

Potpourri

Perhaps it is not the high cost of living that bothers us—**it may be the cost of 'high living'** said Dr. G. Burton Wood, when he talked for the Homemakers' festival Thursday afternoon at Central Point. Dr. Wood (who explained that he's the kind of doctor who doesn't do anybody any good) not only gave one of the most interesting and snappiest talks we've heard in a long time, but has another trick we highly recommend to all lecturers.

Dr. Wood had an outline of his speech mimeographed and passed it out to everyone in the audience. He then elaborated on each point in a lively fashion and it's a safe bet that the women in the audience will remember his talk long after others they heard recently have been forgotten.

Dr. Wood believes that American consumers get what they want—and pay well for it. He hinted, and not very subtly, at something which many others are beginning to think about—the fact that many Americans are willing to sacrifice price and perhaps quality in return for speed, ease and little effort. Did you know that you can now buy a package which has ingredients for a small cake and the frosting, and the pan all wrapped up together—or that you can buy pancake batter in a container, like whipped cream or paint to spray, and simply squish the batter onto the griddle by pushing a button? Of course, the cook still has to turn the pancakes and make the effort of eating them.

"How far do you want to go?" asked Dr. Wood, or as one of his listeners said later "how lazy can we get?"

Monday Potpourri was practically queen of the May—well, at any rate, we were the "mystery model" for the Kiwanian Dames annual style show, which was practically as good. But it developed that there's strictly nothing mysterious about us—about a third of the women at the party weren't fooled by the new clothes, or the silvered hair or even the mask.

When Mrs. Lawrence Buoncore asked us to be the mystery model, we said the only feasible disguise would be a paper sack over the head and down to the shoulders, which turned out to be about right. Not that everyone didn't try hard. Mrs. Marjorie Green at Burelsons picked out the beautiful print dress, the swishy petticoats and fashionable jewelry. Then Mrs. Mary Kerr, and Mrs. Helen Martin at Eastside Beauty salon worked practically half the morning on Potpourri's hair, of which there is quite a lot, and after it was all pinned up, sprayed it thickly with silver goop.

But to no avail. Hiding behind the mask it was disconcerting to walk along between the tables and hear women say, with maybe a note of disappointment, "Why that's Olive Starcher!" It was a lot of fun, though, so much fun and so different from our ordinary routine that neither Potpourri or FB, vice-president for the day in charge of pins, hemlines, and do-I-have-on-enough-lipstick, ever even thought of taking a single note on the rest of the show. Our agent apologies to the Kiwanian Dames, and it won't happen again.

As usual, Potpourri found wonderful reading in the weekly "Saturday Review," particularly in "The U.S. Press is in Trouble" a double-barreled article written by Publisher Mark Ethridge of the Louisville Courier Journal and Editor Jonathan Daniels of the Raleigh News Observer. Publisher Ethridge deplores the fact that newspapers haven't been working harder to arouse the nation's citizenry to the fact that "we have sacrificed basic freedoms to a fancied security" . . . and later says "I nominate the Formosa story as the most under-explained story of 1955. Here we have been perhaps on the brink of war—at least in a position where it was one man's choice whether or no—and I'll venture that nine-tenths of the American people don't know what it's all about."

"How many know, for instance, that Formosa doesn't belong to Nationalist China any more than it does to Red China? And that Chiang Kai-shek is there as an interloper? How many know that the Formosans want their freedom as much as anybody else and have fought for it several times? Have we bound ourselves irrevocably to Chiang with the treaty which was ratified the other day? Have we in our overall policy abandoned the Atlantic Charter and the hope that it held out to colonial peoples everywhere? Are we more concerned with legalism and expediency than with human rights?" And there's lots more—all highly interesting.

Thanks to Jonathon Daniels' article, the companion piece, we now know that Scotty Fairweather has been quoting Poet Robert Burns to Potpourri all these years, and all the time we thought it was original with Mr. Fairweather. Every time Mr. F. sees us at a function he grins and says, for all and sundry to hear, "a chield among you takin' notes, and faith he'll prent it."

Editor Daniels precedes the Burns quotation with this: "There is, of course, something basically indisputable about any business devoted to prying into matters. It is a nosy business. And it should remain so. Anybody who would never wish to hurt anybody's feelings, who never wishes to make anybody mad, should stay out of the newspaper business. The newspaperman who deserves the respect of his community can be no respecter of persons in his community. He is at his best today as in the past when Burns described one as 'a chield among you takin' notes, and faith he'll prent it.'—O.S."

Members Honored By OES Chapter

Mrs. Bessie Lumsden, a charter member of Reames chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was honored April 28 by chapter members, and Mrs. Maude Duffy, a member of the order for 50 years was presented her half-century pin. Mrs. Lumsden and presented a bouquet. Making the presentations was the matron, Mrs. Jack Ward.

Also honored were others who have been members for over 50 years. Each was presented a plaque by Mrs. Ward. They are Mrs. Mary Fowler, Mrs. Orrie Stoddard, Mrs. Margaret Fabrick, Mrs. Lillian Woodford, and Mrs. Mary Watkins.

New Officers Elected by Lady Lions

Election of officers and appointments of delegates to state convention in Pendleton June 12, 13 and 14 took place at a meeting of Medford Lady Lions Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Louis J. Ruhl. Mrs. Alan Jewett was elected president.

Mrs. Joseph Patella was elected vice-president; Mrs. Joe Tom-jack, secretary; Mrs. Alan Cameron, treasurer, and Mrs. Robert Dyer, Lion tamer.

Installation will be held in June after the state convention. Those who will attend the convention as delegates are Mrs. Donald Minkler, Mrs. Alva Perkins, Mrs. Lee Mellish, Mrs. Robert Dames, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Kenneth Campbell, Mrs. Tom Flynn and Mrs. Kenneth Teeter.

A report was read on a state spring board meeting held in The Dalles, and it was pointed out that there now are 68 Lion club auxiliaries in the state.

Mrs. Dames gave a description of the entry made in a table setting contest by the Medford Lady Lions at the American Cancer Society tea held recently. Mrs. Dames, Mrs. Elwood Kennedy and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy set the table and the entry won second prize.

Mrs. Harry D. Poston, chairman of the home service for the blind and Mrs. Chris Zink, past counsellor and director, who works with the Grey Ladies as a part of the Red Cross home service in Jackson county, were guest speakers. There are 138 persons registered as blind in Jackson county and 78 of them live in Medford, it was reported.

Also discussed were ways and means of assisting in the work for the blind, including furnishing transportation, reading to the blind, and enlarging the library of "talking books," which are available to the blind through the public library. Mrs. Zink stated that she has spent the past eight years in the voluntary work assisting the blind and that she is always interested in new cases.

Mrs. Joseph Patella was appointed chairman in seeking information for the "talking books."

Mrs. Walter Smith and Mrs. Norris Thompson were guests. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Louis Ruhl, Mrs. Alan Cameron, Mrs. Donald Minkler and Mrs. Addison Robinson.

District Attorney To Speak Thursday

Walter L. Nunley, district attorney, will be the main speaker at a meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance union Thursday, May 12. The session will open at 2 p.m., at the Girls Community club. Mrs. Fred Tooze Jr., state president, also will be at the meeting.

The Rev. Floyd H. Yeats, pastor of the Temple Baptist church will give the devotionals. Mrs. James Funston will sing, and Mrs. Tooze will speak regarding a state convention of the WCTU to be held in Medford September 7 to 9.

The refreshment committee will be Mrs. Olaf Severson, Mrs. Donna Taylor and Mrs. Lucy Lyman. All members and friends are invited to the meeting. Mrs. Guy Cox, president, will preside.

Mrs. Donald Morrow Honored at Shower

Gold Hill—Mrs. Donald Morrow was honored May 3 at a shower at the home of Mrs. Delos Walker, Gold Hill. Mrs. George Dorman made a corsage of spring flowers which was presented to the honor guests, and she received many gifts.

Attending the shower were Mesdames Alva Walker, Joe Morgan, George Dorman, Gerald Gear, Lester Parker, Roy Centers, Ivan Governor, Stanley Newnham, Veltie Biles, Harry Quinn, Victor Berg, John Jore, Nina Hooper, Ruby Quakenbush, Tom Carlton, Clarence Parsley, Dale Smith, George Smith, Paul Malloy, Ralph Bell, Albert Harrison, Kenneth Palmer of Casa Grande, Arizons; Harry Smith, Ernest Cooper, Lloyd Governor, Theon Boen, Blanch Merriman, Everett Drake, Earl Moore, Charles E. Rosecrans, Fred Lester, Paul Thompson, Miss Dixie Walker, Linda Walker and Toni Morrow.

Hostesses were Mrs. Delos Walker, Mrs. John Cogswell, Mrs. Wilmer Bailey, Mrs. Harry Newnham and Mrs. Clyde Kell.

Nevita Chapter Plans Potluck Dinner Tuesday

Central Point—Nevita chapter, Order of Eastern Star, has planned a potluck dinner for Tuesday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. in Central Point Masonic temple. Those attending are asked to take table service.

A stated meeting will follow at 8 p.m.

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College Women's club of the Rogue River valley will meet Saturday, May 14 in the Ashland Methodist church rooms. A musical program is being prepared by Mrs. Frank Davis. Mrs. Ethel Reid will be the hostess for the afternoon and Mrs. G. R. Green the social chairman.

Sunday, May 8, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

OES Chapter

Past matrons of Reames chapter will be in charge of the refreshment hour for a meeting of the chapter Thursday, May 12, at 8 p.m., in the Medford Masonic temple.

Auxiliary

The Auxiliary to the National Federation of Post Office clerks, Local 342, will meet at the home of Mrs. L. P. Crocker, 3355 Jacksonville highway Thursday, May 12, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Boyce Kellogg will be hostess.

Degree of Honor To Hold Meeting

A meeting of the Degree of Honor Protective association is set for Monday, May 9, at 8 p.m., at the Redman hall. Officers are to rehearse for inspection.

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