

Party Line

Happy Housewarming!

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robertson surprised them with a housewarming Sunday evening, arriving with dinner just as the honor guests were preparing to be taken out to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Roberts of Portland, who were in on the plot.

The Robertsons were given a gift for their new home at 29th Place and Onyx Streets. Mrs. Margaret McDonald of Roseburg was also a guest.

Arriving later in the evening were the couple's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Robertson and infant son Jeffrey, who will spend tournament week in Eugene. Stewart is assistant basketball coach at Roseburg High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gossler waited until they got their new house all finished, and the draperies hung, for an open house for their neighbors. The group was invited in Saturday night to the new home in the Thurston area.

When the Gosslers moved from the old house, they pushed it into an adjacent field with a tractor and had a giant bonfire, much to the delight of their children, Janet, Mike, Roger and Gretchen.

Off to San Francisco for a week's vacation are Mrs. Lester E. Anderson and her two daughters, Elizabeth, 6, and Leslie, 7, a first grader at Washington School. They drove down this weekend and plan to visit relatives in the bay area.

What started out as a "small family party" grew to an open house for more than 60 friends and relatives Sunday afternoon when the George A. Surdam's celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. Surdam's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Rees, were hosts for the surprise event at the Surdam home in Pleasant Hill.

The serving table was centered with pink tapers and an arrangement of pink carnations and white stock in a silver bowl.

Mrs. Lorin Carmichael, long-time friend of the family, poured. Mrs. Charles Harvey of Portland, Mr. Surdam's cousin, cut the tiered anniversary cake which was decorated in pink and white.

Assisting about the room were Mrs. Lock Vollrath, Mrs. Surdam's sister, and Mrs. Forrest Jones of Gresham, Mr. Surdam's sister. Mr. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Rees greeted the guests and Mrs. Rees kept the guest book.

Mrs. Surdam has been active for the past two years in securing sponsors for more than 200 Korean youngsters in Molly Holt's Boys Home and the Sungkai Orphanage in Pusan and the Uredini Dong San Orphanage in Chinju. She receives and forwards monthly contributions for their support and schooling and for other work carried on in connection with these programs.

There are showers and showers, but seldom are decorations as effective as the rain-like showers of fine plastic which dripped in shimmering light above the gift table at a party given for Betty Jean Beach, just before her marriage to Robert Smith. Mrs. William Pike and her daughter, Kay, were hostesses for the event, in the Pike home.

Gifts were placed on a round table in the corner of the room, with a pink umbrella sheltering them from the "rain" streamers, and pink streamers hanging from the table. Smaller pink umbrellas and pink roses with bows were used about the room.

Invited guests were university friends of the bride, and the mothers of both bride and groom, Mrs. Vance Beach and Mrs. Eugene Smith of Springfield.



(Register-Guard photo)

Mrs. Dean Linder of Eugene Re-Active Club displays the plaques to be given to three schools with best sportsmanship record during the A-1 state basketball tournament here this week. Mrs. Linder is chairman of the committee for the Re-Actives.

Tourney Trophies Eugene Re-Actives Give Awards at Tournament

For the 15th year, Eugene Re-Active Club will present awards to the top three schools which display the best sportsmanship at the 1962 state A-1 basketball tournament.

Final decision will be made after the last game of the tournament and will be decided on a percentage basis so that each school has an equal chance to win regardless of the number of games in which it participates. Judges will be present at all times and will attend every game. As in previous years, the decision will be made by a group of Re-Active and Active Club members and tournament officials who will remain anonymous. The sportsmanship chairman is Mrs. Dean Linder.

Judging is based on the following points:

- Courtesy shown opponents by the rooting section.
 - General behavior during the entire tournament.
 - Team attitude towards opponents and cooperation with officials.
- The first award was given in 1948 to Springfield High School and last year's first place award was presented to South Salem High School.
- Re-Actives also will be busy with other tournament activities. Re-Actives, along with their Active Club husbands will chaperone the after-game dances at Erb Memorial Bldg. There also will be a dance at Eugene Hotel honoring the coaches and administrators after the final game Saturday evening. William Wolfe is dance chairman.

Rights and Registration

AAUW Hears Mrs. Arthur Flemming

By KAY LUNDEEN
Register-Guard Women's Editor

Mrs. Arthur S. Flemming, whose husband has been in constant demand as a speaker since his appointment as University of Oregon's president, says he's "never happier than when he's making a speech."

But this weekend the tables were turned and Mrs. Flemming found herself in the speaker's chair for the first time since becoming the university's First Lady. Her audience: Members of Eugene Branch of American Association of University Women gathered at Laurelwood Country Club for their March luncheon meeting.

The subject, "Civil Rights and the Negro Race," was of her own choice, a topic in which she has long been interested. Before she was finished, Mrs. Flemming had not only covered it effectively, but also given a delightful account of her "conversion" to the Republican party.

"Civil rights," she defined at the outset as "individual rights, God-given rights, rights man had before there was such a thing as government." Then tracing the history of those rights in this country, Mrs. Flemming, who formerly taught political science at American University in Washington, D.C., said:

"The whole history of civil rights is an emotional question." At the time the Constitution was written, Mrs. Flemming pointed out, "the Negro was considered three-fifths of a person with no rights of a 'citizen.'" In more recent times, she said, particularly since World War II, the American people have come to the realization that we cannot continue to have second class citizens in this country."

Son of a Slave

Progress in this direction, said Mrs. Flemming, was portrayed for her at a testimonial dinner given for Dr. Mordecai Johnson upon his retirement after 36 years as president of Howard University in Washington, D.C. The event in the ballroom of the Wardman Park Hotel was attended by more than 1000 Negro and white leaders.

The son of a slave, Dr. Johnson told the dinner guests of his own family, all present for the occasion: All were college graduates. One son was an orthodontist; another was a psychiatrist; one daughter was married to an engineer; the other daughter was a fine musician.

Mrs. Flemming related how with emotion Dr. Johnson confided that "the most important thing that ever happened to me

was the first time a white man called me 'Mr. Johnson.'"

During the question and answer period that followed her talk Mrs. Flemming was asked about her political affiliation since she'd spoken of being born into a family of southern Democrats.

As a young woman, she related, "I happened to run into an upstate Yankee Republican . . . and his influence was upon me." She continued:

"My husband has always paid me the great compliment of letting me be myself. He has never tried to tell me how to vote. So I kept my registration as a Democrat, although many times I voted for a Republican, if I thought he were the better candidate."

Receives Card

But after her husband was appointed Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare by President Eisenhower, Mrs. Flemming related, "things began to happen."

"I was invited to be a guest of honor at a meeting of the Capitol Hill Club (composed of Republicans in Washington). I was elected honorary president of an Ohio Republican Club. I was sent a membership card by the League of Republican Women.

"I showed that to my husband and asked him, 'What do you think of this? Do you know anyone else who's a registered Democrat and also a card-carrying Republican?'"

Mrs. Flemming related that "although I was a strong believer in not letting the right hand know what the left hand was doing, I decided by myself—not even telling my husband—to go about changing my registration to Republican. I owed it to my husband."

But presenting herself to the secretary of voters registration in the Ohio county where she voted, she found that this was not as simple a process as she'd expected. Because it was a non-registering county, she'd have to wait until she voted in the next primary two years later.

"And there were only 2 1/2 years left of the administration," said Mrs. Flemming.

"I told the secretary 'It's taken me all these years to make up my mind, and I'm not going to be outwitted now. I proposed that I write a letter stating my intention of changing my registration and that this be attached to the voters' files. The secretary agreed. Thus as of the time my husband joined the Cabinet, I've been a Republican!"

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What does every man have? Oil? Grease? Yes!
How does one remove them? With a grease and oil remover, of course.

It is a proven fact that any material (whether it be wool, cotton, linen, etc.) which contains grease will accumulate dirt. Dust alone will adhere to it. Dust is in the air and as the wind blows, it is bound to get on your husband's neck. This dust rubs off on the natural oils which are in his neck and I found that dime store chalk would work wonders. Imagine! Something so simple.

Dime store chalk sells for about a dime. (I am laughing that anything sells for a dime today!)

Just mark along the neck with the chalk where the dirty, yellow line is and if it's on the cuffs . . . mark along them too. Let this sit for awhile, at least an hour or so. Then launder as usual. (Put it in your washing machine and use our laundry method).

Mark heavily with the chalk. The chalk will absorb the oils and once the oils are removed . . . the dirt will come out! This requires no scrubbing which usually wears out the collar.

One word of caution: This method may require a few applications if the yellow line has been there for years. If the shirt is a fairly new one . . . one application should remove it.

After removal of this line, as you do your laundry each week, take a piece of dime store chalk and mark across the collar. Then you shouldn't have this accumulation again. Sometimes, if the shirt is old and the line has been there a long time . . . mark it with a heavy line of chalk and rub it in with your fingers and put it back in the laundry hamper.

I did find one product that cost a quarter that was wonderful . . . but since we are always looking for something cheaper and I do not like to mention brand names in the column . . . Let it sit until you do your laundry next time. The longer the better.

And you neighbors, if you have another problem, do write again. If I can't solve it, we will publish it and the best experts will answer it . . . the housewives.

Love, HELOISE.

Dear Readers:
If there is anyone who knows how to starch a nurse's cap without getting it crooked and iron one without scorching it, our readers would appreciate knowing your answer.

Many nurses are complaining that when professionally done, the caps are crooked and this is the ONE item they are very particular about.

If you know . . . won't you share it with them? They work mighty hard for us. Drop your answers to Heloise, c/o this paper.

Heloise

Dear Heloise:
I cannot see that putting clothes which have been sprinkled in a deep freeze could possibly hurt them. I do it.

Past generations, including me, have washed our clothes and hung them on the clothes line in freezing weather where they froze stiff as boards. This never did them any harm. Why is this any different than putting them in the freezer?

READER

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