

Potpourri

"One feels very uneducated over here," wrote O. H. Bengtson, Medford attorney, from Copenhagen. The attorney, traveling in the Scandinavian countries with his mother, told of listening to young clerks in the Tourist Bureau who spoke several languages, and mentioned particularly one who talked in Swedish, Danish, English, French and Italian in the course of a couple of hours.

There are several reasons why Americans traveling abroad often come to the conclusion that they are not as well educated as the average European, but one answer might be books, and reading. And don't Americans read as much, or more, as do the Europeans? Apparently not.

Alan Green, writing "Trade Winds" in the Saturday Review, said recently that "Fewer books are read in America than in any major English speaking democracy in the world" and he added some interesting figures about reading in Denmark, where Mr. Bengtson was visiting when he wrote his letter.

"In the United States there are only about 1,450 bookstores which carry a fairly complete line of books. But in Denmark, whose population is less than that of New Jersey, there are 650 bookstores. If the number of our bookstores were in proportion to Denmark's, we would have 23,000." So wrote Mr. Green. But what about our public libraries, you say. Mr. Green had figures on that, too.

"On the same basis, if the number of free public libraries in the United States were in proportion to the number of Sweden's libraries and its population, we would have 77,000. Actually, we have just 7,500."

Mr. Green, who quoted figures collected by Dr. Gallup of the American Institute of Public Opinion, also wrote that "In England, where the typical citizen has much less formal schooling than his opposite American number, about three times as many people are to be found reading books at any given time—the figures are: United States 17 per cent, England 55 per cent.

But Americans do spend money on a certain type of reading. S. Janice Kee, executive secretary of the American Library association, recently wrote in Saturday Review that "A startling new statistic has appeared. The nation spends four times as much on comics each year as is budgeted for all public libraries in the country. New school buildings are being constructed without library rooms, and the struggle continues for increased book funds in public libraries to meet increased costs and to add more books. In 1930, 89 per cent of the public libraries in the United States operated on less than \$25,000 a year; 60 per cent on less than \$4,000."

"I'll bet he made that one up," muttered the Senior in our ear while the two of us watched "All's Well" at Ashland Monday night. What she had heard was Bill Oyster, in his role of Parolles, saying "To the wars, my boy! to the wars! He wears his honour in a box, unseen, that hugs his kicky-wicky here at home . . ."

So, as Shakespeare fans often do, we rushed home and looked up the speech, only to find that it was in the book, word for word, as the actor had given it on the stage. And the expression, "kicky-wicky" which sounds like something a 1935 teenager would dream up, was explained as being "a ridiculous term for a wife" in Elizabethan days.

Both of us had missed the word in previous readings of the play, and the Senior, knowing how the fun-loving Bill Oyster has been known to convulse the cast during rehearsal with his own version of Shakespeare, jumped to conclusions.

Later we found opportunity to congratulate Mr. Oyster on his excellent portrayal of the cowardly Parolles, and also to pass on compliments from others who enjoyed his characterization of both Parolles in "All's Well" and of Richard in "Henry."

During an after-dinner conversation, the Senior came up with another word from Shakespeare which staggered us—honorificabilitudinitatibus. This impressive string of syllables is used by Holofemes in "Love's Labour's Lost" and apparently the Bard made it up as a joke.

According to Actor Oyster, who served in the Navy during World War II, a favorite trick of Navy men is to spring these super-colossal words on some poor signalman by way of flashing lights or flags. It was in the Navy, he said, that he first came across "antidisestablishmentarianism," a word definitely not meant to be spelled with flags or light signals.

The Lewis Bakers of Central Point have decided that their new fire alarm system was well worth the investment. The Bakers bought the system in January, and since that time it has turned in two "alarms." The first was when a stove became overheated, and just recently the gadget signaled the Bakers in time for them to put out a fire in a wood box before there was any damage.

Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, one of the Presbyterian women who helped give a large benefit tea at the Bert Lowry home Tuesday, became worried during the afternoon because the money tray didn't seem to be filling very fast. When she communicated her worries to another member, she learned that the tray had been emptied a couple of times, with a few paper dollars left "for seed."

How many people have government jobs? Changing Times says that as of this spring, 7,232,000 persons were on federal, state and local government payrolls. —O.S.

Herod's Palace Reveals Different Architectures

Jerusalem — (U.P.) — Discovery of the palace of Herod the Great on the rocky cliff of Masada by Israeli archeologists in March explains something of the character of this ruler hated by Jews and Christians alike.

The palace of Corinthian columns and marble floors recalls Hitler's retreat at Berchtesgaden. It is perched high above the plains adjacent to the Dead Sea with a sheer drop of 1,000 feet on three sides. Herod, who ruled Judea 37 to 4 B.C., the man who annihilated the famous Hasmonean family of Jewish leaders and ordered the slaughter of the Innocents (Matthew 2, Luke 5), obviously had need of such a refuge, which is nearly inaccessible.

Reached by Path

The archeological expedition representing the Israel Department of Antiquities, the Hebrew University and the Israel Exploration society was able to reach the top of this rocky plateau through an ancient serpentine path repaired by the Israeli army. Food and supplies were hoisted up to the top by a windlass.

This same Masada rock was the last fortress to fall into the hands of the Romans following the end of the Jewish Roman war of 66-70 A.D. Its 961 defenders committed suicide in April, 73 A.D.

The ancient fortress was apparently surrounded by walls and towers on the top of the rock. It seems that the land outside the walls was cultivated. Groups of buildings covering 20 acres are scattered over the top of the rock. All the structures were built during the first two centuries B.C.—the period of the Hasmonean rulers of Judea who made their country independent of Syrian rule in the middle of the second century B.C.—and the period of Herod the Great.

Herod's palace was discovered at the northern end of the rock. The structures at this end of the fortress were built in three tiers, the topmost being level with the rock surface and the other two about 20 and 14 yards down, respectively, jutting out of the sheer side of the rock like steps.

Mosaics Found

The topmost building is a dwelling house built in the Hellenistic style possibly erected during the period of the Maccabees—167-135 B.C. This building consists of three small rooms surrounded by a corridor and flanked by six larger rooms, — three on each side. The latter were paved with mosaics in geometric designs of black and white. These are the earliest mosaics found in Israel.

The house is adorned with Ionic columns.

There is a huge semi-circular terrace in front of the house from which one has a clear bird's eye view of the Dead Sea and its environs about 20 miles away. A winding staircase built of wood and stone leads from this terrace to the lower level. This staircase passes through rock and is invisible from the outside. It leads to a platform on which stands a round structure formed by two concentric circles.

Lowest Level

From this second level down, similar steps led down to the lowest level from which there is a sheer drop on three sides. The surface of this lowest level was enlarged by vaulted structures built underneath to make possible the construction of a hall nine yards wide surrounded by columns four yards high. The columns are fluted and covered by plaster. Their capitals are of a nearly pure classical Corinthian style.

Rites Wed Pat Hooper, John Haven

A home ceremony August 12 wedded Pat Hooper and John W. Haven. The ceremony, which took place on the birthday anniversary of the bride's late grandmother, Mrs. Charles Dingman was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Green, Old Military road.

The Rev. J. T. Dixon of the First Methodist church read the ceremony at 8:30 o'clock in the evening. About 150 guests attended.

The bridegroom is a son of V. B. Haven, Dermont, Ark., and the late Mrs. Haven.

Miss Myrtle Vosburgh, was maid of honor and Vicki Wolgamott was flower girl. Bruce Bateman was best man for Mr. Haven.

Almus Pruitt furnished the wedding music. The bride's father gave her in marriage. She wore an ice blue brocaded satin dress with light blue accessories and her bouquet was of blue carnations centered with pink rosebuds.

Miss Vosburgh wore a pale pink brocaded satin dress with pink accessories and her flowers were blue carnations. The flower girl's frock was of pink organdy with white lace trim. She carried blue and pink carnations.

Pink and white gladiolus decorated the home.

Mrs. John Wolgamott had charge of the guest book and Mrs. Pruitt and Mrs. Willard Barnum assisted with refreshments during the reception.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Streamwood lodge which is located on Klamath river en route to Happy Camp.

The bride, a secretary at the S. C. Jones and Sons offices, is a Medford High school graduate. The bridegroom, a service manager for the Darrell Miller company, attended Arkansas schools.



Mr. and Mrs. John W. Haven (Brainerd Photo)

Early-Day Resident Here Visits Former Schoolmates

A woman who attended school in Jackson county almost 80 years ago, has been renewing friendships the past two weeks with six of her former schoolmates. The woman, Mrs. Belle Griffin, came from Sacramento to see her friends and former schoolmates, five of whom still live in Jackson county.

As a small child Mrs. Griffin attended the early-day Heber Grove school, the first school in the Griffin creek area. The former schoolmates are Frank Shidler, who came up from southern California at the same time, accompanied by Mrs. Shidler, John Solis, Nick Kime, Homer Harvey, Charley Hofland and Harry Lofland, who live in this area.

Mr. Shidler, who at one time taught school in Jackson county, later was a pharmacist and worked for the late H. G. Haskins, father of Leon Haskins of Medford.

The old school, Mrs. Griffin

recalls, was torn down in the late 1870's and this week, with the Shidlers and her daughter, Mrs. Frank A. Cooper, who accompanied her here from Sacramento, she visited the site. They located a madrone or laurel tree that grew there at that time and Mrs. Griffin recalled "we used to carve our initials on that tree."

Mrs. Griffin was born in a home on Bellingier lane near Jacksonville and before her marriage was Belle True, a daughter of the Jeremiah Trues. Her husband was Henry Griffin, whose grandfather, B. B. Griffin, took out the first donation land claim on Griffin creek. Mrs. Norman Darby, a granddaughter of B. B. Griffin, now lives there.

Mrs. Griffin, of course, remembers the site on which Medford is now located before the town was established and saw the first train which came through the valley.

She is an avid reader of The Medford Mail Tribune, to which she subscribes at Sacramento and during her visit at the offices this week was anxious to meet members of the staff whom she did not know and renewed acquaintances with others. She remarked in particular that she had enjoyed the recent oldtime pictures reproduced in Sunday Society sections.

Mrs. Griffin and her daughter, the former Sarah Juanita Griffin, will leave today for their home in Sacramento. Mrs. Griffin left here in 1943 to live at Sacramento with the Coopers. During their stay here Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Cooper attended the Jacksonville jubilee and visited many friends.

Fencing Brings Health, Beauty Champion Says

By Vivian Sande United Press Correspondent

New York — (U.P.) — America's fencing queen says more women should take up the sport for fun, health, grace and beauty.

"The woman who fences for health and fun may never cop a bunch of medals," said Mrs. Maxine Mitchell, 37, of Los Angeles. "But she will improve her posture, her spirits, grace and figure."

Mrs. Mitchell is a glowing testimonial for her theory. A tall, beautifully proportioned woman, she walks with the grace of a dancer and exudes good health and good spirits.

"Fencing is a sport for all ages," she said in an interview here. "Some of the best fencers I know are in their 60's."

Another Title Go

Mrs. Mitchell took up fencing when she was 20. In two years, she was Pacific Coast champion. Since then, she has won 50 state, sectional and national titles, and the Pan-American championship for women. She recently successfully defended her national title at matches in New York.

She participated in the 1932 Olympics at Helsinki, finishing sixth. But in one match she defeated the current world titleholder, Hungary's Ilona Elek. The queen of the foils intends to try for the title again in 1936 in Australia. If she wins, she will be the first American woman to hold the world championship.

Mrs. Mitchell, an engineering draftsman by profession, can beat most men including her husband at fencing.

The couple met six years ago, when Dorcie Mitchell took fencing lessons from Maxine. Her husband manages a recreation center on the West Coast and teaches at an amateur club the couple runs.

Sunday School Superintendent Attends Session

Mrs. James K. Hoey, general superintendent of the First Presbyterian church Sunday school, returned recently from Cleveland, Ohio, where she attended the 23rd international Sunday school convention. She was one of more than \$6,500 delegates who represented 40 denominations from the 48 states, all provinces of Canada and the Philippines, West Pakistan, Egypt, Nigeria, Scotland and Mexico.

Harold E. Stassen, secretary for peace in the Eisenhower cabinet, and president of the convention, presided. The Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, speaker on National Broadcasting company's Sunday morning, "National Radio Pulpit," gave an address. Morning and afternoon sessions were divided into 100 interest groups led by outstanding national leaders. Delegates received instructions for personal and local church needs.

WEATHER by United Press Northern California: Fair but coastal fog; little change in temperature; north or northwest wind 12-25 mph on the coast.

Prepare Children For Hospitalization Psychiatrist Advises

Ann Arbor, Mich. — (U.P.) — Tell your child why, if he is going to the hospital.

Even if it's just for a tonsillectomy, your child should be prepared emotionally, says Dr. Nannette Dice, a University of Michigan psychiatrist.

"It is better," said Dr. Dice, "to answer questions frankly and briefly rather than keep the child in suspense."

It might make it easier to stay with the child while he is hospitalized. If this isn't possible, let the child take part of home with him in the form of a favorite toy, a baseball glove, or a family photograph.

The psychiatrist cautioned against covering up the unpleasantness of the forthcoming hospital experience. Tell the child the truth, she advised.

The psychiatrist said that a certain amount of readjustment

takes place after the child returns home.

"Most children," she said, "are mildly upset for a week or 10 days after an operation."

But often the child gains emotionally from the first hospital experience.

"A feeling of having been able to pass through and deal with danger and pain may add to the child's self-assurance and sense of security," she said.

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Third Concert of Festival To Feature Vocal Selections

Ashland — The third Sunday concert of the Elizabethan festival season will feature vocal music of the Elizabethan period by festival company members.

All concerts are held in the festival theatre at 5 p.m. and all are free to the public.

Among the vocalists will be Brad Curtis, actor and musician, and Jim Baker, Clarissa Berning and Martin Bliedernich, festival musicians. Mr. Baker will sing Lehman's "Ah, Moon of My Delight"; Mr. Bliedernich's number will be "The Lime Tree"; and Miss Berning will sing the aria from "Cavaleria Rusticana." They will be accompanied by Miss Joanne Sousa of Ashland and Almus Pruitt of Medford.

Brad Curtis, now in his fourth season with the festival, will sing several songs from his repertoire of English and American folk songs, accompanying himself on the guitar. Among his selections are "The Gallows Tree,"

"Edward," "The Trooper and the Maid," and "Sixteen on Sunday."

Miss Berning will also play Telemann's suite for flute in A minor. Bernard Windt, festival music director, will play an ancient cello sonata by Henri Eccles, and the four musicians will be joined by Actor Ted D'Ams in the Nocturne for five voices by Caesar Cui.

According to festival officials, there have been excellent turnouts for the Sunday concerts, with out-of-towners here for the lovers. Windt said that the concerts will be maintained as a part plays joining with local music of the music program next year.

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