



Perugia—It was old centuries ago and stays that way.

## City That Lives in The Past And Loves It — Perugia

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Perugia, Italy, March 7 (AP)—Tired of living in the present? Then take a trip to Perugia which lives in the past and loves it. This quaint city of 90,000 high amid the hills of central Italy is like a living chapter from a history book of the Middle Ages. Time passed by and left it to dream.

Cesare Borgia, notorious son of Pope Alexander VI, was a student at Perugia's 700-year-old university. He probably still would know his way around the narrow winding cobblestone streets.

Although wearing the look of a medieval city, Perugia was more than 2,000 years old when Columbus discovered America. Roman ruins, sniff Perugians, are not so old. They proudly point out the remains of an even earlier civilization—the Etruscan—whose language still is studied in Perugia's 30-year-old "University for foreigners."

Perugia, as it was called in those days, was founded about 600 B.C. by the ancient Umbrian tribes atop a 1,000-foot ridge of hills overlooking the broad, green valley of the Tiber river. It became an Etruscan stronghold, one of the 12 confederated cities of this powerful civilization.

There are remains of once formidable walls of Perugia's great Etruscan citadel. Traffic

urns in the interior, built in the sixth century.

Perugia withstood the Gothic conquerors of Rome's empire for seven years before Totila captured and sacked the city late in the sixth century.

Near the center of the city stands the so-called Arch of Augustus, an ancient town gate recording the three great epochs of Perugia. The foundations date from the Etruscan period; an inscription, "Colonia Vibia Augusta Perugia," was added in 40 A.D. during the Imperial Roman epoch, and a balcony was built into the arch in the 1500's.

Perugia's basilica of Saint Peter is greatest of the 25 churches built here between the 11th and 17th centuries and still standing. It was enriched by early Roman Catholics after the city came under the power of the Popes in 1370.

The remains of two popes—Urban IV and Martin IV, both of whom died in Perugia in the 13th century—are entombed in the Cathedral of San Lorenzo. Dating from the 15th century, this magnificent Gothic cathedral contains what is known as the betrothal ring of the Virgin, shown to the faithful five times a year.

Perugia reached its zenith during the Middle Ages. Sixteen powerfully-built Gothic palaces dominate the city's principal squares. Most of them are still in use.

Pro-communist socialist mayor Giuseppe Mana holds forth in the huge turreted municipal palace, begun in 1297 and completed in 1423. On special occasions, a corps of guardsmen, costumed in brilliant uniforms of the Middle Ages, line the stairs and hallways.

A practical man, the mayor is plumping for a new aqueduct to replace the one built centuries ago. He thinks some of the city's 2,000 unemployed could help build a new railway bridge, too, to replace the one destroyed during the last war. Mana seems more interested in showing visitors Perugia's great 100,000 volume library founded in 1588 and still doing business on the third floor of the municipal palace.

## Mystery Blast Startles Eugene

Eugene, March 7 (AP)—An army engineers report that a rock quarry blast was set off Sunday, exploded theories of a meteorite landing.

The blast was at the Cowles quarry. It was felt here and over a several hundred square mile area.

Eugene, Ore., March 7 (AP)—A theory that a meteor swooshed across the daylight sky here Sunday and perhaps disintegrated or thudded to earth, was under study here today.

University of Oregon Extension Astronomer J. Hugh Pruitt has been gathering data on an unexplained explosive-like noise and shock at 11:50 a.m. Sunday. He said he may be prejudiced on the subject, but "I am fairly certain a large meteor passed overhead."

The noise and reverberating shock startled city and suburban residents and brought reports of similar impressions from Junction City and Coburg. Housewives reported windows rattled and one said her door was unlatched and swung open.

It was at first thought to have been a man-made or accidental explosion in the area, but checks with police and fire departments eliminated this possibility yesterday. Pruitt then called on radio stations to broadcast an appeal for data. Residents swamped his home phone with calls and he later reported the center seemed to be west of here.

## Yamhill Demos to Offer Candidates

A full slate of democratic candidates will be offered Yamhill county at the May primaries, according to Bert Keck, Willamina, county democratic chairman.

The slate will be prepared by George W. Manning, McMinnville, who heads a special committee, prior to the March 10 deadline. Only one democrat has so far declared himself for a county office, C. E. Forell, McMinnville, having filed for county clerk. A. R. McLaughlin, incumbent, and Roscoe Hutchens, Newberg, both republicans, have filed for the clerkship.

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## 200 Jailed in Korea For Plotting Revolt

Seoul, Korea, March 7 (AP)—Nearly 200 persons were in jail today as the result of a three-week investigation into an asserted subversive plot to stage a revolt in the South Korean

army and police force.

The arrests were made quietly during the past three weeks and it was not until the last few days that most people began to realize it was the biggest roundup of its sort in six months.

Fruit jar rings may be fastened to the under side of small rugs to prevent slipping.

## Princess Margaret Ill With Influenza

London, March 7 (AP)—Princess Margaret has influenza, Buckingham Palace announced today.

The 19-year-old younger daughter of King George VI has been confined to her room at the royal palace and will be unable to take part in ceremonies today attendant to the state visit of French President Auriol.

Fun-loving Margaret was up and about yesterday and watched the royal procession for the state opening of parliament, although she could not take part because she is not 21 years old.

She was sick this morning and the king's doctor, Sir John Weir, said she had influenza and ordered her to remain in her room.

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## East Salem Club Calendar Has Variety Entertainment

East Salem, March 7—The club calendar for East Salem residents the past week offered a variety of entertainment and this week it will be the same. The first social evening for the husbands and all members of their families of the Jolly Neighbors club was held at the Brown road home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seguin.

A covered dish supper was held by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Preim; Mr. and Mrs. George Brown and granddaughter, Carol; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, Marilyn, Bobbie and Jacqueline; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Currie; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilson, Lorna and Norma; Mrs. Arly Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bernardy, Ronald and Sharon; Mr. and Mrs. John Jansen, Mary, Paul and Gerald; Mr. and Mrs. Seguin, Jacquelyn and Judith. It was a get-acquainted social evening.

Congratulations were in order for Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cater, (Ann Becker) of Hollywood drive who became the parents of a son on Tuesday at the Salem General hospital, their first child. He weighed eight and one half pounds and has been named Michael Edwin. His grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Becker of Sunnyview avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cater of Salem; his great grand parents, Robert Becker of Keizer; Mr. and Mrs. E. Duquette of Calgary, Can.; and Mrs. L. N. Castor of Des Moines, Ia.; and he has a great, great aunt, Mrs. Jennie Thomas of Salem.

The new project for extension units this month is "Making Lamp Shades" and all units will be doing the same this month. Lansing Neighbors unit will meet Thursday, March 9, in the Mayflower hall in Salem, at 10:30 p.m.

Swegle unit will meet at the YMCA in the club rooms down stairs on Friday, March 10th at 10 o'clock.

Auburn Woman's club meets

## Lincoln Goodwill Club Meets Friday

Lincoln—Mrs. R. J. Meissner, Mrs. Paul Libby, Mrs. Lois Crawford, Mrs. Lawrence Mickey and Mrs. Fannie Emel will be hostesses for the March meeting of the Lincoln Goodwill club, Thursday at 2 o'clock at the R. J. Meissner home.

Contest leaders, Mrs. Edward Schlegel and Mrs. Eva Purvine who were appointed by the president, Mrs. Robert F. Yungen, to form two groups of members and make bazaar articles, will give further instructions on articles to be made.

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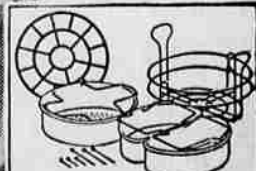
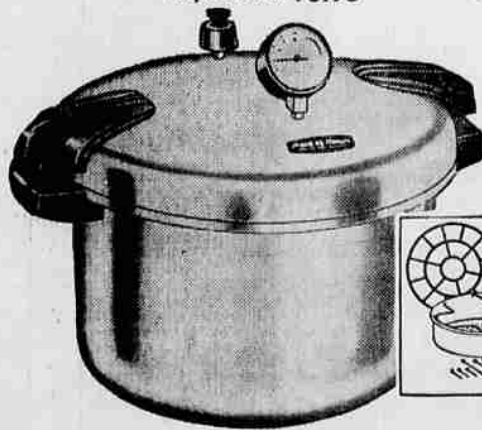
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