

Peg in Washington

BY ALENE (PEG) PHILLIPS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13. Dear Marian: The annual Gridiron dinner and attendant events gave Secretary and Mrs. Douglas McKay an especially busy week-end. Duke Shoop, who represents the Kansas City Star in Washington and who is retiring president of the Gridiron Club, was Secretary McKay's host at the dinner Saturday night when Republicans and Democrats alike took a ribbing from the newspaper group. The songs and stunts have been recorded in the news services that you have read but probably no report was made that the wives of many of those attending the dinner are invited to what is termed the "Gridiron Widows" dinner. Mrs. McKay was in this group that was entertained at the Shoreham, while the husbands dined at the Statler. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harkness— he, of course, is the well-known commentator—entertained at their beautiful old Georgetown residence at a brunch, which was followed in the late afternoon by a special reception at the hotel where a repeat of the Gridiron performance is put on for the mixed audience, giving the wives an opportunity to see the show, even if warmed over. On Friday evening the McKays attended the preview of the Christmas Greens Show which is presented in the Corcoran Gallery of Art. Several of the embassies provided Christmas decorations typical of their home countries. Mrs. McKay admired the entrance with a varied assortment of trees lining either side of the stairs and a huge wreath over a window of three shades of arbor vitae studded with red berries from Florida. However, she remarked that the greens shown in Salem which she has attended in the past compared more than favorably with the one in the nation's capital. The Auxiliary of the Meteorological Society of the District asked Mrs. McKay to give a Christmas reading at its luncheon meeting this week and "A Pint of Judgment" by Elizabeth Morrow was the story that she read. During the week Mrs. Roger Kyes, wife of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, entertained at a tea

which was attended by virtually all of the cabinet wives. In addition to these activities, the McKays also attended a reception given by Dr. and Mrs. E. L. E. Elson, for visitors from Jordan. Dr. Elson is the pastor of the National Presbyterian Church and speaking of the church during the past week, the Secretary attended his first meeting as a newly elected member of the Board of Trustees of the church. Joe Smith, of Portland, a member of the Oregon Development Commission, dropped in for a chat with the Secretary this week and the latter was interested to learn of the work of the Commission which was an outgrowth of the Governor's Committee on Industrial Development that served when the Secretary was chief executive of Oregon. Other Oregonians in the city have been Chief Justice and Mrs. Earl C. Latourette, of Salem, as he has been attending a meeting of a special committee of Chief Justice. She reportedly was doing some "antiquing," which is always a temptation to visitors here. George B. Wallace, Portland automobile dealer, and former "late Senator and Mrs. Lew Wallace have been here, too. Incidentally, while we were touring the United Nations the first persons we met as we walked into the building were two Oregon couples, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Youngman and Mr. and Mrs. Coleman H. Wheeler, of Portland. The two men were in New York for a meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers. Mr. Youngman is vice-president of Crown Zellerbach and Mr. Wheeler is president of the Santiam Lumber company. Even though we have seen many Oregonians in the east this year, it is always a surprise to encounter them when doing a bit of tripping away from Washington. Robert C. Paulus, of Salem and Thomas W. Deizell, Portland, were in New York also for the NAM meeting, but our paths did not cross. Until tomorrow night, suffice.

For Miss Vibbert

Honoring Miss Aletha Vibbert, who is to be married Saturday evening of this week to Jack Utterback, Miss Ferne Legler was hostess for a party and shower on Wednesday evening. A group of 12 was invited, the shower being a crystal one.

HOME FROM three months in Europe is Dr. Mary B. Purvine. She visited in Spain, Italy and Egypt and stopped in other countries. After landing in New York City, Dr. Purvine flew to Los Angeles visiting a day at Santa Barbara with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Burnett, and in Berkeley a day with her daughter, Miss Margaret Purvine. The Burnetts and children,

Birthday Party

Douglas Elwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elwood, observed his fourth birthday, Thursday, his mother giving a party in the afternoon. Christmas decorations featured the party. Feting Douglas were Karen and Tommy Salter, Shirley and Bobby Lawless, John Stone, Patrick Combest, Randy and Scott Struble, Dianne Boehmer, Bradley Pence, Carol Ann O'Connor, Dianne Elwood and Kyle Elwood, the latter two sister and brother of the little boy. Allison and Judith, and Miss Purvine are to be in Salem for the holiday week-end, arriving Christmas eve.

Miss Sowa To Be Wed On Dec. 23

Mt. Angel— Announcement is made of the engagement and approaching wedding of Miss Anna Sowa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sowa of Molalla, Rt. 1, to Richard P. Phillips, U.S. navy, stationed at Port Huene, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Phillips of Middleton, Idaho. The ceremony will be solemnized at a nuptial mass in St. Mary's Catholic church here Wednesday morning, December 23, at 9:30 o'clock. The Rev. Cyril Lebold, OSB, will officiate. The bride-elect, a June 1952 graduate of Mt. Angel academy, is a freshman at Mt. Angel Women's college. A surprise kitchen shower and no-host luncheon were given in her honor Monday noon in the college lounge by the college freshman class.

Alumnae Entertained

Kappa Delta alumnae gathered at the home of Mrs. H. M. McDaniel for their annual Christmas party last evening. Gifts were exchanged, carols sung and a musical program presented by Mrs. Harris Lietz. Mrs. Ralph Sippell was co-hostess. Attending were Mrs. Hope Edwards, Mrs. John Ficklin, Mrs. Harris Lietz, Mrs. Robert Hoffetter, Mrs. F. G. Rankin, Mrs. J. B. Monnette, Mrs. William Ashby, Mrs. George Bag-nail, Mrs. Peter Stoltenberg, Mrs. J. E. Warnock, Mrs. Leo G. Johnson, Mrs. Floyd Colburn, Mrs. Eugene Mannock, Miss Arlene Sholseth and the two hostesses.

Joint Installation For USWV Groups

Joint installation for the Hal Hibbard camp, United Spanish War Veterans, and the tuxiliary took place at the Salem Woman's club house Thursday night. Installed as president of the auxiliary was Mrs. Johanna Perry, and as commander of the camp was S. H. Cable. Installing officer for the camp was Dr. W. E. Buchanan of Eugene, department commander of the United Spanish War Veterans of Oregon. Mrs. Bessie Sutton, Corvallis, department president of the auxiliary, installed the auxiliary officers. The installation ceremony was preceded by a dinner at which 50 members were present.

Officers Listed

The following officers have been nominated for Saleth Toastmasters club: Mrs. A. J. Ullman, president; Mrs. Marion Wooden, vice president; Mrs. Ethel Niles, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Morrow, secretary, and Mrs. Edwin White, corresponding secretary.

Capital Women

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YW Girls Plan for Holidays

Christmas activities of the Try-Y and Y-Teen groups are off to a good start, beginning with the all-city Snowball dance at the Marion hotel last week, and continuing until Christmas. Among the projects sponsored by YWCA groups will be the "hanging of the greens." Members of the Try-Y groups will join with those of the YMCA in decorating the post office, hospitals, Methodist old folks home and Hillcrest. Miss Joline Matthew is chairman of the project. One of the projects already completed is the decorating of the YWCA which was finished last week by members of the Parish 9th group. Many of the Try Y and Y-Teen youths have been Christmas carolling and will continue through this week. Another civic project planned by the groups is the preparing of Christmas baskets for the needy. Members of the Margaret Mead group are collecting old toys for Christmas gifts to needy children.

Sunday Wedding

Pleasantdale— Miss Freda Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Cooper of Malden, Missouri, and Albert J. McFarlane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McFarlane of Dayton, will be united in marriage Sunday, December 20 at the Malden Air Base chapel, and will leave immediately for Oregon to spend the holidays here with his parents. On December 16 Mr. McFarlane was graduated from cadet training with the commission of second lieutenant, and received his pilot's wings.

Garfield Schools Parents Entertained

A greens sale at the meeting of Garfield Mothers and Dads club proved a successful money making project when the group met this week. For the program, Dr. Walter E. Snyder, city superintendent of schools, spoke and showed the movie, "Skippy and the 3Rs." He was introduced by Dr. Charles Dertwick. Carols were sung by the fifth and sixth grades. Fifth grade mothers were hostesses, Mrs. Edwin Sahn and Mrs. Ronald Ross as room mothers.

Cootiette Club

Cootiette club No. 140 met recently at the home of Mrs. Paul Slaughter. Mrs. Margaret Biery and Mrs. Dorothy Hurd of Cootiette club No. 308 of Portland, were guests. Plans were made for the adoption of a needy family for the holidays, club members to furnish food for Christmas dinner and clothing and toys for the children of the family. The annual Christmas party for Cooties and Cootiettes will be the evening of Jan. 1 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. After the meeting, a buffet supper was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Slaughter. The next meeting will be January 8 at the home of Mrs. Arvin Strayer, 555 Locust St.

Huffman-Camm

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Starnes announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruth Camm, to John Huffman, the wedding being December 16 in Vancouver, Wash. The ceremony was at 11:30 o'clock in the parsonage of the Rev. Paul Kunzman who officiated at the service. Mr. and Mrs. Starnes and Mrs. Boyd Wellmschen were present for the service. The couple will be at home in Salem.

Some Notations . . .

By M. L. F.

Thursday was a party day for this department, two charmingly arranged Christmas time events being on the calendar. Mrs. Chester Loe was hostess during the morning for her annual "jule koffee," a delightful affair featuring Norwegian goodies. . . . Guests were invited to call between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. . . . It is an anticipated event, this party, an occasion to emphasize how nice it is for her friends when one shares her accomplishments with others. . . . Mrs. Loe makes all her own holiday pastries from recipes from her mother and grandmother, and her coffee table Thursday was like a picture-book one. . . . There were heaping plates of fattigman, lefse, rosettes, Norwegian Christmas bread or julekake, spritz, Christmas rocks or fruit cookies, and butter fingers, all perfect in form and taste. . . . The table, too, was beautifully decorated, covered with a dark green cloth, the centerpiece a large jewel Christmas tree made by Mrs. Loe, with smaller jeweled trees and strands of green beads around it. . . . Greeting guests on the door was a pretty swag. . . . The mantel featured silvered greens with a white branch at one side, decked with tiny red ornaments, white candles at the other end. . . . Decorative candles were here and there around the room. . . . Greeted during our call were Mrs. James T. Brand, Mrs. Robert Y. Thornton, Mrs. A. B. Davis, Mrs. Raymond Busick, Mrs. Russel E. Pratt, Mrs. Ralph Wirth, Mrs. George Rossman, Mrs. Guy N. Hickok, Mrs. William Crothers, Mrs. William C. Perry, Mrs. John Lewis, Mrs. Garlen L. Simpson, Mrs. Kenneth Potts, Mrs. J. B. Monnette, Mrs. Robert B. Ebersole, Mrs. Arnold Krueger, Mrs. William H. Hammond, Mrs. Carl Quistad, Mrs. Roscoe Wilson, Mrs. G. Herbert Smith, Mrs. Harry S. Dorman, Mrs. Frank Burlingham, Mrs. Coburn Grabenhorst, Mrs. Robert Cannon, Mrs. Al-

bert C. Graz, Mrs. Paul N. Folling, from Albany, Mrs. Neal Craig; from Newberg, Mrs. King Cady, Mrs. Cleown Ferguson, Mrs. M. E. Dunston. . . .

One of the most "Christmasy" homes we've seen this season is the Ralph W. Johnson residence atop Fairmount Hill, the scene for a brunch for which Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. H. M. Boesch entertained Thursday between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. . . . Cheery candles burn here and there all about through the rooms. . . . Eye-catching is the tree set up in front of the big window in the living room. . . . It is all white, decorated only with bright red balls and red satin ribbons. . . . Suggesting the new year and spring are not too far away was the beautifully set coffee table in the dining room with its touch of fresh flowers. . . . The cloth was a pretty green one and at one corner at the back was a large bouquet of pale lavender chrysanthemums along with heather. On the door to welcome guests was a large greeting card type of arrangement with greens over one corner. For "seconds" the guests sipped their coffee in the attractive den where Merry Christmas streamers were festooned across the fireplace mantel. . . . Among those greeted during our call, Mrs. Earl C. Latourette, Mrs. William J. Braun, Mrs. LeRoy J. Stewart, Mrs. Henry A. Simmons, Mrs. G. E. McCormick, Mrs. Edwin Keech, Mrs. Peter H. Geiser, Mrs. Charles D. Wood, Mrs. A. W. Loucks, Mrs. John H. Johnson, Mrs. Lewis D. Clark, Mrs. Everett Holmes, Mrs. Eddie Ahrens, Mrs. Lionel Trommlitz, Mrs. Charles Vavrick, Mrs. Jack Price, Mrs. Mark Gehlar,

Mrs. Tom Windishar, Mrs. E. A. Lebold, Mrs. Tom H. Dunham, Mrs. Roy Todd, Mrs. Roy Kariand, Mrs. Paul Robinson, Mrs. L. A. Stenback, Mrs. J. Edgar Reay, Mrs. A. L. Elvin, Mrs. C. F. Kenyon, Mrs. F. E. Kenyon. . . .

Days can be pretty rushed and hectic during these times, but how quickly all the pressure and snapping nerves can be forgotten when someone does a friendly deed. . . . And so it happened for this writer the other evening when upon going home late in the evening to find at the door a beautiful Christmas tree and along with it a collection of greens—cedar, pine, hemlock, Oregon grape, etc., all left to deck the home. . . . It's a nice old world, after all, thanks to friends. . . .

Gold Star Mothers

Christmas party of the American Gold Star Mothers was an event of Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lappin. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. Laura Johnson, Mrs. Lloyd Kennedy, Mrs. Frank Young, Mrs. Maude Dutton. Gifts were exchanged among members and a Christmas box prepared for a needy family. Next meeting will be a business session January 7 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

For Bride-Elect

Miss Jodelle Parker entertained Sunday at a party and shower to honor Miss Shirley Koutny, bride-elect of Wayne Mercer. Attending the party, a miscellaneous shower, were Mrs. Ralph Mercer, Mrs. Lade Koutny, Mrs. Florence Perkins, Mrs. Byron B. Herrick, Mrs. Edward Koutny, Mrs. Carl Vogie, Mrs. Virgil Parker, Miss Jeanette Weber, Miss JoAnn Windishar, Miss Dolores Koutny, Miss Pat-sy Ackerman, and the hostess.

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