

Initiation Held By Bethel on Monday

Honored Queen Miss Nancy Weeks presided at Bethel 35, Job's Daughters junior belt night and initiation on Monday. Joining the Bethel by initiation were Miss Judy Gallagher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gallagher, and Miss Tara Lama, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Lama.

During the ceremony Misses Carol Boehm and Jan Gordon sang, accompanied by Miss Sally Tontis. Honored Queen Nancy Weeks also sang, accompanied by Bethel musician, Miss Carol Harland.

Escorted and honored were past honored queen Miss Jan Roberts and junior past honored queen Miss Sharon Bourne, both Bethel 35; Miss Alice Brewer, Bethel 35, Grand Librarian State of Oregon; and Miss Darlene Johnson, Bethel 35, Grand Representative of State of West Virginia; Arthur Rockefeller, worshipful master Keizer Lodge UDAF and AM and O. E. McCrary, worshipful master Ainsworth Lodge.

Trophy Awarded
Miss Jan Gordon reported on the visit to the Blind School Sunday and the St. Patrick's Day party the Bethel sponsored for the children.

Miss Joyce Stevenson reported on the tea at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Forest Grove and the visit with the Bethel grandmothers, Mrs. Rose Richardson and Mrs. Maud Campbell.

O. E. McCrary, worshipful master of Ainsworth Lodge, presented a trophy to Queen Nancy for Bethel 35. Ainsworth Lodge is the only lodge that sponsors a Bethel of Job's Daughters. The trophy is known as "Ainsworth Lodge Job's Daughters Achievement Trophy" and is awarded to a Bethel girl each six months. Any girl winning it three times in a row will retain the trophy.

Friendship Night will be April 2 and an Easter Parade of hats will follow the meeting. Drill team practice will be at 8 a.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple.

Dinner Given for Mrs. Bates

MONMOUTH — Mrs. Julia A. Bates was honored at a surprise family dinner on Sunday at the home of her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davis, in Monmouth. The occasion celebrated Mrs. Bates 90th birthday.

Mrs. Bates was born on March 14, 1866 at Gravitt, Arkansas and she moved to Monmouth in 1935.

Attending the dinner for Mrs. Bates were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davis and Jeri of Monmouth, Mrs. Sidney Betts of Forest Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cornutt and Larry of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vinson of Sweet Home.

Pedersen-Stone Rites

FOUR CORNERS — Mrs. Vivian J. Stone and E. R. Pedersen, both of Salem, were married at Vancouver, Wash., on March 16. Mrs. John Griebel, sister of the bride, gave a reception for the newlyweds at her residence in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Pedersen are at home to their friends at 4120 Beck Avenue, Four Corners.

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Miss Vose Feted At Shower

JEFFERSON — Miss Theresa Vose of Marion was the inspiration for a bridal shower Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. William Hart, Mrs. Gerald Phelps was co-hostess.

Guests included Miss Vose, Mrs. Dixon Vose and Karen, Mrs. Charles Hart, Sr., Mrs. Wes Barnes, Mrs. Leland Wells, Mrs. Robert Harris, Mrs. Eleanor Kirsch, Mrs. Rodney Hart, Mrs. Charles Hart, Jr., Mrs. Leonard Meyers, Mrs. Gilbert Looney, Mrs. Glen Hart, Mrs. Frances Douglas, Mrs. Harold Cochran.

Miss Vose's marriage to Arnold Schelske will be an event of April 20 in Salem.

Shower Given for Recent Bride

JEFFERSON — Mrs. Ralph Robertson and Mrs. Lloyd Marlett were hostesses Thursday night at a bridal shower at the former's home. The event honored Mrs. Robert Christ, the former Lucinda Cotman of San Francisco, whose marriage took place in California February 18. The gifts were unwrapped, then mailed to Mrs. Christ.

Guests included Mrs. Bert Peterson, Mrs. Gilbert Hoevet, Mrs. David Bradley, Mrs. Lee Cameron, Mrs. Stacey Johnston, Mrs. Ella Hamby, Mrs. Mack Hamby, Mrs. D. Brown, Mrs. David Neiss, Mrs. Arthur Coover, Mrs. Ralph Dunham, Mrs. Ted Cotman and Glenda Brown.

A Surprise Dinner

JEFFERSON — Sandra Stephenson planned a surprise dinner party Saturday night honoring her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Stephenson, on their 24th wedding anniversary.

The Stephensons were married March 10, 1932 in Jefferson and have lived in this community their entire married life. They have three children Neil, in the U.S. army at Fort Ord, Calif., Mrs. Bill Grice, and Sandra of Jefferson. In the party were the honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart and Ella of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Marcum and Joe, Mrs. Annabel Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Grice, and the hostess.

Anniversary Dinner

FOUR CORNERS — Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bales were dinner hosts on Sunday in compliment to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Flester, on their 53rd wedding anniversary. Covers were placed for the honor guests, the hosts and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Remington (Mildred Bales) and daughter, Linda, Mr. and Mrs. William Bales, Billy and Douglas Bales.

Master Class Today

The Salem Federated Music Clubs will hold their fifth master class in the present educational series this morning at 10 a.m. in the Wills Music Store auditorium. Prof. Stanley Butler of Willamette University will be the guest speaker.

Jefferson — Twelve members of the Talbot Woman's Club were guests of the Jefferson Women's Club Wednesday. A 1:30 p.m. dessert luncheon preceded the business meeting and program. Mrs. E. C. Fisher of Albany gave an "India Travelogue". Mrs. William Kurtz of Albany sang. Hostesses were Mrs. E. F. Powell, Mrs. Virgil Bales, Mrs. Walton Looney, Mrs. Hal Wynd, Mrs. Ralph Beal, Mrs. Paul VanScay, and Mrs. Walter Kropp.

Mrs. Christens Newburgh and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Conser of Albany, are leaving Thursday for Albany, Calif. to visit their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, for Easter. They will also visit the Consers' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Nelson.

From Burbank, Calif., comes news of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Vern E. Klein on Sunday, March 18. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klein of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Fenley of Pierre, South Dakota.

WILLAMINA — Thirty-five ladies honored Mrs. Robert Buswell at a shower Friday evening at the Christian Church. Hostesses were Mrs. Paul Yoder, Mrs. Eldon Breeden, Mrs. LaVern Minner and Mrs. Ed Holl.

LYONS — Mrs. Ida Free and Mrs. Andrew Sieg were hostess for a shower honoring Mrs. Erwin Sieg, a recent bride, at the Catholic community hall Tuesday afternoon.

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it necessary to send a gift when one receives an announcement of a girl's engagement?

A. Although this is sometimes done, it is not at all necessary. One can wait until receipt of the wedding invitation before sending a gift.

Q. Is a hostess supposed to wait until all her guests have finished eating before beginning to remove the plates from the table?

A. Usually, yes. However, if one of her guests is exceedingly slow, it would be all right for her to begin removing the plates of the others.

Q. Is it correct for a married woman to send a wedding gift in her name only, especially if the bride-elect is a very special friend of hers?

A. No; she should always include her husband's name when sending wedding gifts.

Tax Men Ready to Take Cut if Gift Resembles Salary in Any Way

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By FRANK O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON — Did you win a prize in 1955?

Did you get a gift from someone last year?

If so you may have something special to consider in making out your income tax return, a task which must be completed by April 16.

If you got any kind of gift in 1955 from anyone but your employer you probably do not have to pay taxes on it, and probably don't even need to report it.

If you received a gift from your employer, however, here's a tip on

Power Project Praise Won By Northwest

PORTLAND — A San Francisco engineer Tuesday praised Pacific Northwest states for their joint study on possible power projects in the Columbia Basin.

James N. Landis, vice president of Bechtel Corp., San Francisco, and designer of a number of large power plants, lauded the formation of the Governors' Power Policy Committee and its creation of an engineering committee to study government and private power interests in proposed projects.

Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and Utah formed the groups.

Landis told the American Society of Mechanical Engineers that the engineering committee's work "should contribute immeasurably to an understanding of the issues involved and agreement of the conflicting interests on what should be done to schedule and implement the work of building the needed new power plants."

He said the study probably would lead to integrated use of hydro-electric and steam plants "to provide the great Pacific Northwest with firm power at less cost, to contribute to the continued development and expansion of the area's economy."

High School Issue Eyed By Districts

About 60 school board members, representing all 16 county school districts lacking high schools, met Monday night in Marion County courthouse to discuss high school facilities for their students.

On July 1, 1958, all non-high school districts will be abandoned as ordered by the 1955 state legislature.

Mrs. Agnes Booth, county school superintendent and George (Burt) Bradley, chairman of the county non-high school board, explained that the law provides non-high districts with three alternatives: (1) elect to join an existing unified school district—such as Salem—or a union high school district such as Stayton; or (2) build their own high school within their existing district; or (3) attempt to gain permission to send their students to an existing high school, and provide for their tuition and transportation in their 1958 budget.

They were reminded that if the latter step were chosen there is no guarantee against the nearest high school refusing to accept the students sometime in the future.

As for building their own school, Mrs. Booth commented that at least 300 students are needed to make the step economically practical, and that there are now only 230 non-high students throughout the county.

Gas Station At Aumsville Ransacked

AUMSVILLE — The Shell service station at Aumsville was ransacked in a Tuesday morning burglary, but the thief got only \$1.50 in pennies, Marion County Sheriff's deputies reported.

Entry was made by breaking the station's oil storage room window. The safe was broken open and the door of a Coke machine torn off.

The thief then apparently went next door where a rear window leading to Wheeden's grocery store was broken, but no entry made.

Fluoridation Ballot Measure Readied For Portland Voters

PORTLAND — A fluoridation ballot measure is being prepared in Portland for the November election.

Dr. Barney C. Bybee, a dentist and candidate for the City Council, said he wants the vote. He said he personally is for fluoridation.

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how to avoid trouble:

If there's one thing that's almost impossible in the whole field of taxation, it's trying to convince the Revenue Service that you got a real gift from your employer.

A gift, to be non-taxable, must be money (or property) received by you with absolutely no strings attached and completely unconnected with any services rendered by you.

The Revenue Service just does not believe that an employer can make a gift to an employee which is not in some way connected with services rendered. So if you got a gift, bonus, or any kind of extra from your employer it is very probably taxable.

Any Strings Attached

Remember that a gift in the form of property, as well as money, is taxable if there are any strings attached or if it is in any way connected with services rendered by you. For example, if you helped

a friend build a summer cottage

and he gave you a rowboat out of gratitude, you should report the market value of the rowboat and pay tax on that amount.

About prizes. Income tax law makes nearly all prizes taxable. As with gifts, prizes in the form of merchandise or property are taxable at their market value.

All prizes and awards are taxable unless they fall all of the following conditions:

1. You were selected to receive the prize without any action on your part to enter a contest or a proceeding.

2. You received the prize without any requirement that you give "substantial future services" as a condition to getting the prize.

3. The prize or award is made principally in recognition of religious, charitable, scientific, educational, artistic, literary or civic achievements.

The Nobel and Pulitzer Prizes,

for example, are tax exempt. They were taken by Congress as models of the only kind of prizes on which you need not pay a tax. They are given in recognition of outstanding work in your field.

Make Effort

Prizes given by employers for suggestions are definitely taxable, since you make an effort to get the prize and render a service.

What if you leap into a stream and rescue someone about to drown, and the Carnegie Foundation gives you one of its lifesaving awards? Very likely it is not taxable, because your object was to save a life, not to get a reward at the time you acted. The Revenue Service (which has no record of a ruling on the subject) would probably accept the argument that life-saving is a charitable act.

If you should get a reward for catching a criminal, however, you would probably have to pay a tax

on it, because such rewards are

publicized, and it would be pretty hard to convince the Revenue Service you were not after the award.

If you could convince the tax collector that you acted only out of pure civic spirit, with no expectation of any reward, the prize could be non-taxable.

Treasure Taxable

If you find some money or property, is that taxable income? There have been rulings on this, and the answer is: Yes, found money or property is "treasure trove" under the tax law, and treasure trove is taxable income.

Virtually every radio-TV or other type of giveaway is definitely taxable—to be reported a part of your income for the year. The big money giveaways can increase the tax of a man with average income and whole prize must be counted as income in the year in which it is won.

Let's take a man with an income

of \$5,000, married, with two children, who takes the standard 19 per cent deduction for expenses and files a joint return with his wife, who has no income:

His income tax would be \$418 for 1955. Here is what would happen if he won prizes of the following amounts:

Prize	Increase in tax	Total tax
\$2.00	\$394	\$780
\$4,000	\$758	\$1,174
\$8,000	\$1,600	\$4,464
\$32,000	\$10,784	\$11,200
\$64,000	\$29,544	\$29,960
\$100,000	\$54,424	\$54,840

And this could be worse. A cosmetics firm is planning a new TV contest to pick the most beautiful girl in the world and the winner will receive \$250,000—biggest television prize proposed to date.

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