# Crater Lake FOE Aerie Wins Many Top State Awards

The drill and ritualistic teams of Crater Lake Aerie 2093, Fraternal Order of Eagles, took a number of top honors during the recent state convention in Albany, it was reported last week by lodge members.

The ritualistic team won the Class A ritualistic championship for the second consecutive year, and took six out of a possible seven honors for which they were competing.

The drill team took third place, and the drill captain, Frank Burdick, won second ranking among those in the competition.

**Wins Two Awards**

Worthy President Jack Meacham won two all-state honors, one as the most outstanding president in Class A, the other as the most outstanding in all classes.

Ray Watkins, junior past worthy president, won the all-state all-class award for that office, and brought to the local aerie the Fred Johnston trophy, instituted this year by the local aerie, and which will be awarded each year to the aerie having the most outstanding junior past worthy president in the state. The trophy honors Fred Johnston of the local aerie, who has long been active in ritualistic work.

**Other Awards**

The all-state, all-class trophy for vice president was won by Howard Brooks for work in that office. Ray Collett, competing for the first time in a state contest, won the all-state all-class trophy for conductors.

O. H. Bengston, former secretary of the aerie here, was elected Oregon State Aerie delegate-at-large to the national FOE convention.

F.O.E. TEAMS WIN HONORS—Six out of a possible seven top awards in statewide competition were won at the recent state convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles by the ritualistic team of Crater Lake Aerie 2093, Medford, shown above with the aerie's drill team. Seated, left to right, are Jack Webber, assistant ritualistic director, and Fred Johnston, ritualistic director, shown with the trophies won by this aerie. Standing in the first row, left to right, are the ritualistic team members, including Edward Olson, chaplain; Howard Brooks, vice president; Jack Meacham, worthy president; Ray Watkins, junior past president, and Ray Collett, conductor. The team won Class A and all-state all-class honors, as well as individual top awards. Lined behind are members of the drill team, which took third place in state competition. Their captain, Frank Burdick, won second place among drill captains of the state.—(Brainerd photo.)

# Wholesale Prices Show New Increase

Washington —(U.P.)— Average wholesale prices climbed four-tenths of one per cent in the week ended July 15 with food costs leading the way, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported.

The bureau said the rise was due to "large price increases" on meats, eggs, apples, potatoes and livestock.

The increase boosted the wholesale price index to 111.1 per cent of 1947-49 prices. This index was 3.4 per cent below the average for January, 1951.

Other increases were reported over the period for prices of cotton yards, wool tops and animal feeds.

# Mrs. Schuler Writes of Party, Work In Hospital, and Little 'Differences'

**(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles written for The Mail Tribune by Mrs. I. E. Schuler, who is currently spending several months in Austria.)**

By MRS. I. E. SCHULER

Vienna, Austria—I have been to two large parties — one my friends the Ekerns gave. This was particularly interesting to me, because Halvern Ekern's Russian counterpart, a Mr. Radin, was there, and I met and talked to him. We talked about books, War and Peace in particlar. Everyone was much surprised that he came. He certainly seemed to be having a good time too. Also James Farrell, the American author, was there, and Mr. Radin was interested enough to ask to go on a lecture Mr. Farrell was giving the next evening. I have not read his new book—The Name Is Fogarty—but I was glad to let him know I had read the others of the triology.

I am doing voluntary work in one of the Crippled Children's hospitals and I went to a program which the children gave. Every child performed—the ones with crippled hands played the piano, or the accordion; those with speech defects sang, or did some little skit, and used their voices. Many fairly crawled up onto the stage, and some others were lifted up, and were steered around. It was an inspiring spectacle, to see them—they were more happy and unself-conscious than any other children I have ever seen. The hospital is very poorly equipped, their beds look as though they would fall down any time, and there is no pool for those with infantile paralysis—everything is done the hard way—with infinite patience and kindness. The women of the Embassy work with them, helping in as many ways as possible—giving vitamins, simple medicines, tooth paste, wash cloths, and trying to raise funds for new beds.

**Differences Noted**

These are some of the little material differences which amuse and interest me as I ride along the trams, or walk about the city.

Men in lederhosen: I can't seem to become accustomed to seeing the short (many times dirty) leather pants, and long socks on business men, carrying brief cases, or men out with their girls. And I wonder if the Madchen (who never wear either slacks or shorts on the streets) size up the male physique as men do girls in our country. I even find myself thinking that this one would look better in trousers, or that one's tummy is too large, etc., etc.

Marketing: Women buy everything they eat every day—a kilo of this, a quarter of a pound of that, a quarter of something in vegetables. It is disconcerting to me. I never know how much I am asking for. Food is high. I think the average family lives monthly on bread-stuffs and potatoes and have but one meal with meat a week and that on Sunday. The markets are scrubby, indeed, in comparison with ours. Only cherries and strawberries compare in any way with ours. The strawberries are huge—three times the size of ours, and quite delicious. There are no milkmen. One goes to the milk house, and if the day is young, one may get milk. Milk is for children, but I doubt if the little five year old boy where I live has milk more than once or twice a week, and he is perhaps typical. One does not see here the thousands of bicycles, as in Holland and Switzerland. People walk, or ride the street car. A ride all over Vienna costs five cents.

The schilling is worth not quite four cents here. I still have to figure quickly when I see $2.50 for a cup of coffee, and before ordering it, know it means ten cents. A pot of tea is the most expensive thing you can buy—why I can't figure. In the better restaurants it is about 40 cents a pot in our money.

Cats and dogs: I have yet to see a cat here, but der Hund is everywhere—beautiful dogs, and all muzzled when on the streets. Sanitation is not considered seriously over here, I believe. I am continually shocked at the indifference to health conditions. In the parks, and they are numerous and beautiful, dogs—or children—are not allowed on the lawns. And, believe me, you never see one off the gravel driveways.

I was meandering across a boulevard one day, to take a tram, when all of a sudden I heard three angry voices yell at me. I was so scared I jumped about a foot, said all the German words I could think of in a hurry, "Auf Wiedersehen, Bitte, Danke, verstehen Sie nicht," but to no avail. Not a frown abated, so with head bowed in humiliation, I flew off in the opposite directions from what I had intended, and went several blocks out of my way to avoid passing them again.

It was against the rule, apparently. They take great pride in their parks. You pay 30 groschen—abut a cent and a half—for a chair. This is collected by little old ladies, who come around with leather pouches to collect, and give you a ticket.

**NORBLAD VACATIONING**

Washington —(U.P.)— The office of Rep. Walter Norblad, R-Ore., said Friday that the congressman and Mrs. Norblad have left Washington for a brief European vacation. They will visit Denmark, where Mrs. Norblad has relatives, before returning to Oregon.

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