

Never a Dull Moment

(Josephine Brockmann)
Mrs. J. P. Beyers, mathematics instructor in the high school, is a confirmed hobbyist, having had a wide variety of interests which she has eagerly pursued at different times.

"But if I have any one main hobby," she told me, "it is trying to interest the students in hobbies. I feel that it is important for young people to learn the pleasure to be found in studying subjects that appeal to them, and in collecting various objects. Hobbying will not only quicken the mind but provides a basis for contests and friendships that may prove invaluable."

"There are some very interesting hobbies among the students. I'll tell you about them some time," she promised, so you may look forward to hearing about some of these in the near future.

Among Mrs. Beyers' many hobbies is gardening. In summertime, when she has more leisure to enjoy it, there is the large garden about her home. A large pool with a fountain spills over native rocks into a series of lower pools, in which fish provide amusement as they dart about among the vegetation. Rock gardens about these pools furnish sustenance for a large collection of rock plants. Beds, borders and shrubbery add to the beauty and interest of the garden and an out-of-doors fireplace is the center of many gatherings.

In the winter, Mrs. Beyers devotes her gardening interests to her extensive cactus collection. To date she has gathered seventy-five of these. As an added feature to this group, she is transferring her cacti into animal pots. On her window ledge in the school-room marched a veritable menagerie of circus animals each bearing its spiny burden on its back. A greedy rhinoceros, a sulking tiger and a lordly elephant parade across the window-sill in company with zebras, monkeys and other jungle folk. The farm-yard animals are at home this week but she plans to bring them soon, to provide variety in the school-room. Forty-four of the cacti are in animal pots.

Music, especially cello and chorus work are among other interests that fill Mrs. Beyers' hours.

The puppets, another of her hobbies, has created a great deal of entertainment for the town-folk, but she confesses that others have taken more interest in these than she. They have been shown frequently at club and church gatherings.

Mrs. Beyers is giving all of her energy at present to her debate squad, in whose progress she has the keenest interest. This month promises her many high lights in this particular hobby, for she is expecting great things of her team this year.

Lewis E. English, Coquille Chief of Police, raises dogs for his hobby. In his kennels at present is his beautiful Lewellen Setter, Tony, whom he has had for seven years. Tony boasts a fine pedigree and his performance in retrieving is a compliment to the careful training Mr. English has given him. To his credit are at least 125 pheasants, besides a great many ducks and quail.

He is keeping another setter, Lady, and is planning to raise some more pups this season.

Mr. English has been raising dogs for a number of years, among them Cocker Spaniels, and warmist dogs, many of which he has trained as well. Some of the Spaniels have brought in ten waterfowl in a day before they were five months old.

"I have sold dogs from five to a hundred and twenty-five dollars," he said. "The latter I sold to Joe Knight. He was a varmint dog I had trained—a cross between a Red-bone and a Kentucky Blue-tick. He once treed two cougars at once and Joe collected seventy dollars bounty."

Stanton F. Stevens, Coquille Hardware merchant, devotes his leisure time to fishing, hunting and baseball. About three years ago Mr. Stevens was instrumental in organizing a local baseball tournament. While it was originally a hard-ball league, it later turned to soft ball. About a hundred men turned out to play and were divided into eight teams. A tournament of games is scheduled each season and interest runs high among the contestants.

Mr. Stevens couldn't remember exactly how he got started in baseball but he guesses it came about because he liked to play and wanted somebody to play with. Players for the spring season are being selected by methods known only to Mr. Stevens, who on account of the intense rivalry, must keep his trade secrets a mystery, but if any big-league players in the territory wish to report to him and can show proof of their skill with a bat, no doubt he will be glad to get in touch with them. (paid adv.)

Early Oregon Days

Items dug up by the writers of the Historical Records Survey Projects of the WPA of Oregon.

Mary Ann Smith was the first Oregon woman to obtain a divorce, the decree being given in the Provisional court, November 3, 1848. A jury trial was held, the jury finding "the allegations as set forth in the petitions substantiated," and to Mary Ann Smith were restored "all the rights and immunities of a state of celibacy."

Contrary to her name, Charity Lamb was the first woman in Oregon to be convicted of murder. In United States district court, Territory of Oregon, she was found guilty of murder in the second degree and on Sept. 7, 1854, was sentenced to hard labor during her natural life.

A curious reminder of the decade preceding the Civil War was found in the archives of the Washington county court house.

A bill of sale, executed in Ray county, Missouri, December 17, 1852, tells of a free woman of color, one Jane Thomas, formerly Jane Snowden, purchasing for the sum of \$500, from one David Snowden, her eleven-year-old son, Billy. "This sale," the record reads, "is made to gratify the said Jane Thomas, the mother of said negro Bill, as she is about to migrate to Oregon and wishes to take the boy with her."

That the story revealed in the 84-year-old document had a happy ending is indicated by the recording of the bill of sale at Hillsboro, Oregon Territory, April 13, 1854.

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Roxy Theatre on Sunday for three days, with a Sonja radiant beyond imagination.

It tells the story of a song-writing band leader (Cesar Romero) who flies across the Atlantic for a publicity stunt and comes down in a Norwegian fog-bank—almost in the middle of a folk festival known as a "Bride's Fair." The custom which starts the trouble is a rule that if a young man dances twice with the same girl at the party, he has proposed.

The band leader, a little bit amused because one lovelorn little girl is giving him plenty of his favorite food—here worship—dances twice with Sonja Henie. That starts the silvery, sumptuous show on its way.

Don Ameche, the flying baton-wielder's companion, knows there is little or no sincere interest in Romero's attention, inasmuch as he is very much engaged to an American girl played by Ethel Merman. From this point on a whole new world of happiness opens for film fans.

A Sonja breathlessly in love, breath-taking on the ice, thrills as she never thrilled before!

The songs by Pokrass and Yellen include "Hot and Happy," "A Gypsy Told Me," "You Are the Music to the Words of My Heart," and "Yonny and His Oompah." Walter Bullock and Harold Spina, who wrote most of the hit tunes for "Love and Happiness," contributed "You Appeal to Me" to the score of "Hot and Happy."

This astonishing girl, who captured the hearts of outdoors-loving America with her witchery on the ice and who overnight became the dramatic find of moviedom, is more dazzling than sunshine on ice, as she sweeps her beholders out of a world of day dreams into a world of dreams come true.

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