

Shoes of China, Wood, Silver Appear In Mrs. Peter Skovbo's Collection

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Does your family pester you for hints on what you want for Christmas or birthdays? Or do they keep asking, "What can we bring you for a souvenir?", when they leave on vacations? Then the solution for you is a hobby, and you couldn't pattern it after a more fascinating one than that of Mrs. Peter Skovbo of Junction City.

Her hobby is collecting shoes—big ones, little ones, china ones and even wooden shoes that can be worn by the family. Each has the date received and the donor's name printed on the bottom, but Mrs. Skovbo gives the history of each without referring to this data. Her collection now numbers 155 and is still growing.

Mrs. Skovbo's hobby began at Christmas time in 1942 when her sister's gift to her was a little china shoe. From that has grown the collection that keeps her friends on the lookout for "just the shoe for Hanna's collection."

VISIT DENMARK

Mrs. Skovbo says she has bought only one shoe herself. It's a little green pottery slipper that "I just liked the feel of."

In 1949 when the Skovbos paid a visit to Denmark, his native land, they found that the hunt for "shoes for Hanna" had preceded them. Relatives had rounded up a number for the growing collection.

There was a wooden pair for Mr. Skovbo himself (He still wears them), another wooden pair made especially for a Skovbo grandchild, one purchased on Himmel Bierget (Mountain of Heaven) and even an antique china shoe found in an attic. (No one knew just how old it was.) A tiny wooden one from Redsted Mors, Mr. Skovbo's birthplace, also was added to the collection.

SHOE INSCRIBED

At a party given in Copenhagen on the eve of their departure for America, Mrs. Skovbo was presented with a shoe with the following inscription: "Kære Hanne! En tak for det derne sket—At vi i Danmark her dig set." ("Dear Hanna! A thank you for that which has happened. That us in Denmark have seen you.")

The shoe collection ranges from the large wooden ones to a tiny silver slipper from a charm bracelet. There are hanging shoe vases, shoe planters and a charming china one with a real shoe lace tipped with metal.

Asked about dusting them, Mrs. Skovbo answers with a twinkle in her eye, "We won't talk about that."

Shoes are not her only hobby. She has a special sunroom just for cactus plants, 150 in number, while a charming wrought iron stand in her living room holds many varieties of African Violets. Mr. Skovbo made the stand as well as the other pieces of wrought iron furniture in their home. He's known in Junction City as the "Village Blacksmith."

Mrs. Skovbo's "green thumb" is also apparent in the garden which forms a delightful setting for her home. Here the planting is definitely informal.

"In fact," she says, "my husband just tossed sticks about when we were planning the garden, and where they fell he planted a tree. Nothing looks planned that way."

WMF to Meet In Springfield

Women's Missionary Federation of Springfield Lutheran Church will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the church. The program will be on foreign missions, with Mrs. J. Vere Snyder in charge. Devotions will be led by Mrs. Philip Berg.

Members are asked to take mission boxes to this meeting. Two delegates are to be nominated to attend Willamette Circuit Convention at Central Lutheran Church in Eugene March 24.



(Register-Guard photo, Wiltshireburg.)
MRS. PETER SKOVBO

Her Collection Began With A China Shoe

ANNotations Cleawox and Calypso

ABOUT 150 WOMEN and a dozen men attended the annual luncheon of Three Rivers Girl Scout Council at the weekend in Veterans Memorial Bldg. The men are undertaking to strengthen the permanent camp project at Cleawox Lake, we understand, and this has our hearty approval. For years we have hoped to see some tie-up between the Girl Scouts and women's service clubs, where the clubs would support the camp, and in return would be given some use of it for member vacation camping when the Girl Scout season was done. The fact that our one really restful vacation of a lifetime was spent at Cleawox, under sponsorship of the Extension units of Coos County, moves us in this regard, no doubt.

LAST YEAR, some one gave us ladyslippers, the wild Calypso orchid which grows hereabouts. They had taken up the tiny bulbs with the flowers, all in the original soil, moss and leaf-dust, and placed them intact in a basket. The flowers lasted well, and we took the basket home, transplanted the whole lot into a pot, then placed the pot out of doors, beneath the lilac bush.

Remembering that this is about the season for the tiny orchids to bloom again, we sought the spot. Sure enough, there were leaves, and yes—buds! The pot was proudly borne within doors, given a wrapping of silvered paper and a ribbon, and placed in a sunny corner of the kitchen.

Next day, we happened to look into the pot, wondering whether it needed more moisture. Y! What were these busy bits of animation swarming about the small bulbs, leaves, buds and all? Sow-bugs, Ma'am. Just sow-bugs.

So now our daily task of mornings is to examine whether any dormant sow-bug has come up from the earth during the night, and if such there be—and there has been!—pluck him off and wash him down the drain. It would be handy if we could feed them to the goldfish, which are in a tank at hand—but they're a bit too big for that. Could be we're unfair to sow-bugs, but we feel they trespassed, anyway.

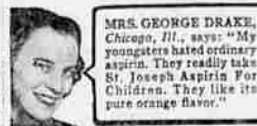
A NEW TRIUMVIRATE of mothers who are beginning to baste together more and more often are Ruth (Mrs. Loren) Edmiston; Helen (Mrs. Donald) MacIsaac; and Sylvia (Mrs. Winslow) Cuthbert. The bonds of matrimony have drawn them together: Of Mrs. MacIsaac's two daughters, one is married to the Edmiston son, the other engaged to the Cuthbert son. The women have a similar characteristic of lightheartedness, which when tripled makes their combined force practically irresistible. We don't try to resist; we join 'em every time we can!

MILLS COLLEGE FRESHMAN Cynthia Foskett of Eugene has been cited for scholastic excellence at the Oakland, Calif., college. She was one of 17 freshmen named on the Dean's List for academic work above the college average during the fall semester. Miss Foskett is a trustee scholar at Mills College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Foskett of 1460 E. 27th Ave. She is a graduate of Eugene High School.

EUGENEANS TRAVELING: Herman Hendershott, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hendershott, and his sister, Mrs. Robert Carmichael, of Springfield, are spending a week in the Hawaiian Islands.

Church Circle Meets

Missionary Circle 2 of St. Mark's Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary Taylor, 217 High Street, Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. The lesson will be from the Book of Acts.



MRS. GEORGE DRAKE, Chicago, Ill., says: "My youngsters hated ordinary aspirin. They readily take St. Joseph Aspirin For Children. They like its pure orange flavor."

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Women in the news

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League of Women Voters Plan "Go-See" Trip to Salem

Lane County women will have their visit to the state legislature in Salem all day tomorrow, with the group at the Senator "Go-See" Trip sponsored by the Eugene League of Women Voters.

The trip is planned to give all women a chance to attend sessions of both houses of the legislature and to attend the all-important committee meetings where information is presented on bills under consideration. Programs will be available as guides for the day.

Leading figures in state government, Gov. Paul Patterson, Elmo Smith, president of the Senate, and Edward Geary, speaker of the House, will meet with the group. Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Geary and the wives of the Lane County delegation have been invited to lunch with the group at the Senator Hotel.

"We feel that this is an excellent opportunity for women to learn first-hand how their laws are made," says Mrs. R. C. Coulter, chairman. "Our program is planned to show all phases of the legislature in action."

Any woman who would like to make the trip is asked to call either Mrs. Coulter, 5-2748; or Mrs. David Bauer, 4-8376. In order to be at the capitol by 9:30, the trip is planned to start from Eugene about 7:30 a.m.

Board to Meet In Portland

Mrs. Dean W. Mickelwait, president of University of Oregon Mothers' Club, has called a quarterly board meeting Wednesday at 11 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Elmer Carlson, 2638 N.E. 17th Ave., Portland. A nominating committee will be elected and progress on the scholarship fund will be discussed.

Those attending from the Eugene-Springfield area, besides Mrs. Mickelwait, will be Mrs. Melvin Gustafson, Mrs. Darwin I. Spicer, Mrs. L. E. Zinkner, Mrs. Robert L. Jones, Mrs. Manning Barber, and Mrs. Paul Rice. Karl Onthank and Mrs. J. Alan Wickham of the University of Oregon faculty will be featured speakers.

AROUND THE TOWN

LAURELWOOD Golf and Country Club Auxiliary will meet for cards Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Progressive bridge and pinocle will be played.

ZETA TAU ALPHA Mothers' Club will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the chapter house, 15th and Alder Sts. Mrs. Walter Hannon will be hostess. Members will work on the afghan which is being made as a club project.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS, Bethel and 40, will meet Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at Springfield Masonic Temple. Money for registration for the grand session must be turned in at this meeting. A new guardian council will be elected.

GITCHELL CLUB, Royal Neighbors of America, will meet Thursday for a 1:30 p.m. dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. Roy Elmore, 1261 Washington St.

PAST PRESIDENTS Club of Woman's Relief Corps will meet Friday at the home of Mrs. Ella Bray, 344 E. 3d Ave. Dessert will be served at 1 p.m. and a business meeting will be called at 2 p.m.

DRILL TEAM CLUB of Ladies Auxiliary to Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will meet Wednesday. The meeting place has been changed to the home of Mrs. Charles Doane, 2243 Roosevelt Blvd.

KENNESAW CLUB of Springfield will meet Friday for a 1:30 p.m. dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. Farmer Franklin, Douglas Gardens. Mrs. John Klar and Mrs. Melvin Tupper will be assisting hostesses. Members are asked to take articles for a "white elephant" auction. Proceeds will be added to the shrubbery fund for McKenzie-Willamette Memorial Hospital.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL Guild of Springfield will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. at the church. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Merle Anderson and Mrs. Harry Wrangham. There will be a final reading of the nominating committee report.

CASCADE STAR CLUB of Springfield will meet Wednesday for a 12:30 potluck luncheon at Springfield Masonic Temple. Mrs. Owen Bailey will present a lesson on rug-raiding.

LANE COUNTY SALON, 8 and 40, will meet Thursday at the home of Mrs. Eva Collins, 1491 11 St. Potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the business meeting will follow.

THURSTON JUNIOR High PTA will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the school. A program has been arranged and refreshments will be served.

YOUNG BUSINESS WOMEN'S Club will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Ben Buncie, 2570 Onyx St.

ORIENTAL ART GROUP of American Association of University Women will meet Thursday at 10:15 p.m. in the library of the Oriental Art Museum. Mrs. Henry Sheldon will talk on Japanese art of the Ashikaga Period. Visitors are invited.

CASCADE LIONS AUXILIARY will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Walter Welch, 2895 Mill St.

Church History Guild Topic

Church history will be the program topic at the meeting of the Junior Guild of St. John's Episcopal Church Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Mrs. Earl Turner is program chairman. Mrs. Allison C. Wyson and Mrs. Edward Czech are co-hostesses.

Organ Guild Presents Young Tim Whitlock

Wurlitzer Organ Guild of Eugene will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. at 806 Charnellton St.

Featured on the program will be six-year-old Tim Whitlock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Whitlock and a pupil of Mrs. William Dolph Jones. He will play themes from Hayden, Beethoven, Mozart and Chopin works on both the organ and piano. Guests are welcome.

Woodcraft Group To Elect Delegates

Neighbors of Woodcraft will have refreshments at Thursday at Knights of Pythias Hall, 1230 Lawrence St. The close of a business session election of representatives to the district convention will be held. Initiation will be held. Mrs. Viola Adams is dinner chairman.

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