

Society and Clubs

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

MISS BETTY STARK COMPLIMENTED AT LOVELY SHOWER PARTY

A group of friends entertained at a lovely pyrex shower party Thursday evening at the attractive home of Mrs. Elma Stephens in Laurelwood in compliment to Miss Betty Stark, who will become the bride of Thomas W. Stovall early in September.

Music and visiting were enjoyed. Beautiful bouquets of mixed summer flowers lent a colorful note to the rooms. Following the presentation of the gifts, lovely refreshments were served to Miss Stark, guest of honor, Mrs. Elma Stephens, Mrs. Elvira Boucock, Mrs. Jean McGowan, Mrs. Clari-bel Houck, Mrs. Kenneth Duffield, Mrs. William Ordling, Mrs. Glenn Owen, Mrs. Vivian Cline, Mrs. Bernice Solomon, Mrs. Doris Wilson, Mrs. Barbara Parrott, Mrs. William Stark, Mrs. Louise Muller, Mrs. Eva Barrows, Mrs. Pauline Robertson, Mrs. Helen Saar, Miss Betty Strong, Miss Gladys Hart, Miss Eleanor Culter, Miss Elsie Reese, Miss Verna Guile, Miss Edna Collins and Miss Hazel Nesbitt.

BREMERTON VISITORS HONORED AT NO-HOST SUPPER-PARTY SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell and son, George, of Bremerton, Wash., were honored at a very delightful no-host supper party Sunday evening at the attractive home of Mr. Campbell's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Myers, on the South Umpqua river.

Those enjoying the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and George, included: Judge and Mrs. Carl E. Wimberly, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Berg and daughter, Miss Clarabelle; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Carstens and daughter, Miss Jacquelyn; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Williams and son, Peter, and daughter, Julianne; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Beschel and son, Bobby, and the Beschel's houseguests, George Rotenbocher and Ryder Hanafree, of San Francisco; Mrs. Victor Bean, of La Grande, Ore.; Mrs. Minerva Smith, Walter Critser and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Myers and daughter, Marilyn.

Visiting was enjoyed during the pleasant evening hours.

FAMILY DINNER IS ENJOYED AT CULP HOME ON SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Culp and son Wilbur, Jr., of Roseburg entertained Sunday at a family dinner.

Out of town guests were their daughter, Margaret Culp, a friend, Miss Nancy Wall, both of Medford, where they are employed at Camp White as stenographers and are both hostesses at the USO there. Also another daughter, Mrs. Delbert Grout, of Seattle.

DORIS RAND IS HOSTESS TO GROUP AT WEINER ROAST

Doris Rand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Rand, entertained a group of friends at a delightful seven o'clock wiener roast at her home Friday evening. Mrs. Rand assisted in serving to Shirley Helweg, Harriet Catherine Booth, Dorothy Phillips, Ida Chamberlin, Cynthia Sue Turner, Susan Motschenbacher, Doris Rand and John Rand.

Games were played during the enjoyable evening hours.

LADY ELKS ENJOY DELICIOUS SOCIAL EVENING ON THURSDAY

The Lady Elks enjoyed a delightful pinocle party at the temple Thursday evening with Mrs. Val Strong winning the high score prize and Mrs. Jack Boor winning the second high score prize.

Mrs. Paul Geddes, president, had charge of the business session. Following the card play, the ladies joined the men for a Dutch lunch and bingo party.

Those enjoying the evening included: Mrs. Paul Geddes, Mrs. Joseph Baldwin, Mrs. Val Strong, Mrs. Jack Boor, Mrs. Walter Good, Mrs. C. E. Marks, Mrs. David Ellis, Mrs. Robert Hell-

well, Mrs. E. E. Sherman, Mrs. J. O. McCuan, Mrs. H. L. Bailey, Mrs. Joseph Fest, Mrs. Hugh Cooper, Mrs. Floyd Ridenhour, Mrs. R. L. Adams and Mrs. Clifford E. Smith.

The next meeting of the group will be announced later.

STEDFAST CLASS ENJOYS DELIGHTFUL LUNCHEON THURSDAY

One of the loveliest meetings of the Stedfast class this season was enjoyed at a one o'clock fried chicken no-hostess luncheon at the attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pinkerton on South Deer creek.

The fried chicken was furnished by Mrs. Pinkerton and following the enjoyable luncheon hour, Mrs. W. M. Campbell presented a very fine devotional service, after which a short business session was held.

During the social afternoon hours the group knitted for the Red Cross and enjoyed visiting. Those present for the luncheon included Mrs. W. M. Campbell, Mrs. R. C. Livingston and Mrs. Ferris, guests, and Mrs. Ida Bailey, Mrs. George Sewell, Mrs. A. A. Bellows, Miss Jeannie Bulck, Mrs. W. G. Blake, Miss Margaret Clapp, Mrs. Belle Croft, Mrs. R. H. Grinstead, Miss Margaret Baldwin, Mrs. John Travis, Miss Louise Smith, Mrs. R. W. Rodgers and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pinkerton.

KAREN KRONKE IS HOSTESS AT WIENER ROAST ON TUESDAY

Karen Kronke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kronke, entertained a group of her friends at a delightful wiener roast at her home on Winchester street Tuesday afternoon.

Those enjoying the occasion with Karen included: Holly Nicholas, Janet and Joyce Harpham, Susan Motschenbacher, Doris and Kay Brown.

Local News

Ill at Home—Mary Jean Miles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Miles, is reported to be ill of measles at her home on West Mosher street.

Here From North Bend—Mrs. Fred Shafer and daughter, Doris Jean, have been visiting this week at the home of Mrs. Floyd Betts. They will return to their home in North Bend Sunday.

Commission Attorneys Here—Jay H. Stockman of Salem and Fred Meindl of Portland, attorneys for the state industrial accident commission, spent Friday in Roseburg attending to business matters.

Brother of Mrs. Edwards Dies—Mrs. Charles A. Edwards today received a wire reporting the death of her brother, Wesley E. McVicar of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. The funeral will be held Monday.

Improving at Home—Mrs. Elizabeth Garrett, stenographer for attorneys Guy Cordon and Daniel Koehne, is reported to be doing nicely at her home on South Main street, where she is convalescing from a recent major operation performed at Kaiser hospital at North Bend.

Grandsons Visit Here—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fullerton this week enjoyed a visit with their grandsons, Bob and Delmar McMullen, who are on a 20-day leave from the navy. The brothers recently landed at a Pacific coast port following a tour of sea duty. They went on to Portland last night to visit their mother, Mrs. Ethel McMullen, but plan to return here for a more extended visit before returning to their ship.

Dr. Single Leaving—Dr. Harry Single, dental officer at the veterans facility here, has received orders for his transfer to the veterans administration facility at Fort Mill, San Francisco, and plans to leave Monday with his wife and son, Charles, for his new post. Dr. Single has been stationed at Roseburg for the last eight years, coming from the veterans hospital at Walla Walla.

Sitting in On the Second-Front Talks



Patient Improves—Johnathan Harding, who makes his home here with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harding, at the Hotel Umpqua, is now reported to be improving in health, following several days illness.

Club To Meet—The Bellevue club will hold its next regular meeting Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the home of Mrs. Lewin Parker. The meeting will convene at 2 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

Leaves for East—Miss Daphne Hughes left Friday evening for the east, where she will have a year's fellowship at Bryn Mawr college, Bryn Mawr, Pa., following a few weeks vacationing in this city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Washington Hughes, on Spruce street.

Enjoy Trip—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rand and children, Doris and John, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwartzkopf and son, Stephen, of this city, enjoyed a trip over last Saturday and Sunday to Yachats. The Schwartzkopf family plans to leave the first of the week for Salem to make their home. Mr. Schwartzkopf will teach at Salem this year.

Undergoes Operation—Miss Nancy Iles of San Francisco, who on Thursday of last week ended a two months' visit here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Story Iles, underwent an operation for a sudden attack of appendicitis on Wednesday of this week, her grandparents were advised from San Francisco today. The child was reported to be doing nicely following the operation.

Back From Hawaii—Word was received here Friday that Mrs. Clinton Gorthy and her son, Jack, have returned to the mainland from Honolulu, Hawaii, where they have been stationed for the last year. Mr. Gorthy is employed with a civilian construction crew at the Pearl Harbor navy yard and was cited for exceptional coolness and bravery during the Japanese attack on that base. Mrs. Gorthy will visit at Vallejo, Calif., with a daughter, Mrs. V. C. Mc Ghehey, and with a daughter, Mrs. Art Long, at Eureka, before returning to her home here.

Californians Here—Mrs. P. K. DeShields and her sister, Miss Margery Price, both of Hayward, Calif., are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Price, and with their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Strader, near Dixonville. Also a guest at the Price home this week was Sergeant Jack M. Reville of Camp Adair, Ore. Miss Price, who has been employed in San Francisco for the last eight months, will enter civil service employment upon her return to California. Mrs. DeShields and Miss Price will be accompanied on their return trip by Mrs. Strader and daughter, Janet, who will visit for a week or ten days in California.

POET'S CORNER

HER SOLDIER BOY

By L. W.
"My boy is home"
Have you heard?
She's proudly said.
"It's only for a little while."
And then she forced a smile.

Polish Discoverer of Synthetic Rubber Process Gives Secret Formula to U. S. After Eluding Grasp of Axis Dictators

By JAMES MARLOW AND
WILLIAM PINKERTON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—(Wide World)—The tale of Wacław Szukiewicz of Poland had all the elements of an international mystery thriller—except the beautiful blonde.

The things that happened after Leon Henderson crossed the Pole's trail have been, says the hard-boiled price control man, "of an E. Phillips Oppenheim nature and it was really something of a governmental romance in a way."

The story had secret formulas for making synthetic rubber, spies and sleuths, invasion and heartache, hurried flight from home, diplomacy and the frenzied undercover battle of governments for a precious asset.

But it was all only part of this country's search for a way to make synthetic rubber needed to replace our dwindling stocks of natural rubber whose supply was cut off when the Japanese seized our far east sources.

Inventor Eludes Axis.

Only the sketchiest outlines of the Pole's tale have been told: When the Germans rolled through Poland in the start of the war they seized, among that country's other assets, Poland's important plant for making rubber out of a process involving alcohol.

But the inventor of the process, Szukiewicz, who had worked tirelessly since 1926 to find the chemical keys, had slipped across the border and escaped to France.

The life of Szukiewicz was important for he alone knew the catalyst which made the process work. The name of the catalyst had never been written down. He carried it in his head.

In that year of 1939 the French were trying to appease Mussolini so they sent Szukiewicz to Italy to give away his formula for making rubber. The scientist was in Italy when Il Duce declared war on France—and on patriotic Poles—in 1940. He escaped Italy and went to Rio de Janeiro.

U. S. Given Formula.
It was spring of 1941 when the refugee Count Tarnowski of the Polish foreign office asked William B. Lacy, Liaison man in Washington, for Leon Henderson's defense set-up, if the United States would be interested in a formula for making synthetic rubber. The formula was given Lacy by another Pole in New York.

Agricultural department chemists pored over the chemical blueprints but key parts—including the catalyst—were missing. Lacy went back to see the count. They turned the slow wheels of diplomacy to bring Szukiewicz from Rio to New York. He arrived just before Pearl harbor.

He was secretive but he finally gave his plans entire to government chemists, including the catalyst.

Now, finally, there is pending a proposal to construct a small plant using the Pole's method but at this time of wartime secrecy over vital processes, the government is unwilling to disclose figures showing what part his process will play in the manufacture of synthetic rubber.

Meantime, the agriculture department's research laboratory at Peoria, Ill., and private agencies have been at work seeking ways to make the rubber from farm products.

Alcohol or Oil?
There is great difference of opinion on the cost and use of critical materials in building the synthetic rubber plants.

Alcohol process advocates say it takes a much more critical material (such as steel and copper) to build a plant for making butadiene from petroleum. The petroleum people deny this.

It seems generally agreed that 15 to 18 months will be needed

to get the petroleum-using plants into operation, although Eugene Houdry claims to have a petroleum process which could be brought into production in far less time.

The alcohol people say their plants could be operating in six to 10 months, and this view now seems to be accepted by WPB.

There are indications that, if the synthetic rubber program is further expanded beyond the planned \$70,000-ton capacity, more alcohol plants might be included.

Santa Monica Bus Line Drivers Go On Strike

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Aug. 29.—(AP)—Fifty-three drivers for the Santa Monica Municipal Bus lines walked out today, and thousands of workers in aircraft and other war plants were left to reach their jobs as best they could.

Finance Commissioner D. C. Freeman said all service was halted on all lines when city officials overruled a drivers' offer to haul war workers only. He contended partial operation of the lines was not feasible.

Other bus lines into the city helped lighten the load, and motorists ferried workers by the carloads to plants in suburban districts.

Bullets Slay Worker Of Portland Shipyards

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Three shots fired in the early morning darkness today killed Richard F. Kerr, 35, shipyard worker, as he fled down a dimly lighted street.

Police said they were virtually without clues as to the identity of the slayer.

Detective John Abbott said the nearest witness, Archie H. Connel, a vocational school foreman, reported seeing two men running toward him at 2 a. m. One appeared to be in pursuit of the other and when they were half a block distant, the man at the

rear fired three shots, then disappeared between buildings. Connel ran to the victim and found him semi-conscious and unable to talk. He died en route to a hospital.

Labor Day Travel Suggestions Offered

Commenting on the transportation situation, particularly as it will affect those who plan to travel over the Labor day holidays, F. W. Ackerman, vice president of Pacific Greyhound lines, pointed out that a heavy extra burden will be thrown on the already overloaded facilities of public carriers. Because of this, Pacific Greyhound is urging the public to observe certain suggestions that will aid in the handling of essential wartime traffic and at the same time help those who must travel and keep delay and crowding to a minimum.

The suggestions offered by Greyhound to those going away over the Labor day week-end follow:

Get full information on trips and schedules in advance.

Purchase tickets now to avoid the last minute rush at depot.

Take as little baggage as possible.

Take short trips in preference to long ones.

If possible to arrange it, leave before Saturday, and return after Monday.

Mr. Ackerman concluded by urging: "If the Labor day trip you are planning is for pleasure only, postpone it—buy war bonds instead."

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS
The annual meeting of stockholders in the Umpqua Coal Co. will be held September 2nd, 1942, at the office of the Geo. W. Dimmick agency, 124 West Cass street, Roseburg, Oregon, at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing officers and directors for ensuing year and such other business as may come before the meeting.

Signed Umpqua Coal Co., B. W. Maddox, Pres.—(Adv.)

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