

FROM

Peg in Washington

BY ALENE (PEG) PHILLIPS

Washington, D. C., March 3
Dear Marian:

Today we have the first snowfall of the winter. I have been praising the spring-like days during the six weeks I have been here but always was warned, "wait for March." Two inches of snow snarls traffic more here than 12 inches that we can occasionally get at home. My bus was 45 minutes late this morning but fortunately I allow myself 30 minutes leeway and thus wasn't too late at the office. As I walked in, a Samelite, who was out early in spite of the weather, greeted me in the person of George L. Arbuckle. He is enroute to New York and was surprised to find he could join other Salem people at lunch with the Secretary of the Interior — Clay Cochran, Arch Metzger and George A. Rhoten, from Salem, Dean W. A. Schoenfeld, Corvallis, Stuart Moir, with the forest industries in Portland, and Larry Smyth, all of whom had a good chat around the luncheon table with Mr. McKay. Luncheon engagements in the private dining room not only conserve time by permitting noon-time appointments but afford an excellent chance for conferences as there are no telephones to interrupt and the feminine secretaries refrain from relaying "messages to Garcia" to the Secretary during the interval.

Another luncheon group for which Secretary and Mrs. McKay were hosts was for the members of the Oregon Congressional delegation last Friday. Senator Gordon was ill with the flu and the Moores were out of the city, but the others were there, including Mrs. Gordon, the Harris Ellsworths, the Walter Norblads, the Homer D. Angells, and Sam Coons. The arrival of Major General and Mrs. Thomas E. Rilea the day before made it possible for them to be included, and the Vic MacKenzies and I completed the group. A centerpiece of yellow jonquils, blue irises and pussywillows looked like a touch of Oregon, and, by coincidence, the yellow and green table mats were matched by Mrs. McKay's green suit and hat and Helen Rilea's yellow dress of the exact shade. The gold-banded china with the gold seal of the department on it always adds to the elegance of the table. Following the luncheon, the group adjourned to the office of Mr. McKay, where the Oregon Distinguished Service award was presented to the Secretary by the Adjutant General. Lt. Col. William Hugh Adams, Salem, read the citation with members of the press and photographers looking on, as General Rilea placed the ribbon-suspended decoration around Mr. McKay's neck. Mrs. Adams was an interested spectator, just as she has been at other Washington events since this is her first visit to the national capital. The Rileas and Adams were at Green Briar hotel for the national meeting of the Adjutant General's Association before coming to Washington and were delighted with the fine meeting and perfect surroundings of the famous hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Rhoten, on a six weeks' vacation jaunt which included the Washington stop, report a wonderful trip to Puerto Rico and Jamaica — fine swimming and much fun. Other Oregonians here this week have been former Congressman Lowell Stockman and Elmer Kerna, lumberman, of Pendleton. Lowell has bought a fine hilltop site in Pendleton where the Stockmans will build a new home. The Pendleton duo have been enjoying golf daily at the famous Burning Tree club here, in which Lowell retains membership even though no longer a resident of the District. It is the links where the President plays while in Washington and is strictly limited to men and a selective list. At the Shoreham Saturday night, Lowell was recognized by friends on all

sides and gained an introduction from the master of ceremonies. Lt. Colonel Donald W. Coons, who still calls Salem home although he has been in Army service 14 years, was caller at the office this week. Don, who was an outstanding football star at Oregon State, has seen service in many sections of this country and in Europe and Hawaii. He will be visiting soon in Salem with his wife and three children. Tom Sandos, president of the Columbia River Packers Association, Astoria; Herb Feet, of the federal Department of Agriculture in Portland; Edward Dent, The Dalles, former mayor and active Republican; and Robert Lister, Prineville, have been other callers this week.

The McKays welcomed the Larry Smyths to Washington with an informal dinner party a week ago and how our tongues wagged as we caught up on word direct from the home folks. Mrs. McKay has been asked to serve as honorary chairman of the Theta Mothers chapter in Washington and will be among those honored at a banquet in April. (Her daughter, Mrs. Wayne Hadley, is a Theta.) April will be a busy month for Mrs. McKay, as she will fly home for a ten-day visit with their daughters, Shirley Hadley and Marylou Green, and their families; to return here to welcome several out-of-town guests and participate in several functions. The McKays will spend a week this month in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, as he must attend a meeting of the Virgin Islands Corporation Board and make an inspection of conditions in the several islands where much needs to be done to solve local problems.

Even though I missed my first Oregon press conference in years last week, I had the thrill of receiving in one large envelope notes from 73 of the good friends who gathered in Eugene for the annual event. How wonderful they were to remember me and to realize that I was there in spirit with them. Several mentioned what a fine job Governor Paul L. Patterson had done in his first appearance before them as banquet speaker.

Speaking of press meetings, Secretary McKay made a great hit at the National Press Club luncheon last week, when he had questions tossed at him by the experts among the newspapermen and columnists back here. He received a tremendous ovation — old timers said the best "in the memory of man" — and his ears should still be burning from the compliments that the rest of us have heard passed around about his handling of the assignment. When one considers that he made an appearance at the Senate tidelands hearing, the House Judiciary tidelands hearing, the Hawaiian statehood hearing, an appropriations committee hearing (and that's no cinch, whether it's Oregon's legislative ways and means or a Congress appropriation hearing) the same week as the press luncheon, and that questions were fired at him on all occasions, one can get a little understanding of the rugged existence he is leading. In addition, he has been interviewed on the Bob Considine, the Bill Henry, the David Garroway, and the State of the Nation television programs within the same period. Small wonder he longs for Neskowin's peace and quiet at times! Time, U. S. Business Week, and Parade Magazine have all telephoned for appointments for photographs which, coupled with Life's recent coverage, is bringing further attention to the Interior Department.

As a personal note, may I add that the beautiful leather brief case that the State Employees Association members gave me is getting a real workout back here. I think of the pleasant associations with them every time I pick it up. Sincerely,
Peg.



Alumnae Elect New Officers

New officers for Alpha Gamma Delta sorority alumnae club were elected at the meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. James H. Turnbull.

Mrs. Gordon Hecker is president of the group, Mrs. Stanley Dilatash, vice president; Mrs. D. J. Needham, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Estill L. Brunk, Panhellenic representative; Mrs. Robert Nelson, alternate Panhellenic representative.

Rainbows Visit

Cheecowan assembly No. 47, Order of Rainbow for Girls, in Yamhill was hostess on Thursday evening to many out of town guests. Attending the courtesy night from Salem were the Misses Arda Lien, worthy adviser of Chadwick chapter; Joan Neal, worthy associate adviser; Lo Anne Munding, recorder; Margaret Hildreth, Eleanor Mizelva, Patty Johnson, Diane Clough, Pat Sexton, Ada Hartman, Mary Lynn Stevens, Susan Nelson and Arlene Sneddon. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Neal, Jr., Mrs. E. L. Hildreth and Mrs. Zina Sharpnack also accompanied the girls.

Miss Lo Anne Munding and Miss Joan Neal participated in the official ceremonies.

Hostess to Group

Liberty — Mrs. Carl Bell was hostess at a dessert for the Liberty Woman's club, Thursday afternoon, at her home on West Browning avenue. Mrs. Paul Scharn was the assisting hostess.

Mrs. S. B. Davidson reported on the activities of the Girl Scouts and the group decided to help the troop financially. Mrs. Fred Browning and Mrs. Roland Seeger were named on the committee to attend to the securing of permanent dishes and flatware for the club. The group voted to support the South Salem Suburban Chamber of Commerce carnival which is scheduled for May. Named on the committee were Mrs. S. B. Davidson, Mrs. Harold A. Rosebraugh and Mrs. James Falk. The group decided to have the eating concession at the carnival. It was announced that the committee chairmen will meet with Mrs. Louis Kurth general chairman, on Thursday, March 12, at her home.

Mrs. Letticia Clark introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. C. W. Stacey, who told of her recent trip through Mexico, and showed pictures and things from Mexico.

CENTRALIA temple, Pythian Sisters, met at Beaver hall on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Lenzie Irvine is a new member of the group, transferring from Independence, and Mrs. Grace Griffiths was a visitor. Members will visit Home temple in Silvertown on April 2. District meeting of the Pythian Sisters will be in Corvallis April 30.

RETURNING home recently from a four months tour of Canada, the United States and Mexico, are Mr. and Mrs. Willard E. Courtney.

Aid in Easter Seal Sale—Members of the four chapters of Beta Sigma Phi in Salem have addressed 30,000 envelopes to go out in behalf of the Easter seal sale for benefit of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Shown here at work in the addressing are, left to right: Mrs. Charles Shaw, Miss Dorothy McCall, Mrs. Billy Bishop, Mrs. Joseph A. Kitzke and Mrs. William Collier.

Capital Women

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Salem Girls Named To Offices at UO

University of Oregon, Eugene (Special) — Miss Galen Mills, daughter of Edwin L. Mills, 550 N. Summer, Salem, and Miss Anne Ritchey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Ritchey, 1045 N. 13th street, Salem, were installed Wednesday evening as appointive officers of the campus chapter of the Young Women's Christian association. Miss Mills is the new service chairman and Miss Ritchey the new publicity chairman.

A freshman in psychology at the University, Miss Mills is a graduate of McClatchy high school in Sacramento. Miss Ritchey is a graduate of Salem high school and a freshman in journalism at the university.

Theta Rho Group

Theta Rho girls met at the IOOF temple on Thursday evening. Miss Beverly Ready and her mother, Mrs. M. W. Ready of Salem Rebekah lodge, were elected to membership. There will be formal initiation on March 19.

Members of Marion Junior Odd Fellows lodge visited at the meeting, and final plans were made for a ski trip for the two groups.

Miss Lorraine Owens was program chairman and entertaining the group were Pete Van Horn who sang, accompanied by Miss Pat Shields, and Mac Baker who gave humorous readings.

HONORING Mr. and Mrs. James C. Stone a surprise housewarming was given Thursday evening at their new home. Twenty-four attended the no-host dinner. A gift was presented the Stones.

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Cronmiller's Hosts To Writers Club

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn F. Cronmiller entertained members of the Salem Writers club at their home on Thursday evening. Mrs. Clara S. Moser, Portland and Salem literary agent, was guest speaker and told of her interviews with Cecil Scott in Portland who is an associate editor of McMillan publishing company. Joe Singer, Ora Smith and Ora Hutcheon also submitted works to Mr. Scott.

Mrs. John McNally gave her prize winning entry in a recent Sperry contest, her award being a set of luggage. Others on the program were Dr. Mary Rowland who read humorous sketches of her experiences as an early day physician, and Mrs. Albert Layton who read a part of her new novel.

Mrs. Georgianna Hatfield of Halsey was a guest and members present were Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Anderson, Mrs. Blanche Jones, Miss Renka Swart, Perry Reigleman, Mrs. Albert Taylor, Mrs. Albert Girod, John Adlon, Joe Singer, Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Mrs. Robert Hutcheon, Mrs. John McNally and Mr. and Mrs. Cronmiller.

The group will meet in April with Miss Effie Maye White.

Friendship Event on Thursday

Attending friendship night of Ainsworth chapter, Order of Eastern Star, on Wednesday evening were 160 members and guests.

Welcomed and escorted to the east were Mrs. Zelma Heater, member of the committee of pay for grand representatives to the grand chapter of Oregon; Mrs. J. Edgar Reay, grand representative of South Dakota; Mrs. Harlow Dixon, grand representative of Maine; Mrs. Florence Burr and J. Pierce Aspinwall, worthy matron and patron of Gervais chapter; Mrs. Helen Beck, worthy matron of Laurel chapter; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wiper, worthy patron and matron of Victoria chapter; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Humphreys, worthy patron and matron of Acacia chapter; Mrs. Gall Wengenroth, worthy matron of Evergreen chapter; Miss Mildred Thurston, worthy matron, and R. Irvine Wright, worthy patron of Euclid chapter, and many members of each visiting chapter.

Mrs. Margaret Fox of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Mrs. Amelia Fisher of San Diego, Calif., were out of state guests.

Mrs. T. D. Graham was received into the chapter by affiliation.

A social hour followed the business session, and assisting Mrs. Paul Riffley in the dining room were Mrs. O. E. McCrary, Mrs. Russell G. Kreuger, Mrs. Leonard Howe, Mrs. Irma Jean Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bradford.

Next meeting of the chapter will be on March 18 at the Scottish Rite temple.

Busy Day for Pattersons

Governor and Mrs. Paul L. Patterson were in Hillsboro last evening to attend the St. Patrick's day party of their dance club there, the Town club. The group presented the Pattersons with life memberships, the presentation being made at a grand march feature.

Visitors here Thursday with the Pattersons were his mother, Mrs. Ada Patterson, and Mrs. Ed Schulmerich, both of Hillsboro, and Mrs. Schulmerich's niece and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Reichle and their daughter from Portland. The

visitors were at the State House during the day.

Also at the Patterson home this weekend is their younger daughter, Miss Virginia Patterson, who, with two other Stanford students, Dave Jacobson and Chandler Myers, are participating in the speech contest at Linfield college.

INVITATIONS are out from State Senator and Mrs. Frederick S. Lamport for an at home on Sunday, March 15, the couple entertaining between 5 and 8 o'clock at their Ben Lomond drive home.



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