

Potpourri

When the women's editor began hunting around for some one to cooperate on lining up a page of pictures of women living in Prospect, everyone said "ask Mrs. Willard Huffman." Seems everyone likes Mrs. Huffman and trusts her judgement. So we asked, and she promised to netp, and the results of the planning and picture-taking are in today's issue.

The afternoon in Prospect proved a strenuous one, but we found Mrs. Huffman friendly and helpful, and her planning had been efficient. She proved to be a gardener, too, and had there been time, we'd have visited her little greenhouse.

Not all the interesting information gained during the stay in Prospect can be told with the pictures. Mrs. James Grieve, for instance, locked herself out of the office part of the little post office and had to call her son out of school to crawl through the little delivery window and unlock the door.

Mrs. Neville had on her desk in her school room a pair of figurines, which set us to talking about her son, Clarence, serving with the Army at Ansbach, Germany. Another son, Kermit, is at Hill field in Utah, and a third son, Dee Neville, lives in Los Angeles. The Nevilles, daughter, Mary Lou, teaches at Phoenix.

Mrs. Frances Pearson, known as "Mrs. Prospect," taught for 28 years in Prospect schools, the town in which she was born, and when we asked what subjects she taught, answered "almost everything." A bit of planning went wrong on Mrs. Pearson's photograph, for a treasured old crucifix, the property of Mrs. John Peterson, was placed on the table only to be cropped out by the layout man. This also was the fate of a picture on the wall which was of interest, having been painted by one of the Catholic Sisters many years ago at the old Catholic convent in Jacksonville.

The picture had been a gift to Ida Martin of Jacksonville, who married Dr. George Aiken, early-day Jacksonville doctor. Mrs. Pearson, was the former Frances Aiken. Time also cheated us out of the opportunity of hearing a recording played on the special equipment rigged up by Mrs. Pearson's son, Paul, in the Pearson home.

Family history also cropped up in the talk when we called on Mrs. Robert Greene. Mrs. Greene treasures some family heirloom Christmas tree ornaments which survived the San Francisco earthquake and fire. Mrs. Greene's grandfather was Olaf Nordwell and his family often heard of the San Francisco disaster in the days and years which followed. The Nordwells' home was in a section spared by the fire for a time and during the hours before the conflagration reached them, family members selected a few treasures, ruthlessly dug up the beautiful conservatory full of plants and buried the articles. When the fire had gone, and the ashes cooled, the Nordwells returned and unearthed the articles, including one box of Christmas tree ornaments which were divided among the children in years to come.

Now Mrs. Greene says it would not be Christmas if the little ornaments were not on the tree.

Would you like to have something extra-special in the way of a Christmas card for the girl friend, your wife, or your dear old mother? Out of New York comes a story about a Christmas card which costs \$25.000.

It has real diamonds, pearls, one ruby, sapphire and emerald clipped to a photographed tree. And we almost forgot—it has two diamond bracelets, and two diamond clips on the border. According to UP writer Elizabeth Toomey, it has a plain white envelope.

"Cain did his murder with a club: the Hebrews did their murders with javelins and swords; the Greeks and Romans added protective armor and the arts of military organization and generalship; the Christian has added guns and gunpowder; a few years from now he will have so greatly improved the deadly effectiveness of his weapons of slaughter that all men will confess that without Christian civilization, war must have remained a poor and trifling thing to the end of time."

This prophetic quotation from the great American author, Mark Twain, came to the editorial desk last week from a Medford woman. We agree that the words cannot be dismissed lightly.

Potpourri packed away doll clothes last Sunday. Part of the hectic pre-wedding routine includes deciding what will stay in the old home, and what will accompany the bride to her new abode, and in the middle of everything we came upon the little doll trunk which had not been opened for a long time. It held a tiny black velvet doll cape, a hand-knitted suit made by a fond aunt years ago, various small shoes and doll socks and other garments which belonged to the family of dolls which were part of the bride's early life.

The trunk's warped interior reminded us that a long time ago a small girl and one of her playmates (it was Sandy Degman) washed the doll wardrobe in the fish pond and packed the clothes back in the trunk, dripping wet. The two of them, probably aided by other little friends, also once spent an hour pasting large paper dolls to the floor of the upstairs hall while the mothers sipped tea, and probably gossiped, in the living room.

But these memories are pushed into the background by the guest lists, wedding finery and the fun of first gifts. In years to come we're sure the bride will recall the evening a friend planned a shower as part of a club gathering, for the guests assembled in a downpour that flooded the streets and soaked coats, shoes and head scarves. One guest struggled with a record player—another carried the evening's dessert and a third the album of records which were to be played as a special part of the evening's festivities.

When the bride-to-be recalls this evening there will be more than memories of the friendship expressed, the hot coffee and the delicious confection; there will be the memory of Poet Dylan Thomas' voice, reading his delightful story of a child's Christmas, and the moving poem "Into the night."—O.S.

Phony Specimens of 'Genuine Cut Glass'

Vienna—(U.P.)—Phony specimens of "genuine cut glass" are flooding European markets. Artisans here offer some pointers which may save Europe-bound tourists from being bilked:

True cut glass has a clear and sparkling finish. Fake cut glass usually looks dull and sometimes is "bubbled."

The genuine article feels solid

and heavy. It is smooth inside and out, while imitations usually are marked or ridged from molds.

All decorative work on the real thing is clear and true, even to the finest details. Such flaws as line breaks and dull edges appear only on imitation ware.

Tap the glass gently. The lead content in real cut glass produces a clear, bell-like ring. Imitations give off a dull sound, like a counterfeit coin.

CALENDAR

Monday

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Gold Hill PTA, "coffee," Oaks motel.
9:30 a.m. — Study class, "Indian American," sponsored by Woman's Society of Christian service, First Methodist church, Room 105.

5:30 to 9 p.m. — Roosevelt PTA dinner and carnival, at school.

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. — Lincoln PTA, coffee klatch, Mrs. Joe Jones, 603 Bartlett st.

10 a.m. — Rogue Valley Navy Mothers club, Mrs. L. McCay, 2617 Howard ave.

12 noon — Potluck luncheon, Medford chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, Mrs. Julia Vakoc, 519 South Riverside ave.

12 noon — Women's guild,

Zion Lutheran church, at the church.

12 noon — Jackson County Republican Women, Rogue Valley Country club.

1 p.m. — Women's Mission society, Miss Anna Streed, 36 North Peach st.

1 p.m. — RNA, Mrs. Ray Allred, 463 DeBarr ave.

1:30 p.m. — Lady Elks, Elks club.

1:30 p.m. — Oak Grove Neighborhood club, Mrs. Clare Shores, 2809 Jacksonville highway.

6:30 p.m. — Chapter BE, PEO, potluck dinner, Mrs. W. E. Holmes, Griffin creek.

7:30 p.m. — Medford Parents Home Extension unit, Mrs. R. R. Fowler, Griffin creek.

8 p.m. — Pythian Sisters, Pythian bldg.

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Upper Applegate Home Extension unit, old Ruch store building.

10:30 a.m. — Lake Creek Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Mabel Stanley.

1 p.m. — Chapter CP, PEO, Mrs. Chandler Drew, 3528 Delta Waters rd.

1:30 p.m. — Eagle Point Garden club, home of Mrs. Otto Nagel.

1:45 p.m. — Contemporary Book club, Mrs. William McAllister, 2615 Hillcrest rd.

7 p.m. — Chapter CG, PEO, Mrs. R. E. Mencke, 2141 East Jackson st.

8 p.m. — Crater Lake VFW auxiliary, VFW hall.

8 p.m. — Roxy Ann HEC, Moffatt home, 2178 Spring st.

8 p.m. — Crater Lions auxiliary, American Legion hall.

Thursday

11 a.m. — Westside Home Extension unit, Junior Grange hall, Central Point.

1 p.m. — Howard Garden club, Mrs. L. McCay, 2617 Howard ave.

2 p.m. — Medford Garden club, Pythian bldg.

Friday

10 a.m. — Medford Council of Church Women, World Community day, St. Mark's Episcopal church.

12 noon to 1 p.m. — Annual fall luncheon, sponsored by Rebekah lodge, Odd Fellows hall, card party to follow, open to public.

6 p.m. — Jolly Stitches, potluck dinner, Mrs. H. R. Edwards, Ross lane.

New Blade—Thin Mop Helps in Cleaning

New York—(U.P.)—Cleaning those hard-to-reach spots in the home becomes easier with a new blade-thin hand mop of soft, spun cotton.

The mop is designed to slip between closely-quartered equipment, such as the stove and refrigerator; behind the piano; over valances; and on top or under heavy, hard-to-move pieces of furniture. It also can be used as a wet mop, and can be detached from its 30-inch handle for sucking out.

The origin of the word "salamander" goes back to the Greek word "salamandra." The ancients believed that the scaleless lizard-like animals had the power to endure fire without harm.

New York Architect Predicts Houses Will Snap Together

By WILLIAM EWALD
United Press Correspondent
New York—(U.P.)—The day may come when you'll be able to

Progress of Children PTA Topic

Eagle Point — The question of whether children should progress by the year or by the grade was discussed by Dr. John Macauley of Southern Oregon college at the monthly meeting of Eagle Point Elementary Parent Teacher association Tuesday evening.

He outlined the history and theories of education from the time of Plato, showing that we have progressed from the idea that only those children capable of meeting certain requirements in a given time were given the opportunity to learn more, while those slower or less gifted with "God-spirit," or intelligence as we now caption it, were dropped out. The more modern belief now is that each child should have an opportunity to develop mentally and physically according to his own capabilities, the speaker said.

A lively question and answer period followed.

It was announced that construction of the new multi-purpose school building would start very soon.

Mrs. Hazel Atkin's third grade room was reported as the first room achieving 100 per cent membership in the annual enrollment of PTA membership drive.

Members were chosen to study under the guidance of the legislative chairman, G. Lee Hayes, the legislative "Areas of Agreement," to be reported for the statewide survey of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

All interested women in the community were invited to join the newly formed Mothersingers group, under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Denning, which will meet alternate Wednesday mornings in the high school band room.

Child care was by the Camp Fire Girls and refreshments were served by mothers of children in the third grade. Mrs. Dale Acherman, president, was the presiding officer.

During National Education week, a visitation night will be held for all parents on Wednesday evening, November 9. Each teacher will be in her room beginning at 7:30 p.m. and will have her pupil's work on display. The Classroom Teacher's association is in charge of arrangements with cooperation of the PTA.

Practical Nurses To Hold Election

An annual fall meeting and election of officers for the Licensed Practical Nurses association of Jackson County Area 4 is planned for Monday, October 31 in the Community hospital penthouse.

The session will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Bessie Baldwin, vice-president, attended a national convention of LPNA at San Francisco last week and she will give a report of the meeting as well as a report of a recent state convention. Mrs. Lois Maynard also attended the state meeting which was held at Portland and also will give a report.

This also is membership month for the group and members are reminded that dues will be accepted during the meeting.

Guild Announces Thank Offering

Women's guild of Zion Lutheran church will hold the public thank offering meeting at the church Tuesday, November 1. A potluck luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock.

The thank offering message will be presented by Mrs. Martin Paulson and Mrs. G. H. Hillerman. A business meeting and reports by delegates to the recent convention in Portland of the United Lutheran Church Women of the Pacific Synod will complete the program.

A nursery will be provided. Members are encouraged to invite guests.

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