

Peg in Washington

BY ALKNE (PEG) PHILLIPS

Washington, D. C., March 23
Dear Marian:
One of the questions that comes most often from Oregonians is "How do living costs vary between Salem and Washington?" Not being too proficient in budget-keeping, my answer isn't on an over-all basis but I have compared some items to provide a partial report for the inquiries from home.

To begin with, rents here are about double for similar apartments and houses in the two areas. It has been difficult in the past to find furnished apartments and they ran higher in proportion as a result of scarcity. More of the apartment houses are furnishing units now, especially in the smaller size apartments known as "pullmans" at home. There are many deluxe apartment houses where the rents are triple home rates, but that is no comparison since that type of apartment is not available at home. Rents in apartments here include utilities, which is one gain over Salem.

In order to get comparative food prices, I took the advertisements of the same chain store in Salem and Washington from the Capital Journal and local papers and compared items listed by brands or comparable descriptions. Here's what I found, and the Washington price is listed first, and Salem second: Eggs, 85 cents, 61 cents; T-bone steaks, 89 cents, 95 cents; sirloin, 75 cents; 79 cents; ground beef, 43 cents, 49 cents; fryers, (there's a lot of chicken served here) 51 cents, 69 cents; bacon, 63 cents, 69 cents; potatoes, 10-lb. sack, 39 cents, 89 cents; shortening, 83 cents, 93 cents; package detergent, 27 cents, 29 cents; tuna, 39 cents, 29 cents. Brands of canned vegetables and fruits varied and I couldn't estimate the difference.

Surprisingly, in the list given only eggs and tuna were more in Washington. I know citrus fruit is cheaper here and most fresh vegetables. Chickens are especially good quality and the beef in most markets is very satisfactory. I was told that the beef wouldn't be as good as "western beef" but after all there is a big market on the east coast for mid-western beef and I have had excellent steaks and prime ribs—no, I didn't cook them.

Some other items include laundry which runs only ten to fifteen cents more here for comparable bundles (the problem here is getting back the right articles); transportation by bus is 17 cents or five tokens for 75 cents; newspapers including daily and Sunday editions are \$1.75 a month.

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Member of Year Named By Chapter

Mrs. Don Parker was named "Beta Sigma Phi of the year" from Xi Lambda chapter when the group met last evening at the home of Mrs. Tom Deal. Each chapter in the city is electing a Beta Sigma Phi of the year.

New officers named by Xi Lambda chapter at the meeting include: Miss Martha Lierly, president; Mrs. Loyal Warner, vice president; Mrs. Gus Hewitt, recording secretary; Mrs. Sam C. Campbell, corresponding secretary; Miss Hattie Bratzel, treasurer; Mrs. William Collier and Mrs. Tom Deal, city council representatives.

Installation will take place in May. It was announced the next meeting will be April 14. Co-hostess with Mrs. Deal for the meeting last evening was Miss Lierly. Mrs. John Ellis had charge of the program.

The group gave a surprise shower for Mrs. M. C. Kan.

Miss Raines and Mr. McVein Married

Lebanon—Miss Barbara Joan Raines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Raines, was wed to Ralph McVein, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McVein, at a double ring service on March 14 at the Lacombe Baptist church. Both families live in Lebanon.

The Rev. George Powell officiated at the ceremony. The organist was Mrs. Mabel Mastenbrook, and soloist was Mrs. Lucille Moist.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a ballerina length dress of white nylon net with bolero jacket. Her fingertip veil was secured by a cap of orange blossoms and seed pearls and she carried a white orchid surrounded by pink rosebuds.

Maid of honor was Miss Jean Alexy of Oakland, Calif., and other attendants were Mrs. Dorothy Coakley and Mrs. Vivian Powell.

Best man was Vincent Coakley, and ushers were Max Livingston and Max Miller, both of Lebanon.

The church was decorated with baskets of pink and white snapdragons and candelabras and the pews were marked with white satin bows centered with pink rosebuds.

Following a reception in the church parlor, the couple left on a wedding trip to the Oregon and Washington coasts. Mrs. McVein is a graduate of Lebanon high school and Capital business college in Salem. She worked in the state house before returning to Lebanon to work in the law office of the city attorney. The bridegroom attended school in Massachusetts and served six years in the air force. They will make their home in Lebanon.

Broadcasting networks of the United States include NBC, CBS and ABC which include both television and radio, MBS which is purely radio and DuMont which is purely television.

Some Notations . . .

By M. L. F.

Word comes that Mrs. Douglas McKay will arrive in Salem next Wednesday night, April 1, for a week's visit at home here, her first trip back since she went east in early January with Mr. McKay when he went to assume his work as Secretary of the Interior. . . . Mrs. McKay is flying west and will arrive in Portland Wednesday night and is to be met there by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hadley, and her other daughter, Mrs. Lester D. Green. . . .

Mrs. Cecelia Farias of Portland was a visitor in Salem, Wednesday, en route to Klamath Falls where she is to assist in setting up final details for the state conference of the American Association of University Women in mid-April. . . . While here, Mrs. Farias visited with Mrs. Floyd L. Utter. . . . Mrs. Farias is the state president for AAUW, completing a two-year term this month.

Of interest to her many friends here is news that Mrs. Farias will become head mistress at St. Helen's hall in Portland, July 15. . . . For many years, Mrs. Farias has been on the faculty at St. Helens, as dean of the junior college

and later director of the junior college for two years, leaving there in 1947. . . . For the past few years, Mrs. Farias has operated her own school of tutoring in Portland and plans to continue that school along with her new work. . . . In addition to her presidency in AAUW, Mrs. Farias has been leader in other groups, serving as national president of Delta Zeta social sorority and as northwest governor for Altruism clubs. . . . A graduate of University of Oregon, Mrs. Farias last year was honored at Matrix Table of Theta Sigma Phi alumnae chapter in Portland as one of the five women of achievement in Oregon for 1951.

For a group of 80 Lane county women it was "Let's Look in and See" day at the legislature, Wednesday. . . . The group came to the capital in a chartered bus. . . . The trip was sponsored by the Eugene unit of the League of Women Voters, but the event was open to all women interested, many coming not being members of the league. . . .

Very busy in helping to entertain the visiting women and showing them about were the wives of the Lane county delegation who are here during the session, Mrs. Truman A. Chase, Mrs. Angus Gibson, Mrs. Earl

Amaranth Election Wednesday

Elected royal matron and royal patron of Cherry court, Order of Amaranth, on Wednesday evening were Mrs. Charles McCabe and Robert Nickens. Other officers to serve during the coming year are Mrs. Russell Bright, associate matron; Charles McCabe, associate patron; Mrs. Raymond Johnson, conductress; Mrs. Paul Shafer, associate conductress; Mrs. James Tindall, secretary; Louis Lorenz,

Hill, and Mrs. Donald E. Husband. . . . The group gathered at the Senator hotel for luncheon at noon following a busy morning, the Lane legislators and their wives as honor guests, including the Chases, the Gibsons, the Hills, the Husbans and Representative and Mrs. Loran Stewart. . . . Then the group went back to the state house in the afternoon to glean more information about the workings of the legislature. . . . Mrs. Kirk Montgomery is president of the Eugene league. . . . Among the group of visitors was Mrs. Raymond Coultter, whose husband formerly was representative from Josephine county in the legislature, the couple now living at Eugene. . . .

treasurer; Mrs. Elmer Boyer, trustee. Public installation for the new officers will be at the Scottish Rite temple on April 28. Grand officers present on Wednesday were Donald Patton, grand royal patron; Mrs. R. Lee Wood, grand assistant lecturer; and Mrs. Stanley Dilatash, grand faith. Other guests were Mrs. Donald Patton and Joe Johnston, royal matron and patron of Hanna

Roan court. Mr. and Mrs. George Maurer were in charge of the coffee hour and assisting them were Mrs. Howard Jenks, Mrs. C. Ward Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Evert Givons, Mrs. Ace Fish and Mrs. Clifford Parker.

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