

# Potpourri

We distinctly remember that practically nothing happened in Medford last February, whereas, this month there has been a never-ending round of parties, meetings, visitors, concerts and causes to publicize.

Last week Potpourri heard a Knife and Fork speaker, attended the annual senior class play, heard a band concert in Ashland and interviewed a Japanese girl who has come to Medford to live. What's more, we enjoyed all of it.

The Knife and Fork speaker, Robert Christopher, was modest and refreshing in manner, and we envied him his trip around the world, even though it did sound pretty rugged. Around the world in 84 days on \$80!

Young Christopher needed someone to model a couple of articles of women's clothing he had with him, and chose pretty Dr. June Byers, at the dinner with her husband, Dr. Malcolm Byers. Dr. June looked interesting in the first one, a light flowing garment with one length thrown over her head and a little gadget that resembled a tiny apron to tie under her eyes. But the second one, which the lecturer called "a walking tent" was a horrible black garment which did resemble a small tent with a little peep-hole for the wearer to look through. All in all, we're glad Dr. June doesn't have to conceal her face or figure under any such a monstrosity.

Our visit with Mrs. Chester Ernst, the former Tami (pronounced like the American name, Tommy), Suzuki of Japan, proved interesting, too. Mrs. Ernst has a limited English vocabulary, but is friendly and sweet and tried to answer all our questions.

Before going to work for the Navy in a "PX" at the Atsugi Naval Air station, Tami lived on the island of Hokido in Sapporo. She has two brothers and a sister.

The newcomer is eager to learn all about the United States, and has already started to study some textbooks. She belonged to a Protestant church in Japan, and will join a church in Medford when she has improved her understanding of English enough to enjoy the sermons, she said. She brought with her to America her Japanese-American Bible.

Tami's mother-in-law, Mrs. Jere Kreischer, says Tami is "sweet" and that she helps with the housework and cooking. The two women are having fun learning cooking tips from one another. Tami cooked salmon in soy sauce shortly after her arrival here, and the family thought it was wonderful. In return Mrs. Kreischer is teaching Tami about some of the Pennsylvania Dutch dishes which she knew as a child, such as "sour cabbage."

Are you tired of trying to peel off one or two slices of cold bacon, just out of the ice box, and having it stick together and then break up into little pieces? J. G. Balmer, vice-president of Harley Earl Inc., of Detroit, predicted in a speech the other day that before long bacon will come in rolls, rather than stuck together in strips, and that it will be easy to just roll out the desired amount, like scotch tape. Or maybe it will be sold in its own frying pan made out of aluminum.

Mr. Balmer, speaking at an Alcoa Wrappress breakfast in New York, also said it wasn't out of the realm of possibilities that eggs could be re-packaged in synthetic plastic shells a whole lot better than the impractical kind provided by the hen.

Mr. B., elaborating on the synthetic shell business, said that "they'll be easier to open and contain preservatives to keep them fresh longer." Still on the subject of breakfast, he also predicted that firms will provide flour in portions which will produce only six pancakes at a time, and that flour could be pelletized so that it would be less dusty, and packaged in a shaker. Pour milk into the shaker, said Mr. Balmer, and the chore of washing messy mixing bowls and beaters could be eliminated. Waffles could be packaged in a disposable cooker, and the syrup could be contained in a separate disposable package.

There was more — the man talked about packages with their own heating elements for plugging into a socket, big cereal and detergent boxes that will compress when half empty so they won't take up so much space, meltable bottles and jars and crushable cans.

This all makes us a trifle uneasy instead of happy. Just think of all the inventions in recent years to make life easier and to cut down on work, and yet we're all getting busier and busier, and life is more complicated than ever.

A little boy home from kindergarten said teacher read the children a story about Abraham Lincoln. Interested mama wanted to know what the story said, but sonny couldn't seem to remember anything except that Lincoln has been a great president. "What kind of a house did Lincoln live in?" prompted mama. Impatient small son answered "Quit asking me questions, mama, I don't know what kind of a house Lincoln lived in. I don't even know what kind of a car he drove!"

Wilbur Miller, a native of Mt. Vernon, Ind., was 91 years old February 15 and was honored at a small family party given by H. G. Wilson, his half-brother, and Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Miller is still active and enjoying life, even plays the violin occasionally.

Mrs. Miller, 85, has been confined to her bed in recent weeks, but hasn't allowed her infirmity to dampen her spirits. "Everything is just wonderful," Mrs. Miller maintains. "Why, there's a doctor living next door to us, a minister and a church just down the street and an undertaker just across the street. What more could I want?" The Millers live at 145 South Oakdale avenue. —O.S.



Future Homemakers of America at McLaughlin Junior High school sponsored a "Sweetheart Hop" at the school February 10, and pictured here are the queen and her student court, selected by FHA officers. Shown (left to right) are Lynn Knight and Ernestine

Skelton, eighth graders; Dick Ragsdale and Karen Simcox, seventh graders; Queen Barbara Reich, King Jim Clark, Sandra Hess and Gerry Lyons, ninth graders. Miss Lana Lamb, FHA president, supervised arrangements for the party. —(Brainerd photo)

## Pythian Sisters Announce Events

Pythian Sisters will meet Tuesday, February 21, at 8 p.m. During the meeting the officers and degree staff will practice initiation work, and the 1956 year books will be distributed.

Pythian club met last week at the home of Mrs. Mabel Nicholson with Mrs. James Cech assisting. After refreshments, cards were played with prizes being received by Mrs. Carl Fichtner, Mrs. Morley Lamp and Mrs. Ed Bostwick.

Mrs. Cech will be hostess for the next meeting, which will be a public card party, with proceeds being used for degree staff transportation to district convention.

Past Chief's club of Pythian Sisters met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Joe Cook for a covered dish luncheon. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Carl Fichtner who will be assisted by Mrs. Audrey White.

Next in a series of card parties planned by the past chiefs' organization will be held Thursday, February 23, at the home of Mrs. Joe Cook with Mrs. W. L. Michael and Mrs. Della Watkins as hostesses.

Paper bills cost the U.S. treasury about one cent each to produce.

## Californians Win As Guest Players

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Randall, Vallejo, Calif., guest players at the February 15 session of Riverside Bridge club, were north-south winners for the evening. They scored 74½ points.

In second place in that position were Mrs. B. B. Hughes and Mrs. George Dean who scored 73½, one point under the Randalls, and the third place was won with 73 points by Mrs. F. R. Baker and Mrs. Margaret Alcorn.

Dr. George B. Dean and Roy Pruitt were in fourth place with 67½.

East-west winners were Mrs. George Choate and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, first with 75½; Mrs. J. J. Beaman and Mrs. Van Gilbert, second with 70; and third and fourth places were tied by Mrs. Berg Marten and Mrs. Fred Rehling, and Mrs. Helen Conroy and Mrs. T. J. Fuson. Their scores were 65½.

Mrs. Ray Wright, Medford, also was a guest at the session.

Try this on the men and the boys: Combine 1 package butter-scotch pudding and pie filling mix, and 2 cups of milk in saucepan. Add 1 square of unsweetened chocolate. Cook and stir over medium flame on the top burner until mixture comes to a full boil. Remove from heat. Pour into bowl. Chill. Makes four or five servings.

## Optometrist Talks On Child Vision; Club Plans Party

Dr. Thomas C. Anderson, Medford optometrist and chairman of the Southern Oregon Optometric society, spoke to the Medford Jaycettes on "Child Vision" when they met at the home of Mrs. Gary Schuler last Wednesday evening.

Dr. Anderson spoke particularly of the development of children's vision during the first 10 years of life. He explains that a child's eyes go through many stages of development and have many adjustments to make. Dr. Anderson pointed out some of the danger signals to be watched for both in the school child and the pre-school child.

A short discussion period followed the lecture. Plans are being completed for a spaghetti dinner and card party to be held at the Tee Pee on Saturday, February 25 at 7 p.m. for Jaycettes and their husbands, according to Mrs. Lyle DeKoning, committee chairman. Members are asked to bring their own silver, card tables and cards. Music will be provided for those wishing to dance.

Anyone having articles for Fairview Home are asked to take them to the home of Mrs. Larry Allen, 716 Hamilton street. The next meeting will be held March 7 at the home of Mrs. Marcus McKenzie, 1117 Winches-

## Grand Officers Honored by Court At Last Meeting

Roxy Ann court, Order of Amaranth, honored its grand officers during the stated meeting Thursday. Those escorted and given honors due their station were Mrs. Glenn L. Linn, grand charity, J. J. Kennedy, grand commissioner and Ira D. Canfield, grand representative to Wisconsin. Mrs. George Rehart, royal matron, presided during the meeting assisted by Carl H. W. Oestreich, royal patron.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Harper presented an addendum in honor of the court's sixth birthday, and Mr. Oestreich stated that as the court was now of "school age," its activities should be more widespread.

Mrs. Charles F. Hoppe, publicity chairman, was given special escort and crowned with a newspaper crown in appreciation of her efforts.

Mrs. Linn, who was elected alternate delegate to grand court, reported that Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Templeton, grand prelate and grand marshal in the east respectively, were recent visitors in Medford.

Mrs. Frank Harrison, past royal matron of Destiny court, Tacoma were among the distinguished visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Graten and Mr. and Mrs. John Esp served refreshments following the meeting.

The 29th annual session of grand court, Order of the Amaranth, State of Oregon, will be held in Portland March 9 and 10. Those from Medford who expect to attend include Mrs. Rehart, Mr. Oestreich, Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hoppe, Mrs. V. A. Turpin, Mrs. Marshall Day, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lambo.

## Demonstration Planned For Shady Cove Unit

Shady Cove — Mrs. Joanne Weatherford, county home extension agent, will demonstrate the lesson Tuesday, February 21 for Shady Cove Home Extension unit women when they will meet at 10 a.m. Mrs. R. A. Pfeiffer will be hostess at her home in Shady Cove. The lesson will concern identification of new fabrics.

Members are asked to design and make a funny hat to be worn to the meeting. A roller skating party will be discussed.

## Lions' Auxiliary Announces Events

Shady Cove—Coming events were announced at a meeting of Shady Cove-Trail Lions' auxiliary at the Rainbow cafe February 15. The president, Mrs. Delbert Spain, presided.

A letter from Butte Falls auxiliary invited Shady Cove-Trail Lions and Lady Lions for a joint meeting to be held at Butte Falls High school February 22 at 7 p.m. A potluck dinner will be served. The auxiliary planned to make up a box of canned goods to be given to a family whose home burned.

Mrs. O. L. Williams, Mrs. Frank Fagalde and Mrs. Delbert Spain were named as a nominating committee. The club plans a style show in the near future.

Anyone having donations suitable for a rummage sale is asked to take the material to Mrs. Frank Fagalde.

## Patriots' Month To Be Observed By DAR Chapter

February was proclaimed Patriots' month by the late Gov. Paul Patterson shortly before his death and Crater Lake chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will have a patriotic program under the direction of Mrs. Ray K. Bailey when they meet February 25.

The meeting will open with a luncheon at 1 o'clock, at the Medford hotel.

Reservations should be made by telephoning Mrs. B. G. Harding, telephone 2-9372 no later than Thursday, February 23.

## Auxiliary Holds Dinner Meeting In Rogue River

Rogue River—Past presidents of Rogue River Lions' auxiliary were honored at a dinner meeting Monday evening at Fellowship hall of Hope Presbyterian church. Tables were decorated in the valentine motif and red carnation corsages were presented to four past presidents, Mrs. Robert Pintel, Mrs. F. G. Petrie, Mrs. Larry Sheehan and Mrs. Howard Miller. Mrs. Ray Holmes, also a past president, is confined to her home with illness and was unable to be present.

Guests introduced were Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hackenberg and Mrs. Barbara James, Grants Pass, and Mrs. Grady West and Mrs. Mildred Marshall, Rogue River. Mr. and Mrs. Hackenberg showed a film and spoke on the education of the mentally retarded child. The film was "Tuesday's Guild."

Mrs. Harold Sander, president, announced a board of directors meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Richard DeArmond. She appointed Mrs. Howard Miller, Mrs. Larry Sheehan and Mrs. Dave Blair to the nominating committee.

Mrs. Larry Sheehan reported \$329 was cleared from the community dinner sponsored by the auxiliary for the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Carl N. Dick was chairman of the evening. To improve a ring mold, place a greased tin can in the center of a well-greased casserole.

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