

Missing Button Game Hatcheck Girl's Bright Idea

By Mary Laing
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Chicago (UP)—Mrs. Josephine Kelley arrived at the Wrigley building restaurant nine years ago as merely a hat-check girl—and wound up becoming an institution of the place.

It all started with Charlie Grimm, manager of the Chicago Cubs, and a missing button. When he checked his Burberry overcoat, Mrs. Kelley noticed that it was minus both a regular button in the front and the extra button inside. Another guest's Burberry yielded an extra button and Mrs. Kelley transferred it to the ball-player's coat. She was tipped handsomely for her good deed and an idea was born.

However, Mrs. Kelley decided that taking a button from one customer to please another was hardly conducive to good-will all around. A customer rejected her proposed plan to save buttons, suggesting buying new ones and started her off with a dozen each of several sizes in black, brown and gray.

Now Mends and Cleans
In the eight years since then, she has sewed on an average of 50 buttons a week and her department has been expanded to include mending and spot-cleaning services and just pleasing the customers generally. In the summer she removes about two spots a day, and all year round averages three mendings a day and sews on about 80 tapes and chains for hanging purses each week. Her supplies cost her on an average of \$100 a year.

Petite, red-haired Mrs. Kelley does her work while the guests are dining and doesn't mention it to them. If it goes unnoticed, she doesn't mind, but usually it's discovered eventually, which is one of the reasons why the florist is frequently ringing her bell.

Her supply of service buttons is limited, since she cannot buy them. Those she has been given to her by servicemen and she has some GI buttons taken from her husband's uniforms when he became an officer. He is handsome 1st Lt. Francis Patrick Kelley, serving somewhere in Belgium. She also has a son serving in the army air forces at a Virginia field and another, Johnny, who is a junior at an Illinois military academy.

Checks Without Checks
Although she's sewed on many buttons and chevrons for servicemen, it's something she's never done for her husband, because he was always away when promoted. And young Johnny complains that his "buttons are always hanging loose" while she cares for the customers.

Incidentally, servicemen are asked to keep their tips.

Mrs. Kelley is well-known, too, for her ability to keep track of coats and hats without checks, and newcomers to Wrigley's often are the goats of bets that she never misses. Her system requires keen observation. She takes a quick look at a customer and then writes initials or makes little marks on a slip of paper, which mean anything from "funny woe tie and tall" to "slender with typewriter." When customers come in together, she checks their things together, and has one slip for the group. One was marked "R. K. S. & DK," which stood for "red knit tie and short and dark."

"You might say," she pointed out, "that lots of men wear red knit ties, but it's unlikely that each is with a short and dark man."

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Peace Scare in Capital Hits Rents, Othman Gleefully Finds

By Frederick C. Othman
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Jan. 24 (UP)—There seems to be, according to my bride who now qualifies as an expert, what the financial writers would call a peace scare in the capital real estate markets.

The Russians are getting close to Berlin, the hard-boiled babies with the houses for sale at prices that ought to include diamond studded door-knobs are putting on the pressure, and the homeless Othmans are laughing in their homely faces.

There'll come a time and apparently it isn't far away when anybody who tries to get \$30,000 for a three bedroom house will be locked up, either as a nut or a robber chief. That time hasn't come yet, because one of these babies tried to peddle us such a house at such a price yesterday. My bride told him she was stringing along with Stalin.

She said she'd stay put in our cubicle, no matter how many bruises she got climbing like an Alpinist over the furniture, until the war is won and the standing-room-only signs come down from the District of Columbia.

She's been here now since November, spending every waking hour looking for a place to live in tippy-turvy town, and now that the highbidders seem to be getting frightened over the prospects of peace, I think the time has come to make a formal report:

One apartment house still has a waiting list of 2,000; another has 500 and the only flat my bride actually saw vacant was built over a two-car garage; rent \$80. She soon gave up trying to get an

apartment. She turned to houses-for-rent. She found one, or half of one, for \$90, but she said she wouldn't live in it dead. (That's the way she talks when she gets excited.) She looked at another in the country, the ad said, and it certainly was. No bath. Water from the pump, but the pump was frozen the day she called. Rental: \$65 a month.

There was one nice house that she liked until the man calmly mentioned the price. He said he'd let her have it on a two-year lease for \$350 a month. If she'd had her umbrella along she'd have hit him between the eyes.

Eventually she gave up trying to rent a house. She thought maybe she'd better buy one and by actual count, she has inspected 52. She has concluded that a \$7,000 house sells for \$11,000; a \$10,000 number for \$18,950, and a \$15,000 domicile for anything up to \$34,500. For reasons best known to themselves the capital realty owners like odd figures.

Our best bet we thought, was a house belonging to a lawyer who had moved to California, about the time we left there. He said his house would cost us \$18,000, which sounded steep, but we said we'd look at it when we got here.

We did look at it, but our man said he had misjudged the market. He said the price now was \$26,500. He advertised it in all the papers for a week and, I regret to report, got what he asked.

The boys now are rallying around, with house after house for sale and imploring looks in their big brown eyes. We are telling 'em to read the headlines. Its fun, watching 'em cringe.

Reds Reach Oder

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the reich's last important arsenal." The Germans were reported from Moscow to have laid waste the Silesian towns and villages marked for seizure by the red army.

Boistering Moscow reports that the Soviet trap was closing on East Prussia, the German command said that in the western end of the province Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's forces beat down stubborn resistance and advanced to the area of Elbing, big transport junction in the Baltic coastal area and gateway for any evacuation of the battered defenders to the east.

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8:30—News
8:45—Today's Bulletin Board
8:50—Organ Treasures
8:55—Frankie Masters
9:00—William Lang & News
9:15—Rationing News
9:20—Old Family Almanac

9:45—Will Bradley's Orchestra
10:00—Glenn Hardy News
10:15—Luncheon With Lopez
10:30—Paula Stone and Phil Britto
10:45—Redmond Victory March
11:05—Lady About Town
11:40—News
11:45—Lum'n Abner
12:00—Allen Holt
12:10—Sports Yarns
12:15—Al and Lee Reiser
12:30—News
12:45—Farmer's Hour
1:00—Assembly of God Church
1:30—Tommy Harris' Time
2:00—Handy Man
2:15—Melody Time
2:45—Blue Blazer's Orchestra
3:00—Griffin Reporting
3:15—Service Unlimited
3:30—Musical Matinee
3:45—Johnson Family
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Rex Miller

4:30—Back to The Bible
4:45—Coronet Story Teller
4:50—Musical Interlude
4:55—Central Oregon News
5:00—Sam Hayes
5:15—Superman
5:30—Tom Mix
5:45—Night News Wire
6:00—Gabriel Heatter
6:15—Real Life Stories
6:30—Treasure Hour of Song
7:00—Fight Against Pollo
7:15—Lowell Thomas
7:30—Red Ryder
8:00—The Grange Reporter
8:15—Sonny Dunham's Orchestra
8:30—True Detective Mysteries
9:00—Glenn Hardy News
9:15—Rex Miller
9:30—Wings Over the Nation
10:00—Fulton Lewis Jr.
10:15—Frankie Carle's Orchestra

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Oregon Counties Seek Road Funds

Salem, Ore., Jan. 24 (UP)—The counties' share of the gas tax revenues taken in by the state highway department would be boosted from 15.7 to 20 per cent, and the minimum upped to \$2,800,000 from \$2,000,000 under the provisions of a bill before the senate introduced by the roads and highways commission.

The bill, originating with the Association of Oregon Counties, is a continuation of the biennial struggle for a share of the bounty in gas revenues.

Other important bills introduced yesterday included two by the Benton and Lane county delegations which would clear the way for construction of new dormitories and other buildings on the campuses of the state system of higher education.

Bills Listed
Other bills introduced provide that: Vehicles must stop when passing an unloading school bus, instead of merely slowing down.

A county court may appoint either a republican or democrat when filling a legislative vacancy. At present the appointee must be of the same political party as the person he succeeds.

A holder of public office may be a delegate to certain conventions. At present, an official is not allowed to be a delegate to the conventions mentioned.

Health Seal Total Near \$4,000 Mark
The executive council of the Deschutes county health association met in the new office of the organization, room 7 of the O'Kane building, on Jan. 20. Mrs. Hugh Cole is the new executive secretary, taking office the first of the year.

Mrs. W. H. Coahran, health education chairman for the county, and Mrs. Cole were appointed to represent the association at the fourth annual Oregon state social hygiene conference, sponsored by the U. of O. medical school, the Oregon state board of health, and the Oregon Tuberculosis association.

tion. The meeting will be held in Portland Feb. 7.

Attending the Saturday meeting were: Mrs. Maurice Roberts, president, Redmond; Mrs. R. L. Lewis, secretary, Redmond; Mrs. Hugh Cole, executive secretary, Bend; A. W. Westfall, second vice-president, Bend; Mrs. W. H. Coahran, county education chairman, Bend; Mrs. Lloyd Smith, health education chairman, Redmond; Mrs. E. O. Adams, membership chairman, Redmond; Mrs. Walter Emard, public health activities chairman, Bend; Mrs. C. I. Dunlap, junior past president, Sisters; Miss Zola McDougall, publicity chairman, Bend; and Mrs. Edith Kostol, past executive secretary.

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No. 2 Cans

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