

Potpourri

Friday was one of those demoralized days when everyone around the news room seemed real busy, but didn't get much done. At least Potpourri didn't. The morning wasn't so bad, except for numerous and sundry telephone calls in and out, but the afternoon got worse and worse as the hours went by.

For one thing, we went down to the Chin Up club antique show and sale, which was a mistake. Not that it wasn't a good show—it was, and we just couldn't drag ourselves back to the office. With our office pal, FE, we prowled longingly among the old copper and brass, the sparkling cut glass and gleaming silver and saw such interesting articles as an old ship's bell, a huge kettle which came from the orient, those great big silver spoons which we learned were called "stuffing spoons" and a long-handled warming pan, the kind used to warm up beds in the days before central heating.

After much argument with our conscience, we confined ourselves to one purchase and hurried back. Four hours went by rapidly during which we assisted a couple who wanted to know the name of a spiritualist medium, talked for some time with a friendly young woman who wanted advice on how to market short stories about children, helped to tell a "rock hound" from Tacoma how to find Delmar Smith's rock museum near Central Point and made a trip to the bank to seek advice on solving a minor financial emergency which arose with the young-marrieds, home on a visit.

Later in the evening we spent an interesting half-hour with Mr. and Mrs. John Black who brought in a box full of clippings and pictures, including a family album and pictures of the graduating class of 1896 of Medford High school. All this was highly interesting, but didn't do much toward finishing the layout for today's picture page.

Having company is fun, but we never can remember how relatives in the house ruin the schedule. When the time for company approaches we busily list in our mind many little extra tasks—calls to make on friends, trips to places of interest, records to

be played and special magazine articles to be read. And what happens? We spend most of our time at home cooking, eating, washing dishes and talking.

The talking covers a thousand subjects, important only to the four of us. It started out Monday evening with the question of how did the young marrieds drive from Portland in only six hours if the freeway was mostly closed and there were as many detours as they claimed there were, and why does gasoline get progressively more expensive the further one drives south?

Sunday afternoon we stopped off at the W. J. Warners on South Oakdale avenue to see the peonies in bloom, and it was a floral treat. Mr. Warner, commercial gladiolus grower, has a hundred or more peony bushes, we would guess, and some of them are utterly gorgeous. The Warners weren't home, so after admiring the enormous flowers with their faint sweet scent for a time, we wandered out in the front yard and looked up among the big trees, which are being pruned and topped to make them safer during storms.

Reporting to Mrs. W. later about our visit, we asked about the age of the trees. Mrs. Warner said the house was built in 1895, and that the site was chosen with an eye to the oaks, already large trees. Later other oaks and maples were planted—Mrs. Warner said the oaks are almost as untidy as willow trees, and that Oregon maples aren't nearly so bad about shedding twigs, leaves and limbs.

We thought about the trees again as we walked from the car to the office Monday morning, and passed the lot just behind the Groceteria. There, to make way for the everlasting parking spaces which are necessary because of the thousands of cars in town every day, two or three beautiful large trees were cut down. We felt doubly depressed, because the work of cutting down the trees was only completed the week in which the Groceteria's William Gates, a part of the store life for so many years, was buried.

Every year, it seems, some Medford girl marries a man from abroad. First it was Susan Inskip who married a man from France, Albert Prevost; last year it was Harriett Houghton, who was married to Alf Guldahl, from Norway, and this year it is Jane Durno, who was recently married to Dr. Brian Stringer of New Zealand and who leaves today for her new home across the seas. Packing and shipping possessions was something of a problem for the couple for in addition to literally dozens of wedding presents, the newlyweds purchased many articles which they want for their home in Christchurch, and the bridegroom also bought redwood lumber for a new home and is having it shipped to New Zealand.

One of their problems in Christchurch will be installation of an electrical transformer which will make it possible for them to use the various pieces of electrical equipment received as presents. Seems the "juice" in New Zealand doesn't work for electrical equipment made in the United States.

Jane Stringer knows before she arrives in New Zealand that her husband has many friends. In the last few days before the wedding the two of them received so many cablegrams from his home in New Zealand that the weary operators down town were reduced to calling the Durno home and simply saying "well, here's another one" and start reading—O.S.

Delegate Reports For Altrusa Club At Recent Session

Miss Grace Smith, president-elect of Medford Altrusa club, reported on the 12th district conference at a recent meeting. It was held at the home of Mrs. Carl Beebe, 518 West Second street.

This is a newly organized district which consists of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The conference was held at Tacoma, Washington.

Mrs. Edith Nelson, Richmond, president-elect of Altrusa International was main speaker,

using the theme of the conference, "Towards Pinnacles of Success."

The local club was presented two merit awards, one for projects and the other for year books.

Miss Lotus Eaton, vice-president, presided. A report on the local annual project, place mat maps of this area, was presented by Mrs. Frances Grant, chairman. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Judy Stoll.

Allow a few more minutes cooking time for broiling foods when they are taken from the refrigerator and put immediately under the flame.

Antiques Admitted Duty Free

New York—The golden days of Rockefeller are over and few travelers abroad these days are in the market for a chateau to buy complete, dismantle, and ship home to be rebuilt. But if not an entire chateau, many travelers abroad see bargains that they would like to have—a Louis XIV chair, a Chippendale desk, or a Florentine garden cupid. They often pass them up, however, thinking that the packing, shipping, customs clearance and red-tape involved is too much of a headache.

Bringing back treasures from Europe isn't as complicated as most travelers think, and if the object is an authentic antique it is admitted free of duty. American Express offices in Europe, located in the leading capitals, can handle the entire procedure arrange for the expert packing of the furniture or art object; arrange transportation act as the customs broker in the U.S.; and send the item on its way to the purchaser's home.

No matter how valuable the object, it can enter the U.S. duty free if it is a true antique and of sufficient "artistic" merit to satisfy the U.S. Customs. "Artistic antiquities" include works in silver, bronze, marble, and porcelain, as well as paintings, tapestries and furniture. These items must have been produced prior to the year 1830 to be admitted duty free. Items of a purely utilitarian nature (such as old copper cooking utensils) are not considered sufficiently artistic to be admitted free. There is a special regulation for rugs and carpets which, to be admitted duty free, must have been made prior to 1700; and for violins, cellos and bass viols, which must predate the year 1801. For objects which do not fall into these categories, an appraisal is made by the customs officials and the amount of duty determined by them.

The buyer of art objects abroad should procure from the seller a statement on the invoice, giving the age of the object with the date of production, if that is known. If the traveler is buying for someone other than himself or herself, the invoice should also give the name and address of the person for whom the purchase is being made.

Shoes of Silk Newest for Men

New York (U.P.)—The men will outdo the women in fancy footwear this summer.

For silk, in some mighty bold colors, is the latest material for men's shoes. It is sometimes the real thing—an Italian silk called Dupioni, from which those \$200 men's suits are made. Or, it can be a cotton or rayon shantung.

Manufacturers said the silk has a dual advantage—it makes for a lighter and cooler shoe.

Florsheim said it introduced the real silk shoes to the men's fashion world two summers ago, but the styles were limited and the customers generally were men who could afford the silk suits. This year, silk shoes have become available for the mass market. At least half a dozen styles are available in a dozen colors. Colors include light or dark grey, blue, white, charcoal brown, tan and black for the conventional dresser.

For the flashier fellow, there are gold, green, lavender and red.

Picnic Announced By Medford Unit

The annual picnic of Medford Home extension unit will be held at the home of Mrs. William H. Naylor, Meade rd., Wednesday, June 6. Members and their guests will convene at 12 noon. Unless notified otherwise, each is to take a salad, cooked vegetable or fresh fruit, and table service for themselves and guests.

The business meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Officers for the coming year will be installed at this time. Those in doubt about how to find the Naylor home may telephone 366-1627 Medford.

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Sixteen Scouts Win Curved Bars

Sixteen Girl Scouts received curved bars, the highest award in intermediate Scouting, in a court of awards held by Troop 10, McLoughlin Junior High school. The event was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Duffy.

Mrs. Harold Gordon conducted the ceremonies, assisted by Mrs. Gerald Latham.

The flag salute was given, followed by singing two patriotic songs, accompanied by Cecile Bell and Donna Jasmine on their accordions. Donna Demmer, Barbara Gordon, Ann Mathews, Linda Slessler, Marion Parsons, Donna Childreth, Donna Dell, Bonnie Aillingham, Karen Carpenter, Judy Faulkerson, Cecile Bell, Lynn Latham, Penny Linn, Marilyn Conner and Donna Jasmine.

Each girl described the work involving one badge, and Mrs.

Gordon explained the remaining curved bar awards with six additional badges being earned. Parents and families were guests. Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Jones were introduced. Mrs. Jones is a former board member of the Rogue Valley area Girl Scouts.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 8:30 previous day.

Make a quick check of your jewelry box to find a bracelet, pin or necklace which needs washing. When you've finished your personal laundry is a good time to dunk the jewelry, says the Cleanliness Bureau. Just put the jewels through a fresh bath of suds, then rinse and drain on a soft clean towel.

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