

Potpourri

Much will be written and said today about Easter, and Potpourri would like to emphasize the day by quoting from a recent column of Charles A. Sprague, editor of the Salem Statesman. Mr. Sprague is known throughout Oregon for his scholarly, thoughtful and statesman-like comments on politics, international relations and religion. It has been said of Editor Sprague that he can write of religion in the pointed manner in which he does and "get away with it" because of the great respect in which he is held, and because he is a well known layman in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Sprague wrote this particular column because he had received a letter asking him to urge his readers to "Write the name of God for a candidate on your 1956 primary election ballot. Write his name for every office shown on the primary election ballot."

First stating he did not believe the writer of the letter could be classed as an ordinary "crackpot". Editor Sprague commented: "God seems to be more popular than ever before. Congress voted to insert 'under God' in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Agnostics like Robert Ingersoll seem to be silenced and the cynics like H. L. Mencken appear to have lost their voice. Churches are well filled—church attendance and support appear to be popular too."

"Fact is however, that the post-war surge to religion has some theologians guessing. They are not sure that it signifies the regeneration deemed essential to personal salvation, or that it reveals a very deep penetration of religion into the life and thought of its new adherents. In some respects the conceptions of God is changing from a stern and exacting Jehovah to a God who is a sort of 'Good old Joe' whom you want on your side when there's war on or when you're in a jam. Former rules of conduct such as were embraced in the old Methodist book of discipline seem pretty much in the discard, though fewer deacons are skinning their neighbors in horse trading. Tolerance is now the customary attitude as far as habits are concerned. Religious prejudices—sometimes more prejudice than religion. Certain it is that theology is talked less and much less theology is preached. I recall riding in a caboose of a freight train in Iowa when two others aboard got to debating predestination. Now that debate subject seems to have gone out the same as letting passengers ride caboose."

"The question is whether the new manifestation of religion is superficial, a wave of emotional response which may be just a passing phenomenon, or whether it is something deeper which really will affect the lives of those who profess a religious faith. The hope of the churches is that the latter is the case, that religion may come to play a vital part in everyday living and that individuals may develop an animate faith, with God becoming a positive factor in their lives."

"The role of the church is more than that of an institution for the christening, marrying and burying of humankind. It must water and nourish the instinctive yearnings of the human spirit which have flowered in the great religions of history. For those of the Christian following, Lent is the season when this instruction is most appropriate, leading up to the celebration of the crucifixion—the triumph of God as Love. That teaching, it seems to me, is better than writing in God's name on the ballot to demonstrate that God is Law."

Also along this line was a recent article in The Reporter magazine by William Lee Miller, an ordained minister and former professor of religion at Smith college. Mr. Miller believes that one danger of teaching religion in public schools is that it may result in shallow "public school" religion. The writer said he believed that the subject of religion should not be taboo, but "perhaps the teacher, who is the one who really has to work with the problem, should not be pressured either into or out of dealing with religion."

Pointing out that young people are easy to persuade, the writer said "They take positions and choose up sides before they know what they are talking about. A good teacher in the public schools may do religion a service by holding back the headlong rush to take positions with set beliefs, indicating that there is vastly more to the subject of religion than can possibly be dealt with in the public school."

Mr. Miller further said that the effort to teach religion in the schools is part of a current "religious revival" which "tends to take short cuts."

"The question about the whole religious revival nowadays is how much of it will be exhausted in the shallow surface of popular religiosity—and how much of it may run deeper," Miller wrote. "The place that question will be settled is not in the public schools but, for the most part, in the churches..."

The article was the result of a dispute going on in New York City and state because of a "guiding statement" issued by the New York City school superintendent. The disputed section reads: "... the public schools must reinforce the program of the home and church in strengthening belief in God" and "... identify God as the ultimate source of natural and moral law."

According to The Reporter, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese supported the statement; the Protestant Council of the City of New York supported parts, but was mostly critical; the New York Board of Rabbis solidly opposed it.

"As you can see," wrote Mrs. Darrol Davis in a note last Sunday, "the enclosed was intended for today's paper. After searching the paper for the article, I searched my husband's pockets—here it is." We might console Mr. Davis by pointing out that he isn't the first husband to forget to deliver his wife's club notice. It happens rather often. We've often toyed with the idea of stationing a cameraman by the society editor's desk to take pictures of the parade of men delivering calendar notices and other material for their wives.

Potpourri enjoyed the company of Col. W. H. Paine at Knife and Fork club last week. Colonel Paine, who wears his 80-odd years lightly and who is one of the city's best known and most admired citizens, smiled when warned that he must be on his best behavior lest he break into print. "Oh, I always behave," said the colonel. "I have to behave. There are three ministers and a policeman living in my neighborhood."—O.S.

Club Announces Play Wednesday

Riverside Bridge club will play for master points when the club meets Wednesday, April 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pruitt.

North-south winners for the last session were T. J. Fuson and Asa Kimball, first, 100 points; Mrs. Dolph Phipps and Mrs. M. A. Gibbs, second, 90 points; Mrs. Jack Mitchell and Mrs. Richard Milestone, third, 88½; Mrs. Fuson and Mrs. F. R. Baker, fourth, 84.

Winning east-west were John Solheim and Al Gilhousen, first, 106 points; Mrs. Dwight Seely and Dr. George B. Dean, second, 92; Mrs. B. B. Hughes and Mrs. B. L. Sanderson, third, 89; Mrs. M. M. Herman and Mrs. Fred Purdin, fourth, 81½.

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American Women Lightest Females, Survey Indicates

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY
New York—(U.P.)—A week in Manhattan:

Moderate American women are the lightest females in history. A survey just released shows that we carry around as little as three pounds of clothes, including shoes and handbag, in warm weather, while the Elizabethan woman often dressed up in 55 pounds of party clothes.

The standard Army summer uniform for a woman including a raincoat, overshoes and handbag weighs only 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Even the ladies of the harems in ancient Egypt walked through Pharaoh's palaces wearing more than that, the survey reports. Their tunics looked filmy, but they disguised metal girdles and jeweled ornaments that brought the average outfit to a 10-pound total.

The survey started when the H. W. Gossard company, began weighing foundation garments from various periods. The facts got so fascinating they started piling all parts of museum wardrobes on scales and estimating others.

An iron corset, newly-forged, weighed 10 pounds in the days of Shakespeare. The Victorian woman went in for one-pound girdles made of linen or cotton reinforced with whalebone, but with voluminous wool skirts, petticoats and high-topped shoes, they often added 37 pounds in clothing.

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Ladies' Club to Hold Meeting on Thursday

Sams Valley—Sams Valley Ladies' club will meet Thursday, April 5 at the home of Mrs. Ralph Ellis in Beagle. Mrs. Earl Bigham will be co-hostess. Mrs. J. H. Karner and Mrs. Milton Sanderson will have charge of the program.

CALENDAR

Monday

12:30 p.m.—Easter Monday luncheon, St. Anne's Altar society, Rogue Valley Country club.

1:30 p.m.—St. Peter's Lutheran Dorcas guild, at church.

7 p.m.—Oregon State College Mothers' club, American Legion home.

7:30 p.m.—SPEBSQSA, Grange hall, Phoenix.

8 p.m.—VFW auxiliary, dance at Camp White.

8 p.m.—Westminster guild, First Presbyterian church, Fire-place room.

8 p.m.—Olive Rebekah lodge, IOOF hall.

10:30 a.m.—Reese Creek Extension unit, home of Mrs. Joe Whipple, Delta Waters road.

12:30 p.m.—Oak Grove Neighborhood club, home of Mrs. George Armstrong, 122 Janney lane.

12:30 p.m.—Lady Elks, at Elks club.

1 p.m.—Gold Star Mothers, home of Mrs. Grace Roberts, 1011 West Tenth street.

1 p.m.—Woman's Mission society, Eastwood Baptist church, at church.

1 p.m.—AAUW afternoon arts group, home of Mrs. E. D. Hammacher, 13 Glen Oak court, Medford.

6:30 p.m.—Pythian Sisters banquet, Holland hotel.

7:30 p.m.—Medford Lady Lions, home of Mrs. Alva Perkins, 2322 East Main street.

7:30 p.m.—Medford Parents' Extension unit, home of Mrs. Lucian Van Gordon, 1508 Stratford way.

7:30 p.m.—Medford Truth Center "Unity", Room 203 Holly Theater building.

8 p.m.—St. Mary's Parents' club, Activity room.

8 p.m.—Women's Guild, Zion Lutheran church, church parlors.

8 p.m.—Chapter BE, PEO, home of Mrs. R. J. Keeney, 4126 Colver road, Phoenix.

8 p.m.—Eagle Point Grange, at Grange hall.

8 p.m.—Griffin Creek Community School club, at school.

Wednesday

10 a.m.—Eagle Point Garden club workshop, home of Mrs. A. Wattenburg.

10:30 a.m.—Lake Creek Extension unit, home of Mrs. Carl Webb, Eagle Point.

10:30 a.m.—Upper Applegate Extension unit, home of Mrs. V. E. Taylor, Star Ronger station.

11 a.m.—Christian Women's Fellowship, First Christian church, at church.

12:30 p.m.—Townsend auxiliary, Carpenters' hall.

1 p.m.—Howard Garden club, home of Mrs. Albert

Stocks, 2411 Table Rock road.

1 p.m.—Get Together club, Moose hall.

1:30 p.m.—St. Peter's Lutheran Charity guild, home of Mrs. G. J. Wolff, 512 North Holly street.

1:30 p.m.—Central Point Garden club, home of Mrs. Leonard Freeman, Wilson road.

1:45 p.m.—Contemporary Book club, home of Mrs. Glenn L. Jackson, 117 Greenway circle.

2 p.m.—Wednesday Study club, Girls Community club.

2 p.m.—Ashland committee, American Cancer society, silver tea at home of Mrs. Lloyd Selby, Ashland.

8 p.m.—Medford Jayettes, home of Mrs. Robert Shangle, 1240 Woodland avenue.

8 p.m.—Past Chief's club, Pythian Sisters, home of Mrs. Emile Conrad, 632 Palm street.

Thursday

9:30 a.m.—Medford Garden club, workshop, Pythian hall.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.—St. Mark's Evening guild Spring Fair, parish house.

10:30 a.m.—Butte Falls Extension unit, home of Mrs. William Edmondson.

10:45 a.m.—Westside Extension unit, Junior Grange hall, Central Point.

7 p.m.—Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association, Hedrick Junior High school.

8 p.m.—Royal Neighbors of America, Pythian building.

8 p.m.—Adare chapter, OES, Jacksonville Masonic hall.

Friday

11 a.m.—Griffin Creek Extension unit, home of Mrs. Lloyd E. Hamlin, 602 Arnold lane.

11 a.m.—Medford Truth Center, "Unity", room 203, Holly theater bldg.

12:30 a.m.—Reames Chapter No. 66, OES, Mrs. Helen Minkler, 405 North Central ave.

8 p.m.—Operetta, Medford Senior high school.

Saturday

8 p.m.—Operetta at Medford Senior High school.



SPRING HAS REALLY SPRUNG—A sure sign of spring is the sight of Easter bonnets. Suzanne Erichsen models with the seven spring bonnets shipped by New York's Mrs. Sally Victor to Mamie Eisenhower for Easter Sunday.

Parents May Need Psychiatrist When Junior Doesn't Talk

San Antonio, Tex.—(U.P.)—An Army speech therapist says that if Junior stutters, it may be his parents who need a psychiatrist.

The trouble often comes from a child's family environment, said 1st Lt. Herbert R. Wilms, coordinator of speech therapy at Brooke Army Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston.

He said, for instance, that the child who gets everything he wants may not learn to speak because he doesn't need to. Or, parents may set higher standards than the child can reach normally. This could be because they do not understand the normal development of speech, or because they want Junior to outdo the Jones boy. Speaking may become so unpleasant to the child because of this push-

ing, that he prefers not to talk at all.

In cases such as these, the speech therapist may be able to point out the parents' mistakes and help the child catch up with his age group through special exercises and training.

SALMON SANDWICHES

Baked salmon sandwiches make a flavorful Lenten supper surprise. Spread 4 slices enriched bread with butter or margarine. Place in bottom of 8-inch square baking dish. Toast lightly in oven (350 degrees) about 10 minutes. Combine 1 cup flaked salmon (8 oz. can), ¼ cup chopped celery, 2 tablespoons green pepper, ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon caraway seeds. Arrange salmon mixture on toast slices. Top with 4 slices of American cheese (¼ pound). Cover with 4 slices enriched bread to make sandwiches. Combine 2 beaten eggs and 1 cup milk and pour over sandwiches. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 40 to 45 minutes. Makes 4 sandwiches.

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