

'Dear Abby'

—Abigail Van Buren—



DEAR ABBY: I admit I don't keep a very clean house but it's not my fault. My mother hated housework and she never bothered much with housekeeping. She taught me to put the housework last and said, "If you don't clean your house, your husband will." Maybe this is a poor excuse, but it's the truth and I just had to get it off my chest.

DEAR POOR HOUSEKEEPER: Your mother's advice sounds like a feeble excuse for poor housekeeping. To complete the picture she should have added, "There are many husbands who are mopping the floor with their wives every day." Get organized, Honey!

DEAR ABBY: Please print this for some girls who need it. It expresses my feelings and the feelings of many of my friends. If a girl doesn't wear lipstick—even if she isn't so hot—I would sooner kiss her than the girl with lipstick, because guys who come home with lipstick on their shirts almost get killed by their mothers. I thank you.

FIFTEEN AND ALMOST KILLED ONCE

DEAR ABBY: You may consider this a silly question, but please, darling, try to help me. I have just lost my fifth garage car! The last one I painted with black enamel. "PLEASE DO NOT STEAL THIS CAR." And I put my address on it. My neighbor said she saw a man stop and get out of a Cadillac car and HE took it. Can you imagine anything so cheap and dirty? So this morning I put my garage in a Maison Blanc bag, and the garbage collector refused to take it. Is this the way they take care of beautiful St. Charles Avenue? The authorities pay me no attention. Can you give me a solution? MRS. MARIE DE M. New Orleans, La.

DEAR MARIE: Telephone your Department of Public Health and ask them to put you in touch with the Sanitation Department. Then tell them your story! If you get no results, take it right up to the mayor. (The problem—not the garage.)

DEAR ABBY: My 22-year-old son came home heart-broken last night. He has been working and saving his money for a year to marry what we thought was a fine girl. He surprised her with a diamond ring and she refused it, saying she would rather wait until he could afford a BIGGER one. She said she would rather have no diamond than a small one. Is this modern thinking? HEARTSICK MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: No. There have always been girls who place a great deal of importance on the size of a diamond. Tell your son to save the little gem for a girl who appreciates it. And him.

What's on your mind? For a personal reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Abby, Box 3365, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Sugar Plum Cupcakes Renamed for Yule Seals

This year's gay and colorful Christmas Seals have inspired Mrs. Mark O. Hatfield, "Oregon's First Lady of Christmas Seals," to bring forth her prized recipe for sugar plum cupcakes and re-name it the "Christmas Seal Sugar Plum Cupcake."

Why? Because Mrs. Hatfield says the delighted children on this year's Christmas Seal, hanging the double-barred cross on their tree as part of the preparation for Christmas, recalled to her mind the age-old account of The Night Before Christmas when "visions of sugar plums danced through their heads."

Mrs. Hatfield adds: "At this festive and magical time, I think Steve Dohanos, the artist who designed this year's Christmas Seal, has the answer in his own words, 'the 1962 Christmas Seals say to everyone—put Christmas Seals into Christmas—so why not in the kitchen where children can help make the cupcakes and thus learn about Christmas Seals.' Here is the recipe:

Christmas Seal Sugar Plum Cupcakes

(From the Recipe Files of Mrs. Mark O. Hatfield)

- 1 pound seedless raisins
- 2 pounds gumpdrops (cut up —no black ones)
- 1 cup pecans or walnuts fried in butter
- 4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups sieved unsweetened applesauce
- 1 teaspoon soda dissolved in 1 tablespoon hot water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar. Add well beaten eggs. Add alternately portions of flour (flour and dry ingredients sifted together). Stir in soda, vanilla raisins, gumpdrops and nuts. Pour into cupcake pans and bake for 25-30 minutes at 350°-375°.



(Register-Guard photo)

Royal Trio

These Y-Teen princesses will greet guests Saturday at the Christmas Pancake Breakfast scheduled from 7 to 11 a.m. at Central Lane Y Bldg. with tickets available at the door. Ann Hansen (center) of Willamette High School tries on chef's hat with assistance from Virginia Bruce (left) of South Eugene High School and Jacquie Rutell of Pleasant Hill High School. One of the princesses will be selected as queen of the annual Hi-Y and Y-Teen Christmas Ball slated for Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Y.

Holiday Events

Y Pancake Breakfast Slated

A Christmas pancake breakfast will be given Saturday from 7 to 11 a.m. at Central Lane Y Bldg. under sponsorship of Hi-Y and Y-Teen clubs. The event will benefit the scholarship fund which helps finance tuition costs of the Hi-Y Boy and Y-Teen Girl of the Year.

The breakfast menu will feature pancakes, bacon, hot syrup and juice. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Entertainment will include the Madrigal Singers from

Springfield High School; Roosevelt Junior High Singers, the Y Carolers, Becky Ruff as a soloist, and Carolers from North Eugene High School.

Paul Ryman will be master of ceremonies and Santa Claus will be on hand for the children. The Y-Teen Princesses will welcome the guests. They include Virginia Bruce of South Eugene High; Ann Hansen of Willamette High; and Jacquie Rutell of Pleasant Hill School. Springfield Y-Teens will also select a princess.

One of the princesses will be named Queen at the annual Y-Teen and Hi-Y Christmas dance, scheduled Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Y Bldg. Linda Collins of Springfield, last year's queen, will crown the new queen chosen by percentage of each club's attendance.

The semi-formal party is open to Hi-Y and Y-Teens and their guests. Pat Northam, of Pleasant Hill Hi-Y club is chairman for the event.

Willamette Y-Teen Club will provide decorations, Springfield Y-Teen Club is in charge of the program, Pleasant Hill Y-Teen Club and Johnson Hi-Y

Club of South Eugene High will provide the entertainment.

North Eugene Hi-Y Club is in charge of clean-up, while Homer Hi-Y of South Eugene High is in charge of tickets and Jones Hi-Y Club of South Eugene High is arranging for chaparrons.

Scharens to Note 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. (Dick) Scharen of Goshen will observe their silver wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Ellison of Seavey Road. Friends are invited to call between 1 and 4 p.m.

The Scharens were married Dec. 25 in Eugene. Mr. Scharen is a life-long resident of this area.

Holiday Dessert

Make Holiday Parfaits by layering eggnog, ice cream and candied fruit mix in parfait glasses. Top with a swirl of whipped cream and a candied cherry.

Party Line Queen Vera Reigns for 'Her Day'

No queen ever had a happier set of "subjects" than Vera Humphrey who reigned Tuesday over the Birthday Kingdom in Christmas Tree Land.

Wearing a regal robe, Mrs. Humphrey was crowned "Queen for a Day" at a party marking her 70th birthday at the home of Mrs. Donald Seelye. Included among the guests were 11 fellow-residents from Sunset Home. Mrs. Humphrey, who is in a wheel chair, was presented with a shower of gifts from her many friends who appreciate the things she does for them all through the year — sewing on buttons, hemming dresses, setting hair, manicuring nails.

Guests were seated at a table which was covered with a white cloth with silver bands and centered with red candles in milk glass holders and red poinsettias. The birthday cake also was trimmed with poinsettias. Christmas decorations were used throughout the house, in a red and gold theme.

James Donovan, a neighbor, was master of ceremonies. Among the guests, in addition to the Sunset Home residents, were Mrs. Edith Day, Mr. Seelye's aunt, Mrs. Robert Keeler and Mrs. Donald Moss. Mrs. Keeler and daughter, Linda, made the queen's crown and Mrs. Keeler's Girl Scout troop designed place cards and invitations. Mrs. Moss made the sheaf of pink rosebuds for the queen and her daughter, Jeannette presented them to the honor guest.

Her 80th birthday was marked this week by Mrs. H. C. Skade, and in honor of the day her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Lombard of Cottage Grove, arranged an open house at Mrs. Skade's apartment at 1408 Ferry St.

Friends called throughout the afternoon, to the number of 55.

Assisting with serving were Mrs. Skade's sister, Mrs. Jorgen Hansen; her granddaughter, Mrs. Thomas Williams, and also Mrs. Herbert Lombard Jr., both of Cottage Grove.

Among the Danish delicacies served was a Kranse Kage, traditional feast cake made for the occasion.

The sound of girlish voices, which friends associate with the home of Mrs. John R. Murphy, but may have missed during the school-away-from-home era of past months, is back again. Ellen and Margaret, the former a junior and history major, the latter a sophomore majoring in psychology, are home from the College of Holy Names in Oakland, Calif., and Eileen, a freshman at Gonzaga, is arriving Saturday. The girls join their younger sister, Katie, who is at home with their mother.

December issue of Oregon Education Magazine carries an article on George Mason of Virginia, author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, by Josephine Evans (Mrs. Everett) Harpham of Eugene. The Virginia document, according to Mrs. Harpham, formed the basis of the Bill of Rights, signing of which was noted by observance of Bill of Rights Day Dec. 15.

Joining the college contingent "home for the holidays" is Lynn Schulz, who arrived Tuesday from Stephens College where she is in her second year. Flying to Portland, she was met there by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Schulz. The family, including Lynn's brother, Walter, plans a quiet holiday at home.

Hymn, Carol Origin Traced

NEW YORK (UPI)—St. Francis of Assisi often was called "Father of the Christmas Carol" because, about the 12th century in Italy, he used the stable scene, plus a small choir, to dramatize the story of the birth of Christ.

The occasion also was the origin of the Creche.

Down through the years, carols by the carolers have been turned out by the pens of talented and inspired writers. One noted song writer, Charles Wesley, composed 6,500 hymns and carols during the mid-18th century, according to researchers planning an album of Christmas records.

Wesley's most popular carol—then and now—is "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Another prolific song writer was Isaac Watts, who wrote "Joy To The World" in 1719 and, at his death in 1748, left 52 published volumes of hymns and carols.

Easy Filling Goes Into Cone Cups

Soften 1 package (8-oz.) cream cheese to room temperature; then use mixer to gradually blend in 1/4 cup of milk. Add 1/2 cup more milk and 1 can (8-oz.) drained Crushed Pineapple; then 1 package Instant Vanilla Pudding Mix. Beat only 1 minute; chill if desired. Just before serving, spoon into cone cups (easy way—place in muffin tins for support).

New Officers Installed By Medical Assistants

Mrs. Warner F. Hibbert has been installed as president of Lane County Medical Assistants Assn., an educational organization sponsored by American Medical Assn. and the Lane County Medical Society for all medical assistants and secretaries within the county.

Installation, held at the Christmas dinner meeting in Eugene Hotel, was conducted by Carl H. Phetteplace, M.D., advisor from the Lane County Medical Society and Mrs. Lucy Fox, retiring president of the assistants group.

Other officers for the 1963 business year are: Mrs. Wesley Goodrich, vice president; Mrs. Allen Jacobs, recording secretary; Miss Joanne Furrer, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Milton Garrett, treasurer.

Any qualified medical secretary or assistant may receive additional information regarding the association by calling any of the officers.



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