

Some Notations . . .

Big people — bigness in the sense of VIPs — are big people because they are big in character, in courtesy, in graciousness, etc. . . . And for our money Dorothy Thompson, top-flight columnist and commentator who visited our city Wednesday night to lecture is tops among the big-wigs . . . Because of the late hour of Miss Thompson's arrival and attendance at other events, it was not possible for me to see the visitor until after her lecture . . . I went backstage and in the course of conversation asked Miss Thompson if she had copies of her manuscript remarks — some of her comments in the lecture were extemporaneous . . . Others she read from copy. She replied she did, that it was at her hotel and she would be glad to give me a copy . . . She was en route to an informal gathering following the lecture, but she took time out to go with me down to her hotel and give me the manuscript before going to her party . . . It was the gracious manner in which she did the errand, as if it were the most important thing at the time that she complied with the request, that almost awed me . . . I can remember some "hot-shots" who have coldly ignored much easier and simpler requests, or if they complied, acted as if they were being very generous and going out of their way . . . Not Miss Thompson . . . I felt a bit crummy about the deal, but in this business one has to get the story assigned . . . Miss Thompson, calm and deliberate in her manner, is a striking figure on the platform and certainly holds her audience in close attention . . . Although the American Association of University Women, sponsor of the lecture, may not have made too much money from the lecture for their scholarship and fellowship fund, the group can find satisfaction in the fact they did a community service in presenting Miss Thompson . . . The AAUW over a period of years has brought several world figures here for lectures.

Thursday was "coffee day" for this department, the winter and early spring being marked by many of these informal gatherings . . . First on the calendar in the morning was the coffee for which Mrs. Lee Ohmart was hostess at her attractive North 14th street home, guests including a number of wives of legislators in the house where Representative Ohmart serves . . . It was a very cozy and hospitable gathering, one of several such informal affairs being given by Mrs. Ohmart during the session . . . It was early enough that many of the legislative wives who are working at the session could drop by for their morning coffee ahead of opening of the session . . . Among legislative wives greeted during our drop-in, Mrs. Joseph Dyer of Astoria, Mrs. Richard Deleh of Portland, Mrs. Robert Root of Medford, Mrs. Robert L. Elfstrom, Salem, Mrs. Earl Hill of Cushman . . . The Hills recently moved to be at the Capitol Plaza for the remainder of the session . . .

Next on the agenda, the coffee for which Chi Omega alumnae entertained at the Willamette university chapter house of the group to honor three prominent members of the alumnae ranks, Mrs. William C. Ferry, who recently moved to the capital from Pendleton when her husband was named a justice in the supreme court; Mrs. Dean H. Walker of Independence, wife of Senator Walker from Polk county; Mrs. Kenneth Goodall, Portland-Oswego, wife of Representative Goodall . . . Among the guests were three Chi Omega alumnae from Portland who motored to the capital especially for the event, Mrs. Walter Gerke, sister of Mrs. Goodall; Mrs. Elmer Ramsey and Mrs. Thomas Crump . . . Mrs. Gerke, remarking she has to come to Salem to get a glimpse of her busy sister, Mary (Mrs. Goodall), who is serving as secretary for her husband in the house as well as keeping things in order at their home in Oswego, and writing a legislative column for three newspapers . . . Among other guests greeted during our call, Mrs. Estill L. Brunk, Mrs. Mark Astrup, Mrs. B. O. Schucking, Mrs. Charles D. Wood, Mrs. W. C. Dyer, Sr., Mrs. Claybourne Dyer, Mrs. Paul L. Patterson, Oregon's first lady; Mrs. Earl T. Newby, wife of the secretary of state, Mrs. Robert Y. Thornton, wife of the attorney general; wives of four supreme court justices, Mrs. Earl C. Latourrette, Mrs. James T. Brand, Mrs. Hall Lusk, Mrs. Walter L. Toose; Mrs. Glen Stevens, Mrs. Bjarne Eriksen; two wives of senators, Mrs. Frederick S. Lamport and Mrs. Lowell Steen, the latter of Milton-Freewater; Mrs. B. W. S. a c o n y Mrs. Elmer O. Berg, Miss Antonette Kurmanlech, running in from school duties during part of her lunch time; Mrs. John William Stortz. In addition to Chi Omega alumnae and the wives of state officials, guests included presidents and Panhellenic representatives from other sorority alumnae clubs in Salem . . . The tea table was most attractive with its bright sky-blue cloth and centerpiece of pale pink camellias . . . White carnations, the Chi Omega flower, were arranged in a large bouquet in front of the mirror over the mantel, the bouquet tied with cardinal ribbon and wheat stalks tucked in here and there — cardinal and straw are the sorority colors . . .

Club Hears Program On Public Affairs

Silverton — Mrs. Bennett G. Leach, program co-ordinator for the Business and Professional Women's club at Silverton, arranged the "Mental Health" program at the public affairs meeting Tuesday evening at the social rooms of the First Christian church.

The dinner simulated a picnic at the beach, Miss Hannah Olson and Miss Edith Ross responsible for decorating the rooms and tables in beach wood, shells, agates and dried beach grasses.

Especially honored guests included Mrs. John Dennison, Mrs. Mary Amort, Mrs. Allan Foster, Mrs. Harrison Fisher, Mrs. Kieth Berg, Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Ray Fisher and Mrs. Lela Byrd. The president, Miss Marguerette Hallock was in charge.

Preceding the panel program, Mrs. John Dennison, presented by Mrs. Mahlon Hoblitt, played piano numbers.

Mrs. Irene Roubal served as moderator, presenting Mrs. Virginia Hughes, Mrs. Frances Brandt, substituting for Mrs. Roy Grosse, Mrs. W. H. Brandt, substituting for Mrs. Mahlon Hoblitt, and Miss Thora Arestad.

During the business session the club voted a protest to the Oregon federation in the plan to raise annual dues of each member.

Announcement was made of the March 15, Central Willamette district spring conference in Salem beginning at 9:30 in the forenoon at the Marion hotel.

SILVERTON — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ernst (Miriam Cooley) are being felicitated upon the birth of a son, Richard Charles, March 5, at Silverton hospital. There are two sisters, Georgia and Judy. The baby is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Rholin Cooley, Silverton, and Howard Ernst of Prineville; and a great-grandson of Mrs. Lizzie Cooley and Mrs. Harriette Morley, both of Silverton.

Burns of Portland, chief clerk of the senate; Mrs. Frank Reinhart of Portland, assistant at the clerk's desk; Mrs. Albert T. Anderson, Mrs. Gene Brown of Grants Pass, Miss Mary Jane Cristgau, Mrs. James Newcomb, Mrs. R. J. Elsasner . . .

Senator Howard Belton of Canby is not the only one smiling this week in the state senate over the arrival of a new grandchild . . . Senator Angus Gibson of Junction City also has a new grandchild, a little girl born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Glover (Caroline Gibson) at Junction City . . . The baby has been named Claudia Jean and is welcomed by an older brother . . .

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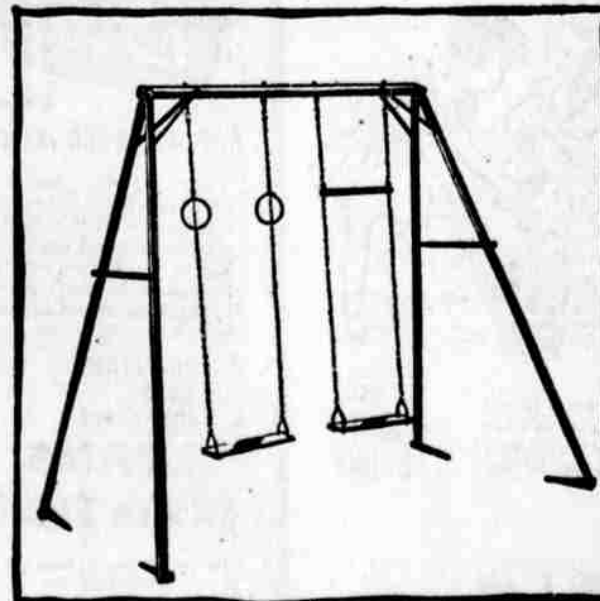
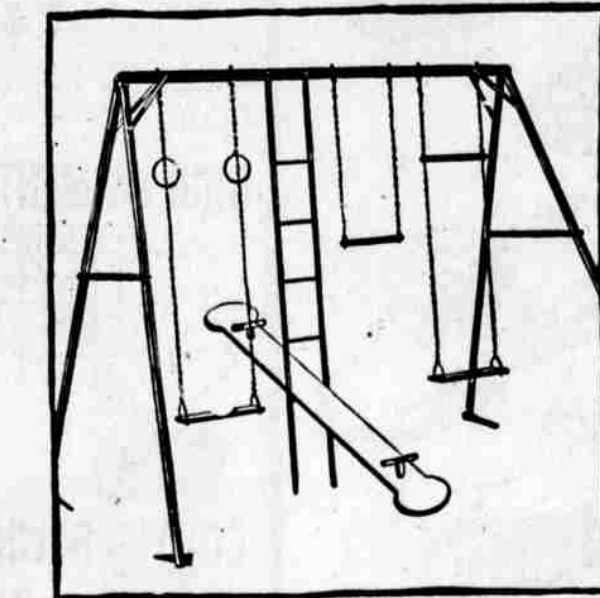
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