

Potpourri

"The Holy Ghost," writes Stanley Rowland in a recent issue of The Nation, "had better stay ghostly and the preacher platitudinous, for the homogenized suburbanite likes his religion unlike his martinis—diluted." The title of the article is "Suburbia Buys Religion" and the author is the religious news editor of the New York Times.

The Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, minister of First Unitarian church in Los Angeles, quoted from the Rowland article in a talk before a Unitarian fellowship here Thursday night, and urged his listeners to read the entire piece. The minister's topic was "The Role of Godfly in Religion."

"He wants sermons to comfort him, to console him and to inspire him to more pleasant living, but never to challenge him with the rude realities of today's revolutionary world," Mr. Rowland continued.

The Rev. Mr. Fritchman said that Mr. Rowland's words applied to Los Angeles as well as New York, and added himself "One thing the religious revival of 1956 does not want is the old-fashioned preaching with a barb . . ."

Two more of the minister's quotations are worth repeating. He quoted George Bernard Shaw who wrote "I am, and have always been, a revolutionary writer because our laws make law impossible, our liberties destroy all freedom, our property is organized robbery, our morality is impudent hypocrisy, our wisdom is administered by inexperienced or mal-experienced dupes, our power wielded by cowards and weaklings and our honor false in all its points . . . I am an enemy of the existing order for good reasons."

The second one came from the pen of a Catholic priest and was published in "The Tablet." "To the ordinary citizen today religion is simply irrelevant to the question of living . . . It is just another museum piece . . . a milestone at the side of the road along which mankind has passed on its onward march." To this the Rev. Mr. Fritchman added "It can happen to any religion, Catholic or Unitarian or otherwise, that deserts its duty of prodding into mind or of commanding the reconstruction of the social order."

In opening his talk the Rev. Mr. Fritchman said that the role of the Unitarian minister is not to "issue a gospel" but to "provoke you into independent thinking and conclusions."

During the question period the minister was asked to comment on what many say is a revival of religion and after pointing out that it is extremely hard to judge such manifestations at the time they are taking place he added "I am however, often overwhelmed by the bogus element" and "I sometimes think it is one of the greatest of circuses in the name of religion."

The heavens smiled on Elizabeth Collins Sunday, for they waited until after her wedding to Kent Bonney of Grants Pass was over before unleashing the dazzling electrical storm which brewed up during the afternoon. The Collins' garden, with its stretches of green lawn and the big oaks for shade, made a perfect spot for so large a reception.

The masses of gladiolus in both the church and at the reception came from the Warner gardens, and not only did the W. J.'s and the Gordon's give Elizabeth the hundreds of blossom stalks, but Ruth Warner supervised their arrangements in the church and made the bridesmaids bouquets.

Among the interesting guests was Mrs. Louis Humphrys, who at one time lived here and is now making her home in California after three years in Hong Kong. Mrs. H. says that in Hong Kong the British say "if the Communists take the city" but the Americans say "when the Communists take the city." Mrs. Humphrys said only once in her extensive travels was her luggage really gone over with a fine-tooth comb by the customs men, and this was in Greece. When Mrs. H. asked the man who was carefully feeling all over the lining of her bags what in the world he thought he would find he said briefly, "guns."

The bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. Hugh Collins, looked stunning in a pink summer gown, and took time out from her flitting to and fro with reception duties to introduce her three small daughters who have been in the wedding party. The sight of one of her beautiful silver punch cups sitting on the lawn by a chair gave Potpourri the creeps but Susie only shrugged.

Potpourri has been a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lowry several times, and somehow or the other, the occasions are always memorable. Once it was because the beautiful and gracious Dorothy Warenskjold, noted soprano, was the guest of honor, and another time it was because some small boys wandered along the bottom of the hill on which the Lowry's fine home stands and fired a rifle up the hill into the guests, wounding one.

Sunday the musical soiree held at the Lowry's was not only memorable for fine music played by musicians from the Philharmonic orchestra, but for the storm. As the strains of Wagner's and Beethoven's grand music flowed out from the instruments, nature accompanied with flashes of lightning and peals of thunder. This intensified as the evening wore on, and soon after the program ended, most of the guests were forced indoors by the high wind and gusts of rain.

Exhilarated by the storm, a few lingered on the porch and watched, fascinated, as the great streaks of lightning flashed and quivered in the heavens followed by thunder which fairly shook the earth. For the first time Potpourri saw lightning streaks which ended at the bottom in balls of pinkish-red color. So magnificent was the sight that we forgot to be afraid.

It was different Monday night, however, when we drove home during the height of the second storm. With big limbs being wrenched from trees on all sides, and huge oak trees falling like little sticks, we wanted to be nowhere else but home, and fast.

From time to time Potpourri takes an afternoon away from the office to visit some of the smaller towns of the county, meet community leaders and take pictures. This we did Tuesday at Butte Falls, and very interesting it was, too.

We threw a meeting of the Butte Falls Garden club into complete confusion, but the kind women put off the business meeting until after the shutter snapping was over. We thought we had included everyone in the group, as well as others we visited in homes, but at the end of the afternoon discovered that a visitor, Mrs. Marie Boerner of Pasadena, a guest of Mrs. Elmer Leatherman, had been left out. Modest Mrs. Boerner "hung back" and so ends up in type, but not in a picture.

One of these days when we have time (does anyone have all the time he needs?) we plan to go back to Butte Falls to talk longer with 83-year-old Mrs. Carrie Poole, to enjoy Mrs. Elza Abbott's gorgeous fuchsias and to visit with Mrs. N. B. Stoddard, authority on wild birds of Oregon.

On another of "those days" we'll go to Eagle Point and visit there. Mrs. Don Ashpole invited us to the party which the extension unit gave, but we were all booked up. When Mrs. Ashpole came in last week, looking pretty in a bright blue polka dot dress, she renewed the invitation to visit her community and this we promised to do. One of these days.—O.S.

Coffee Brewing Tip
New York—(U.P.)—One coffee manufacturer gets in what it hopes is the last word on whether hot or cold water, to start, makes a better brew. The company says many years of testing show cold water is preferable, and that the faucet should run a few seconds before the pot is filled. It recommends hot water only if boiling.

If you want to ensure lasting stiffness for a horsehair undershirt, first look for a label that says "guaranteed"—and then always use just-warm water for sudsing and rinsing it clean.

and connecting pipes are in perfect condition — which, the firm, says is rare.



Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cooper, Talent, were honored at an open house August 19 which observed their 50th wedding anniversary. Guests called at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cooper Jr. The honored couple came to the valley in 1936. (Brainard photo)

Talent Couple Honor Guests At Anniversary Celebration

Talent—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cooper, 237 Gibson street, were honored at an open house August 19 which observed their golden wedding anniversary. The party was held at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cooper Jr., and almost 90 guests called.

Mrs. M. C. Thoreson, Talent, a sister-in-law, cut the anniversary cake and Mrs. Richard Therres, Long Beach, Calif., a granddaughter, poured. Serving were Mrs. James Swindler Gold Hill, and Mrs. Helen Jacobson, their daughter, also from Gold Hill. Mrs. G. S. Stephens, Talent, a niece, took charge of the guest book.

For the reception Mrs. Cooper wore a navy blue dress with white accessories and a corsage of yellow carnations.

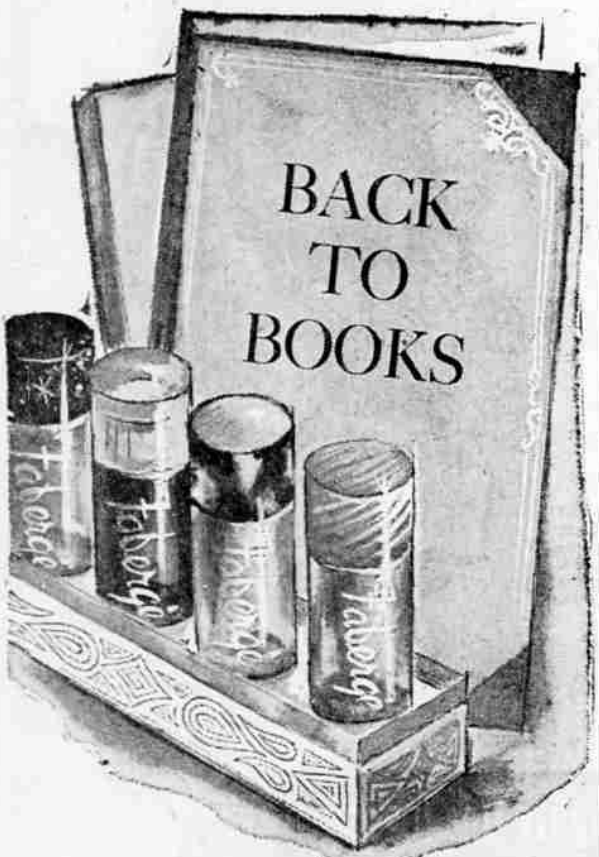
The Coopers, who were married September 6, 1906, in Clark,

South Dakota, have lived in the valley since 1936. They belong to the Friends' church.

Among the guests at the open house were Mrs. E. W. Miller, Mrs. R. C. Stoll and Darrell Cooper, Piedmont, S. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lushbaugh and family, Spearfish, S. D.

Here's a dreamy topping for any plain cake, store bought or baked at home: Moistened sifted powdered sugar with musatel wine, beat until smooth, add a bit of melted butter, and spread. The delicate grapy flavor is a real taste thrill.

Travel tip: Pack the whole family's sleepwear in one suitcase, so that when stopping for the night, only one suitcase will have to be carried in from the car.



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CALENDAR

Monday:
10:30 a.m. — Rogue Grandmothers club, 113, home of Mrs. Clayton J. Walker, 129 North Oakdale.
6 p.m. — Licensed Practical Nurses association, picnic at Jackson springs, Highway 99 south.
6:30 p.m. — Pi Phi Alumnae and Actives, home of Carl E. Wimberly, 30 South Barneburg.
7:30 p.m. — Medford Rose society, courthouse auditorium.
Tuesday:
9:30 a.m. — Alpha Chi Omega sorority, home of Mrs. J. P. Tobin, 1435 Euclid avenue.
10-12 noon—Ming Quon Mission coffee hour, Grace Circle of the First Presbyterian church and Faith circle, home of Mrs. Berthold Barnum, South Pacific highway.
10:30 a.m. — Woman's Society of Christian service, First Methodist church, prayer, business session, luncheon, program.
12 noon—Rogue Valley Herb society picnic, Hawthorne park.
7:45 p.m.—Toastmistress club, KBOY.
8 p.m.—Pythian club, home of Mrs. George Bryant, 3384 Forest avenue.
Wednesday:
10:30 a.m. — Extension members of District 5, Southern Oregon college campus, Susanne Homes hall, Ashland.

Final Series Of 1956 Plays Begins Tuesday

Ashland—The last complete rotation of this season's plays of the Oregon Shakespearean festival begins Tuesday night, Aug. 28, with the final performance of "Cymbeline."

Although billed as a tragedy, "Cymbeline" was written after the great tragedies of the Bard, and is really a tragic-comedy, or melodrama as it is defined in this modern day and age. Directed by B. Iden Payne, the "father of Elizabethan staging," this play has proved to be one of the audience favorites this season.

David O'Brien, Stanford university student, plays the title role. Joan Kugell, University of Texas as Imogen; Don Gundersen, Chicigo, plays Iachimo; Steve Paylin, Lyndora, Penna, Posthumus; and William Oyler, Sacramento, Calif., Cloten.

The second and final performance of the Elizabethan horror-story, "Titus Andronicus" will be presented Wednesday night followed by "Richard the Third" on Thursday and "Love's Labour's Lost" on Friday, August 31. This season the festival carries over through September first, with the final performance of "Romeo and Juliet."

Good seats are available for all remaining performances. Tickets are \$2.40, \$1.80, and \$1.20. All seats are reserved. Curtain time for all performances is 8:30 sharp.

Mix a couple of tablespoons finely chopped preserved ginger with a large carton of cottage cheese. Put a generous scoop on garnished salad plate and add a garland of canned cling peach halves, fresh grapes and melon chunks.

Serve toasted rolled peanut butter and raisin sandwiches with a colorful fruit salad. Spread slices of soft bread with peanut butter and chopped raisins. Roll jelly-roll fashion and spread with melted butter. Toast in hot oven.

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STUFFED TOMATOES
Hollow out firm tomatoes and stuff with a curried crab, ripe olive and celery mixture for a colorful cold main course salad. Garnish with whole ripe olives and pickles. Serve with rye bread and butter sandwiches.

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