

POTPOURRI...

Teas are a wonderful place to find news. We not only thoroughly enjoyed the tea which Mrs. Charles W. Lemery gave for her house guest, Mrs. John A. Fitzgerald, Friday afternoon, but heard a lot of news, too.

Mrs. Fred Carr relayed the information that Colonel Zeis, former Medford resident, has been transferred to Wichita Falls, Tex., where he expects to be stationed for a considerable period as commandant of the ROTC. The colonel, with Mrs. Zeis and their daughter, Priscilla, have been in Arkansas since leaving Medford about a year ago when the officer returned home from Korea. They had planned to visit in Medford this summer, but now find that it will be impossible.

Mrs. Edwin R. Durno said that her daughter, Ann, had just arrived to spend a few days at home with her parents and sisters and that in celebration she was preparing a special family dinner for Friday night. Ann, an airline hostess, of course had flown all the way from Texas.

We greeted Mrs. J. C. Hayes and learned that several members of the family were home from points near and far to spend a few days. Mrs. Hayes remarked to the honor guest on the recent hot weather in the Rogue valley whereupon Mrs. Fitzgerald gasped and said, in her delightful southern accent, "But my dear, it isn't hot in Medford! If you all want to know what summer heat can be like, just come to New Orleans!"

She is a long-time friend of Dr. and Mrs. Lemery, and the two women were recalling Friday how the doctor and his bride were married in the Fitzgerald home, with the Fitzgerald children as flower girl and ring-bearer for the ceremony. The combination Friday of a kind and friendly hostess, a charming honored guest, an array of tempting food and beverages brought many exclamations of pleasure from the guests.

Mrs. Fitzgerald and the Lemerys had been to a performance of the Shakespearean festival in Ashland, and the visitor was as enthusiastic about it as she is about Medford summer weather, saying she had thoroughly enjoyed the performance of "Henry V" which they saw.

We, too, have been enjoying Shakespeare's plays, the festival being our favorite summer pastime. Last Saturday night we chanced to sit next two interesting women, Misses Thora and Evelyn Francis, from Edmondton, Alberta, Canada, who were in Ashland for the third year to see the plays.

While settling ourselves with

pillow and blanket, we heartily apologized for the new festival shell benches, which are not our idea of the last word in comfort. Both A. Fitzgerald, Friday afternoon, but heard a lot of news, too.

Mrs. Francis added that the discovery of oil in the vicinity in recent years had greatly increased the population, many people having come there from the oil fields of the United States, and that she couldn't decide which was the worse cross to bear, the crowded conditions or the unceasing wind and unpleasant weather which Alberta sometimes has.

The Canadians weren't the only persons who said they liked the benches, either, for at the Thursday night performance two women sitting behind us commented favorably on them and said they thought the benches a great improvement over the former seating facilities. By using a thick pillow, and making a footstool out of our wicker basket-purse, we've managed to achieve a degree of comfort, too, but wish the carpenters had put a cross-piece on the benches at the right height to use for a foot rest.

Fletcher Fish came in one day last week, not to talk about Shakespeare, but bringing a piece of advertising printed in 1912 to tell of the coming of Mme. Johanna Gaski, "prima donna soprano." Mr. Fish, who at that time was acting as agent here for a Portland firm which booked artists for engagements in Oregon, had been reminded of this by a note in the "Forty Years Ago Today" column in the Mail Tribune.

In those days the world's greatest singers and dancers appeared in Medford, it being the golden age before radio, television and general rapid transportation changed this country's manner of living. Just before Gaski was here, the great Mme. Schumann-Heink sang in Medford, and later the famous Lillian Nordica, Wagnerian, soprano, gave a concert here.

Fletcher F. recalled that he handled ticket sales here for all three concerts, working for Lois Steers and Wynne Coman, Port-

The Grange

Shady Cove Grange

Shady Cove Grange members are urged to attend a special Grange meeting Wednesday evening, August 20, when important matters will be discussed.

At the meeting August 13 the resignation of Treasurer Elsie Wilson was accepted with regret and Ada Terry was elected to finish the unexpired term. Ernest Hess was appointed on the roads committee.

H.E.C. Chairman Anna Kee reported on the civilian defense meeting held recently in Medford. She said those attending were told that the H.E.C., churches and PTA should be prepared to help in case of catastrophe.

Eugene Erickson was reported injured in an auto wreck.

On August 7 the following Shady Cove Grangers were given third and fourth degrees at Gold Hill: Miss Edna Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Terry and sons Donald and John.

Phoenix Grange

Phoenix Grange met August 12 with Master Claude Hutton presiding. A program of music preceded the meeting, Eve Prentice entertaining with 18 members from her accordion band.

At the next regular Grange meeting, August 26, the lecturer's visitation program will be presented by Roxy Ann Grange. Those attending are asked to bring sandwiches or cookies. Serving committee in charge will be Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Quackenbush, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. White and Mr. and Mrs. Delno Sloan.

It was voted to raise the dues to \$3.60 a year per member.

The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lattie was observed.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lacy from Talent Grange.

Griffin Creek Grange

Griffin Creek Grange met August 14. The three Graces put on an interesting program. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Chet Sessler and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wick. Ralph Dillon gave an informative talk on replenishing the soil.

A potluck picnic will be held Sunday, August 24, at the Reese Waite home. Everyone will meet at Trail at 12 o'clock.

The men are urged to turn out Tuesday evening, August 19, to re-roof the woodshed. Pie and coffee will be served.

H.E.C. will meet Thursday, August 21, with Mrs. Ed Goehring with Mr. and Mrs. Chet Sessler as co-hosts.

land booking agents who had signed the noted artists. As it often does, the talk went on to reminiscences of the Andrews brothers, their opera company and the many fine musical productions which they were responsible for staging in the valley.

Olive Barber, who at one time wrote a column for the MT, is the author of a new book, "The Lady and the Lumberjack." The publisher's blurb says Mrs. Barber "shares her hilarious and terrifying adventures as wife of an Oregon logger" in the book and since Mrs. B. wrote a highly readable column, the book probably is just as good.

The Barbers, who now live in Bremerton, Wash., lived in Coos Bay during the time of which the author writes. Stewart Holbrook, another well known Oregon writer, wrote the introduction to the book.

When Mary Lou Skinner (Mrs. Paul) was in last week she told how her daughter, Carol Ann, came home from southern California thrilled to pieces because she had been on a television show. Carol Ann has been visiting relatives in Sierra Madre, and was taken into LA and Hollywood by an aunt for luncheon and sightseeing. They visited Johnny Dugan's TV show, and the Medford girl was one of the audience chosen to participate.

When Carol Ann said she was from Medford, Ore., the MC teased her and said he never heard of the place whereupon Carol Ann loyally replied "That's where all the pears grow."

While south Carol Ann was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richard, Mrs. Skinner's sister and brother-in-law.

Wedding note — When pretty Janet Rutherford of McMinnville was married recently to Jim Gray of Medford, the couple didn't repeat their marriage vows after the minister. They memorized them in advance and spoke them, looking intently at each other, without prompting from the minister. Sounds like a fine idea. Maybe the marriage vows would mean more to young people if they were memorized and pondered over for a few days before the ceremony, instead of just being repeated in the half-trance which some brides and bridegrooms seem to be in during the marriage service.

The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. R. W. Gray, sorting over her son's clothes a last time before he established his new home in California, came across a copy of the marriage vows which he had been carrying around with him, tucked away in a pocket. —O.S.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Newland celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception August 3 at the family home, 851 East Ninth street. The Newlands four sons, their daughter, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren attended the anniversary party. The Newlands have lived in Medford since 1911, and Mr. Newland is a retired postal carrier. (Shangle Studio)

Medford Couple Observes 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Newland, 851 East Ninth street, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at an open house held on Sunday, August 3 at their home, with about 100 guests attending.

Their family of five children were present with their nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. C. W. Newland and H. W. Newland, both of Medford; O. W. Newland, Gold Hill; Robert N. Newland, Bend; and Mrs. Jack De Pew, China Lake, Calif., are the five children.

Miss Patricia Newland, granddaughter, served at the open house. The Newlands were presented with a money tree from their children. The tree was of gold with silver dollars wrapped in gold hanging from its branches.

Mr. and Mrs. Newland were married at Bells, Tex., August 3, 1902. They moved to Medford in

Sunday, August 17, 1952

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Illinois Man Elected President of Eagles

Philadelphia —(U.P.)— Ray A. Rohde, Peoria, Ill., a past state president of the Eagles in Illinois, is the new grand worthy president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The 49-year-old Rohde, full-time secretary-manager of his home aerie and a native of Michigan City, Ind., was elected Friday at the Eagles 54th annual convention.

Lawrence Leahy, Wenatchee, Wash., was elected a member of the board of trustees.

Dr. Durno Appointed To Board of Examiners

Dr. Edwin R. Durno, 222 Valley View drive, has been appointed to serve on the state board of medical examiners, according to a statement released this week by the board. Dr. Durno's appointment was made by Gov. Douglas McKay.

The board also announced the issuance of 66 licenses to physicians and surgeons and osteopaths.

New regional vice-presidents include: northwestern, P. C. Olson, Coeur d'Alene, Ida.; and Rocky Mountain, W. W. Lessley, Bozeman, Mont.

A delightfully quick and extra delicious casserole dish is made with 2 cups cooked rice, a can of condensed soup and 1/4 cup of water. The casserole may be topped with bread crumbs or cheese if desired and is baked at 350 degrees F. until the rice absorbs the liquid.

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