

# Potpourri

Every spring we get a bunch of new urges. We decide to try out a lot of new plants and shrubs when we already have more than we can care for; we resolve to do more walking in the fresh air and to quit cooking the same food all the time.

This year we're resolved to learn all about mushrooms. It started when Mrs. Dwight Findley gave us a container of frozen morels which she and Dr. Findley had gathered some time ago. We probably shouldn't admit it, but this was the first time we could bring ourselves to eat anything other than the canned or dried mushrooms, and were the first we had ever prepared except those in cans.

The two of us defrosted them as per Mrs. F's instructions and sauted them gently in butter. They were simply heavenly. Now, since we obviously can't depend upon the Findleys to do our mushroom hunting, although Mrs. F. says it's one of the doctor's favorite pastimes, we're going to have to learn what to look for and what not to eat.

What's more, we never until last week that some puff balls are good to eat. Several times we've seen the large greyish-white ones along the road sides, especially on the Ashland loop trip, which are roughly the size and shape of a pineapple.

Friday it so happened that Harry Hawk, who lives in Ashland but until recently had a business in Medford, came in lugging a simply enormous specimen of the puff balls. He was curious about the queer growth and was half a mind to take it down to the high school to one of the science teachers.

But in no time at all Mrs. Max Wimmer had it away from him. Mrs. Wimmer said they were not only edible, but perfectly delicious when cooked correctly and she assured Mr. Hawk that she'd rather have it than a good steak. Mrs. W. says she cooks them somewhat in the same fashion that most cooks prepare egg plant.

We declined her offer to sample it when she had it cooked. It's an odd thing, we had no qualms about eating the mushrooms picked by Dr. Findley, but doubt if we would eat the puff ball, even if offered by the doctor.

And let us firmly add that we don't want anyone cooking and eating a puff ball just because they read in Potpourri that Mrs. Wimmer likes them! We don't want any casualties.

Jack Ward is pulling up stakes in Medford and moving his dental laboratory to Anchorage, Alaska, not a whit deterred by the stories coming out of Alaska recently about grizzly bears killing hunters. Or maybe Mr. Ward doesn't plan on hunting.

Anyhow, a number of Mr. Ward's cronies staged parties for him last week and he ended up with a weird collection of presents. At a party given by Hillah Chanters he received a gold pan, a pick, and a ball of sour dough in a glass jar. This last quaint idea was perpetrated by Dr. C. G. Van Valzah and his assistant, Mrs. Gladys Hughes. Mrs. Hughes went down to the bakery and begged a handful of dough which she set up on a shelf to sour.

Good deed department: Potpourri would like to have information concerning Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Latner.

The Latners wrote a letter to The Mail Tribune saying they were interested in contributing to the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital fund, and how did they go about doing this. Unfortunately, the Latners failed to give their return address, telephone number or any clue as to how the information could be sent to them.

The staff at Memorial hospital headquarters combed the telephone book, directories, the circulation files of The Tribune and checked with utility firms. No trace of the Latners was found. So, if anyone knows the Latners, please have them telephone hospital headquarters, 3-4579.

In spite of the difficulty of working through an interpreter, Potpourri managed a fairly satisfactory interview with Dr. Luigi Rebuzzine last Sunday. Dr. Rebuzzine and his interpreter, Leon Segal, were guests at the party which followed the Philharmonic concert and we found ourselves at a table with the two visitors, the Bruno Pellegrinis and Mrs. Harlan Bosworth.

Dr. Rebuzzine, professor at the University of Milan and director of the Christian Democratic political party for the Milan district said in brief: That the Russian Communists are not really "softening" in their attitude—are more to be feared in their new friendly attitude than when openly hostile; communism is still a threat in Italy, and the communists are most adept at dealing with the Italian people; economic conditions for the working man of Italy are bad, many are without jobs and many are poorly paid; trade between the United States and Italy is unfavorable to the Italians; most contracts let in Italy are with the large firms only; Italians would like to emigrate to the U.S., many are leaving their homeland for Canada, Australia and South America in search of better living conditions; he believes such immigrants could be integrated into the Oregon economy, become workers in mills, or on farms and orchards.

Italy has schools for re-training of the unemployed, but when re-trained the workers often cannot find work in the new industry, he stated. A program of national medical and social insurance is in force.

The interpreter, a U.S. State Department employee who speaks eight languages, not only did the translating but found Potpourri a scrap of paper for notes, our party purse being empty of these tools of trade. During the supper, in some fashion which no one could explain, the side of his coat became smeared with white cake frosting. Mr. Pellegrini insisted upon cleaning the coat with a damp napkin, explaining volubly in both English and Italian that "it is an incident of state!"

Sign above fountain in Anders' Photo shop: "Old Faceful." —O.S.

## Hot Water Treatment Recommended for Stain

New York—(U.P.)—Fresh coffee stains can be removed from washable fabrics, if treated with hot water promptly. Stretch the fabric across a bowl, fasten with a rubber band, and pour boiling water on the stain from a height of two or three feet. (Pouring from this height applies a little extra pressure.) Or hold the fabric in a copper position under the hot water tap in the bathtub, two or three feet from the

tap. Wash afterwards in plentiful soap or detergent suds. If a trace of coffee stain still remains on a colorfast fabric, bleach in the sun. Or use a light bleach of hydrogen peroxide or sodium perborate. Then wash and rinse thoroughly again.

Heart disease deaths in the U.S. showed a slight decline in recent years, from 169 victims per 100,000 in 1931-35, to about 163 per 100,000 in 1951-54, according to insurance surveys.

## Art Instructor Speaks for Group

Warren A. Wolf, art instructor of Medford Senior High school, spoke April 18 for a meeting of Southern Oregon Society of Artists, accompanied the talk with color slides on a number of abstract paintings, which included masters from the 16th through the 18th centuries. Some of these were El Greco, Rembrandt, Rualt, Velazquez, Enittier and John Carroll.

During the business meeting it was suggested that future meetings be conducted on the fourth Wednesdays of each month. This was referred to the executive committee for further study.

Mrs. Margaret Mundy became an associate member.

During the summer vacation, different meeting place will be necessary and this will be discussed in May.

Guests included Mrs. Maxine McMasters, Medford, Mrs. Orville Bean, Camp White, and William Mitchell, assistant engineer officer of Camp White.

From pictures displayed the picture of the month chosen was "The Old House" a pastel by Mrs. Ruby Twedell of Medford, to be shown at Barkers. "Rogue River Blacktail," an oil by Clarence Cummings, Ashland, was selected for Purucker Piano house and for the city library "Pitt River," an oil by Mrs. Elizabeth Sheffield, Rogue River. Pictures chosen for Medford Paint store were "Tillamook Rock," an oil by Harry Marx, Medford, and "Babes of the Woods" by Mrs. Gean Neece, Gold Hill.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Blanche Johnson, Mrs. Ethel Hixson and Mrs. Marie Starks.

## Band on Program for PTA Session

Oak Grove school band members, under the direction of Elmer Ayers, will present six numbers for Oak Grove Parent-Teacher association at an afternoon meeting Monday, April 23 at 2:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Members of the band are Roger Hoekersmith, Wayne Thompson, Lance Jennings, Richard Champion Stanley Neff, Merl Guches, Stephen Eichelberger, Larry Keith, Jeanne Gemehlich, Paula Scott, Billy Gates, Rickie Main, Patty Brewold, Shirley Neff, Linda Hess, Shirley Hopkins, Bradley Smith, Janice Taylor, Marcia Belknap, Craig Wright, Bill Rupp, Barry Goodroad, Jim Hensen, Rance Champion, Harold Bailey, Dickie Rushton, Ursula Bates, Dannie Matson, Jackie Thompson and Barbara Bernes.

Cub Scouts of Pack 4, Dens 1, 2 and 4 will open the meeting by presenting the flag ceremony.

Following the band concert, Den 2 will introduce the skit, "The Tracy Twins, Dicky and Nicky" from "Boys' Life magazine" which will be presented by Den 1.

The business meeting will be conducted by the president, Robert Taylor, followed by refreshments which will be served by mothers of students in the second grade in the cafeteria.

Child care will be provided for grades 1, 2 and 3 if mothers are attending the meeting. Preschool children will be cared for in the second grade room.

A special invitation is extended to parents of new students in the school. They are asked to sit with their children's teacher.

Only about one-third of women in the U.S. over age 65 have living husbands, but about two-thirds of men in the U.S. over age 65 have living wives, census tables indicate.

# LWV Convention Set Give Business Slate

Washington, D.C.—Conservation, with emphasis on water resources, and individual liberties, with emphasis on federal loyalty-security programs, will be subjects of major discussion at the 22nd convention of the League of Women Voters in the United States to be held in Chicago, Ill., April 30 to May 4. Local and state leagues throughout the country have expressed foremost interest in these two topics for study and action over the 1956-58 period. An equal number of recommendations, 389, were made in both cases to the national board of the league for inclusion in the national program in the coming biennium. Runner-up was in the field of international relations.

These and other subjects will be debated and the decision will be by vote of the delegates. The convention also will elect officers and directors for two years and adopt a budget for one year.

The year 1956 marks the 10th presidential election in which all the women of this country have had the vote. A series of dramatic episodes out of the history of the league, which came into being with the granting of the franchise to women, will be presented Wednesday, May 2, following a banquet. Some of the early leaders of the league will be guests at the convention. A few of them were active in the final days of the National American Woman Suffrage association, which led the fight for the 19th amendment, which was passed by Congress in 1919 and ratified in 1920. With ratification in sight, the final convention of the NAWSA was held jointly with the first convention of the organization which took up the reins—the League of Women Voters.

Another highlight of the convention will be a panel of three experts discussing intergovernmental relations, Monday evening, April 30. Participants will be Meyer Kestnbaum of Chicago, chairman of the commission on intergovernmental relations; Mrs. Bernice T. Van der Vries of Winetka, Ill., a retiring member of the general assembly of Illinois and now an officer of the council of state governments, and Professor Walter W. Heller of Minneapolis, of the school of business of the University of Minnesota.

An All-States fair will be held Tuesday evening, May 1. The fair will give prominence to league accomplishments in the various states and also will feature exhibits typical of the areas represented. State flags and stage songs will lend a gala atmosphere to this occasion.

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## Lions' Auxiliary Selects Student For Scholarship

Shady Cove-Trail—Announcement of selection of a student from the Shady Cove area for a college scholarship furnished by the auxiliary to Shady Cove-Trail Lions club was made at a meeting of the group April 18. Mrs. Delbert Spain presided and the session was held at the Shack in Shady Cove.

Final plans for entertaining state officers in a visitation to the district Thursday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m., at the Eagle Point Teen-age club house, were made. By-laws of the newly formed Cove Community committee were approved.

Donations are being sought for a clothing, plant and food sale to be held by the auxiliary April 28. Those who do have donations may take them to Mrs. Frank Fagalde or Mrs. Floyd Kelley. Money from the sale will go to group's scholarship fund.

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Ruebhausen. New to the board would be Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Marcy, Mrs. Hylbom, Mrs. Whittemore, Mrs. Hopkins also would be new to her post.

Following the report of the nominating committee, nominations may be made from the floor.

Incumbents not running for reelection, but who will actively participate in the coming convention, are:

First vice-president, Mrs. Robert F. Leonard, Washington, D.C.; treasurer, Mrs. Edward M. Boyne, Pittsburgh, Pa.; directors, Mrs. Drysdale Brannon, Marion, Ind.; Mrs. Orville Foreman, Jacksonville, Ill.; Mrs. C. Walker Hayes, Albuquerque, N.M.; Mrs. Henry L. Killen, Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. Moses H. Lurie, Belmont, Mass.; Mrs. Waldo E. Stephens, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mrs. Maxwell Barus of Montclair, N.J., has served as nominating committee chairman for 1954-56, and will be at the convention to present the new slate.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization established in 1920 to study and act on governmental issues. It does not support or oppose political parties or candidates. After intensive study it may take a position on an issue provided there is a consensus among the membership. Then it supports or opposes specific legislation in accordance with that position. League members are encouraged to work in the political party of their choice but leaders closely identified in the public mind with the work of the league may not be active workers in their parties while holding league office.

The national budget of the league is met by pledges from

the local leagues which raise their money through dues and contributions. The latter come from individuals who value the public service the league renders their communities in working for a better informed electorate and more active participation by all citizens in government at its various levels.

The number of local leagues

recently reached the 1000 mark, and has since passed it. There are approximately 127,000 members. Latest official figures, as of the end of the fiscal year (March 31) will be announced at the convention.

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