

Gifts From U. S., Prompted By Roseburg Navy Crewman, Gladden Children Of Korea



STEPHEN BISTRAN
Fills Role of Santa Claus' Vicar

By LOUISE HAYES

The destroyer escort, U. S. S. Marsh, the ship that played Santa Claus, came sailing home last month.

On board was Stephen Bistran of Roseburg, one of 150 crewmen whose letters to friends and newspaper editors in the United States brought a flood of packages and gifts of money to provide a Christmas party for the war refugee children at the Korean port of Musan.

With him Bistran brought a sheaf of photographs of the Korean children who had received the rice, clothing and Christmas presents from the crew of the Marsh and the folks back home. Anyone seeing the pictures of these children can find his own child in the group. The eyes are slightly slanted, the cheek bones a little more prominent and the clothes are padded cotton jackets and trousers; but looking out from the photograph will be a face so like one's own "Butch" or "Richard" or "Mary Ann" that the heart constricts and one longs to reach across the world for that child and bring him safely away from a frightening war beyond his understanding.

Bistran, who is spending a two-week leave in Roseburg, is devoting part of his short visit to telling local groups about Korea, and especially about the events of last December when his ship was stationed at Musan.

The gifts of money sent to the U. S. S. Marsh bough three and a half tons of rice, boxes of soap—an unknown luxury in the refugee camp—cordwood to supplement the scant cooking-fuel supply, and candy for the children.

Christmas Party Held
The Christmas party, which had been suggested by the "skipper" of the Marsh, had met with but slight response among the crewmen, who were in doubt as to just how they could participate. Bistran's letter to The News-Review evoked an editorial, a copy of which was sent to the Marsh and posted on the bulletin board. From then on, the party was a going concern.

Crewmen wrote home to Yakima, Wash., and Bar Harbor, Maine, and Amarillo, Texas, and the home towns responded. According to Bistran, some groups determined to get their packages

to Korea in time for Christmas, snared no expense and paid as high as \$23 air freight on some parcels.

Unfortunately for the Christmas party and the crew of the Marsh, the navy had other plans. Just a week before Christmas, the Marsh was ordered back to Japan for repairs. Hastily the gifts of food, clothing and candy were loaded into jeeps and delivered to the town of Musan in the refugee center. Even though turkey dinners didn't line the stomachs of small Koreans, warm caps with ear flaps covered small Korean heads, and sweaters, jackets and mittens found happy owners.

When the gifts were distributed, the Korean children lined up with their teacher to sing for the American sailors. The song, though rendered with considerable spirit, was high pitched and shrill, yet there was something vaguely familiar about the tune even though the words were beyond understanding. The sailors, undecided whether it was the Korean national anthem being sung in their honor, or a local folk song, asked the interpreter who in turn asked the teacher. Smiling proudly, he relayed back the answer, "The boys are singing for you in English your song, 'Dixie'."

GLENDALE GIRL WEDS AT GRANTS PASS CEREMONY

Miss Ruth McAllister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McAllister of Glendale, was married to Joe Hobbie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hobbie of Atlanta, Ohio, April 17. The ceremony was performed at the Methodist church in Grants Pass. The bridegroom is serving with the merchant marine. Mr. and Mrs. Hobbie will make their home at Glendale.



MARY ANNE FOSTER will reign as May queen for the annual May-day festivities of Roseburg Senior high school. Mary Anne is a senior and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Foster of this city. She was born in Olympia, Wash., and will be 17 years of age in May. The family moved to Roseburg seven years ago. The May queen is chosen annually from the senior girls and is elected from a standpoint of popularity, activities and scholastic ability. Mary Anne's father is employed as a millwright for the Mitchell Logging company and her mother is employed by the Douglas Abstract company. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).



MR. AND MRS. J. E. DENT received the congratulations of a large number of friends on their fortieth wedding anniversary. They are pictured by the Photo Lab at the beautifully appointed serving table.

J. E. DENT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MARKED BY CHARMING RECEPTION

The fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dent was observed April 15 with open house. Friends called between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock.

Apple blossoms predominated in the floral arrangements used about the rooms and the serving table was centered with bouquets of pastel sweet peas and pale pink carnations, sent by Mrs. Cynthia Germond and Mr. and Mrs. Al Harkins. A lovely lace-cloth covered the table and pink tapers flanked the flowers.

Mrs. Dent was charming in a pink Bemberg sheer afternoon dress and a beautiful corsage of rosebuds and stephanotis, a gift from her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent were married April 19, 1911, in Eugene, Ore. They moved from Medford to Roseburg 21 years ago and have made this city their residence since that time. They are the parents of William Elmer Dent, Astoria; Fred E. Dent and Mrs. I. M. (Margaret) Dunn of Roseburg. They also have six grandchildren. Mr. Dent retired as local railway express agent in 1947. Both are well known and active in civic and church affairs.

Those assisting with the serving during the afternoon were Mrs. E. A. Helmbold, Mrs. William Chalmers, Mrs. Leslie Roberts, Mrs. J. Roland Parker, Mrs. J. B. Bailey, Mrs. Fred Boff, Mrs. Ella Lenox, Mrs. H. B. Roadman, Mrs. Frank Chase, Mrs. Maude Needham, Mrs. Hugh Harrison and Mrs. J. H. Howe. Mrs. Nora Fraundiner assisted about the rooms and Mrs. Cynthia Germond was in charge of the gifts.

Friends and prospective members were present.

Jessie Dorviller, Pauline Kisinger and Catherine Youngren were initiated. Janet Rinehart played several piano selections and a comedy was presented by the Past Nobel Grands, under the direction of Thelma Webber. A talk was given by Irene Rutledge, about the Women of the Moose and their accomplishments. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

CLUB SEWS FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Badora club, Daughters of the Nile, met at the home of Mrs. Bert Wells Tuesday to sew for the Shrine Hospital. Dessert was served by the hostess. Those attending were Mrs. Day Bellows, Mrs. Mary Sique, Mrs. W. J. Carter, Mrs. C. C. Campbell.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE GUEST NIGHT EVENT ENJOYED BY MANY

Approximately 100 members were present at the Monday meeting of the Women of the Moose.



ENTERS NURSES TRAINING—Alberta Williams, 18 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams, of Roseburg left recently to enter nurses' training at Emanuel hospital in Portland. Miss Williams is sponsored in her training for three years by the local chapter of the Women of the Moose. Helping eligible girls to obtain nurses' training is one of the service projects of the Moose Women.



MOBLEY-WALKER WEDDING PARTY poses for a picture, following the ceremony at the First Baptist church April 15. The bride is the former Marilyn Walker and the bridegroom is Harold Mobley. Below, Mr. and Mrs. Mobley cut the wedding cake at the reception, which followed at the home of the bride's parents.

MARILYN WALKER AND HAROLD MOBLEY MARRY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The wedding ceremony for Marilyn Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sturgell Walker, and Harold Mobley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mobley, was read April 15 at the First Baptist church.

White marquisette over satin, fashioned with a ruffled yoke, peplum and full-length train, was the bride's choice for her wedding. Clusters of white stephanotis held her veil of illusion in place. She carried a white Bible and an orchid with streamers of stephanotis. As the guests arose, she advanced to the altar on the arm of her father, while Mrs. Gordon Stewart played the processional music.

Rev. L. L. Simmons, grandfather of the bridegroom and a retired Baptist minister, assisted by Rev. W. A. MacArthur, officiated at the service before the altar, which was decorated with white tapers and calla lilies.

The bridal couple was attended by Mrs. Jackie Parsons, Mrs. Margie Simpson and Miss Norma Cox, who were dressed alike in pastel shades of organza and carried colonial bouquets of sweet peas. Also in the bridal party were Keith Mobley, brother of the bridegroom, who was best man, and Robert Schindler and Gene Yates, ushers.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. Robert Schindler sang, "Yours Is My Heart Alone" and "O Promise Me."

A reception followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walker. Mrs. Victoria Ploss and Mr. Ford poured, assisted by Mrs. Merle Larson. Mrs. George Hughes, Mrs. John Sparks of Salem and Mrs. Keith Mobley.

A three-tiered cake, topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom beneath a wedding arch, was cut and served with the refreshments.

Following a wedding trip to Reno, Nev., Mr. and Mrs. Mobley are at home in Garden Valley.

MR. AND MRS. WIMER, FORMER RESIDENTS ENTERTAINED AT DINNERS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wimer, former Roseburg residents who are now making their home in Silver Springs, Md., have been honored at a succession of dinners during their two week visit in Roseburg.

Mrs. T. W. Thomason, mother of Mrs. Wimer, entertained for her family at Sunday dinner. The table was prettily appointed and centered with an attractive arrangement of tulips and fern. Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Wimer and small daughter, Joan Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fies and sons, Ted and Larry; Mr. and Mrs. Garold Madison and sons, Michael, Roger and Stephen; Muriel Cornwall of Seaside; Miss Evelyn Thomason of Seattle and the hostess.

On Monday evening, Mrs. George Cluck of Impqua avenue entertained at dinner in honor of the Kenneth Wimers. Red tulips and coral bells were used to decorate the table. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wimer, and son, Barney; Mrs. Lillie Farmer, Mrs. Lester Armstrong from Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wimer, Mrs. T. W. Thomason and Mrs. Cluck.

XI EPSILON CHAPTER, BETA SIGMA PHI, MEETS AT HOME OF MRS. WYATT

Mrs. Ed Wyatt was hostess to the Xi Epsilon chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, April 10 at her home.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. Joe Wikoff. The group discussed Uruguay, Paraguay and Peru. Slides describing each of the countries were shown. Members present for the meeting were Mrs. Claire K. Allen, Mrs. J. R. Wharton, Mrs. Sidney Munn, Mrs. Frank Norton, Mrs. Joseph Wikoff, Mrs. George Luoma, Mrs. Charles Hart, Mrs. Ted Schults, Mrs. Bernard Saar, Mrs. Wayne Crooch and Mrs. Harrison Winston.



GARDEN DEPARTMENT ENJOYS TOUR OF LOCAL GARDENS

A tour of local gardens was enjoyed Tuesday by members of the garden department of the Roseburg Woman's club. Following a dessert-luncheon at the home of Mrs. H. Austin in Cloake's Ferry,

with Mrs. Herman Aydelotte as co-hostess, the group visited the lovely gardens of Mrs. W. F. Chapman, Mrs. Nobel Goettel, Mrs. H. H. Hobi and Mrs. Frederick J. Porter.

During the brief business meeting, plans were made for the forthcoming Rose show. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. M. Boyles, May 23.



MARRY IN RENO—Mr. and Mrs. Sten S. Strandberg were married in Reno April 2 at a double ring ceremony.

The bride, formerly Bonnie J. Tyrer, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyrer, of Roseburg and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Strandberg, also of Roseburg. Mrs. Strandberg wore a light blue afternoon dress for her wedding. Her hat was light blue with a pink veil and she wore a white orchid complimenting her accessories. Following a wedding trip along the California and Oregon coast, the bridegroom returned to his ship, the U. S. S. Henrico. He holds a petty officer, third class, rating. Mrs. Strandberg is employed by Montgomery Ward and company. (Picture by Miller Moderns).

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