

The Backseat Driver

By MARTHA STEWART

When I was very young (way back before I started mingling with the corruption of the cruel world) every night along with "bless - mamma - and - pappa - and - all - my - sisters - and - brothers - and - aunts - and - uncles - and - make - me - a - good - little - girl." I used to add to my "Now I lay me," a more sincere and heart-felt plea which went something like this:

"And dear Lord, please make every day Thanksgiving day."

A week from today if everything goes right and my luck holds out I will be home sitting around a loaded table, sinking my teeth into a great juicy piece of turkey meat. The idea is very pleasing.

It brings back memories of former Thanksgivings. Sitting at the head of the table was always my father, very solemn and dignified with an oversized carving fork in one hand and an ominous looking knife in the other. Before him, resplendent in its bed of stuffing and gravy, reposed the prize gobbler of our flock. (My sister and I had faithfully thrown buckets of corn to the greedy fowl every evening after school for weeks.)

On one side sat my sister, I next to her, while flanking the remainder of the table on both sides were my relatives . . . the ones I dutifully blessed every night before I went to bed. At the foot of the table sat my mother, generously heaping great snowy blobs of mashed potatoes and crisp slices of celery on our plates.

"Till take the wish-bone, dad," I would volunteer cautiously, in the fond hope that my sister wouldn't hear.

"Nothing doing," she would shriek, pushing me into the background, "she always gets the wish-bone." And the fight was on . . . my sister usually winning out due to her slight seniority and her excellent argumentative powers, and I would sit and glower at her while she munched the tasty morsel, thinking dire thoughts about the practicability of smearing cranberry sauce on her face and wishing fervently that she'd get a bone stuck in her throat.

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Hobby Groups Have Meeting At Gerlinger

At a mass meeting of all the Philomelite hobby groups Tuesday afternoon in alumni hall, a program on "How to be charming although going to college," was presented. Charm school was in charge of the program and gave a skit showing what to do and what not to do. After the entertainment Phi Theta Upsilon, the junior women's service honorary which sponsors Philomelite, served tea.

Before Christmas the Philomelite groups and hobby groups sponsored by the YWCA will hold a Christmas party. The date will be announced later.

Coeds' Glasses Repel Passes, Protect Lasses

So—"Men seldom make passes At girls who wear glasses." Well if that is so then a lot of coeds can feel pretty safe because a majority of them wear glasses at least part of the time. They probably would wear them more if they had not heard that deathless, two-line poem by Miss Dorothy Parker.

Much of the astigmatism, eye-strain, and nervous headaches are blamed on Dorothy Parker's poem by Frank Martin, president of the Community Optician of America. Many girls will endure anything rather than put on a pair of glasses, he points out.

Of course the same thing exists among men but a magnificent gesture toward a down-trodden section of American womanhood—a beauty contest for girls who wear glasses will be held in New York and out of it will emerge a "Miss Bifocal of 1937."

It will be entirely possible for a bow-legged or knock-kneed girl to win the contest, because the judges will be instructed to base their decision on appearances from the neck up.

"Take just any beautiful blonde," Martin said, "add a pair of eyeglasses, carefully cut to enhance the luster and size of her blue eyes. Then add the most delicate and exquisite gold bridge and temples that will exactly match the hair. Well nothing could be more beautiful. It brings her out."

"Take a horse-faced lady. You can make her face seem shorter with glasses. Take a pig-eyed woman. You can make the eyes big and sparkling with the right kind of glasses. Men often bring in their wives and sweethearts, almost by force, and have them fitted for glasses. They prefer a smiling woman and no woman smiles when her eyes hurt."

The girls might think of this consoling information when they are making a desperate attempt to get their glasses off and hid before the approaching male actually sees them and visualizes her as an old maid.

Inspired by the Tyroleans



The popular Tyrolean theme in today's fashion is shown here in this clever skirt held up by attractive suspenders ornamented with a pointed design. The skirt is worn by film player, Betty Furness.

Home Ec Instructor In Orient, Occident

Travelling from China, land of Oriental mystery, across the Eurasian continent through Russia, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Scotland, to Ireland, the "Emerald Isle," provided Miss Mabel Wood, professor of home economics, with many interesting experiences last summer.

Miss Wood last year taught in the Yenching university, near the ancient Chinese capital of Peking, acting in an advisory capacity in the small department of home economics there. The university is maintained by Americans though, she remarked, most of the faculty were Chinese. The curriculum resembled that of an institution of liberal arts here, she said.

No Interest in Foods

The whole field of home economics is rather new to the Chinese schools, Miss Wood declared, and it is difficult to get native-trained teachers.

In China there is not much interest among the students in foods and clothing, she stated, because for so many centuries the servants have dealt with these two rather "lowly" problems. However, the students, both girls and boys, take great interest in child care and training, and courses in nutrition, with boys registered in both courses.

During the time she was in China, Miss Wood declared, there was no discussion, or even knowledge of the war that was to come.

China Seems Peaceful

"It was an exceptionally peaceful year. As a matter of fact the talk among the general public was mainly about the Japanese withdrawing from some of the Chinese territory, and they interpreted this as a move for peace. There was some trouble on the Japanese-Russian border, but as for a Japanese and Chinese war, it was unthought-of at the time."

Leaving China at the end of the 10-month school course, Miss Wood traveled to Europe through Siberia and Russia, a 10-day trip in all. The countryside was green and rolling, with many sparsely timbered areas, and dotted with

small farms, which she judged to be collective farms, because of the dormitory buildings centering them.

Russia Unfriendly to Travelers
The atmosphere in Moscow and Leningrad, to Miss Wood, seemed decidedly unfriendly. The Russians, she declared were hostile to outsiders, to each other, there was a feeling of "fear" in the air.

"The government is so unpredictable, so illogical, it makes you almost afraid," she said. "There is a strange feeling of something unknown around you all the time, which creates a sort of fear. Most of us were rather glad to get out."

Finland Feels Different
As soon as she crossed the border into Finland, Miss Wood stated, the feeling changed. She stopped for several days in the capital of Finland—the "White Capital of the North."

Her immediate impression was of a "beautifully balanced civilization." The people were clean, healthy, well-nourished, and friendly. There was no pretentious show in the buildings and projects, they were in proportion to the people, and matched to the development of the people. This trait, Miss Wood noticed later when she visited Norway and Sweden.

Finland Well Organized
"You have the feeling that Finland is well organized," she declared. "It strikes you the instant you cross the border. Even the casual traveler can sense the difference."

Sweden she found more elaborate than Finland, but there was the same clean, healthy tone throughout. She attributed it to the fact that these countries were neutral, and the money they might otherwise have spent for military defense goes instead into the development of industry, and of the people.

She went into Swedish homes,

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Co-op Formals, Soph Dance Social Fare

In spite of the campus migration to Seattle for the Washington game, the social whirl for the weekend will include the all-dormitory dance, the sophomore class mix, and the Campbell Co-op dance on Friday night with the University women's co-op and the Hilyard co-op formals on Saturday night.

Soph Mix Weekend Event

The "Soph Mix" for class card holding sophomores will have for its name the "Southern Soph Shuffle" and will feature the swing music of Gus Meyers who will play for the Big Apple and novelty tag dances.

The dance will be held in Gerlinger hall with Verdi Sederstrom as chairman. Three-hundred class card holders will have free admission with class cards available at the door to those not having them. Upper-classmen may come providing they are in the company of sophomores.

Grape Harvest Dance's Theme

The all-dormitory dance will have a "Grape Harvest" theme with the music of Maury Binford's swing band. The committee is John Smeed, George Robinson, Paulus McKee, Roy Vernstrom, Milton Leby, Leah Puppo, and Gretchen Neil.

Gamma Alpha Chi Honors Advertiser

Honoring Olive Keller, head of the advertising department at Charles F. Berg, Gamma Alpha Chi, women's advertising honorary, held a dinner at the College Side Wednesday.

Marriage Solemnized In Berkeley

A wedding of much interest to the campus will take place at Berkeley, California, on November 19 with the marriage of Elizabeth Ruggles and Jim Hurd.

While on the campus Hurd was affiliated with Beta Theta Pi fraternity and Miss Ruggles with Alpha Phi.

Don Johnson Married Sunday

Sunday, November 14, Don Johnson and Madge Marshall were married at the First Episcopal church in Portland.

Both parties are graduates from Oregon State, Miss Marshall a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and the groom, Phi Gamma Delta. Johnson is employed as secretary to Chancellor Hunter.

Alpha Xi Deltas Entertain Guest

Mrs. Louise Maiken, Alpha Xi Delta, from the Iowa West Lynn chapter, is now at the Alpha Xi Delta chapter where she is to address three chapters of the PEO, women's organization which is similar to the Rotary clubs.

She is also a representative of Cotty college at Nevada, Missouri, which is a college founded and maintained by PEO.

Pi Phi Entertain faculty

Tuesday evening, Pi Beta Phi acted as hostesses to a group of faculty members including Chancellor and Mrs. Frederick Hunter, Dean and Mrs. Virgil D. Earl, Dr.

and Mrs. Schwering, Dean and Mrs. Karl W. Onthank, Mrs. Hazel Macduff, and Mrs. C. Valentine Boyer.

Tea Given For Mothers

The Chi Omega Eugene alumni gave a tea for the Eugene mothers at the chapter house Wednesday.

Mrs. May Harmond and Mrs. Marian McLain poured. The tables were attractively decorated with cardinal and straw colored chrysanthemums which are the chapter colors.

Theta's Honor New Housemother

Honoring Mrs. Blair, Kappa Alpha Theta's new housemother, Wednesday night a dinner was held inviting all housemothers and a few of Mrs. Blair's personal friends.

London Girl Sorority Guest

Sunday Alpha Gamma Delta entertained Eve Palmer, a former University of London student, who is now residing in South Africa. She was entertained at Sunday tea and dinner.

Alpha Delta Pi sponsored a preference tea on Wednesday afternoon from 4-5:30.

Sorority Holds Faculty Dinner

Alpha Omicron Pi will entertain with a faculty dinner tonight. The

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Contest Opens As Coeds Mass At AWS Meet

At the AWS meeting, Frances Johnston introduced Olive Keller who is head of the advertising department at Charles F. Berg. Miss Keller is starting a contest for campus women which is being sponsored by Gamma Alpha Chi, women's advertising honorary.

Future programs were taken care of during the meeting and it was decided to have the lost and found auction as soon as the weather permits.

Hear Yourself As Others Do' Now Possible

By
JEAN GULOVSEN

Have you ever sat in the class of a professor who "ums" and "ahs" or squeaks or bellows, and wished that he had to listen to himself just once? Then as his voice droned on and on to the accompaniment of the heavy breathing of the sleeping student on your right, perhaps your mind has detached itself to drift about in the cosmos, and perhaps you have wondered (among other things) what your own voice sounded like.

Your maidenly prayer was: "Oh, would some power the gift give me to hear myself as others hear me."

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And it may even solve some of the Christmas present problems. One student on the campus made a recording of a song and sent it to his mother in Massachusetts.

According to Paul Kiepe, instructor in speech, this recording gives one a chance to hear his voice as it really sounds to others and to analyze its faults, which may be anything from poor tonal quality to bad breathing habits.

The recognition of faults, alone, tends to produce automatic adjustment and further conscious effort can do wonders, Mr. Kiepe believes.

At 8:30 Sunday evening, there will be a faculty-student discussion of the AWS room in Gerlinger.

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