

Potpourri

August may be a dull month in some places, but it isn't in Jackson county. In the past week Potpourri judged a parade, watched another one, went to see "Romeo and Juliet" on the screen, saw the festival production of "Henry VI" in Ashland, got up at 1 a. m. to speed some travelers on their way, counted meteorites for Astronomer J. Hugh Pruett until 3 a. m., went to a "come as you are" party at 7:15 a. m. one day and spent an hour with a delightful celebrity and her equally charming family.

All this, of course, was extra-curricular and had to be sandwiched in with cooking, cleaning, laundry, watering of the flowers and spending the usual hours at the editorial desk. Even so, summer is still the favorite time of the year for Potpourri. The night sky, "o'er laid with gold," the jewel-like fuchsia blossoms which border the patio, and the feel of the early-morning air as we hunt among the strawberry leaves for our breakfast treat of fresh berries more than repays us for the extra work which summer brings.

When the telephone rang at 6:30 a. m. and a cheerful voice said "This is the day of the come-as-you-are breakfast—I'll expect you at 7:15" we dragged our feet a little. There was washing to do, we said, and a dental appointment at 11, and besides, this was the day we planned to start painting the kitchen, a chore which should have been done long ago.

But Mrs. Charles Hoppe reminded us of our promise and so we went to the party wearing our wash day slacks and smock and with hair combed but undone. The party was a lot of fun. Faces were minus make-up, hair was in pin curls and nets and one or two guests, who had risen from bed to answer the phone, were in pajamas and house robes. And wouldn't you know—Potpourri, who hesitated so long in going was the one who enjoyed breakfast and the table talk so much we ate second helpings of everything and was the last to leave.

Come to think of it, our Jubilee parade judging falls into the same category. When Hazel Swayne called and asked us to be a judge we put up a dozen good reasons why we couldn't. The persuasive Miss Swayne just wouldn't take no for an answer, though, so noon on Sunday found Potpourri sweltering on the judges stand, along with Mrs. Effie Birdseye and Mrs. H. K. Hanna.

In spite of the heat we enjoyed the small chore of judging the old-fashioned costumes, and thanked our stars we weren't wearing one of the long-sleeved, high-necked old-fashioned gowns. Mrs. James Grigsby, parade chairman, wore one of the old gowns with a sweet little black hat, but looked ready to faint and Mrs. A. E. Reinking, selected by the three judges as first-place winner, declared she would probably be five pounds lighter by the end of the morning. She lifted a fold of the enveloping skirt she wore to display the heavy underskirt and, groaning, said "I've got on a waist-cincher, too!"

Then, instead of going home and doing all the work which we'd told Miss Swayne we simply had to do on Sunday, Potpourri stayed to watch the big parade and then went on to the art show.

Jerry Jerome went to see "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in Ashland last week and probably enjoyed the production more than anyone else in the theater. For Mr. Jerome it was a sentimental gesture—50 years ago he played Theseus in a production of the same Shakespearean drama.

"You know," said Mr. J., "I can't remember what happened to me day before yesterday, but I can still repeat my lines for that play!" He recalled how the play had been given by the 1905 graduating class of Crookston High school in Crookston, Minn., and displayed an elaborate program, a souvenir of the performance, and a picture of the cast. "We were pretty good, too," said Mr. Jerome. "One of the Minneapolis reporters gave us a good review, and we were invited to give the play again in Minneapolis."

When Mrs. Corinne Stoughton arrived from California to attend the wedding of her son, Bill, and Ann Rentchler, she almost decided to buy another dress and discard the one she had planned to wear. For the bride's mother and the bridegroom's mother discovered that both had purchased pink dresses of the same material, with the same trim and designed almost exactly alike.

After the first shock, the two decided it would be fun to wear the dresses, especially after they found out that both have the same birthday and that actually, they look somewhat alike.

Potpourri complimented the Rev. John Reynolds on his reading of the wedding ceremony. Some ministers make the service sound like a sermon, others hurry along in a "let's get this over with as soon as possible" manner and still others read it off with a "now you mind this and don't forget" air. But the Rev. Mr. Reynolds made the service sound like poetry, and it was a welcome relief.

The celebrity we met this week was Kathleen Norris, and the brief interlude will remain a bright spot with us. For Mrs. Norris, who has a long list of stories and novels to her credit over the last 40 years, is an exhilarating personality—friendly, witty and earnest in her convictions about politics, and women. Mrs. Norris, with her niece and a granddaughter, spent the past week in Medford attending the Shakespearean festival plays, visiting friends and Saturday she spoke at a Republican picnic.

Mrs. Norris enlivened the picture-taking episode by telling her niece and granddaughter not to expect much in the way of results and said briskly "I don't know why, but in a picture my eyes always look like those of a horse about to take the hurdles."

She recalled the days when women were working for the right to vote and said she at first had been shocked when women entered into political discussions and insisted on knowing what was going on in government. Some time later, Mrs. Norris said, she heard a man whom she knew to be a rum-runner say that he was seeking public office, and how he had been promised a victory. "Something rose in me," she said. "It was the spirit of Bunker Hill, or Barbara Fritchie, or something, and I just decided to join the suffrage movement."

Mrs. Norris spoke of the fight for women's suffrage as a "bloodless revolution" and added that women still weren't awake to the possibilities of their power in politics.

"I have any convictions at all, it is that women should make up their minds politically, and work for their beliefs and their party," she declared, with much vigor.

Gold Hill may only have a population of 700 or so souls, but the town should be proud of its feminine leaders. Those selected for today's page, in a more or less random fashion, testify to the fact that Gold Hill women are attractive, intelligent and energetic. The trip was an entertaining one in more ways than one, for Potpourri and Photographer Bob Dyer were escorted around by no less a personage than Bill Force, B.F. former Mail Tribune reporter now with the United Press bureau in Portland, was in Gold Hill to visit his parents, and obligingly served as chauffeur using his gorgeous new "Four Hole" blue Buick as a taxi. After he had demonstrated its speed on the highway, we urged him to install safety belts.

Mrs. Flora Witt, Memphis woman, celebrated her 102nd birthday recently with some observations on what's wrong with the younger generation.

"When I was young," she said, "children obeyed their parents. Now, it's almost as if the parents obeyed the children."—O.S.



Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Dee Coleman

Sojourners Club Meets at Hotel

The figurine of a Dutch girl by a wishing well decorated with marigolds furnished the centerpiece of the serving table at a meeting of Sojourners club women Thursday at the Medford hotel. Other decorations were of gladiolus blossoms.

Hostesses were Mrs. Lee Willets, Mrs. R. D. Scott and Mrs. Carl E. Borg.

Prospective members who attended were Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. William Duhaime and Mrs. Frank Holgate.

New members introduced were Mrs. Edwin Harper and Mrs. Forrest Taft.

Mrs. M. H. Parsons brought as her guest her mother, Mrs. Frank L. Smith of Los Angeles, Calif.

Birthday congratulations were extended to Mrs. E. F. Cronin, an inactive member.

Special awards made during the afternoon went to Mrs. Esther Coleman, Mrs. Mabel Wright and Mrs. Etta Pryor.

At cards prizes were won by Mrs. Marten, Mrs. Frank Wilson,

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Shady Cove Church Rites Wed Couple

Shady Cove — Miss Myrtle Elizabeth Flowers and Franklin Dee Coleman were wedded August 3 at 7:30 p. m., at the Shady Cove Assembly of God church. The Rev. Ron Curren performed the ceremony which was on the 19th wedding anniversary of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Flowers.

The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Coleman.

About 45 guests attended the ceremony.

The bride's sister, Miss Marion Flowers, was honor attendant and their cousins the Misses Patsy and Betty Myers, were the bridesmaids.

Robert Engle was best man.

Mr. Flowers gave his daughter in marriage. Her floorlength gown was designed with long train and her fingertip veil was trimmed with pearls. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and pink rosebuds.

The maid of honor wore a blue gown of taffeta and net, also floorlength, and her bouquet was of white sweetpeas and pink rosebuds.

The bridesmaids wore similar gowns in ballerina length, Miss Patsy Myers wearing blue and Miss Betty Myers, green. The former carried a bouquet of pink roses and the latter's bouquet was of red carnations.

The ceremony was performed before an arch decorated with daisies and ferns.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. H. M. Flowers, also of Shady Cove.

For the occasion the bride's mother wore a blue dress with black accessories and the bridegroom's mother was dressed in dark blue. The bride's grandmother wore a black and white dress and all wore contrasting corsages.

At the reception Mrs. Audrey Collier served the punch and Mrs. Violet Soden, Central Point, cut the wedding cake. Mrs. Curren took charge of the guest book.

Decorations were done in pink and white.

The couple made a trip to the coast and are living at Oakland, Ore.

Both attended Eagle Point High school. The bridegroom is an employee of the Martin Box company at Oakland.

Two Travelers Now in Ireland

Miss Noreen Kelly and Miss Catharin Clabby, young Medford women now on tour of the British isles, are in Ireland after arriving at Plymouth, England on the SS Liberté, a French liner. They made the trip to Ireland intending to visit only briefly but have written home that they have been invited to remain for a longer time.

The two will visit Scotland and return to England before leaving for Hamburg, Germany where they expect to arrive about September 1. There they will take delivery of a Volkswagen in which they will make the remainder of the trip. They expect to visit in France, Italy, and Spain and return to this country about December 10.

CELEBRATE

Oxford, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Rhoda Crandall observed her 100th birthday anniversary by helping to call square dances at the party celebrating the event.



Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Meunier, 1316 Washington street, are shown here cutting their silver anniversary wedding cake. The Meuniers' three children held open house August 7 in observance of the anniversary.

Open House Held Sunday For Meuniers

An open house honoring Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Meunier, 1316 Washington street, was given Sunday, August 7 between the hours of 3 and 6 p. m. in observance of the couple's 25th wedding anniversary. The event was given by their children, Mrs. Lee Pendergast, Mrs. Robert Messer and Laval Meunier at the home of Mrs. Messer, 1894 Archer drive. About 100 persons called during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Meunier were married at St. Edouard Catholic church in Alberta, Can., in 1930 and they have lived in southern Oregon since that year. They moved to Gold Hill immediately after their wedding, and in 1943 to Medford. For the past 12 years Mr. Meunier has operated a grocery store.

The couple was presented many gifts, Mr. Meunier's gifts to his wife being a silver tea service. Mrs. L. L. Rentz took charge of flowers and table decorations and refreshments were served.

From out of town for the open house were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fleming, Grants Pass, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newnham, Gold Hill.

For the occasion Mrs. Meunier wore a grey flowered dress with white accessories.

Blue Star Mothers Plan Monthly Session

Blue Star Mothers of America, Chapter No. 2, will hold the monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Middlebush, 1517 West Main st., Thursday, Aug. 18, at 1:30 p. m. All mothers who have had sons or daughters in the services of their country are invited to attend.

Butte Falls—Butte Falls Federated Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. Clyde Moore Tuesday, August 16, at 1:30 p. m.

Last month's meeting was a picnic in the City park with members of the Eagle Point club invited guests.

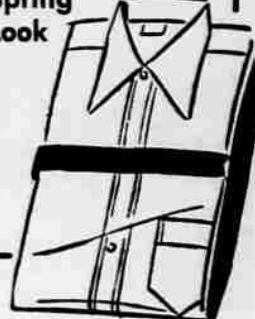
To Hold Meeting

Past Chiefs' club of the Pythian Sisters will meet Wednesday at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Leroy Cline, 1421 Euclid avenue.

Pythian club met last Tuesday evening with Mrs. Don Anderson, Mrs. Rene Grosh and Miss Florence Bain as hostesses.

Prizes were won by Mrs. Harry Bryant, Mrs. Ruth Dodge and Mrs. John Fugill. Hostesses for the next meeting will be Mrs. W. L. Michael and Mrs. J. T. Conrad.

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