

FROM Peg in Washington

BY ALENE (PEG) PHILLIPS

Washington, D.C.—

Dear Marian:
To point up a contrast in federal and state employment, I should cite the involvements in working on Saturday for this department in Washington. At home I could always get into the Capitol any time on Saturday or Sunday with my own key. Here on Friday I must notify the Captain of the Guards that I plan to be at the building at a given hour, then on arrival at a specified entrance the next morning I must produce my official identification pass card, for the guard on duty to admit me. I must call the garage so that the ramp will be open for the Secretary's car to be admitted. Arrangements must be made for heat in the quarters and the telephone operators must be advised that the Secretary will be in the building. One advantage, if the private elevator should get out of commission here, like it did a couple of times at home, someone would know.

It continues to amaze me how many Oregonians or people who have Oregon relatives or connections call at the Department. Today former Senator and Mrs. Rufus C. Holman, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bushlight, all of Portland, called. Mrs. Holman owns a beautiful home here and has been redecorating it for new tenants during their stay here. Dr. E. T. Hedlund, Portland postmaster; Tommy Luke, guest of the Vile MacKenzie; Ralph W. Emmons, Salem; and Rufus Lusk, Washington, brother of Justice Hall S. Lusk, have seen the Secretary. Mr. Lusk, in addition to discussing matters in which he has a public-spirited interest here in the District, promised the Secretary an invitation to the Gourmet club. He told me as he left that there are certain definite rules of the club: No discussion of politics, religion, or women (we get a break once in a while, gals); no smoking until after dinner in order that all food may be fully savored; and absolute promptness. They don't wait dinner on anyone whether the highest military brass or the most important person in officialdom.

Word from a former fellow-employee in the Secretary of State's office was brought to me by Alvin C. Kurtz, former Salem resident, now in Washington. His sister-in-law, Miss Leola Beall, will be remembered in Salem. She is working now for a building contractor in Washington, having returned here from an assignment in Texas. Mrs. Kurtz, the former Virginia Beall, and the younger sister, Harriett, who all called Salem home, are Washingtonians now. Some of the state house people will remember Louise Weber, the lively redhead who worked for Wallace Wharton, in the Budget office, and who married Sterling Green. Sterling helped me edit the Oregon Blue Book in 1933, when he was editor of the University of Oregon Emerald. He is head of the banking and finance division for the Associated Press, having had that assignment in Washington for some 11 years. He is truly top flight in the newspaper field and it is wonderful to renew friendship with Lou and Sterling.

The McKays continue to lead a busy life. The Secretary was a special guest of the famous Al-falfa club of Washington, Saturday night. The high ranking people in business, industry, and official life belong to the limited membership club and their

program on Saturday was highlighted by their election of Justice Robert H. Jackson, as President of the United States—just to show their independence. It's a highly bi-partisan group, with a tremendous reputation for entertaining fun.

Mrs. McKay was the "second ranking guest," as they say in Washington social columns, at a luncheon given by Mrs. Harold Burton, wife of the Supreme Court Justice, last week. The luncheon honored Mrs. George Humphrey, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, and was given at the Congressional club. A number of wives of Congressional members were additional guests. Justice Burton is a long-time friend of Secretary McKay, as they served together in the 91st Division in World War I. Speaking of cabinet members' wives, Mrs. Charles E. Wilson, in a market here, in trying to prevent a mixup of deliveries for families with a common surname, said "Oh, we're the Wilsons that are having all the trouble in the Senate."

Monday Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Guy Gordon attended the joint session at which the President spoke, and lunched together afterwards. Mrs. McKay sat directly back of Mrs. Eisenhower with the cabinet wives group. At the invitation of W. Bert Stevens, Tillamook, president of the Oregon Association of Real Estate Boards, and A. J. Crose, State Real Estate Commissioner, Mr. and Mrs. McKay will be guests at the Congressional banquet Wednesday night when each state real estate board honors its delegation here in Washington. On Saturday night, the Secretary will attend the annual dinner of the Radio Correspondents Association, and on Friday evening, a stag dinner honoring Senator Robert A. Taft. The latter affair is to be at the estate of James H. R. Cromwell, one-time ambassador to Canada and one-time husband of Doris Duke.

If I were to get down to recounting my own luncheon and dinner engagements, you'd be certain I wasn't getting much else done back here, but actually I've been working full blast.

One highlight was the Theta Sigma Phi luncheon at which Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt spoke. Since leaving the United Nations, she has taken on a job of selling the United Nations to the people of this country. Her talk had many humorous sidelights as she recounted the critical looks she got when she first became a member and the hesitancy with which she was given assignments. Her eyes twinkled and the guests were captive in the warmth of her personality. In speaking to her afterwards, I mentioned that I was from the home town of Charles A. Sprague. Immediately she responded, "Oh, we valued his work so much—he made a genuine contribution." Lillian Forter Say was my hostess. I should whisper that the luncheon was held at the National Democratic Women's club—but as a black Republican I shall report that it is rented to organizations and I didn't have to sign a pledge. It is a beautiful old home adjacent to Dupont Circle, which lends itself to group meetings admirably. At the luncheon were many of the leading women writers, including Bess Furman, who wrote "White House Profile" and who introduced Mrs. Roosevelt in a most informal style. Mrs. Myra Helm, long a member of the White House staff, was a guest. Mrs. Zelta M. Rodenwald, formerly of Corval-

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IS Recent Bride — The marriage of Mrs. Lester Davis (Patricia Smith) was solemnized January 30 in Salem. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Franklin Girard of Medford and Mr. Davis is the son of Mrs. George Moorhead of Salem.

Capital Women

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Engagement Told

Announcement is being made of the engagement of Miss Shirlee Jean Decker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Decker, to Ray Benson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Benson. The wedding is planned for next summer. Both young people are graduates of Salem high school. The bride-elect is employed at the telephone company, Mr. Benson at Loder Brothers.

lis, and a sister of C. F. Felke, State Vocational Rehabilitation Director in Salem, and Mrs. Ernest Rostel, who lived in Salem when her late husband was with the Travel and Information Bureau, dropped by our table to say "hello." Mrs. Rostel is executive secretary for the American Hearing Society and doing a wonderful job, according to those who know of her work.

Mrs. Rodenwald is with the Home Economics Division of the Department of Agriculture and she chatted about some mutual friends including Adelaide Lake, Corvallis, who is with the O.S.C. Journalism Department.

Stole a few moments Sunday to unpack my record player and polish the silver and brass and my little apartment seems more like home. It's a dizzy life, however, and only wonderful mail from the "truly" home compensates. — Peg.

Alpha Phis Plan Tea To Fete Two

Salem alumnae of Alpha Phi sorority are planning a tea for the afternoon of Wednesday, February 18.

Honor guests for the affair will be Mrs. Robert Y. Thornton, an alumna of the sorority who has moved here to make her home, her husband being the new state attorney general; and Mrs. Irving Bennett of Seattle, district governor for the sorority.

The tea will be at the home of Mrs. Harry S. Dorman.

OSC Benefit

More than 100 attended the benefit card party sponsored by Oregon State Mothers club Thursday evening at the Women's club. Mrs. Elmore Hill was general chairman.

Prizes went to Mrs. Arthur Binegar, Clifford Nopp, Mrs. E. M. Page, Mrs. Edward Majek, Virgil Hume, Mrs. A. L. Rigby, Elton Thompson, Mrs. Harry Wenderoth, Mrs. F. H. Humphrey, Elmore Hill, Mrs. J. W. Revea, Mrs. George Croisan, Elmer Orcutt.

Generosity of Public Revealed to Pattersons

You never know how many friends you have until a need arises, so the theme of some old adage goes.

And Governor and Mrs. Paul L. Patterson found out they have many well wishers, albeit the occasion was a home emergency, not one of need.

In a Thursday morning newspaper a picture was printed showing Governor Patterson in the kitchen at their apartment in the Lee washing dishes with one hand—his left one is in bandage due to an infection. For two weeks, Mrs. Patterson has been unable to be up and around because of a "doctor's orders" rest, although she is not seriously ill, but Governor Patterson has been doing some of the necessary kitchen work along with his busy schedule at the office and at the legislature. Sam Wilderman, Portland photographer, was calling on the governor at his home about another matter when he "caught" the state's chief executive on kitchen duty.

The picture hit the generous heart of people. Preceding the picture many friends had sent in food after hearing Mrs. Patterson was unable to carry on her housework for a time, but the tempo increased amazingly after the picture. Homemade breads, pies, cakes and cookies and other items poured in on the governor's apartment through Thursday as friends sought to do what they could to help out.

Although overcome by all the generosity, the Pattersons are most grateful.

On School Committee

Castilleja School, Palo Alto—On Saturday evening, February 14, the resident seniors of Castilleja school will entertain the day seniors and their escorts at an informal dancing party at the St. Francis Yacht club in San Francisco.

One of the hostesses will be Miss Elisabeth Nelte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Nelte, 2090 South High, Salem.

Welcome New Member

Mrs. Lyle J. Sacre was inducted as a new member of Chemeketa Toastmistress club on Thursday evening. Toastmistress was Mrs. O. K. Beals and Mrs. L. C. Tennis was in charge of table topics.

Three of the five speakers scheduled to compete in the club contest late in February talked to the group, Mrs. Joseph Johnston, Mrs. Lee Haskins and Mrs. B. L. Treldstad participating.

Coffee on Saturday

Mrs. Ted Morrison and Mrs. Braden Daggert are to entertain at the home of the former on Saturday morning at an informal coffee to honor Miss Alice Mullen, who is to be married to Herbert Savage on February 14. Guests have been invited to come at 10 o'clock.

Salem Writers Entertained Thursday

Salem Writers club met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Albert Girod. Mrs. C. E. Layton is a new member of the group.

Joseph Singer was interviewed on radio station KOAC recently by Dr. Henrietta K. Burton, Oregon state president of Pen Women, and Mrs. Gladys Chambers, on the subject "Creative Writing as a Hobby." Mr. Singer feels that writing a little each day will help people learn to write and they can get their ideas through people they know. Writers who receive rejections on their work should consider them a challenge. He has written many works for literary magazines and currently is creating short stories.

Stories read and criticized during the evening were written by Mrs. N. F. Anderson, Perry Reigelman, Mrs. Jessie Singleton, Mrs. C. E. Layton, Miss Renka Swart, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn F. Cronemiller, Mrs. Lloyd Smith and Joseph Singer. Other members present were Mrs. Effie Maye White, Mrs. Albert Girod and N. F. Anderson. The group club will meet March 3 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn F. Cronemiller.

Birthday Party

Richard Phillips, known to his friends as Rip, is to observe his fifth birthday anniversary Saturday and a party is planned that afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Phillips, Jr.

Young friends of Rip's invited include Barbara and Cathy Sierp, Mike Culp, Becky Ann Davis, Gary Jackson, Linda and Terry Polk, Diane and David Lee, Janet and Steve Ashton; and the two grandmothers invited are Mrs. John R. Polk and Mrs. William L. Phillips, Sr.; and the little boy's three sisters, Christie, Deborah and Robin. In the evening, Rip's godpar-

Miss Blaxall to Be Wed on May 17

Date for the wedding of Miss Joanne Blaxall and Gene W. Barto of Portland is set for May 17, the ceremony to be in the First Congregational church in Salem.

Blue Birds Event

The regular meeting of the Happy Blue Birds was at the home of the leader, Mrs. Karl Olson. A short business meeting was called by the president, Vicki Fronk. The meeting then was turned over to the assistant leader, Mrs. Kermit Ward for the amateur hour which all of the girls participated. The program consisted of: Piano solos by Kathy Joseph, Joan Tigard, Patty Olsen, Patty Morris, Eileen Hadley, Patty Lee, Patty Johnson; solos by Karen Shott, Marilyn Olsen; trio by Terrie Gustafson, Barbara Fenix and Vicki Fronk; accordion solo by Penny Lee Hill. After the program, Barbara Fenix was in charge of refreshments. Mrs. Karl Bryan and Mrs. F. Shott were guests.

Alumnae Meet

Miss Shirley Hill was hostess to a meeting of Alpha Gamma Delta alumnae for a Valentine party Thursday evening. Attending were Mrs. Estill L. Brunk, Mrs. Robert Nelson, Mrs. Maynard Nelson, Mrs. James H. Turnbull, Mrs. David Turnbull and the hostess.

ents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Loucks, will be guests at the Phillips home for birthday cake.

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