years old on October 17. The call went out a few days before that date that all business and professional women interested in forming a club would meet in the Old Custom House. There was a goodly number present, so a second meeting was called for Saturday evening, Nov. 1, in the office of the mayor, Dr. J.P. Sandholt, when the organization was completed. In February of 1931 the group received the official charter at a state convention of the B.P.W.C. held in Santa Cruz. Mrs. Edna McKinlay was the first president and there were 50 charter members.

The Business and Professional Women's Club is the largest organization of business and professional women in the United States, it is international in scope, non-sectarian, self-supporting, self-governing, with club groups in all states of the Union, Hawaii and Alaska. The

national club was formed in St. Louis in 1919. Two members of the local club had the honor of being present at the meeting – Dr. Una Cary of Pacific Grove, and the late Miss Helen Davis, for several years the director of the Asilomar Conference Grounds.

There will be a theater party for delegates at the First Theatre, Saturday evening, Sept. 20. Reservations are being made through Mrs. Janet Trinker of Pacific Grove. Mrs. Tama Wolfe of the Monterey School department is the registration chairman.

The committee has provided bus transportation from Asilomar to the theater that evening. After the performance there will be a snack bar in the administration building at Asilomar, with Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Thomsen, and Mrs. Niki Groth, both past president of the Monterey group, as hostesses.

The Salinas Club members will be in charge of the dinner and the program in Crocker dining hall that evening.

Sunday morning the women delegates will be led in an inspirational service at 7:30 o'clock in the Asilomar chapel when Miss Ida Best will be the soloist.

Miss Mary Irwin, president of the Salinas club, will lead the Sunday afternoon session in the Asilomar chapel. Others taking part in the two-day conference of business and professional women will be : Maude Empey and Florence Stahl, members of the San Jose club and past presidents of the State Federation of B.P.W.C.; Gwendolyn Steindorf, president-elect of the district group; Peggy Bower, parliamentarian; Loretta Williams, president, District Federation; Grace Freudenthal, Stella Levitson, Gertrude Ernst, Pacific Grove, auditor; Marjory Hitch and Dorothy Donahue, Salinas, all state officers; Laura Hardy, Irene Goodnow of Monterey and Rose Rhyner of Salinas.