

People Are Nice

I have never had the experience of entertaining a bumble bee in my bonnet, as Lizzie did, but believe you me, it wasn't any pleasure to have one in the coupe with me while I was driving. For a while it looked as though one of us would have to scoot out the window while the other took over, but the bee didn't show an inclination to get out. He must have decided he had no faith in my driving, because he bumbled away.

Faith is a difficult word to define. We can experience it within ourselves and sense it in others but, still, we can find no adequate way to describe it. Perhaps faith is largely a matter of confidence—either in one's own ability or the ability of another. It is kind of fun to see what you can do with it. Try it sometime if you haven't already. Sometimes we trot out our faith and exercise it without being aware of it. One time I needed a job. Maybe you can remember those times. You may remember, too, that after a while you think employers, dislike you on sight and wouldn't hire you if they did need help. As a last attempt, before despair conquered me, I decided to try one more place. In a casual conversation with an old woman I had recently met, I mentioned my plan to apply for work there. She became quite enthusiastic, telling me that the manager was

a personal friend of hers and she could easily get me a job by merely asking him to hire me. She was a rough old woman with a logger's forceful language, and she finally told me believing it was true. She told me what day to apply, saying she would see him the preceding day and have it all "fixed up."

So infectious was her enthusiasm that I scarcely noticed the manager's look of wonderment when I mentioned the woman's name and I was so sure I would be hired that I somehow convinced him, too. I wasn't very old in knowledge then but I realize now that the old lady was just building up my self-confidence. In all probability she hadn't even known the man's name until I mentioned it to her.

Call it self-confidence, or call it faith—it doesn't matter about the label—but it is a gift to be able to inspire it in others. Everyone should be allowed the privilege of becoming acquainted with a rough-spoken, tough, old character with such a heart of gold. Education is many-sided, and a bit of faith truly comes in handy, whether it concerns these trying days and your loved ones, or concerns you and your problems of normal times.

Speaking of characters—I saw a civet cat cross the road in front of me last night. Some folks have to "keep up with the Joneses," and I had written of his pals. That is, I guess civet cats are folks, a few folks are civet cats. Squirrels with fluffy tails are joining the parade, too. No, you needn't ask where the grouse is. It's a civilian secret.

Remember to notice that the fruit trees are all in bloom. I am sure you won't mind my mentioning that Coquille valley is a wonderful place to be. As ever, Pat.

Friends Surprise Mrs. Elmer Benham On Her Birthday

A group of friends surprised Mrs. Elmer Benham on the occasion of her birthday, Saturday, April 21. When Mrs. Benham returned from the theatre she found Mr. and Mrs. George Burr, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Giles and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hart awaiting her in her home. The evening was spent playing cards and a midnight supper, consisting of ham and eggs and hot biscuits was served by Mrs. Benham's guests.

Norton's carry a nice selection of records and sheet music.

School Supt. Melkey Gives Talk At Rotary

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The date for the postponed Ladies' Night dinner dance was announced for Wednesday, May 9.

The following names presented by the nominating committee were duly elected directors for the coming year: O. L. Wood, C. W. Kline, Guy Mauney, George Johnson, George Burr, Iris Elrod and Oscar Larson.

Rotarian guests present were Judge Dal M. King and A. L. Fowrie, of Myrtle Point, and Sam Stinebrough, of Grants Pass.

Pat M. Lane, now of Portland, who was the first secretary when the Coquille Rotary club was organized, was present and gave a brief talk on how glad he was to be back in Oregon after a number of years spent in New England. He also told of some of the vicissitudes of his motor trip from the seat, starting on Easter Sunday.

Other guests were A. F. Simpson, of Grants Pass; F. E. Watkins and Neil K. Leachman, of Portland; Harvey J. Walski, of Los Angeles; N. P. McDonald, of Coquille; Ivan Laird, mayor of Brewster valley, and Sgt. John E. Frost, who gave his address as Italy. Sgt. Frost was a guest of George Burr and had been associated with Ron Burr in the Italian campaign. He carried five service stripes on his sleeve, denoting over two and a half years in the Army and, in fact, he said he had been in 34 months. His mother lives on the Marshfield highway near the Overland bridge.

Thomas-Willis Nuptials Took Place April 16

Miss Patricia June Thomas and Iva Wallace Willis, R. M. 1/c, of United States Navy, were united in marriage by a double ring ceremony, read by Rev. G. A. Gray at his home, Monday, April 16. The bride, who wore powder blue dress and hat with white accessories, was attended by her cousin, Miss Belle A. Preston, and the groom's sister, Miss Verale Marie Willis. Best man was the groom's brother, Preston Willis.

A reception was held at the groom's home, with close friends and relatives present, after the wedding.

The bride and groom attended Coquille High school together until Wallace joined the Navy in February, 1942. The marriage took place during Wallace's short six-day leave here in Coquille.

Mrs. Viola Phillips Gives Party For Son's Birthday

Last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Viola Phillips entertained a group of youngsters at her home on North Beach street for the pleasure of her young son, Donald Dean, the occasion being his third birthday.

The children played games on the lawn and, after opening of the birthday gifts, were seated at the dining table which was centered with the lighted birthday cake and at each place was a bright crepe paper hat of yellow, pink, green or red. Ice-cream and cake were served to the following: Donald Dean Phillips, Billy Little, Lawrence and John Todd, Jackie Wallace, Lynn Davidson, Nancy Frye, Marian Isaacson, Mary Jane Brownson, Alice Ann Campbell, Barbara Starr, Mrs. Ben Wallace, Mrs. Ralph Todd, Mrs. Pete Little, Mrs. Lillie Johnson and Mrs. Phillips.

Unusual Band Instruments

If you like to hear band arrangements which include the tympani or kettledrums and the bells, be sure to attend the Band Concert. These instruments are capably handled in our High School Band by Shirley Slater, who is also a talented pianist. Remember the date—Wednesday evening, May 2.

Good Attendance At Credit Bureau Lunch

There were about thirty present, including members and guests, when the Retail Credit Association held its luncheon at the Coffee Shop Monday, April 23, with Don Farr presiding. This meeting marked the kick-off for an intensive membership drive. The membership committee reported two new members, one of whom is in Ophir, the other in Denmark. There are now 138 national members of the local association.

Mr. Farr introduced F. E. Watkins as one who had been an Oregonian for 12 years. Watkins corrected him and stated that he has lived in Oregon for 32 years, having been transferred from Tillamook to Portland a few years ago, and he said he was agreeably surprised to find this type of Credit Bureau in Coquille. He commented on the fine office equipment and system of files. Listeners were told that banks consider the Credit Bureau a very definite help to the bank's loan department. Education of the bureau's clients in the matter of credit, is considered the most important item of bureau business and Coquille was commended on the type of bureau that is here.

Presentation of trophies and plaques for Coos, Curry and Douglas counties, from the National Credit Organization, was made by N. P. McDonald, district manager, and a code of ethics was adopted.

Hon. Ralph T. Moore presented a cup to members for the exceptionally good record of the Myrtle Point Bureau, which is now affiliated with the Coquille bureau. The 18-inch, silver membership trophy or cup which is awarded for the year's largest increase in membership will be the permanent possession of the local group if it is won this year, according to Don Farr, due to the consolidation of this bureau with that of Myrtle Point. The contest closes May 13.

A staunch foe of chiselers and an ardent protector of unfortunates is the National Credit Bureau record, with which individual bureaus agree.

The next meeting will be held in the Bureau's offices in the Laird building, May 14.

The opening dance of the Dew Valley Club House, below Bandon, is set for Saturday evening next week, May 5. Dancing will be from 9 to 12 and music will be furnished by the 3-B's orchestra.

Something About The Memorial Day Poppies

Since 1921, the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary have offered to the public, during the last week in May, the little red Memorial Poppy, made of crepe paper, which commemorates the heroism of our first World War, and symbolizes the Torch of Freedom we have promised to carry for those heroes.

Many people perhaps do not know the preparation for the sale of these little red flowers must commence long before they are placed on sale in our towns. Manufacture of the poppies is started in the late fall, by disabled veterans, under supervision of the American Legion Auxiliary, in the hospitals and in special convalescent work-rooms, maintained by the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary supplies the material

from which the poppies are made, and pays the men for the making of them. In many cases it is the veteran's only method of earning money for himself. The work is given only to men who receive little or no government compensation.

The proceeds from the sale of the poppies is used entirely for rehabilitation work, by both the Legion and the Auxiliary. Families of veterans are aided, as well as the veterans themselves. The wages of the men making the poppies are paid weekly, by the Auxiliary, throughout the manufacturing period.

There are 20,000,000 of the little red Memorial flowers manufactured annually, by the men who are in hospitals because they fought for America. They are sold by the American Legion Auxiliary to help these men, their comrades, and their families. When you wear the red crepe paper poppy on Memorial Day, it is for the living also.

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