

Potpourri

Johnny and Carolyn Lynch felt sorry for President Eisenhower when they learned that he was ill, and decided to write him letters. Each did so, and recently the mail brought them thank-you notes from Mrs. Eisenhower. They are on the President's crested letter paper, and the children will cherish them for many years.

The notes read "The President and I are deeply grateful for your expression of good wishes and prayerful concern in his illness. I assure you your message has been helpful to him." It was signed "Mamie Eisenhower."

Johnny, who is 6, wrote the president that he prays for his recovery every night, and added that he was just starting to school. Carolyn, 7, invited President Eisenhower to visit the Rogue valley and see how beautiful it is and wrote that maybe when he was better, he could make the trip. Each child sent picture post-cards of scenes in this area.

The two youngsters are children of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lynch, 139 Kenwood avenue, and Mrs. Lynch reported that the idea of the letter writing was their very own.

Potpourri's mail was unusually interesting last week. One story was about the new electronic kitchen stoves, now out of the experimental stage and actually in kitchens, another was about how the Dutch live longer than any other people on earth, and another was about a new ring—a divorce ring, and new synthetic diamonds.

We'd love to have one of the new electronic stoves, for the one thing we don't have enough of is time, and the cooking speed of these electronic stoves is phenomenal. The stoves broil bacon on a paper plate in two minutes, bake a potato in five minutes, cook a 5-pound roast in 30 minutes and bake a 2-layer cake in six minutes in a cold oven. And there won't be any question about how to spend the time we save—we could read, or work in the garden or just stand and look at the sky. The trouble is, though, that the so-called time-saving devices never seem to really leave us with any more time.

The Dutch information service sent out copies of a special article by Robert Musel, United Press writer, in which he tried to find out why the Dutch live so long, when they don't even think about how to live longer. On the contrary, he points out that the Americans worry more about how to live than any people on earth.

Writer Musel claims that the Dutch don't take vitamins, they eat too much starch, the climate is terrible and they don't get enough sunshine and they drink a lot, and still they live longer than anyone else. According to a Dutch journalist quoted by the UP reporter "It's not what we do, it's what we haven't got that makes us live long. I mean the cars and refrigerators and fur coats we don't have and don't worry about, and the neighbors we don't try to keep up with."

We learned about the new divorce ring and the synthetic diamonds from releases sent out by the Kenya Gem corporation. Kenya maintains that the divorce ring was designed "in response to requests from many sources." The firm says the new ring will be the same size as a wedding ring, but will be "a jet black circlet set with seven full cut sparkling, dazzling white gems."

Another release said that Kenya will shortly put out replicas of some of the world's famous diamonds and "these replicas will be more brilliant, and more sparkling than the original diamonds themselves due to laboratory discoveries by modern science." According to Kenya, the gems are made from a white powder, called lmenite, which is heated to about 4,000 degrees fahrenheit until solid crystals are formed. These stones, weighing about 150 to 250 carats, are then cut and polished just like a diamond.

The company plans to make replicas of the Hope, the Star of Africa, the Sancy, the Dresden, Pasha of Egypt, Nassak, Pigott and the Empress Eugenie. The originals are reputed to be worth about \$1,200,000, while the reproductions will be valued at about \$12,000. The company plans to put the reproductions on tour.

When Mrs. Everett Gosch and Mrs. John Ferrarelli arrived at Mary's casa for a dinner which preceded the Ferrarelli-Gosch wedding, the two mothers were startled to discover that both were wearing turquoise knit dresses. They made a joke of the coincidence but what they didn't know then was that their dresses for the wedding were almost identical in color and fabric. Both had bought slate gray taffeta gowns.

Mrs. Iva Hayes says she's just a slave to her garden and house plants, and can't seem to break the dreadful habit of planting more and more all the time, instead of less. Potpourri, who sat opposite Mrs. Hayes at the Republican women's luncheon Tuesday, knew exactly what she meant. "I go out in the garden firmly resolved just to walk around a bit and three hours later I've pulled weeds, pruned a bush or two, cut off some dead flowers and transplanted a half dozen perennials," said Mrs. Hayes with a sigh. "Then I have to hurry like everything to get the house in order and if I'm going out, it takes everything from a scrub brush to bleach to put my hands in shape." This is an old story to any gardener, too. There just doesn't seem to be any such thing as spending a few minutes in a garden.

Almost 250 visitors registered for the annual AAUW art show last week which marked American Art week here. All in all, the committee considered the show extremely successful, and a reflection of the growing interest in art in southern Oregon. About 60 artists, both the professionals and the hobbyists, entered almost 100 paintings, filling the basement room of the Medford hotel. AAUW committee members were most grateful to the hotel management for the use of the big room.

Mrs. Afton Carter not only entered works in the show, but exhibited them on heirloom easels made of handsome, carved wood. One even had a little mirror in the elaborate top. These were greatly admired, and some wondered why decorative easels had gone out of style.

Bits from the speech of Norman Thomas, a man who has lived to see many of his ideas, once branded as radical, now a part of the American way of life. The Democrats of the south and the Republicans up here should get together — but they don't; it's too bad that presidential campaigns knock a year out of rational thinking in this country; we have exhausted our natural resources and are now a "have not" nation; it is the business of the people to support government and not the business of government to support the people, (quotation from Grover Cleveland); all major countries of the world are now spending the larger part of their budgets on arms while children cry for bread; if angels should proclaim peace, and we had peace the next day, what would be the state of the stock market?—O.S.

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Pythian Sisters Grand Chief Honored Guest at Reception

Mrs. Harry Bryant, grand chief of Oregon for Pythian Sisters, was honored at a reception last Saturday night at the Pythian building. A skit which portrayed Mrs. Bryant's life from babyhood to present day was given, with suitable costumes being used.

Mrs. George Thomas, most excellent chief, presented Mrs. Bryant a wrist watch from the local temple and Craig Bryant, a grandson, presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

Entertainment was provided by a group of students from Mrs. Eve Prentice's studio, dancers from Miss Pat's studio, and a skit by Talisman Rosebud Council of Sunshine Girls.

District President Visits Auxiliary; Events Announced

Both coming and past events for members of the auxiliary to Crater Lake post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, were announced last week.

The Sewing circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Ira Canfield, Aloha ranch, Wednesday, November 9, at 12:30 p.m., for dessert luncheon.

On Tuesday November 15 auxiliary members will meet for a business session and make plans for Christmas program.

Mrs. Thomas Lafferty, Ashland president, made an official visit to the group November 1. She was presented a gift. Also at the meeting were Mrs. Ted Hopkins, Rogue River, department president; Mrs. Harry Birch, department hospital chairman for Camp White and district senior vice-president, Mrs. Dan Krotz, Shady Cove, and Mrs. Betty Flenner.

A potluck dinner was served to 40 members and guests. A Halloween party was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Pittock, 1410 West 10th street. About 40 members attended and all were costumed.

Mrs. Pittock with Mrs. E. G. Helms and Mrs. Hazel Ramsey planned the party and first prize for an unusual costume went to Mrs. Jake Toews. Mrs. Ramsey received the prize for the most original costume and prizes also were given to Alvin Lusk and Ed Smith. Refreshments in an appropriate theme were served.

Auxiliary members assisted with entertainment November 4 at Camp White.

On November 5 they served the banquet for members of the Last Man's club. Mrs. Pittock and Mrs. Ramsey were chairmen.

Fellowship Plans Meeting, Election

Women's fellowship of First Baptist church will meet Tuesday, November 8, at 1 p.m., in the church annex. The program will begin with the serving of dessert luncheon by Mesdames Leonard Stenerson, Ethel Van Cleave, R. B. Gardner and Miss Goldie Wilson. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. L. J. Knox and Mrs. E. J. Neumann.

Mrs. W. D. Roberts, president, will officiate at the business session and the annual election of officers. Mrs. Vern Chapman will give the devotional for the afternoon.

Gardeners Plan All-Day Workshop

Phoenix—Phoenix Garden club will hold an all-day arrangement workshop Wednesday, November 9, at 10 a.m. at the Community hall in Phoenix. Mrs. Gaston Floux and Mrs. John Helmer of Central Point will conduct the demonstration.

Members attending are to take conditioned flowers, clippers and containers and also a sack lunch.

Dessert will be served at 1 p.m. by Mrs. H. A. Dubuque, Mrs. Chester Parker, Mrs. E. G. Coleman and Mrs. L. O. Caster, hostesses for the meeting. During the afternoon flower arrangements will be displayed and discussed.

A program is being arranged by Mrs. Jesse Wilson concerning birdhouses and feeders. The theme will be "All This and Music Too." Mrs. Paul Janney of Janney Lane, will speak regarding birds and members are asked to take birdhouses or feeders for a display.

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