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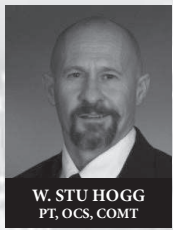
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## The Chatterbox

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59 years is a long time to be married. But by the grace of God, Chuck and I will celebrate that milestone next week. I was 19 and Chuck was 20 years old when we were married Nov. 1, 1958. Life in the 50s and 60s was an exciting era. We were kids who thought we were grown-ups and the world was our oyster. It was a great time to be in love and unaware of life's obstacles. After all, what could possibly go wrong?

Unlike today's mega, destination weddings, ours was a simple church ceremony on a Saturday afternoon. The cost was minimal. Mother paid for my gown. The five lovely bridesmaids and tuxedo-clad groomsmen paid for their attire as did all the other attendants. We provided the flowers, cake and printed napkins. Dad paid the minister. The church ladies did the rest. As a couple, our out of pocket cost was probably \$300 tops.

After a brief 3-day honeymoon, Chuck went to work and I set up housekeeping. We were blessed that all those guests and bridesmaids hosted bridal showers and brought us gifts. We had everything that we needed and we are still using the pots and pans that were wedding gifts.

Fortunately, I was a home economics major at Pepperdine College so I knew how to cook, clean, sew and manage a budget. I didn't know much about managing a husband or raising children but I muddled through and that's a subject for another time!

One of my shower gifts was the first edition of the Betty Crocker Cookbook. It had cooking tips, recipes and other household hints. Most women did not work outside of the home. The pictures in my copy all show a young woman wearing a house dress and apron while going about her daily chores. Following are BCC's rules for being a successful housewife:

\*Every morning before breakfast, comb hair, apply make-up, a dash of cologne and perhaps some simple earrings. It does wonders for your morale.

\*Wear comfortable clothes and properly fitted shoes while working around the house. (No jeans.)

\*Harbor pleasant thoughts while working. It will make every task lighter and pleasanter." (Sometimes.)

\*Prevent unnecessary fatigue: Use a dust mop and long handled dust pan; or self-wringing mop (no stooping). (Well, duh.)

\*When standing, keep erect posture—do not slump or bend over tasks (poor posture is tiring). Remember sitting uses much less energy than standing. (Who has time to sit?)

\*Do head work while dusting, sweeping, washing dishes, paring potatoes, etc. Plan family recreation, the garden, etc. (It's called multi-tasking.)

\*If you feel tired, lie down on the floor on your back; put your hands above your head, close your eyes and relax for 3-5 min. (A nap?)

I didn't follow all those rules but I did comb my hair every morning; cologne was only for special occasions. Jeans are my uniform of the day. I try to mop as little as possible and I am always thinking of pleasant things I would rather be doing. And yes, I have been known to fall asleep on the floor with kids crawling around me!

One of the things that Betty Crocker didn't cover was hanging up the laundry. We had a washer but no dryer. And I had three children in four years! I learned the hard way about the basic rules for hanging clothes and diapers out to dry. There were no secrets you could keep on a clothes line. They announced when a baby was born, the ages of children, illness, the company's coming tablecloth, the husband's work clothes and dingy kitchen towels. So, there were clothesline rules...

1. Never hang clothes on the weekend or Sunday! Monday is always wash day.

2. Wash the clothes line before hanging the clothes! Walk the entire length of each line running a damp cloth around the line.

3. Hang sheets and towels on the outside lines so you can hide your "unmentionables" in the middle.

4. Hang clothes in a certain order: whites were always washed and hung first. Then came the dark colors.

5. Always hang shirts by their tails. Never by the shoulders! What would the neighbors think?

6. Always gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes. It is tacky to leave pins on the line.

7. To cut down on clothes pins, learn to line the clothes up so each one could share a clothespin with the next item. (Thrifty!)

8. If possible, take the clothes off the line before dinner, neatly fold them in the clothes basket to be ironed.

9. IRONING? I couldn't wait to buy a dryer!

Looking back, I realize that I never did play by the rules when it came to cleaning house or hanging laundry. But I did learn how to love and cherish my husband (and children)—for better or worse, for richer and poorer, in sickness and health. I also learned that sometimes rules are meant to be broken and life's ups and downs are great teachers!

P.S. Happy Anniversary to the best husband I've ever had!

## LORANE NEWS

After a fun weekend of canning and preservation at the Grange, it proved to be a huge success. Friday night 30 people enjoyed a delicious harvest dinner. Numerous loads of vegetables and fruits were canned and preserved over the weekend. The Lorane Community Association hopes to do this event again next year. Some of the canned goods will go to the Lorane Food Bank. A special "Thank You" to Misty Burns and Pam Kersgaard for organizing this weekend!

Come out to Lorane Grange this Friday evening, October 27 for a delicious baked potato bar dinner and bingo. Potatoes with all the trimmings, desserts and beverages begin at 5:30 p.m. with Bingo at 6:30 p.m. Those only attending bingo may purchase desserts and beverages for \$3 per person. The progressive blackout has continued to grow...no winners since last year. Enjoy a fun evening in Lorane.

An exciting FREE Fall Harvest Festival will be held at Applegate Elementary on Saturday, October 28 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Kids dress up and have an amazing evening.

The annual Lorane "Trunk 'n Treat" is Halloween, Tuesday, October 31 in the Lorane Christian Church parking lot. Come with goodies for the kids in your trunks and enjoy hot cider, hot chocolate, hot soup, and corn bread as the kids "trick or treat" in their costumes.

Lorane Grange meets on Thursday, November 2 at 7 p.m.

## LAST ART WALK OF THE SEASON

The last Art Walk of the season will take place this Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Historic Downtown. The event will feature live music and art. The free event has been taking place on the last Friday of the month over the summer and occurs each year in downtown.

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## Unemployment Continued from A3

from the 3.1 percent job-growth rate seen through July. In the past 12 months, several industries continued to add jobs at a rapid clip, such as construction (+11,600 jobs, or 12.7%); health care and social assistance (+8,500 jobs, or 3.7%); and manufacturing (+5,700 jobs, or 3.0%). However, many of Oregon's industries haven't experienced the same rapid growth

over the past 12 months, including government; professional and business services; wholesale trade; information; other services; and logging.

Oregon's unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 4.2 percent in September from 4.1 percent in August. Oregon's rate was significantly below its year-ago rate of 4.9 percent in September 2016. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in September 2017.

These preliminary estimates of jobs and other labor force data are produced in cooperation with the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, are based largely on a survey of businesses and a survey of households, and are subject to later revision.

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