

# Potpourri

More people are killed in traffic accidents on December 24 than any other day in the year. This statement comes from the National Safety council by way of the Fraternal Order of Police, and is a sobering one. Christmas time, the happiest season of the year, should not be darkened by a long list of people killed and injured in traffic accidents.

The Fraternal Order of Police is carrying on a campaign to call attention to this terrible death toll on the day before Christmas, and sent Potpourri a letter urging our cooperation in asking all motorists to drive carefully during the holidays.

The annual holiday "ruin of the figure" started last Monday with a vengeance. Potpourri ate a hearty luncheon as a guest of Scottish Rite Women's club and scarcely an hour later set forth with Photographer Bob Dyer to take today's pictures. We took the pictures, and during the afternoon drank two more cups of coffee, ate some delicious krumkaker and other Norwegian delicacies at the home of Mrs. H. Legeson, then consumed a big serving of torte with slathers of whipped cream at the Walter Stamm home. What's more, we left the Legeson's with generous samplings of the goodies to take home.

By the time we arrived at the Santo home we had to decline a sample of the cookies which Mrs. Santo made with carab powder. The powder is made from the pods of carob, also known as St. John's bread, an article of staple food in some lands and increasingly used in this country. We nibbled a bit of the powder, which has a sweet taste resembling cocoa, and took home a few of the cookies.

The visit with Mrs. Stamm proved unusually interesting, for we learned that it was the couple's tenth wedding anniversary, and the fourth anniversary of their arrival in New York to live in the United States. The Stamms, a thrifty industrious couple, like Oregon and Medford very much but have yet to become entirely accustomed to American ways.

Mrs. Stamm, for one thing, finds the large number of church denominations bewildering. In Germany only two churches are of any importance, the Roman Catholic and the Lutheran, and Mrs. S. finds the American Lutheran churches considerably different to the one in West Berlin which she attended.

She described Christmas in her native land, saying that the afternoon and evening before Christmas day all shops and places of business close and that everyone is at home or in church. But Christmas day is very gay, and there is much feasting and calling on friends and relatives. According to Mrs. Stamm, it's a continual round of eating and coffee-drinking.

Since the newcomer's knowledge of English is still limited, she had trouble in describing a typical German Christmas cake and finally solved the problem by going to the kitchen and pantry and setting out the ingredients—yeast, flour, sugar, raisins, almonds, etc. Short Mrs. Stamm couldn't reach the top shelf to find the pan she would use to bake the cake in, so Potpourri did the reaching—it is a tube pan like those used for angel food. And if it's as good as the torte we sampled, it will be delicious indeed.

The accent was on the heads at the Junior Service league ball Friday night and according to Mrs. Robert Elliott, the women could have worn galashes and no one would have noticed. To add zest to the party, the league members dreamed up a fancy head-dress contest, and the winner was elected queen of the ball.

The queen turned out to be Mrs. Robert A. Johnson, a newcomer from Portland. Mrs. Johnson looked like a queen, too, an up-to-the-minute modern American queen. She wore an ultra-smart Cecil Chapman gown and on her head was a miniature Christmas tree. However, the morning after Mrs. Johnson decided she almost liked short evening frocks better. The Chapman gown has a drapery effect that swishes on the floor when Mrs. Johnson walks, and she said Saturday "The Country club floor is probably nice and clean this morning—I think I swept practically every inch of it with that dress. Short dresses are a lot more comfortable."

If one must go to the dentist, it's pleasant to have one who entertains his patients with lively conversation on politics, cooking and a variety of other topics. Of course, the patient has little opportunity to refute his political arguments.

We did agree on one thing, though—Dr. Van V. has about decided there isn't too much difference in the Republican and Democratic parties.

We pass this admonition on from the National Safety council—if you must drive after a party, make the one for the road coffee. —O.S.



Melvin Hall (at left) and William A. Gates are shown during a dinner given by Mr. Gates Tuesday night at Rogue Valley Country club. The dinner honored Mr. Hall, Groceteria manager, for his 30 years on the store staff, observed the 36th anniversary of the business and the 41st anniversary of Mr. Gates' coming to Medford.

## Dinner Marks Anniversaries

Three anniversaries were celebrated at a dinner given by William A. Gates Tuesday for employees of the Groceteria and a group of friends. The event, held at Rogue Valley Country club, observed the 36th anniversary of the founding of the business, the 41st anniversary of Mr. Gates' arrival in Medford, and also honored Melvin Hall, store manager, for 30 years of service on the staff.

Guests numbered 105. Women attending the dinner were presented Christmas corsages. Following dinner Mr. Gates presented a gift to Mr. Hall and praised him for his loyalty and friendship. He added that if everyone watched the clock as little as Mr. Hall, "clock makers would go out of business."

Special entertainment was provided by James Dunlevy, who gave a humorous skit incorporating the names of the host and several of his employees into the dialogue. George Harrington, club manager, opened the ceremonies and introduced Mr. Gates to other guests dining at the club.

## Military Order Holds Yule Party Sunday Afternoon

Members of Cebu swamp, Military Order of the Lizard, held their annual Christmas party and meeting at the home of Mrs. James Cech, Springbrook road, Sunday, December 11. A potluck dinner preceded the party and meeting.

The gila monster, Mrs. Albert Wallis of Grants Pass, presided at the meeting. Plans were discussed for installation of new officers and forthcoming visits of Supreme Gila Monster Ella McHarg of Altamont, New York, and the grand gila monster of Oregon, Mrs. Minnie Steele of Springfield.

Officers elected for the 1956 year include Mrs. Mabel Nicholson, gila monster; Mrs. Ted Cotter, gecko; Mrs. James Cech, caletopon; Mrs. Mary Case, iguana; Mrs. Kathryn Sweetland, dragon; Mrs. Bertha Nelson, assistant dragon; Mrs. Willie Cooper, salamander; Mrs. Josephine Widner, assistant salamander; Mrs. Mabel Breitemeyer, agama; Mrs. Austia Barneburg, chameleon; Mrs. Hazel Anderson, horned toad; Mrs. Elizabeth Johnston, moloch; Mrs. Mary Grosh, hatteria; Mrs. Cech and Mrs. Willie Cooper, sirens; Mrs. Winifred Vail, Mrs. Ethel Wilcox, Mrs. Alice St. Laurent and Mrs. Grace White, pollywogs.

The next meeting will be held in January at the home of Mrs. Breitemeyer in Grants Pass.

## Officer Arrives To Visit Parents

Lt. Daniel S. Rickard arrived in Medford Monday after an 18-month tour of duty in Korea. He is a son of Gen. and Mrs. Roy V. Rickard, 901 Newtown street.

The lieutenant was graduated two years ago from United States Military academy at West Point and serves with the regular Army in the infantry. He will be here for 30 days and next will be stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

## Night Nibbling Ruins Diet, Doctors Declare

New York — Night nibbling means nightmares — in more ways than one—to overweight persons on diets. People who eat at least a quarter of their total calories for the day after the evening meal find that 1) they ruin their diet and 2) they have difficulty sleeping. Three New York Hospital physicians have called this pattern "the night-eating syndrome." These people overeat in response to a stress of a type peculiar to certain overweight people, the physicians say, and this stress is basically related to the cause of their obesity.

To remove rust from an iron cooking utensil, scrub with steel wool and scouring powder. Then wash thoroughly in hot soap-suds; rinse with hot water, wipe dry, and let it air before putting away.

## Zonta Club Aids Medford Family At Annual Party

Zonta club members were guests at the home of Mrs. Oletha Oleson, 111 Newtown street, Monday night for a Christmas party. Gifts of clothing and food for a family of seven were brought and wrapped. In addition to this a fund was established for the purchase of milk to supply the family for over a month.

Miss Dorothy Collard of the Jackson County Health department attended for the first time as a member and will be initiated with others at a later date.

Mrs. Effie Kutz, president, assisted the hostess as co-chairman. Refreshments in the Christmas theme were served at the conclusion of the gift wrapping.

## Lady Shriners

Mrs. W. A. Thaanum will be hostess at her home, 2021 Westlund drive, Monday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m., for members of Lady Shriners. A potluck dinner will be served and cards will be the diversion of the evening.

All women with Shrine affiliations are invited.

Sunday, December 18, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

## Chairmen Are Named

Appointment of two new chairmen has been announced by Eugene Thorndike, chairman of the Jackson county chapter, American Red Cross.

Mrs. E. A. Littrell has accepted the position of chairman of volunteer services. She replaces Mrs. John S. Day who has resigned to assume her duties as a council member for the Pacific area.

Mrs. Littrell will have under her supervision the activities of the Gray Ladies, the blood program, first aid, water safety, staff aides, social workers, hospital service, the nursing program, motor service and Junior Red Cross.

Mrs. Robert J. Keeney has been appointed chairman of home service to replace Mrs. Frank Fairweather, who recently was selected as a volunteer field representative by the Pacific area headquarters. She will serve southern and eastern Oregon chapters.

## Pythian Club Elects Officers for Year

Pythian club officers were elected at a dinner meeting held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. L. Walden. A gift exchange also was held.

Mrs. Ida Ireland is the new president; Mrs. Floyd Murray, vice-president and Mrs. James Cech, secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Carl Fichtner on January 10. A layette shower for a member will be given.

Pythian Sisters will meet Tuesday, December 20 at 8 p.m., in the Pythian building. This will be the last meeting of the year for the lodge.

## Lodge and Club Announce Party

The Wenonah club annual Christmas party and gift exchange is to be held at the home of Mrs. R. H. Singler, 27 Rose avenue, Thursday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Pocohantas lodge will entertain children of members and the children of Redmen lodge members at a Christmas party Friday, December 23, in the Redman hall. A lodge session also will be held at 7:30 p.m.

## Butte Falls Club To Meet Thursday

Butte Falls—Quotations concerning Christmas will be used for answering roll call at a meeting of the Butte Falls Federated Garden club, Thursday, December 20. A program on gift wrapping will be presented by Mrs. Clyde Moore and Mrs. Don C. Smith. The meeting will open at 1:30 p.m., and will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Kincaid.

Each of those who attended should take a gift for an exchange to be held after the meeting.

## Rebekahs Plan Christmas Party

A Christmas party and business meeting for Olive Rebekah lodge members is planned for Monday, December 19, at 8 p.m., at the Odd Fellows hall, 221 West Sixth street. Visiting Rebekah members also are invited.

An exchange of gifts not to exceed 50 cents in cost will be conducted and a program and refreshments are planned. Mrs. Frank Chapman, noble grand, will preside for the business session, and Mrs. Clara Franklin is planning the program.



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