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Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library

Avis Van Hoy

The Dinner Party

By Gretchen Finletter

For reading enjoyment on the funny side, don't miss reading this book.

Written by the author of the book "From the Top of the Stairs," it is a good book for chasing away your troubles and blues.

Trying to keep a houseful of children and servants quiet while Charles, her husband, is writing a book, is no small task. Add to that the coming of summer vacation, returning students and their various friends, and a contractor bent on remodeling the house completely, instead of only partially, and within the Finletter's budget and you have an idea of just how successful she is in keeping things quiet.

As if that is enough, Gretchen's sister, Julie, flies in for a visit, and completely upsets all chances for a normal household.

Even the PTA adds its pages of humor when Gretchen disguises a friend as a gypsy fortune teller and establishes her in a booth at the cake sale.

When they are invited to a big reception and luncheon for some high "brass" army officials and a senator, you'll get the inside story of all the strict rules used for such an occasion, but then, even such a dramatic occasion is not without its share of laughs.

FIRST AID CLASSES

First aid instruction classes for city firemen are being planned to start Wednesday, April 11. Chief Oran Chastain and Deputy Sheriff Dean DeBarry will serve as instructors. Other interested in attending the classes are asked to contact Chastain.

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Table Rock Folk Attend Bigham Family Gathering

By Mrs. Ray Doran
TABLE ROCK — The annual Easter gathering of the Bigham clan was held Sunday at the Elbert Bigham home in Antelope. Fifty-five members were present. Potluck dinner was served and approximately 550 chicken and candy eggs were hidden for the youngsters to hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers, Mrs. Julia Myers, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown and Glenna May, Miss Grace Bigham, J. Otis Hedge, Fred Smith and Wayne and Lucille attended from this district.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, Phoenix, spent Saturday even-

ing at the Fred Smith home coloring eggs for the following day. Tamara Doran, who was spending the evening with her grandparents, helped also.

A family gathering was held Sunday at the W. Howsley home. Mr. and Mrs. Kent Clark and children, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Newham, Calvin Howsley and children, all of Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Narramore and children, Klamath Falls, numbered among those present.

Mrs. Ray Bosworth left Tuesday for a four weeks course of study at the Truth Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dikes and children, Salem, arrived Monday night for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Harper.

Mrs. Lewis and son, Arcadia, Calif., spent several days last week visiting Manley Jacobson and his mother on Pumice Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brewer, Roseburg, visited cousins, Mr. and Mrs. V. Vanderpool, over the Easter weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Doran and Linda and Roger Sharp were Sunday dinner guests at the Dale Schulz home in Sams Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Heberling, San Jose, Calif., visited old friends in Table Rock Friday afternoon and evening.

DEAN TO CONCLAVE

Mrs. Carol Ash, dean of girls at Crater High school, will be in Portland Saturday attending the Oregon conference of deans of women from high schools in the state.

Don't sit and wait for your ship to come in—give it a tug.

Skating Party Slated at SV

By Marilee Smith and Ruth Ellis
SAMS VALLEY SCHOOL—There will be a skating party Friday, April 6. The bus will leave the school at 6:15 and will return at 10:30 p.m.

Baseball practice has started for both boys and girls. There

will be games at later dates.

Practice has also started for the singing festival which will be held May 4 at Ashland. Children from the third grade up will participate.

Easter parties were held last Friday. Each room had an Easter egg hunt followed by parties.

The first and second grades made an egg tree which they gave to the children's ward of the Community hospital in Medford.



From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Happy Ending With A "Familiar Ring"

Buck Howell says he and his Missus had quite a time at the Stockman's Convention in Chicago. But for a while they had a "breakdown in communications."

The phone bell in their hotel room was pitched so low they often didn't answer their calls. "Never knew if it was for us or not," Buck said, "always sounded far off—like it was ringing in someone else's room."

Finally, Buck hit on the obvious solution. He just made a deal with the hotel switchboard operator that whenever she called them she'd use two

long rings and a short—their party-line signal back home.

From where I sit, our own familiar routines tend to make other ways of doing things seem strange. That's natural. For instance, if you've always had ice water with your meals, you might think it's odd that lots of us prefer a bottle of beer at dinner-time. I say you've a right to your own customs ... but don't call mine wrong.

Joe Marsh

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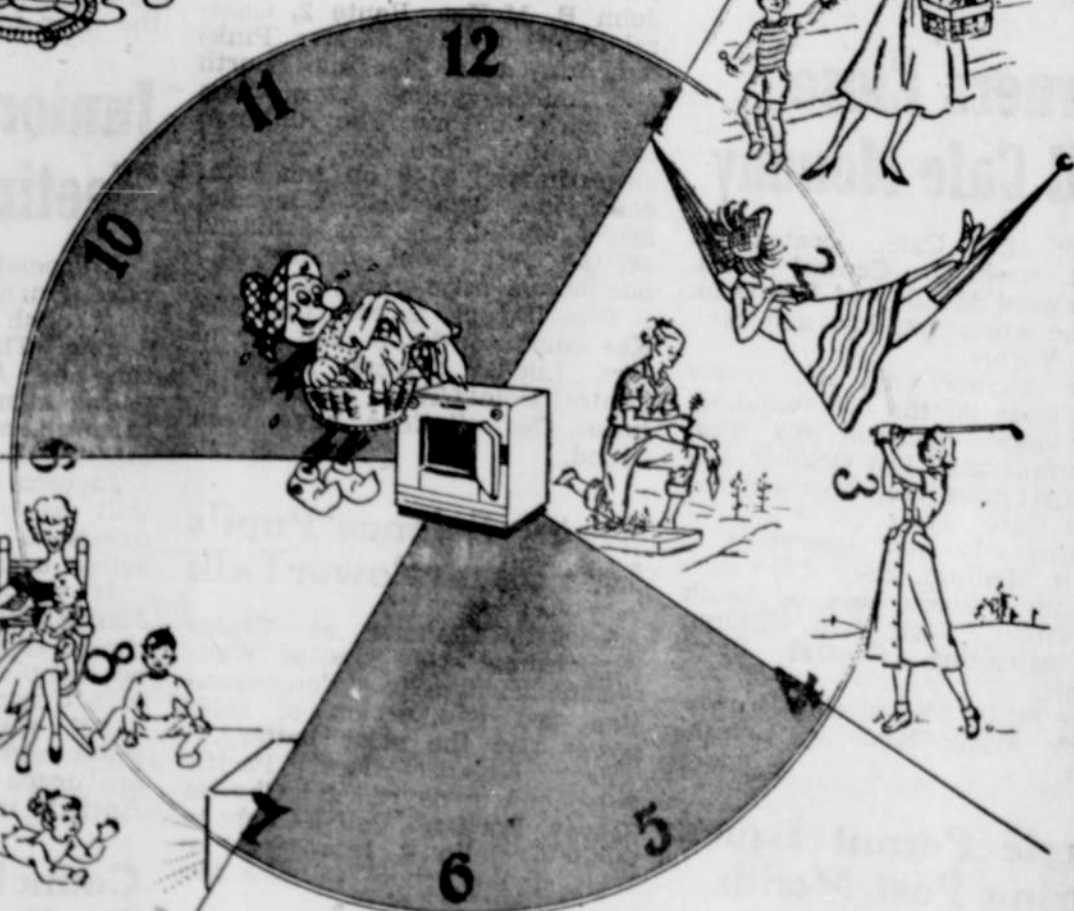
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