

Potpourri

Some weeks when it comes column writing time Potpourri sits and stares at the typewriter keys, at the wall, thumbs through a couple of magazines, watches TV off and on and finally, after tearing up four or five sheets of papers, we decide what to write and begin.

But this week there's so much to write about its just a case of what to write first. There's a trip down into California when we took almost a whole day just to do nothing but look at glorious Mt. Shasta, the blue lupine and yellow poppies along the roadside, and listen to the blackbirds and meadowlarks sing.

There's interesting bits about Presidential Candidate Adlai Stevenson to mull over, or we could write about that baffling man, Dr. Stanley Jaks, who talked at the country club and who in some unknown fashion made people state facts which he selected in advance and which he noted down days before he had ever met them. These were dates and names, it should be mentioned.

Or best of all, we can write about the farm, and the new colt. In all the years we've lived on our five acres the farm has never had a baby colt. Many litters of kittens and puppies have started their animal careers on the farm and once, a long time ago, we even had bantam chicks, but never before a colt.

So there was great excitement Wednesday morning — luckily a day when we didn't have to go to work, when it was discovered that the colt had been born. The owner, his family and friends came from town, the neighbors were told the good news, and even the rest of the horses and Tippy the terrier shared the excitement.

It was the first time we had ever been so close to so small a colt and we were filled with wonder at the long, knobby legs, the funny little face with a white streak down the middle and the tiny tail. And even more wonderful was the way the colt was on his feet in no time at all and how, in 12 short hours, he was running after his mother with queer little spraddly steps.

We've seen scores of pictures of Adlai Stevenson and never for a moment doubted that we knew exactly what he looked like in real life. He was, we were sure, quite tall, and thin, with an esthetic, judicial face and rather stern eyes. And what did we see Tuesday? A man shorter than we thought he was, heavier than his pictures appear, with kinder eyes and almost a homey manner which went well with his rumpled suit. We were somewhat disappointed that he didn't drop any pearls of political wisdom in his luncheon talk, but speaking tours being what they are, we wonder that candidates even survive.

Potpourri frankly deserted Mrs. Moore Hamilton during luncheon and went to sit by Ken Hecher, Mr. Stevenson's research expert. Mr. Hecher, who served in the same capacity for Mr. Truman in years past, said he enjoyed working with Candidate Stevenson even though the latter keeps him very busy. Mr. Stevenson, said Mr. H. ruefully, has a perfect passion for facts. And unless he has definite facts which he can use without reasonable fear of contradiction, he just doesn't discuss that subject. So he keeps the noses of his research experts to the grindstone, eternally digging out facts and figures for his speeches.

Mr. Hecher also told how Mr. Stevenson has an insatiable curiosity about all manner of things, how he wants to know everything about the places he visits, and how he incessantly reads all manner of publications, snatching time while traveling or resting to devour reading matter of all types.

The researcher also insisted that Mr. Stevenson really likes to campaign, that he likes people and said he was genuinely puzzled that he was labeled "high brow" and unapproachable during the last campaign. When we ventured to repeat what we had heard, that Mr. Stevenson was now losing some of his former followers by being too "folksy" and too given to telling anecdotes instead of talking issues, Mr. Hecher sighed and said a California voter — a woman — had been quite right when she wrote that when voters said they liked Mr. Stevenson they gave as their reason the fact that he was an intellectual, a man who can really think, and that when people expressed a dislike for him it was for the same reason — that he is an intellectual.

H. R. Prentice and his wife, Eve, were bothered by a housing problem last week. After 20 years, the Prentices sold their accord-ion studio and their home. The two of them own an apartment house, a court and various assorted other dwellings but didn't have any place to live. All of them are rented.

Add SP Hearing—Mrs. Carl Wimberly Jr., ardent and hard-working Republican, asked her young daughter if she would like to attend the railroad hearing with her—explained that it was being held because a lot of people wanted the SP to run the passenger train again. Daughter pondered, then asked, "But mama, why did the Democrats stop the trains?"—O.S.



New officers were elected and installed at the silver anniversary district convention of Royal Neighbors of America held in Medford Thursday. A banquet that evening at First Christian church highlighted the sessions, and pictured here during the event are (left to right) Mrs. D. T. Ferguson, Ashland,

member of Mistletoe camp, Medford and retiring district oracle; Mrs. Mae E. Logan, Portland, state supervisor of the lodge; Mrs. A. R. Allen, oracle of Mistletoe camp and Mrs. George Wendt, Jacksonville, new oracle for the district. (Brainard photo)

Royal Neighbors of America Hold District Session Here

Mrs. George W. Wendt, Jacksonville, was elected district oracle of the Royal Neighbors of America lodge at the 25th district convention in southern Oregon Thursday at the Pythian hall.

New district officers who will serve with her are Mrs. N. S. Heppburn, Klamath Falls, vice-oracle; Mrs. Emma Collins, Central Point, chancellor; Mrs. A. Sukow, Central Point, recorder; Mrs. E. O. Graham, Jacksonville, marshal, and Mrs. A. E. Reinking, assistant marshal.

Distinguished guests at the convention included Mrs. Mae E. Logan, state supervisor from Portland; Mrs. Leonora Broili, Ashland, past state supervisor; Mrs. Jessie Steele, Klamath Falls, district deputy; and Mrs. Clayton Walker, Medford, district deputy.

A gift of silver money was presented by the retiring district oracle, Mrs. D. T. Ferguson, in behalf of the southern Oregon camps, to Jacksonville camp, commemorating the first Southern Oregon district meeting held in Jacksonville in 1923.

Mrs. Myrtle Merrifield and Mrs. Daphne Burgess, both of Jacksonville, were introduced as special visitors since both had attended the first district meeting.

All oracles attending were introduced. They are Mrs. Ada Ward, Central Point; Mrs. Elsa Longmire, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Quintin Jordan, Jacksonville; and Mrs. A. R. Allen, Medford.

Mayor Earl Miller welcomed the visitors and the response was given by Mrs. Logan. The session opened at 10 a.m., and a luncheon was served in the hall dining room at noon. The convention convened again at 1:30 p.m.

Officers were escorted by four girls dressed in blue and flame colored dresses with emblems of "The Wheels of Progress," the 1956 campaign slogan for the lodge.

The afternoon business meeting was a school of instruction conducted by the state supervisor with visiting and local camps participating.

A banquet that evening was held at First Christian church. Officers were installed after the banquet and seven candidates were initiated.

A memorial service was conducted by the Jacksonville lodge and the retiring march was given by Klamath Falls members.

Social Security Kit Published For Women's Use

Washington, D.C. — A colorfully presented, comprehensive kit about social security has just been published by the American Association of University Women for use by its study groups throughout the United States. It was announced today by Mrs. Gertrude Houk Fariss of Portland, Ore., chairman of the AAUW status of women committee.

The kit is designed to help women understand what social security is, what it costs, and what it means to them and their families.

Titled "AAUW Looks at Social Security," it is the third of a series the AAUW has offered on women and their finances. The other two kits are "Money Management Portfolio" and "Finance Folder." The series originated in answer to the need for a broad study program through which women might find guides for effectively handling their financial responsibilities, according to Mrs. Fariss.

Basic information is provided in the new kit for answering major questions about social security and for evaluating any legislative changes that may be proposed according to Dr. Ellen Winston, of the North Carolina State Board of Public Welfare, a member of the AAUW Status of Women Committee who has written an introduction to the kit.

"Since most American women and their families will eventually receive the benefits of Old Age and Survivors Insurance, it is important," says Dr. Winston, "to understand what it is, why we have it, and what it means in terms of economic security for each of us and for our families." The kit was compiled by Dr. Elizabeth Gilmore Holt, Washington, D.C., former AAUW Status of Women Associate. It may be ordered for \$1.70 from Box L, 1634 Eyo Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Here's how to give soiled veils new life. Shake each veil in a jar of warm, mild soapy water. Rinse several times in clear, warm water, dry and press between two sheets of waxed paper.

To prevent link sausages from bursting when frying, first pierce them with a fork.

It also was pointed out that in the valley it is possible to purchase burstone milled whole wheat flour.

Gifts were presented Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Walker and the oracles.

Entertainment included accordion music by a group of young women from Ashland; a reading was given by Mrs. Emma Collins, Central Point; and skits were furnished by Klamath Falls, Jacksonville and Medford. Mrs. Ada Ward, Central Point, sang a solo and the formal closing ceremonies were conducted by the Klamath Falls group.

Decorations in both the hall and the banquet room was done in lodge colors, purple white, with spring flowers.

The 1957 district meeting will be in Jacksonville and Central Point camp will assist.

Bread Making Demonstrated For Group Here

A briefer method of raising bread dough after it has been made into loaves and placed in pans before baking was demonstrated by Mrs. Louise Williams of Grants Pass to Medford members of Natural Foods group and friends Tuesday afternoon at Girls Community club.

After preparing the dough for the oven, instead of waiting for it to rise naturally, she placed it into the oven heated to 85 degrees, which previously had been heated to 100 degrees and turned off. Within 20 minutes the loaves were raised and ready to bake.

A number of displays of natural foods were furnished by members and various samples were given by members.

Mrs. George Jennings demonstrated a home flour mill.

Mrs. Esther Coleman of the Nutrition Food center displayed various flours including stone ground whole wheat flour, pastry flour, soy flour, rice bran and rice polish. Also displayed were cold pressed oils for salads and cooking, and cook books.

Mrs. Vern Shangle's exhibit consisted of latest literature on nutrition now available in Medford book stores.

Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., showed unmilled whole grains including oats, wheat, barley, rye and millet. She explained that these may be used for breakfast cereals simply by soaking over night, then cooking in the same water, bringing it to a boil and then cooking on low heat for

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Bethel 14 Announces New Officers

Election of officers and installation of the guardian council comprised the chief business of the bi-monthly meeting of Bethel 14, Order of Job's Daughters Wednesday night.

Miss Bernice Skoog was elected to the office of honored queen; Miss Ann Garner was elected senior princess; Miss Susan Hubbard, junior princess; Miss Sue Knight, Guide and Miss Sharon Blickestaff, marshal.

Installation of the new staff of officers will be held in June and will be conducted by the present honored queen, Miss Emily Masterson.

The guardian council installation ceremonies were conducted by Mrs. C. D. Elhart, past grand guardian of the state of Oregon; Melvin McGrew, grand junior custodian of grand guardian council of Oregon; Mrs. Wallace Brill, retiring guardian of Bethel 14 acting as guide; Mrs. Wendell Spence, past guardian of Bethel 14 acting as marshal; Mrs. Vernon Turpin, past guardian acting as chaplain; Mrs. F. H. Everham as musician and Mrs. Aubrey Norris as installing secretary.

The new members of the guardian council are Mrs. Ross Gilkison, guardian; Morris Boughner, associate guardian; Mrs. Claude Hoover, secretary; Mrs. Golden F. Noble, treasurer; Mrs. Gilbert Goss, musician; Mrs. Louis Ruhl, guardian of sociability; Mrs. Jock Creager, guardian of paraphernalia; Mrs. Chester Hubbard, finance; Mrs. Merlyn Borough, hospitality; Ross Gilkison, fraternal relations; Mrs. R. B. Knight, publicity.

Guest Players Attend Session Of Bridge Club

Mrs. B. B. Hughes and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson scored 165 points to win first place in the north-south position when Riverside Bridge club played May 2. Mrs. Jack Mitchell and Mrs. Berg Marten had a score of 151 for second place, while Mrs. W. W. Stevenson and Roy Pruitt were third with 148½. Fourth place went to Mrs. B. L. Sanderson and T. J. Fuson, with 147.

The winning players in east-west position were first, Mrs. M. H. Alger and Mrs. Glen Charles, 159½; second, Mrs. Edna Miller and Mrs. F. R. Baker, 155½; Mrs. G. E. Mernin and Mrs. Richard Milestone, third, 155; and Mrs. E. K. Ricker and John Solheim, fourth, 138.

Guest players from Lakeview were Mrs. Lloyd Ogle, Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Alger, Mrs. Carol McDonald, Mrs. Louis Shelton, Mrs. Layne Binnion, and Mrs. Charles Burgess. Medford visitors were Mr. and Mrs. George Rode and Mrs. Harry Poston.

Lions' Auxiliary In Central Point Elects Officers

Central Point — Central Point Lady Lions met at the home of the club president, Mrs. Wendell Panter, May 1 for election of officers.

Taking office in July will be Mrs. Bill Saxbury, president; Mrs. James Glenn, vice-president; Mrs. Gay Anderson, secretary; Mrs. Donald A. Faber, treasurer and Mrs. Ted Anderson, trainer.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Bashaw and Mrs. Anderson.

The next meeting will be a work night May 15 to prepare for the spring rummage sale the auxiliary will hold in the Fehl building, 108 North Ivy street, Medford, May 16-17.

Mrs. Cecil Sharpe represented Lady Lions of Central Point at a model at the Butte Falls Lady Lions fashion show April 27. Others attending from Central Point were Mrs. Panter, Mrs. Glenn, Mrs. Franklin Saxbury and Mrs. Bill Saxbury.



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