

People Are Nice

As I roamed about town finding out what folks first thought upon receipt of the news of Roosevelt's death, I was amazed to find how very many said, "I was on the other side of the fence from him, but he was a wonderful man." Surely there could be no greater tribute to a great man's industry and ability, than that those who opposed him, together with those who approved him, should agree that he was, indeed, a wonderful man. A few Democrats and a few Republicans think the nation may straighten out some undesirable kinks with another at the helm of the Ship of State. Be that as it may, our salute to the man whom common people liken to Lincoln. Just between you and me, was your like or dislike of F. D. R. personal or political? Goodness! Do you suppose anyone feels that way about you? People are just folks.

Along the way as I drive home at night, I know I can expect to find two friends awaiting my coming, even though they have never spoken to me in all the scores of times we have met. When I have reached a

Howdy Folks:

Every day we hear of new reasons why some individual must have his cars repaired.

The latest was to be able to get some clothing down to the Community Building for the United Drive.

And when you stop to think of it, what's more important this month?

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certain place along the country road I slow up, and there at the side of my car sits a beautiful grouse and a bunny cotton-tail. The rabbit hops along about his own business when he finds I have arrived, but the grouse sits as motionless as a proud sentinel until I have gone by.

On one occasion there was a little fawn waiting with them. A more beautiful picture has never been seen. The fawn was standing in the middle of the road and made no show of fright as I came to a stop only feet away. It looked the situation over thoughtfully before springing along the road to a place it could climb the bank, where it lay down in perfect content and peeked over.

I had an almost overwhelming desire to climb up in the hope it would let me sit by it, but what about my stockings? You know how it is. I thought I was really lucky to see such a pretty creature, let alone try to touch it and, like the rabbit, I went along about my business.

That seems to be a fine idea, you see. I mean, to look and listen and then keep your mouth closed while you go about your own business. The difficulty for me enters in when I remember that my business is to find out your business. Folks are funny, but they are nice.

The thought has come to me this week that it is queer that traveling photographers can get supplies enough to stay three days here and there about the country as well as maintain a home office somewhere, when small-town photographers are being forced to close their shops because of lack of material necessary to carry on their work. If a photographer has enough margin to keep up the rental on a closed business, he may be able to open again in a few months. If his patronage is so small as to allow no margin, he is compelled to close his doors permanently and lay aside his years of training and the result of the difficulties undergone to open his own shop.

I like people. Most of them are fine, but when a group of them brings about a situation unfair to

certain individuals, the practice is not good. I know my experiences are very limited. I am a small-town person with a small-town vision, perhaps, but it has been my privilege to find that in many cases wrongs are made right when brought to the attention of the proper authorities. Who sells photographic supplies, anyhow? I can't even take passable snapshots when film is available, but it is chummy to be interested in the difficulties of others, and it does give you such a nice sense of unity and fellowship. Just like donating your pet sweater to the clothes drive makes you feel you have a personal friend who will benefit by your gift.

People Are Nice. I enjoy noting their reactions to everyday scenes, for character study is my hobby. I was pleasantly amused one day recently to see a very young man climb upon the high stool at the lunch counter of a local restaurant and order a "stack-of-hots" for his noonday meal. Entirely oblivious to the smiles of adults who watched him, he set about rapturously demolishing the golden cakes. When the plate was empty and the double coke was gone from the glass, he slipped down, found the waitress who had taken her order, handed her the correct change and marched away without any awareness of the interest he had aroused in each adult who envied him his airy disregard of the convention which marks pancakes as a breakfast dish, and cokes for the pauses through the day.

How long has it been since you did something as free from restraint and as thoroughly enjoyable? Freedom is an intricate thing, made up of the seldom-noticed traits of our own character.

As ever, Pat.
P. S. If you think you might like to read an article each week about incidents observed in your home town, won't you write a card or a letter to Pat, %The Sentinel? Thank you.

Eagles Notes

Helen Yoder and Jessie Hendrickson, of Coos Bay, were guests at the meeting Friday evening.

Lizzie Neal is in the hospital in North Bend.

Lottie Aber is in Mast hospital in Myrtle Point.

Lela Avery, who recently entered the sanatorium in Salem, sent a pair of cut-work pillowslips to the local group. Tickets were sold and the lucky winner was Helen Yoder of Coos Bay. There was received \$25.00 from the sale of tickets.

Mabel Kyle returned last week from San Francisco, where she visited her daughter.

The drill team members are now wearing dark skirts and light blouses.

Another Bridal Shower For Mrs. W. L. Bussy

Mrs. Z. C. Strang, assisted by other Rebekahs, the Coquella Campfire girls and the Business and Professional Women, honored Mrs. Wayland L. Bussy with a miscellaneous bridal shower at the Pioneer hall last Friday evening. The church tables were nicely arranged and tastefully set, with beautiful arrangements of purple iris and white narcissi from Mrs. Strang's prize flower garden gracing the tables and placed about the hall.

A large crowd was in attendance. Guests were seated about the tables and Mrs. Strang was assisted in serving the delicious ice cream, cookies and coffee by Mesdames Georgia Richmond, Ruth Beyers, Myrtle Benham and Bonnie Walker. While the guests were enjoying the refreshments and later as the gifts were being opened, an autograph album was passed around for guests' signatures and comments. The Camp Fire girls assisted in clearing away the tables, then they escorted Mrs. Bussy—who was their beloved leader during the four years she taught here in the Washington school—to a table piled high with gifts. They assisted further by placing the gifts before her for opening.

The girls of the Coquella Campfire group assisting in this were the Misses Mary Ann Walker, Patty Geaney, Joyce Benham, Versie Willis, Roberta Medley and Betty Lou Foote. The Coquella group was the first group of Campfire girls to organize under the guardianship of Mrs. Bussy—the former Cherie Mae Hartwell—nearly six years ago. They have not had a leader since Mrs. Bussy joined the Coos Bay faculty but she has continued to assist them whenever possible, and has joined them each summer since on their annual camping trip to the beach.

The Rebekahs, B. P. W. club members, Coquella Grangers and Coquella Campfire Girls who assisted in one way or another to make this lovely evening such a success, were Mesdames Z. C. Strang, Georgia Richmond, O. C. Sanford, A. O. Walker, Muriel Dae Ardath, Geo. Steward, Jane Collier, Myrtle Benham, C. Gormley, Leta Leslie, H. A. McCue, Dena Pierce, M. O. Hawkins, Zelma Brady, Agnes Schroeder, Marion Bingham, Ruth Beyers, Belle Knife, Viola Newton, Annie J. Robinson, Bertha J. Smith, Lela Elrod, Florence Barton, Ida K. Owen, Jennie Price, Hattielee Holimon, Peggy Newton, Marie Clinion, Clara Stauff, Inez Chase, Hazel Hanna, Clara Bossert.

man, Lois Stevens, Claire Hultin; the bride's mother, Mrs. C. M. Hartwell, of Riverton; also the Misses Edna A. Robinson, Ida Oerding, Myrtle DeLong, Mary Ann Walker, Roberta Medley, Patty Geaney, Joyce Benham, Versie Willis, Betty Lou Foote, Donna Gormley, Laura Emily Ruble and Patty Brady.

Dress-Up Day At Washington School

Washington Grammar School observed its annual dress-up day Monday of this week. Youngsters presented themselves for classes in all

manner of attire from formal gowns to costumes of foreign lands. It has been established as a charming custom that one day of each year the children may dress in any costume they choose.

A parade around the school house is enjoyed at 1:00 o'clock. An assembly is held during which each classroom of children mounts the stage and sings for the pleasure of the others. In this way all the children are able to see each of the others in his unusual clothes.

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