

Potpourri

Monday night was another one of those times when Potpourri would like to have been in three places instead of just one. With the county's White House conference on education meeting in six sections, we hated to confine ourselves to just one meeting.

With the conference talk in our mind, Potpourri ran on to some additional interesting comment during the week. An article from Omaha, Neb., quoted Superintendent Harry Burke of the Omaha public schools as saying "the younger generation isn't so bad after all." Superintendent Burke told a woman's council that the younger generation "is just as religious and just as patriotic as you are" and added "whether you believe it or not, the schools are doing a better teaching job than they ever did."

Superintendent Burke says education and discipline, are harder than in bygone days and added "the old authoritarian method" was much easier. "To teach kids to discipline themselves, to instill self-control, that's a horse of another color," said Mr. Burke.

The second article was by Adlai E. Stevenson and was printed in the May issue of "The Gadfly," publication of the Great Books Foundation. Mr. Stevenson started out by commenting on the complexities of modern-day education and wrote "I am bold enough to suggest that the first nettle, the first danger, for all of us, is to miscalculate the meaning of education and the quality of our own education."

"Just as legality is not a synonym for morality, just as compliance with the letter of the law is not always compliance with its spirit, so graduation is not always the equivalent of education. Indeed there are many who say that the growing emphasis on the pragmatic disciplines, on specialized training and vocationalism, on the exaltation of the sciences at the expense of the humanities is, if anything, diminishing our philosophical aptitude for the good life and the understanding heart—for civilized living, if you please."

"And because there are few really educated, complete, balanced people on earth; because there are few specialists with the versatility of Leonardo da Vinci, or Thomas Jefferson, I am bold enough to suggest that professional people especially should be aware of any complacent idea that to know your own field is well enough. Unfortunately an education, so called, which should be only an introduction to humility and further inquiry, is too often an introduction to pride and mental paralysis."

We're not sure what the reaction of an art expert would be to the paintings which St. Mark's Evening guild members turned out for the annual spring party Wednesday night, but it provided amusement for the guests. The paintings, some of it finger paint work, were gay and colorful and for all we know, might have been the result of "genius at work" which was the party theme.

One painting was entitled "Girl Falling off Cliff" or something to that effect, and if you couldn't find the cliff, so what? The decorations didn't end with the art work on the walls, either. The guild members borrowed some store dummies, wrapped them in yards of bright material and beads, made them cardboard heads with painted faces and then arranged flowers on top.

Both the Guild hall and Parish house were jam-packed with guests and the noise was something wonderful — Mrs. Ray Wright said she wished she'd brought a hearing aid, in order to keep up with the bidding at her table and at another Mrs. Vern Brophy and Mrs. Earl York both declared they couldn't even find out what was trumps. But never mind, everyone was having a fine time.

And the sight of Mrs. Eddie Simmons, taking tickets at the door, reminded us of the fashion expert who once wrote that brunettes looked better in grey than in any other color. Mrs. S. looked simply superb in a simple grey dress trimmed in white.

Those interested in color and art should go to the library and see the murals which Macine Titus recently completed for the children's department. The murals, which both young and old will enjoy, are of story book characters, with Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs on one wall, and Cinderella and her coach on the other.

Miss Titus uses color with imagination, and moreover, when she decides on a color, it has to be just right. She sent to Crete for just the right shade of purple for one of the gowns, waiting for months and months for it to come, and just the right shade of red for part of the mural came from London.

Miss Titus spent most of her Sundays for the past two years standing on a stepladder working on the murals, and is now beginning to wonder what to do on Sundays.

Not long ago we learned that a company had put out new pink soap, which upped the sales of that product considerably. Last week we received a sample of some new shortening—gold in color, and the week before that a firm sent us some jelly—in collapsible tubes.

The fad for color has also spread to sidewall tires for cars, according to a news story from New York City. The new nylon tubeless tires come in pastel colors to match the car; green, blue and brown are now on the market. It's scrape-proof, too, and won't come off.

Mrs. Bruno Pellegrini, one of the Medford music lovers who drove to Eugene for the concert of the New York Philharmonic orchestra, found an opportunity afterwards to talk with the great conductor, Dmitri Mitropoulos. She found him rather upset because when he arrived in Eugene he found that the stage in the auditorium where the concert was to be given wouldn't hold all the musicians—35 had to be weeded out and did not play. Even so, the piano and harp had to be arranged on the main floor at some distance from the conductor.

When Mrs. Pellegrini inquired of Mitropoulos if it was possible to meet the guest conductor, Guido Cantelli, who directs for part of the concerts, Mr. Mitropoulos answered shortly that Cantelli had gone to see a movie that night.

While waiting for the clerk to wrap up our hamburger the other night, we looked at the labels on some small cans sitting on the counter. The labels read: Turtle Meat, Buffalo Pot Roast, Bear Stew and Fried Grasshoppers. Another customer examined the grasshopper meat can and exclaimed "Well I'll be darned. But then, I saw some grasshoppers in the mid-west last year big enough to cut steaks from."—O.S.

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Travel Changes Habits Of Eating For Americans

By ROBERT SALMON
Boston — (U.P.)—When Americans step on the gas, they step up their appetites.

The American motorist is eating more and more along roads both near his home and in far-off places, reports one of the nation's largest dining chains. And unlike the city commuter, the breakfast order is a hearty one—no quick cup of coffee and doughnut for the traveling set.

Because of the modern auto and the vast and growing network of highways and throughways, families don't give a second thought to driving to a favorite spot for a week end, or taking off on two, three or four-week trips. The more people who hit the road, the greater the expanse of food choices.

Dishes once largely regional now have universal appeal except for squash pie. Victor Nelson, spokesman for the Howard Johnson restaurants which last year served more than 250,000,000 persons, said that only a New Englander will order squash pie. Elsewhere, it has to be called "pumpkin."

New England clam chowder, once a fairly localized dish, now is a favorite of travelers from New York to California.

Conversely, fried shrimp has made a hit with New England-

ers. A few years ago, it was strictly a Gulf Coast delicacy. But one thing hasn't changed. Turkey is still traveling America's favorite Sunday meal.

And, as in the horse and buggy days, the traveler tightens up on the purse strings the rest of the week when the favorite foods are frankfurters and beans, chicken pie or veal cutlets. But come Sunday, motorists splurge on turkey or steak.

"Ice cream is the leading dessert," Nelson said. "Vanilla, strawberry and chocolate, in that order, are the favorite flavors."

Howard Johnson restaurants sell more fried clam plates than any other single food item. The hamburger runs a close second, with the frankfurter third.

Nearly 400 Johnson restaurants serve traveling America along the Atlantic Coast and as far west as Texas and Oklahoma. Another 55 will be in operation by July.

Incidentally, the kids account for much of the chain's food sales. So it keeps assorted high chairs, bottle warmers, strained foods and bottle warmers on hand.

What's the favorite meal among the younger set?

"Hamburger, mashed potatoes and ice cream," said Nelson.

As We Live

Truly Happy Person Is Well Adjusted

A person cannot be truly happy unless he is well-adjusted to life. The most important single thing about adjustment is the ability to assess one's self and life's situations realistically.

The well-adjusted person cannot be a dreamer about himself, nor can he live in a fairy-tale world where things always come out in rosy colors. If a person is to be well-adjusted, he must know first of all what he has to adjust with. If he sees himself as he really is, not as he would like to be, he will know his strong points and his weaknesses. As a result, he will be in a far better position to adjust to life than if he thought he had more strength and fewer weaknesses than he actually had.

Second, he must see life as it is, not as he would like it to be. He must be able to judge people with a fair degree of accuracy and size up situations as they are. If he makes the mistake of expecting people to act as he would like them to act and then is disappointed when they do not act that way, he is bound to be out of step with reality. This, in turn, will lead to poor adjustments.

It is hard to learn to see things as they are rather than as you would like them to be. But it is well worth the effort to learn to do so. In general, it means learning never to expect too much and never being disappointed when things are not exactly to your liking. If you can train yourself to be satisfied when things turn out well and never too disappointed but always hopeful that things will work out all right in the end, even if there are temporary setbacks, then you will find yourself making good adjustments. This, in turn, will make you happy.

Family Plans: "Should the presence of an elderly relative in the home be permitted to interfere with the plans of the entire family?"

(A) If possible, family life should run along in its usual channels, even when there is an elderly relative in the home. To make this possible, it usually means that every member of the family must assume some responsibility for the care of that elderly relative to allow other members of the family to have some freedom. In other words, the children should assume some share of the burden and not expect the parents or one parent to carry the load alone.

Owning a Car: "My 17-year-old son wants to work this summer so he can buy a second-hand car. I feel that he could make better use of the money but he has no interest in working unless he can get a car. Should I insist that he contribute some of his earnings to the family?"

(A) If you need some financial help from your son, insist that he contribute his share when he works and not spend all he earns for himself. If he gets a second-hand car, he will

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

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CALENDAR

Sunday
10 a.m. — Logtown Cemetery association cleanup day, at cemetery.
12 noon — Potluck dinner for valley riders at posse grounds, sponsored by Ladies Mounted troop; Play day games begin at 1:30 p.m., open to public; posse and troop drill team practice at 10 a.m.
Monday
12 noon — Amethyst Rebekah Friendship club, Mrs. Harry Quinn, Highway 99 north of Gold Hill.
2:30 p.m. — Republican Women, Mrs. Robert J. Keeney, 4126 Colver rd.
6:30 p.m. — Lady Shriners, Medford hotel.
8 p.m. — Olive Rebekah lodge, IOOF hall.
Tuesday
10:30 a.m. — Sams Valley Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Gus Koellner.
1 p.m. — Rogue Valley Navy Mothers club, Girls Community club.
1 p.m. — Women's association of First Presbyterian church, at church.
1:30 p.m. — Lady Elks, Elks lodge party lounge.
1:30 p.m. — Oak Grove Neighborhood club, Mrs. Orval Shores, Central Point.
1:30 p.m. — Butte Falls Federated Garden club, home of Mrs. Brittain Ash.
6:30 p.m. — Pythian Sisters, Pythian building.
8 p.m. — Chapter BE, PEO, Mrs. Fletcher Fish, Phoenix.
8 p.m. — Auxiliary to Crater Lake VFW, VFW hall, 42 North Front st.
8 p.m. — Mrs. Amel Paul, 1205 West 11th st.
8 p.m. — Medford Truth center, "Unity" Room 203, Holly Theater bldg.
Wednesday
10:30 a.m. — Women's Missionary council, Medford Assembly.
11 a.m. — Griffin Creek Home Extension unit, Mrs. Iva Harper, 1599 South Columbus ave.
12 noon — Reames Social club, Medford Masonic temple.
1 p.m. — Past Chiefs club, Pythian Sisters, Mrs. Baker Yarbrough, 527 Haven st.
1 p.m. — Chapter CG, PEO, Mrs. D. M. Eason, Nick Young rd., Eagle Point.
1 p.m. — Chapter CP, PEO, Mrs. Verne Wilson.
1:30 p.m. — Esther circle of Zion Lutheran church.
8 p.m. — Eagle Point PTA, achievement night, at school.
8 p.m. — Amethyst Rebekah lodge, Gold Hill IOOF hall.
Thursday
12 noon — Jackson County Public Health association annual meeting, YMCA building.
12:30 p.m. — Thursday Luncheon club, Mrs. C. E. Lamb, 717 Alder st.
1:30 p.m. — Ruth circle of Zion Lutheran church.
8 p.m. — Adair chapter, OES, Jacksonville Masonic temple.
Friday
11 a.m. — Medford Truth center, "Unity" Room 203, Holly Theater bldg.
1:30 p.m. — Jolly Stitches, Mrs. G. G. Stagg, 611 Berrydale ave.
2:30 p.m. — Jackson school PTA, school auditorium.
Saturday
9 a.m. — Epsilon chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, with Omega chapter at Grants Pass high school.
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Pythian Sisters, registration, Pythian building, district convention.
1 p.m. — Pythian Sisters, Pythian bldg., district convention.
7:30 p.m. — Pythian Sister, Pythian bldg., district convention.
Coeds Prolong Parting At a Penny a Minute
Vermillion, S. D. (U.P.)—University of South Dakota co-eds prolonged their goodbyes to their dates on one night—for a good cause. Their dates had to pay a cent a minute for keeping the co-eds

out after the curfew. The money went for the benefit of the university chapel fund. But there was one catch—only a half hour was permitted for prolonging the goodnight. For hot gingerbread and for other toppings as well, honey combined with apricot whole fruit nectar is good. Thicken the sauce with cornstarch and stir in a teaspoon of frozen lemon juice for accent.

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