

# Potpourri

"I didn't make a mistake" said five-year-old Luana Loffer with modest pride after finishing her song on a recent TV program. Luana not only didn't make a mistake, but created a minor sensation because of her assurance and sweet rendition of the "Mama Doll Song."

Luana was advertising the March of Dimes show which Phoenix Grange gave last Monday, and then appeared in the show itself where she again proved a favorite. So now relatives and friends are wondering if she will go on the stage, for Luana is on the same "family tree" with the singer and actress, Eva Tanguay, whose song, "I Don't Care," made her famous.

Luana is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Loffer, Phoenix, and her grandmother, Mrs. Dorothy Loffer, who lives in the same household, was a cousin of Eva Tanguay and the two played together as children in Lawrence, Mass. The family is of French-Canadian descent.

Luana's mother said the tot wasn't one bit worried about appearing on the show and confessed "I was more scared than she was."

Demetrios Zettos of Edessa, Greece, and William E. Sweet of Medford have renewed by correspondence a friendship which started during the Korean war. Mr. Sweet, a lieutenant in the United States Army, and the Greek, a lieutenant with one of the units from his country assigned to the UN forces in Korea, served together for a time.

"Although our world is so large, it is yet so narrow as far as human relations are concerned," wrote the former soldier from Greece in a recent letter. "You are in the United States; I am in Greece. Seven thousand miles of land and sea stand between us and yet our minds, lives and goals are almost touching each other."

"The difference of our nationalities, our religion and even our lives, did not prevent us from going to that remote part of earth (Korea) to struggle for the maintenance of our ideals, which are so common. Of course, the lack of geographical relation between the U. S., Greece and Korea did not mean that there was a lack also in our human relations."

Mr. Zettos philosophized a bit about war and peace and then said he hoped that the nations of the world would eventually put into deeds the teachings of Christ and put an end to war. "If the latter is not succeeded," he wrote in his imperfect English, "then the jungle will be glad to accept us. It may be even too good for us." He signed his letter "Jim" the nickname by which he was known to his American friends.

With so many families losing their homes and possessions by fires, valley folk have had plenty of opportunity to prove that they are good neighbors. Eldon Deem, Yellow cab driver, is not only a good neighbor but considerable of a hero as far as the J.L. Bradleys are concerned. Hurrying back to Medford in the middle of the night after a trip into the suburbs, driver Deem saw that the Bradley house was on fire. He used his cab radio to turn in the alarm, by way of his company office, helped Mrs. Bradley and her small children to escape from the burning building (the father works a night shift) and then stayed to fight the blaze and carry out furniture.

As a small child we saw the family home burn to the ground along with practically all the rest of a small lumbering town, and the horror of fire has lived with us since. Then, as now, kind neighbors took the victims in to their homes, helped us with the immediate problem of food and clothing and to settle in new houses.

It's not often that a host and hostess can boast that an entire church choir sang at their party. Thursday night Dr. and Mrs. Kirkland West of First Presbyterian church were holding open house so after practice was over the chapel choir attended in a body. They dashed in, lined up and with Director Allen Lehl in his accustomed place, sang an old Welsh song, favorite of the Wests. The selection was "Aberystwyth"—we hope all the letters are in the right place—and it is the name of a town in Wales.

When Dr. Van Valzah, grinding away on one of our front teeth, asked what was the news from WSC and the Junior, we had to reply that our news wasn't new any more—no letter in two weeks. "That's fine," comforted Dr. VV, who also has a daughter in college. "No letter means she doesn't need money or new clothes." He was right, too. Next letter said she'd been busy because the chorus and orchestra had rehearsed every night for two weeks in preparation for an oratorio, that she was going to Spokane to see the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and would the next check please be ample enough to cover registration for second semester, books, house bills and a bit of pin money.

Hearing that Puget Sound sparrows had invaded the Jack Moran garden, we thumbed through the pages of Peterson's book on birds to see just what a Puget Sound sparrow looked like. Not only did we find that name, but much to our amazement discovered that Peterson lists 88 different sparrows. We counted them twice.

Interesting names, too, such as the Aleutian Savannah, the black-chinned, Botteri's and Brewer's sparrows, Heermann's song sparrow, Inyo fox and Kodiak fox as well as several other fox sparrows, Modoc, Modesto and Mexican sparrows, western chipping, western grasshopper, western lark and two or three other westerns. The list ends grandly with Yakutat fox, Yakutat song and Yosemite fox sparrows.

From New York comes word that one of the outstanding operatic performances of the winter season was a performance where "the two principal singers were required to characterize a cockroach and a worldly wise and amoral cat." The opera is based on Don Marquis' "archy and mehitabel" and was performed by The Little Orchestra, with Thomas Scherman conducting and Mignon Dunn as mehitabel and Jonathan Anderson as archy. George Kleininger is the composer. The writer predicted that "this score will enliven programs for many an orchestra and provide employment for many singers in the years to come."

A United Press dispatch yesterday said that Princess Margaret of the British Isles was at last being permitted to go overseas "alone." In this instance "alone" meant that only two equestrians, two ladies in waiting, two maids, a male hairdresser and a Scotland Yard detective are in the party.

Because the "color" problem has been on the increase in the West Indies, which Princess Margaret is to visit, Buckingham Palace has announced that the princess will shake hands with everyone she meets, no matter what their color or station.—D.S.

## Field Director To Take Course Of Girl Scouts

Mrs. Lois Baker, Grants Pass area Girl Scout field director, will leave February 30 to attend the initial training course for professional Girl Scout workers at Astoria, Pacific Grove, Calif. This four week course is required of all professional workers their first year in scouting.

Purpose of the course is to give information on the philosophy, program, procedures, and resources of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., the relationship between the national organization and its local units, the function of the council, and finally the role of the professional worker in Girl Scouting.

Mrs. Elliott Duffy, camp chairman for the Rogue Valley area, Girl Scouts, attended the annual camping association workshop at Dorchester House, Ocean Lake, Ore., held January 27-29. Mrs. Duffy was accompanied by Mr. Duffy and their daughter, Betty.

Among the subjects covered in the workshop were camp program, camp dietetics, and recruitment of camp personnel. Discussed also was the setting up of standard policies for day camping.

After Mrs. Duffy's return to Medford the area camp committee will hold a potluck supper and meeting, the date to be announced later, to discuss the Rogue valley area camping programs. This includes Camp Low Echo at Lake O' the Woods, troop camping, trip camping, day camping, and across-the-border camping.

Across-the-border camping is a new type of camping with Canadian Girl Guides. Scouts participating will go in groups of eight girls and a leader, and will be chosen on the basis of their qualifications.

For fudge cake frosting combine 1 cup brown sugar with 2 or 3 tablespoons evaporated milk. Heat until sugar melts and mixture begins to boil. Remove from heat and stir in enough sifted confectioners' sugar to give the desired spreading consistency. Add a few drops of maple flavoring and stir in 1/4 cup finely chopped roasted almonds.



Miss Mary Aldrich (at left) and Mrs. William (Lois) Baker now head the staff of Rogue River area, Girl Scout council. Miss Aldrich, who came to Medford from Portland, is the new executive director and Mrs. Baker, who lives in Grants Pass, is the new field director.

## Sams Valley War Bride Now Entertaining in New York

Sams Valley — Yoko (Mary) Doland, Japanese war bride wife of Floyd Doland Jr., Sams Valley, is now working as a night club entertainer in New York city, according to her family here.

They reported that she performs with a magic and dancing act, which was formed in Kansas City when her husband was stationed there with the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Doland were featured in a story in The Mail Tribune when they arrived here from overseas several years ago to visit with Doland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Doland Sr., route 2, box 515, Gold Hill. To Attend School.

Young Doland is planning to attend an electronics trade school in Los Angeles in the spring. His wife plans to join him there, his father reported.

The son attended Sams Valley school and Medford High school, leaving in 1948. He received his high school diploma while in the Air Force.

After the couple left Rogue valley he was stationed in Kansas City and later in Canada. He was discharged in December, 1953, after almost six years of service, with the rank of sergeant.

Met in Tokyo He met his wife in Tokyo, while in the special services branch of the Air Force. Besides planning entertainment and recreation for his outfit, Doland was assigned to make a recording of what was Al Johnson's last show for Korean troops. It is believed to be the only one in existence.

The senior Dolands also have a daughter who is a freshman at Crater high school in Central Point.

## Pickin' Pears

The poet laureate of Camp White is Tommy Thompson.

His name on the books is William A. Thompson, and he was born in New Brunswick, Canada, but as long as he can remember his home has been Aberdeen, Wash.

He went to high school there, and because the girl who edited the high school publication, "Ocean Breeze," was fond of poetry, Tommy started writing verse. He has been at it ever since. No less than 1,000 odes, serious as well as sentimental, have been composed by Tommy for special events of the past five years. They are dedicated to the volunteer sponsors of the shows. "Sometimes they are read on the occasion of the presentation, but I always write a few lines of verse for every event we have had and then mail the poem to the sponsor, Tommy says.

Tommy has been confined to a wheel chair for the past 12 years. He spent three years at Barnes hospital, Vancouver, before coming to Camp White.

It is hard to realize now that Tommy was chief of police at one time at Hoquiam, Wash. His World War I service will match any at the domiciliary. He was 19 1/2 months in France with the 161st Infantry, and was in every major engagement during that period. He was wounded in the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Tommy is active in the DAY and is a patron, as well as a producer, of special shows in which dancers, singers and the accordion girls participate. He is as agile at the microphone as he is with words in his verse. When he is an MC he is part of

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the show. His favorite stunt is to procure candy bars for the kids in his shows. He heaps them into a basket cart and hauls them out after the show is over when the performers can help themselves.

Tommy has had a number of his verse offerings published in service organization magazines as well as lodge publications.

## Consultation Urged On Welfare Problem

Portland — (UP)—The State Welfare Commission has agreed to urge Gov. Paul Patterson to consult with the state Legislature on the general assistance "predicament" in certain Oregon counties.

The proposal was advanced by Bardi Skulason, Portland attorney and a member of the commission. He made the proposal in the face of announced 45 per cent reductions in Multnomah county welfare payments.

Mrs. Loa Howard Mason, welfare director, said "there is such a wide disparity in general assistance we have recommended that authority be given the State Welfare Commission to effect uniformity in general assistance."

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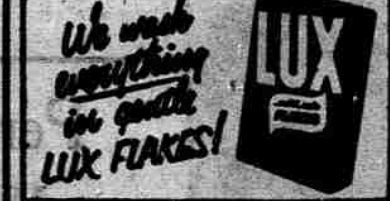
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## Tuna Industry on Coast in Trouble

Washington — (UP)—The Pacific Coast's \$115,000 tuna industry is experiencing "widespread distress" as a result of the present administration's foreign trade policies, according to Harold F. Cary, general manager of the American Tunaboat Association.

Cary testified Friday before the House Ways and Means Committee.

He said the administration of the trade act has brought vigorous growth to the Japanese tuna fleet, while "there is not a new tuna vessel under construction in the Americas."

A hearty soup makes a satisfying lunch or supper main dish. Soak a cup of California large dry lima beans overnight. Cook until almost tender and add 1 sliced carrot, 3 sliced onion and 1 large sprig parsley. When vegetables are tender, put through food mill or sieve. Add 1 tall can evaporated milk and season to taste with Worcestershire and tabasco sauces, salt and pepper. Heat and serve.

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