

# Washington Scene . . .

—By Lillian Porter Say

Washington, Jan. 23 (Special)—Young—gracious—and “perfectly darling” were some of the adjectives used to describe Oregon’s First Lady by the 10,000 or more visitors who filed by the box where Governor and Mrs. Robert D. Holmes received at the Governor’s Reception in Hotel Statler. What Mrs. Holmes thought of the pearls, furs, hats of waving ostrich plumes, and the crush of the Nation’s Capital she was too polite to reveal. We only know that people lined up for blocks to come to the party and VIP or not, the doors were shut at a specific time. Waiting in the cold and missing the opportunity to welcome Governor and Mrs. Holmes were Representative and Mrs. Walter Nordblad of Stayton. By the time they had worked through the crowd, the Holmeses had escaped to freshen up for their next big event—the Ella Inaugural Concert at Constellation hall where they occupied the Oregon box. Not far down the line from them were Vice President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon. Every time he moved someone was at his elbow asking for an autograph.

Premiered at this concert was a symphonic narrative of the Declaration of Independence written by New York composer, Morton Gould. Done by the great portrayer of Abraham Lincoln, Raymond Massey, was another magnificent Inaugural offering, “The Song of America.” This was a musical saga of our country’s founding composed by Roy Ringwald with lyrics by Brant’s poetry and that of Emerson, Lowell, Whittier, Langfellow, Holmes, Whitman and others.

Musical producer Fred Waring brought down the house with his final song, “Oke, Mr. President,” rendered by his fervent Pennsylvania. Preceding it was “Mama, We All Love You.” (To all of Oregon Waring urged us to send his love.)

Which brings us to Ray Bolger who sang “I’m In Love With Amy” at the Inaugural Festival. He told us that many had suggested that he change it to “I’m In Love With Mama.” “I couldn’t think of it,” he explained. “I have too great respect for the First Lady of the Land.” Bolger did “A Sad Sack,” a humorous rendition of a seedy private going through the manual of arms. This sketch, he said, was one that made President Roosevelt shout with laughter. For the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, Bolger did one of his political speeches, and for former President Truman, a version of his old soft shoe dance, a waltz clogged to “The Missouri

Waltz.” Of President Hoover he said: “He will go down in history as one of our great presidents and be long remembered for the many things he has done for our country.”

Ray Bolger knows Mr. Hoover well. “Also another great man,” he added. “General MacArthur—both of them live in the Waldorf-Astoria where I stay in New York.”

Bolger’s avocation is reading history. At present he is beginning with the history of England from its Magna Carta straight through our United States history.

When we asked if he were going to the Inaugural ball, his eyes twinkled. In that look he envisioned the great crowds that we have to describe in another column because at the time this was written it had not taken place.

“I danced once,” he said.

One of the prettiest ensembles worn at the Governors Reception was that of Miss Caroline Berg, daughter of Mrs. Charles F. Berg of Portland, Caroline, a New York TV producer, is probably one of the most-traveled young women in Oregon. On a recent trip to Rome, a designer made her a cardinal red velvet dress in prelate style, replete with a black hat with tassels.

Among the hostesses at the Governors Reception was Jacqueline, wife of Robert O. Boyd, who has just been re-appointed to the National Mediation Board. The Boyds have a charming little house in that section of Washington known as Old Georgetown. Mrs. Boyd was also a hostess at the pre-inaugural tea given by the League of Republican Women at Hotel Mayflower. Here, Cabinet ladies modeled dresses copied from the Smithsonian Institution’s collection of First Ladies’ dresses. Mrs. Arthur Summerfield, wife of the Postmaster General, wore a copy of the white moire tulle worn by Harriet Lane during President James Buchanan’s administration. Mrs. Sherman Adams represented Angelica Van Buren in a blue velvet gown with a long train. When Martha Washington’s dress was modeled, her mop cap came in for much comment. “Think,” said one guest, “how a lady would look at a ball today wearing a cotton dust cap on her head?” Actually, there is a new portrait of Martha when she was quite young that makes even her cap becoming!

When Miss Martha Shall, president of NEA (National Education Association) flew into Washington from the West Indies, the prevailing weather gave her quite a

## STYLE NOTES

### Italian Show for Knitwear

FLORENCE, Italy — Italy’s fashion shows have shifted from Rome to Florence and old-fashioned union suits are right up among the gay new offerings. The showings began with important boutique collections.

Avant of Milan introduced matching knitwear for men and women. Bright striped men’s jerseys paired with women’s sweaters and knit dresses.

Adria Roman weaver, presented colorful undergarments comparable to the familiar union suits, under hand woven tunics. Another specialty was skirts with bizarre woven designs.

Zito Vaccalo, a Milanese with imagination, gave a gay collection inspired by the carnival season. Some of his outfits were pure Mardi Gras, but suitable for resort wear.

AMITY (Special) — A housewarming party was given recently at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. George Yoakam. Friends gathered for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hahn, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McKee, Rev. and Mrs. Bruce McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. Armine Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Meeker and Mr. and Mrs. Marv Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Yoakam were presented with a large mantel mirror. An evening of cards and refreshments was enjoyed.

It also determined what she would wear at the Inaugural Ceremony—a heavy wool suit, a fur coat, and a head-hugging scarf.

Martha attended a teacher’s meeting in Puerto Rico where she addressed the group on NEA’s theme of the year, “An Educated People Moves Freedom Forward.” Also, having one of those coveted Inaugural tickets was Oregon’s teacher of the year in 1955, Miss Margaret Perry of Monmouth, who is executive secretary, NEA department of classroom teachers.

Miss Perry has taken a house with another prominent in the Oregon educational system, Miss Marcia Mills, who is doing legislative research for Congresswoman Edith Green of Portland. Miss Mills is very proud of her office in the Library of Congress. At last she is where she can answer her own questions!

### Housewarming Given For Bob Ramseys

GERVAIS (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ramsey of Gervais were surprised by a no-host dessert and housewarming at their new home Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. William Uppendahl and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Manning, Miss Frieda Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Druba, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Schott, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steger, Mrs. Ambrose Studer, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Matlock, Mr. and Mrs. Mel LaDue, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. James Kessel, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ramsey, Mrs. Lena Relling, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Thomason, Mrs. Cecil Colby, Miss Pearl Vogt, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Al May, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zellner, Mr. and Mrs. John Prinslow, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cutsforth, Mr. and Mrs. John Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cutsforth, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chrz, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Jack St. John.

NEW officers were installed Monday night by Sigmas, meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Sprague. Mrs. Charles E. Gray is the president for the year. The group is to meet on the second Monday nights hereafter.

SALT CREEK (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bourn entertained their pinocle club on Saturday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Christman, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Endres, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tibbitts and the Bourns. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schroeder won high score and Hugh Walker and Mrs. Tibbitts low score. Mr. Schroeder also won the pinocle prize for men and Mrs. Andres for the women. Mrs. Tibbitts won the 5-9 prize.

MOLALLA (Special) — Formal installation of new officers for Molalla Theta Rho officers is slated for the evening of Saturday, January 26, in Molalla IOOF hall. Head officers are Donna Abrahamson, president; Janet May, vice-president; Carol Watson, recording secretary; Geraldine Berreth, financial secretary; Diane Schuebel, treasurer, and a number of others to fill the numerous offices. Marcia Zumwalt is the outgoing president. Oak Rebekah lodge no. 159 of Molalla sponsors the group.

### Composer Due at Concert

An outstanding Northwest composer, George Frederick McKay, will attend the Salem Junior Symphony concert this Wednesday night and will hear the local orchestra perform one of his own works, the “Symphonic Miniature.”

Mr. McKay, a native of Washington state and a professor of music at the University of Washington, is serving as guest professor of music composition at the University of Oregon for 1956-57.

He revealed his plans for attending the Salem concert in a telephone call from Eugene to Dr. William Sweetman, conductor of the Salem Junior Symphony orchestra.

The announcement was received with great excitement by the young men and women of the orchestra. Dr. Sweetman said, “It is an unusual distinction for a group to perform a work in the presence of the composer. And McKay is considered one of the finest contemporary American composers.”

Dr. Sweetman added, “Mr. McKay’s music has always revealed a deep, sincere interest in America and American themes, ideas and folk music, and has indicated a definite influence of the color and drama of the Northwest.”

The Salem Junior Symphony concert will begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Leslie Junior High school auditorium, Wednesday. The “Symphonic Miniature,” a major selection of the performance, is written in three movements with the descriptive titles “March of Tomorrow,” “A Prairie Poem,” and “Rondino on a Jovial Theme.”

Other works by the Northwest composer include: “Fantasy on a Western Folk Song,” “American Dance Symphony,” “Machine Age Blues,” and “Symphonic Prelude in American Idiom.”

AMITY (Special) — Friendly Neighbors club met recently at the home of Mrs. Russell Sheldon. After a short business session the remainder of the afternoon was devoted to a shower for Mrs. Ben Hubbard. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by the members and guests. Mrs. Hubbard opened her moving gifts at the decorated gift table, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Richard Fuller. The club plans its next meeting on February 14, at the home of Mrs. Ed. Lehman.

WILLAMINA (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. George A. Corwin of Hood River have announced the coming marriage of the daughter, Claire Eleanor Corwin, to Forest Glen Durland, music instructor at the high school. The ceremony will be solemnized Sunday, January 27, at a 3 p.m. ceremony at St. Mark’s Episcopal church in Hood River. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

WEDDING DATED — The wedding of Mrs. Russell Sheldon and Mrs. Ben Hubbard will be held on February 14, at the home of Mrs. Ed. Lehman.

### Mrs. Van Honored At Recent Shower

WOODBURN (Special) — Mrs. Robert E. Van was honored with a gift shower Monday night in the Presbyterian church social room, sponsored by the Women’s association of the church, with Mrs. Charles Byers in charge of arrangements.

Games were played and many gifts presented to the honored guest and refreshments served. Winning prizes in games were Mrs. Pat Johnston, Mrs. Harry VanArsdale and Mrs. Van.

Present were Mrs. Eldon Hart, Mrs. Emma Tyson, Mrs. Lloyd Froom, Mrs. Roy Faulconer, Mrs. William B. Dunn, Mrs. Warren Donner, Mrs. Philip Zastoupil, Mrs. Harry VanArsdale, Mrs. Elizabeth Rall, Mrs. E. C. Peyton, Mrs. Earl Marker, Mrs. Eleanor Vickers, Mrs. William Feltz, Mrs. Harry Ticknor, Mrs. Levi Hopkins, Mrs. W. S. Scarborough, Mrs. Charles Byers, Mrs. O. L. Withers, Mrs. Bernard Wantz, Mrs. C. Wyers, Mrs. Clyde Winger, Mrs. Pat Johnston, Mrs. Roy Grossen, Mrs. C. D. Greeninger, Mrs. J. Melvin Ringo, Mrs. Charles Corwell, Mrs. Ernest Martin, Mrs. Melvin Hengon, Mrs. Warren Bacon and Mrs. Joe Richards.

Hostess to Club — Members of the Gates Woman’s club met at the home of Mrs. A. T. Barnhardt with Mrs. Robert Levon and Mrs. Frankie Johnson as assisting hostesses for the January meeting. Ten members braved the snow to attend.

A short business meeting was conducted. Mrs. Walter Brisbin, president, Mrs. Brisbin announced that \$67.40 had been realized from the sale of cards and aprons, to be used for the purchase of drapes for the club house; \$23.55 from the sale of pie and coffee, served to members of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce at their recent meeting.

Two films on civil defense were shown before refreshments were served by the hostesses to Mesdames Richard Parker, Orville Nygaard, Laura Joaquin, W. B. Hutchison, Floyd Volkel, Walter Thomas, Gwen Schaefer and Walter Brisbin.

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### Fund Projects for JD Bethel Reported

Reports on fund raising projects of Bethel 35, Job’s Daughters, were given at the meeting Monday evening at the Scottish Rite temple.

A clothes hangar drive, headed by Miss Linda Emmerton, has been under way and she urged that it be brought to a completion as only half of the goal has been reached. Miss Martha Creighton reported on both a Korean orphan fund, drive and the blind school project. A homemade candy sale will be sponsored for the Korean fund and a number of girls have volunteered to read and play games with the children at the blind school. Miss Jody Bourne announced that a fund raising project will also be started through a traveling basket program to be launched this week.

Escorted to the east were Mrs. Dale Mallicoat, past honored queen, Bethel 19, Gresham; Mrs. Kehne Wain, past chapter guardian, Bethel 35; and Claire Holcomb, Bethel 35, past chapter guardian.

The ski trip of Bethels 33, 48 and 59 to Timberline lodge was discussed. Buses will leave the Scottish Rite temple at 6 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, with all members taking their own lunches.

Birthdays honored were those of Misses Judy Sanders, Mary Driver, and Maryanne Blewett.

Council meeting at the home of Mrs. R. B. Emmerton was announced for January 27 at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting of Bethel 35 will be February 4 with inspection and an obligation ceremony.

### Mrs. Casteel Feted At Recent Shower

AMITY (Special) — A bridal shower in honor of Mrs. Delbert Casteel (Marilyn Sutherland) was given recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Weideman. Co-hostesses for the occasion were Miss Beverly Weideman and Miss Lorene Kroening.

A pink and white motif was used throughout the decorations with pink favors used at the refreshment table. Several appropriate games filled out the evening’s activities with prizes going to Miss Priscilla Shipley, Miss Marilyn Lawson, Mrs. Bert Sutherland and Miss Kroening.

Guests were: Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Bud Casteel, Miss Lavonne Casteel, Mrs. Fred Ellenberger, Mrs. Jewell Steele, Mrs. Auer Bucynski, Mrs. Hattie Shipley, Miss Priscilla Shipley, Miss Patricia Shipley, Miss Lawson, Miss Colleen Crannell, Miss Ne-la Hill, Mrs. John Weideman, the honored guest and hostesses.

SUBLIMITY (Special) — A number of relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Albus gathered at their home recently and surprised them by helping to celebrate their belated silver wedding anniversary date. In the group were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Weissenfels and son, Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler and Diane James Albus; John Kufner and Miss Lavina Koenig; Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Leverman; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Albus, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steinfeld, Miss Isabelle Ditter and Louis Ditter.

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