

Peg in Washington

BY ALENE (PEG) PHILLIPS

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

An early-day mode of transportation was the basis for a picnic supper trip one evening last week for a trio of Oregonians now in Washington. The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal that runs from Georgetown to Great Falls is a tourist attraction, as well as an area for residents to enjoy hikes along the tow path and to study natural history. Our trip was on the barge that operates one evening a week and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Since the evening trip starts at 6:30 o'clock, passengers often come aboard with lunches to be eaten as the barge slowly proceeds up the canal.

On leaving the Georgetown landing, the barge is lifted in the narrow locks to the upper stream and youngsters are fascinated by the hand operated lock gates which control the movement of the water. In charge of the operations is a 73-year-old man who has worked on the canal since 1893. One wonders how the slightly built lock tender can swing by physical strength alone the large wooden lock gates and the smaller iron paddle gates. But he does and the barge moves upward, and for a distance of a half block through the narrow brick-walled channel the boat is hand propelled. Then two mules are tied to the tow rope and they trudge ahead along the tow path with two attendants to see that they keep in the "straight and narrow" and don't spend their time nibbling the green stuff on the bushes and trees along the route.

The evening trip covers four miles and takes two and a half hours. As the Georgetown area is left behind, the canal widens slightly and there are tree-lined vistas ahead. At one spot, the mules are unharnessed and taken down through an underwater tunnel to be refastened to the tow rope on the opposite bank, since the tow path does not continue along the highway side of the canal in the upper area. Of course, on the return trip the same process is repeated and then just before reaching the locks again, the barge is turned around in the wider portion above the locks and backed down through the walled area to the locks. It amazes the passengers how the unwieldy barge can be

guided and maneuvered in the narrow passage. On the return trip the lights of the city add a new touch and high on a hill the spire of Georgetown University and the surrounding brick buildings of an earlier architectural style remind one of the pictures of European canals. The evening trip is patricially inviting as the sunset sky and the lighted city provide reflections in the water that add to the beauty of the area. The boat had a capacity load and we learned that the camera men who came aboard were taking scenes for a television program. The men hopped off and on the barge at intervals to get different shots of the barge and mules. The Dave Garoway program on Saturday, the 8th, will carry the pictures.

The National Park Service guide who told a bit of the history of the canal as we "barged" along pointed out that the canal was first begun in 1828 with the idea of connecting the east and the west. Financial difficulties beset the company, however, and the entire project was never developed. An earlier Potomac canal had been built in 1785 by a company headed by George Washington and served a smaller area. It was the inspiration, so the story goes, for the C & O canal. When the federal government purchased the canal and its right-of-way in 1938, the National Park Service undertook its restoration as a recreational feature.

On Saturday, after work was finished at the office, I played tourist again and spent three hours in the Senate gallery. Because of the death of Senator Taft the day before and the pressure to finish the session, the atmosphere was one of serious devotion to the task in hand. The galleries were packed with tourists and District residents expecting some fireworks in the last days of the Congress, but at least while I was there, debate was tempered and the legislative processes were being advanced rapidly and soberly. While it brought reminders of the closing hours of Oregon legislative sessions, there was none of the electric quality of "anything can still happen" that marks the wind-up of the legislature at home.

Sincerely, Peg.

Salem Girl Honored at Washington

Washington (AP)—Two Oregon girls were among cabinet members and high officers appointed for Girls' Nation, which neared the end of a week-long meeting here Thursday.

Miss Bonnie Jean Ellsworth, Grants Pass, was named secretary of the army. Miss Gail Blush, Salem, was appointed mutual security director. They were sworn in Wednesday night at the inauguration of 17-year-old Miss Patricia Anne Vincent of Norfolk, Va., as president.

The American Legion auxiliary sponsors Girls' Nation, which brings here annually two teen age girls from each state who have been elected for leadership.

AMERICAN WAR Mothers will sponsor a memorial graveside service for deceased members, Sunday, August 16 at 3 p.m. at the City View and Odd Fellows cemeteries. American War Mother markers will be placed on each grave by Mrs. Glenn W. Pacher, president. The service was originally planned for August 9.

VISITORS this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Davey were Mr. and Mrs. David Espey and son, Dan, of San Diego, Calif. They are moving to Seattle, Mr. Espey being a mechanical engineer and will be with the Boeing company in Seattle.

Capital Women

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Farewell for Elizabeth Beat

The Golden Age club will meet at the YWCA at 2 p.m. on Friday, August 7. A farewell party has been planned in honor of Miss Elizabeth Beat, YWCA program director.

The program arranged by M. B. Stegner will feature music and games. The speaker will be Miss Mary Grace Richards.

Miss Emma Kuhlman is in charge of the refreshments.

Wins Award

News releases from Stanford university announcing awards for special achievements lists the name of Miss Virginia Lee Patterson, younger daughter of Governor and Mrs. Paul L. Patterson. Miss Patterson received the Speech association women's debate award.

WORD COMES from Eugene of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Crawford, on August 1. The baby has been named Paul Cameron. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gemmill of Salem, Mrs. Crawford being the former Jean Gemmill; and Mrs. Lera Crawford of Berkeley, Calif. The two older children in the family are Cory Ann and Steven. Steven has been staying with his grandparents here the past month.

Son Is Born

From Napa, Calif., comes news of the birth of a son, Jeffrey Paul, on Wednesday, August 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Brinkerhoff (Elizabeth Anne Herrick). The baby is welcomed by three older brothers and a sister, David Thomas, Peter Adrian, Bennett Evan and Christine Anne. Grandparents are Mrs. Byron B. Herrick of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Brinkerhoff of Philadelphia. The senior Brinkerhoffs have been visiting at their son's home.

WEEK-END visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Korenian were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hager and sons, Steven and Richard of Spokane, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Simonian of Portland.

AT A MEETING of Oregon Grape camp, Royal Neighbors of America Wednesday evening, Miss Deana Downey gave a report on the 4-H school in Corvallis. Miss Downey was given a scholarship by the Oregon Grape camp.

Other guests besides Miss Downey were her mother, and Mrs. H. W. Koespall, a member of Royal Neighbors from Medford.

A picnic is planned for August 12 at Dallas park.

Miss Bentley Bride Recently

Lyons — The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bentley was the scene of a garden wedding, Saturday afternoon, July 25, when their daughter, Miss Bettye Yvonne Bentley was wed to Harry Gibson of Grants Pass.

Pink roses and ivy decorated the trellis. The archway by which the bride entered was decorated with pink roses, and ivy. Gladioluses bloomed in the garden along with many other flowers.

The 2 o'clock ceremony was read by the Rev. Noble Street-er. Cecil Bassett played the wedding music while Mrs. Rammie Martell and Brent Bentley, the bride's brother, sang.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white nylon brocade lace dress over white satin with train. She carried a nosegay of white carnations with white streamers.

Miss Norma June Bentley was maid of honor for her sister, and wore an ice blue dress and carried a white carnation nosegay with a touch of blue. Miss Ivalyn Smith and Miss Shirley Culwell, flower girls, wore white organdy over blue frocks.

Wayne Murray from Cashmere, Wash., stood with Mr. Gibson as best man. Ushers were Bob Roy and David Schiewick.

Mrs. Bentley chose a black dress with white accessories for her daughter's wedding. The bridegroom's mother wore an ice blue dress with white accessories.



Are Newlyweds — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibson (Bettye Yvonne Bentley), above, were married at Lyons July 25 in the gardens at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bentley. The couple will live in McMinnville while both are attending Linfield college. (Jesten-Miller studio picture.)

A reception followed the ceremony. The bridal cake was decorated with pink and white roses. The couple will be at home at McMinnville, Oregon where both will attend Linfield college this fall. At present, Mr. Gibson is employed at the Safeway store there.

Some Notations . . .

By M. L. F.

Members of the Junior guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church were all smiles today and for a double reason . . . First, the Weather Man did cooperate half way, to the extent of making the silver tea following the guild benefit card party especially enjoyable . . . The dark skies and light showers early Wednesday morning caused the benefit committee members to do a lot of work and call all those holding reservations to say the card games would be played in the parish hall, the tea at 4 o'clock to be at the home of Mrs. Wilmer C. Page . . .

Earlier, the guild had planned the card games in the gardens at the Page home . . . The card games went on at the parish hall, however, the group then trekking to the Page gardens for the tea . . . It was a mite warm in the parish house with 35 tables of cards in play there, so the cool gardens at the Page home along Mill Creek were very refreshing for the tea . . . The afternoon was very pleasant for an outdoor gathering . . .

Second reason for broad smiles was the fact the guild made its goal of \$500 or better from the benefit, all proceeds to go to the new church edifice now under construction in south Salem . . . Mrs. Austin H. Wilson and Mrs. Earl T. Andresen were co-chairmen for the successful event . . .

Featured at the tea, too, was a display of beautiful antique dishes and glassware, the array being set up in the dining room at the Page home . . .

The tea table was arranged on the lawn. It was covered with a white cloth, the centerpiece a large arrangement of yellow gladioluses and other blooms . . . Presiding at the urns were Mrs. George H. Swift, Mrs. Earl T. Newbry, Mrs. Robert Y. Thornton, Mrs. E. G. Sanders . . . Members of the guild assisted in serving . . .

Prizes for the card games went to Mrs. C. O. Dennis of McMinnville, Mrs. Lynn Parvine, Mrs. Samuel Robb, Mrs. A. L. Rigby, Mrs. James Gemmill, Mrs. Fred Graham, Mrs. Gordon Baker, Mrs. H. J. Wenderoth, Mrs. Maurice Walker, Mrs. Bertram Thomson . . . The special prizes went to Mrs. L. E. de Weese, Mrs. Kay Nelson, Mrs. Robert H. Hamilton, Mrs. John Waters, Mrs. W. G. Lee, Mrs. Cecil Rhoades . . .

In appreciation for her hospitality at her home and gardens, the guild members presented Mrs. Wilmer C. Page with a cake . . .

Several out-of-town friends

were at the benefit, among them Mrs. T. O. Russell of Eugene, formerly of Salem; Mrs. E. C. Apperson, Mrs. Norwood Apperson, and Mrs. Fanny Baker, all from McMinnville; Miss Dorothy Doyle, who is in the States on leave from her duties as a librarian with the American army in France; Mrs. J. Bert Hill of Grand Rapids, Mich., guest of her daughter, Mrs. John S. Tyler, Jr., president of the Junior guild; Mrs. Ida Crouse and Mrs. Everett Hinshaw, both of Eugene; Mrs. George A. White, Portland; Mrs. Fred Ward of Albany . . .

Among others in "our corner of the gardens" during the tea hour, Mrs. Robert Carey, Mrs. Abner K. Kline, Mrs. W. E. Hutchens, Mrs. Gene Vandeneynde, Mrs. Charles E. Wagner, Mrs. Chester Loe, Mrs. George S. Hoffman, Mrs. Rex Kimmell, Mrs. Walter E. Snyder, Mrs. George Rossman, Mrs. Linn C. Smith, Mrs. Wayne P. Loder, Mrs. Bertram Thomson, Mrs. Lewis D. Griffith, Mrs. Gerhard Pagenstecher, Mrs. William Doll, Mrs. F. W. Poorman, Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, Mrs. Homer Goulet, Mrs. Wayne Gordon, Mrs. George Grabenhorst, Mrs. E. E. Bragg, Mrs. Kenneth Power, Mrs. George Seales, Miss Elizabeth Porter, Mrs. Leon Gleason, Mrs. Winifred Pettyjohn, Mrs. William H. Burghardt, Mrs. Paul A. Lardon, Mrs. Prince W. Byrd, Mrs. L. E. Kleinke, Mrs. David Eason, Mrs. Charles A. Barclay, Mrs. Vernon Gilmore, Miss Vivian Chandler, Mrs. Elmore Hill, Mrs. William H. Foster, Mrs. Carl W. Chambers, Mrs. Raymond Barton, Miss Florence Cauthorn, Mrs. Clark C. McCall . . .

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