

## English Language Enriched With Many Words of Hindi

Although India, America's sister republic of the East, is thousands of miles away geographically speaking, its major language, Hindi, is as close as your next door neighbor. For not only are English and Hindi close relatives with a common ancestry, but many of the words that Americans use in their everyday speech are direct borrowings from the language that is spoken by 160,000,000 Indians.

The third largest language in the world—exceeded only by Chinese and English, Hindi has contributed many words which add zest and color to the American language. Take, for example, the matter of clothes and fabrics. The rural lass who wears a simple dress of calico or chintz, the girl who covers her head with a bandana or the more sophisticated lady who wears cashmere, owe their finery as well as the words which describe it to India.

Calico and cashmere are derived from the names of their place of origin, the city of Calcutta and the state of Kashmir, respectively.

A bangle is a bracelet in both languages, although the American woman uses the term to describe other pieces of costume jewelry as well. Both chintz and bandana are descriptive of Indian methods of dyeing fabrics so that they take on many colors. And speaking of colors and dyes, did you know that khaki is a Hindi word meaning dust-colored and that both indigo and aniline, terms familiar to dye experts, are pure Hindi?

English borrowings from Hindi delight the palate and the nostrils no less than the eye. Both camphor and sandalwood come from that bulwark of democracy in Asia, India. Almost everyone knows that both the word curry and the pungent powder that adds zest to the sauces that are becoming so popular in the United States are imported from India. Many people remember from their school day geography lessons that pepper also came from the Indian sub-continent.

But few Americans are aware of the fact that their favorite breakfast fruit, the orange, derives its name from a Hindi word that means fragrant. Most Americans have their pet recipes for the traditional New Year's day punch, but if they were to mix it purely by etymology, they would combine no more than five ingredients — for punch comes from a Hindi word meaning five. Even that favorite food of American children, candy, is named after a Hindi word that means a broken piece of sugar.

While some Hindi words that have been appropriated by English have largely retained their original meanings, others have taken on new connotations as a result of the long journey to the west. Almost unchanged are words like shampoo, juggernaut, cot, rajah, dinghy, and polo. Such words as brahmin and pundit, although essentially they refer to aristocrats and wise men both in India and in America, have acquired new shades of meaning in their new land.

Even slang, especially in England, owes some very colorful expressions to Hindi. During the

war, a "blighty" was a slight wound that assured a soldier's return home. And in America as well as in England, a "cushy" job, with its Hindi name, is a sinecure.

But despite the fact that Hindi is the largest language spoken in India, and despite the fact that it is the Indian tongue that appears most frequently in English, it is by no means the only language of America's sister republic of the East. Thirteen other major Indian languages have been recognized under the Indian Constitution. The tendency, however, is for Hindi to emerge as the common language of India.

### Pledges of Sorority Entertained at Party Monday at Clubhouse

Alpha Beta pledges of Beta Sigma Phi sorority entertained pledges of Alpha Rho chapter, Medford, and Alpha Sigma chapter, Ashland, at a potluck dinner and party Monday evening in Girls' Community club.

The president, vice-president, sponsor and director of each chapter were invited. Mrs. Paul Lowery was party chairman and the decorating committee was made up of Mrs. Nick DeWitt and Mrs. Frank Sawacki, who used the Mexican motif for decorating the rooms and table settings. A large straw basket of mixed fruit set among Mexican pottery bowls centered the serving table.

The serving committee was Mrs. A. L. MacDonald, Mrs. Herbert Merriman, Mrs. M. D. Farr, Mrs. Clyde Ramsey and Miss Anna May. They also used the Mexican theme by using pottery dishes for serving the buffet dinner.

After-dinner games were provided by the entertainment committee made up of Mrs. Stephen Saimons and Mrs. Oris Goble. Discussion of pledge training programs and cooperation among the local chapters in various projects was led by the hostess, Mrs. Max Boehme.

Special guests included Mrs. Edward Bunnell, president of the Alpha Rho chapter; Mrs. Martell Peters and Mrs. Lorena McNair, president and sponsor of Alpha Sigma chapter; Mrs. William Hartman, Mrs. O. A. Eden and Mrs. C. Reese Braley, president, sponsor and director of Alpha Beta chapter, and Miss Barbara Norcross of Alpha Beta membership committee.

### Lodge To Hold Meeting For Members, Guests

Degree of Honor lodge will hold a meeting Tuesday, April 8, at 8 p. m., in KP hall for members, their families and invited guests. The entertainment director reports plans for a full evening of Easter fun games with prizes to be awarded.

A special race will be featured for all members celebrating birthday anniversaries in the first four months of the year. Expenses will be met through a "cake-walk" with potted plants and cakes as prizes.

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### Secretary Attends Meeting of Board

Mrs. Dolph Phipps, member of Chapter AA of the PEO sisterhood and state corresponding secretary for the organization, has returned home after attending a state board meeting in Portland.

During the session plans were made for the state convention which will be held at Lewis and Clark college in Portland June 18, 19 and 20.

Chapter AA will meet in the home of Mrs. C. C. Thompson, Central Point, at 1 p. m., Wednesday, April 9, for luncheon. Mrs. H. Jeffries and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton will be cohostesses.

Mrs. C. C. Furnas will be in charge of the program.

## Medford Women Attend Meeting In Grants Pass

A large delegation of Medford BPWC members attended the southern Oregon district spring conference of the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's club held in Grants Pass March 28 and 29 at the VFW hall. Seventy-five members from 11 clubs attended.

In the Medford delegation were Miss Laura York, second vice-president of the state federation; Mrs. Florence Lance, state treasurer and Mrs. Bertha Haskins, state news service chairman. Other Medford women attending were Miss Lucile Lenox, Mrs. Bertha McKinney, Miss Louise Drew, Miss Eula Wintermole, Mrs. Bertha Free, president of the local club, and Mrs. Ethel Schultz.

Mrs. Lola West, Grants Pass, district chairman, presided over the conference, which opened with a banquet Saturday night. She welcomed the delegates and introduced Mrs. Cecelia Galey, Sweet Home, president of the Oregon federation.

Mrs. Galey, a lawyer by profession for more than 20 years, spoke on "Shall I Have a Will." She gave a most convincing list of reasons why every person should make a will, and a number of examples of what can happen when someone dies without leaving a will.

Dr. Eleanor Gutman, Portland, Oregon federation parliamentarian, conducted a workshop on parliamentary procedure and talked on leadership.

Entertainment included group singing led by Mrs. Dorothy Lobatto, Grants Pass. Several selections were given by a quartette which included Mrs. Lobatto, Mrs. Bonnie Borie, Mrs. West and Mrs. Maxine Littlefield of the Grants Pass BPWC club.

The Sunday morning session opened with a breakfast at which Mrs. Emily Riley, Portland, state membership chairman, spoke on methods of securing new members and stabilizing club memberships. She also told the history and purposes of the federation.

Presidents of the various clubs reported on accomplishments of their groups during the past year. Mrs. Florence Barton, Coquille, junior past president of the state federation, conducted a question and answer period on all phases of club work, assisted by Miss Fern Trull, Grants Pass, first vice-president of the Oregon BPWC.

### Roxy Gardeners Plan Wednesday Meeting

Roxy Gardeners will meet at the home of Mrs. Richard Hart, 3405 Lone Pine road, Wednesday, April 9 at 1:30 p. m. Members are asked to take plants to exchange.

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### Nurses Will Hear Camp Psychologist

"Personality Development in Children," will be subject of the talk scheduled for the Oregon State Nurses' association, Jackson county chapter, meeting Tuesday, April 8 at 8 p. m. Herbert Daniels, a psychologist at the veterans domiciliary, will be speaker for the meeting to be held in the Girls Community club.

All registered nurses are invited.

Sunday, April 6, 1952

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

## "Y" Dinner-Dance Given As Benefit For World Service

The YMCA smorgasbord dinner and dance, held last Saturday evening at the "Y" building proved to be a gala event, with almost 500 people attending.

The v-shaped smorgasbord table in the upstairs dining room had been decorated by Mrs. Darrell Huson and Mrs. Bert R. Elliott with white candles and spring flowers, and was laden with Swedish and American dishes.

Tables for guests were decorated with dolls of many countries, and flags of all nations were used about the room. The table mats, printed especially for the occasion, gave information about the YMCA world service program, as well as advance spring square dance data.

High school girls, in peasant costumes, served the guests, and high school boys acted as bus boys. A group of students of Mrs. Eve Prentice played during the evening, first while grouped near the fireplace in the lobby and later in the dining room.

A movie was shown in Room B by Marshall Sweet for the boys and girls in attendance.

Gordon Kershaw, in charge of calling for the square dances, was assisted by nine additional callers. During intermission Joe Hausler and a partner presented three folk dances. Bob Jones read a telegram from Dwight Welch of Caracas, Venezuela, wishing the "Y" a successful evening. Mrs. Claud Miles thanked those who had assisted in arrangements for the smorgasbord.

A midnight supper was served, with Mrs. Linn Mills in charge.

The world service committee of the "Y," sponsors of the event, announces that over \$300 was raised toward the 1952 goal of \$500.

### Griffin Creek Students To Present Show

Robert Emerico, comedy magician, will present a magic show at the Griffin Creek school gymnasium Tuesday, April 8, at 8 p. m. Eighth grade students at the school are sponsoring his appearance here.

Emerico is a comedian as well as a magician and has been with the Clyde Beatty and Ringling Brothers circuses and at many large fairs. He also has appeared with top Hollywood stars such as Jane Powell, Janet Blair and others as a master of ceremonies. His show will include comedy, sleight-of-hand tricks, illusions and mysteries, it is announced.

Students at the school are sponsoring the event as a class project for school equipment.

## Women's Fellowship To Meet on Tuesday

Women's Fellowship of First Baptist church will hold a combined business and White Cross meeting Tuesday, April 8 in the church annex. Mrs. Doyle Franklin will conduct the devotions for the 1 o'clock meeting and Mesdames Walter Norton and C. Z. Boyden will be the hostesses.

## Past Noble Grand Club Sets Meeting Thursday

Past Noble Grand club of Olive Rebekah lodge will meet Thursday at 8 p. m. in the Girls Community club, when there will be entertainment and a business session. Mrs. H. D. Turner and Mrs. D. M. McDannal will have charge of the entertainment. Mrs. A. H. Hansen will preside for the business meeting.

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