



Mr. and Mrs. Roger Caldwell were married February 9 in the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Caldwell, 715 Loxier lane, with the Rev. James W. Neely of First Baptist church officiating. The bride is the former Miss Faith Diederich, 436 North Bartlett street. The newlyweds are living at 18 Hawthorne avenue, Medford.

## Legislature Fascinating Says "Greenhorn" Wife

By MARIJANE DUNCAN

Salem — To me, greenhorn that I am, it's all fascinating. The Legislature is in session, even while considering the most mundane of "housekeeping" legislation; the bills themselves, worded in the stiff and complicated "language of law," and the people who work here in the Cap-

itol, most of all. After all, it is the human element that makes all the other so interesting. It's not so much the speeches (though some of them are informative, others rather statesmanlike) as the people who make them; not the wording of the bills, but the people who wrote them, and why; and for whom. Lincoln spoke truly and his famous final words of his most famous address are coming alive for me here in Salem.

Every day brings something fresh and unexpected in the constant interplay of personality on the floor of the House. After the Legislature had been meeting for a week or so, for instance, one representative arose to state that he, for one, was going to sign no more bills! This startled everyone, for the session had really hardly begun; and the gentleman went on to explain that he had been embarrassed (for the last time, said he) by having to vote against a bill which he had helped to sponsor. This happens, I am told, not only to "freshmen" legislators, but even to those more seasoned members occasionally, when the going gets rough. But, at any rate, he was having no more (said he)!

During another debate, a rather conservative member rose to state his views in a rather conservative manner. Later, after his side had gone down to defeat, he again arose to a "point of personal privilege." He explained to us that he had sat up the night before composing a rip-snorting speech, designed to flay the opposition into impotency, but that just before his moment came, his wife (and secretary) had handed him his horseshoe. The predictions therein, exhorting him to go slow and avoid tangling with his enemies so unnerved the gentleman that he forwent his blast at the opposition in favor of something mild and mannerly. His wife, by the way, was a member of the opposite party!

Speaking of wives and secretaries—these might be (and probably are) termed the "petticoat legislature." It is a matter for speculation just how much, if at all, the presence of a wife always at his side influence the voting record of any given legislator. The little story above might be termed a case in point. However, the above mentioned gentleman, though influential, was not unduly influenced, and voted as he chose; and this, I am sure, is most often the situation. It is very natural for a husband and wife to talk over things that really matter to either or both of them, and share impressions and opinions, to share to some extent the viewpoint of the other's viewpoint. Most often, I believe, husband and wife share a common feeling about really important matters. Therefore, the wife's secretary's role becomes a sort of sounding-board; this in addition to her secretarial duties, here in the Legislature.

There is a prevailing spirit of camaraderie here that might be compared to that experienced on a college campus. We are all here for the same purpose and it is, we believe, a worthy purpose. We have many differences and we recognize them and are stimulated by them. We meet new people every day, and like practically all of them, admire a large number, and find "souls" in a few. This is a unique experience, and we feel particularly fortunate to have it happen to us once or twice in a lifetime.

There is a large amount of socializing, of course, but it is all "after hours," with the exception of an occasional "tea" or "coffee" for the women-folks. These are very pleasant breaks and give us a chance to meet some with whom we might not come in contact while working; the "House wives," for instance, thus may become acquainted with the "Senate wives." May I say here that I have, without exception, found all the wives to be intelligent, charming, and

## Potpourri

"I sometimes wonder about the sense of values in America," said Edith Green, congresswoman from northern Oregon who was in Medford Monday. Mrs. Green was talking about the cost of education in the United States, and the need for new schools.

She had been pointing out that when it comes to alcoholic beverages, tobacco, cosmetics, and recreation, Americans throw money around like water, but when it comes to the cost of education, money is often begrudged, sometimes refused.

In 1954 the people of the United States spent \$5,200,000,000 on tobacco; \$8,800,000,000 on alcoholic beverages; \$1,500,000,000 on cosmetics and toilet articles; \$1,300,000,000 on movies; \$2,000,000,000 on television and radio sets, and \$271,000,000 on chewing gum.

After reciting these figures Mrs. Green added, grimly, that "we couldn't even get enough votes to support a bill for \$400,000,000 for schools." She also pointed out that while congress voted a million dollars for research in agriculture, it refused the sum of \$100,000 for additional personnel in the Children's Bureau.

Of course, it must be pointed out in all fairness that some congressmen vote against school bills because they do not agree with federal aid to education, some taxpayers believe school administration is extravagant, and that other reasons affect the picture.

But when a nation spends more for tobacco and alcohol than it does for public schools, it does seem that our sense of values should be examined.

The attractive and personable congresswoman spent a busy 24 hours in Medford, and part of the time was trying to listen to two or three persons at once. She was met at the airport by a delegation of Democrats who presented her a gorgeous corsage of three green orchids, a gift of the Charles Hoppes, and hustled her off to the Medford hotel for luncheon. For luncheon she wore a blue suit with a white blouse and small blue velvet hat with down-dipping brim.

Before the tea at the Edward Kelly home she changed into a smart black jacket dress worn with the orchids. At the dinner at the Elks club in the evening, where the visitor spoke for the annual Student Government day banquet, she received another orchid.

Another of Congresswoman Green's main interests now is legislation for the termination of federal controls over the Klamath Indians. In fact, Mrs. G. believes that this is Oregon's most pressing problem. She is most anxious that the Indians not be set loose from federal help until they are prepared to cope with "civilian" life, and also worried about the fate of the valuable stand of fine pine on the reservation. This pine, the largest relatively untouched stand left in the United States, is in danger of being sold off piecemeal, or of falling into the hands of operators who will cut it without thought to sustained yield or its value to future generations.

Dr. Ida Bailey Allen, whose writings on food are standbys for thousands of American families, boosts the Rogue valley and Medford in her column this week. Thursday Potpourri received advance copies of her column this coming week, and three of the six are about this area. King Features, the syndicate which markets the column, claims an impressive daily circulation of 15 million readers.

In the material written for publication, Dr. Allen tells of her arrival in Medford last fall during a tour of the west, how she was met by the Harold Holmes and John Snyder, and of a dinner at Mon Desir as a guest of Julie Tummers. She referred to Mon Desir as a "delightful restaurant," wrote of a few of Julie's dishes and cooking tricks, of the Veal Rollini which was served that evening and gives a recipe for Pear Lily Saladettes using Comice or Anjous.

In the Wednesday column she again has written of pears and the pear industry, and tells of touring one of the city's big supermarkets with Mr. Holmes. Dr. Allen noted that muslin deer bags were on sale for 89 cents each, that the market provides "a corral" for the kids while mama shops and that almost every vegetable grown in the U.S. was to be found in the store. Her recipes include one for Meringue-Topped Pears.

In Thursday's column Dr. Allen relates how she was entertained at a luncheon at the Medford hotel, along with her companion, Chef Charles Premmac. The recipes for the day include one for baked pears given her at Rogue Valley Country club and using brown sugar, grated lemon rind, ginger, chopped walnuts and lemon slices. Also featured in the column is a recipe for fresh pear relish which Mrs. Howard Bush, one of the luncheon guests, brought along for the visitor to try. This recipe uses pears of the "hard" variety, green and red peppers, onions and various relish seasonings.

Recipes from Portland and Hood River are also featured, since Mrs. Allen visited those cities after leaving Medford.

A recent story in the Oregon Journal by Lillian Porter Say, the Journal's Washington correspondent, told how General and Mrs. Amos Fries danced at a reception given recently by President and Mrs. Eisenhower for the military. General Fries and his wife are both former Medford residents—they were early graduates of Medford High school and were married in Medford 58 years ago.

The Fries held up the receiving line at the party while receiving special greetings from President Eisenhower and his wife. President Eisenhower recalled that General Fries was the first chief of chemical warfare service and that the two became acquainted then since the then Major Dwight Eisenhower was in that department.

General Fries will be 84 years old on St. Patrick's day, and Mrs. Fries is 80 this month.

Almost every year the general and his wife come back to the valley for a visit. Mrs. O. C. Purkypile, whose picture was on the front page of this section last Sunday, is a sister of the general and in the interview she recalled their childhood days in Central Point. The late Katie Grieves of Prospect was also a sister.

A brother of the general, Archie C. Fries, lives in Portland and his son, Colonel Stuart Fries is stationed in Washington. The general's nephew, Archie C. Fries Jr., lives in Ashland.

A group of Senior Girl Scouts attending a recent conference in Eugene got a bit of good advice from Miss Dorothy Harding, director of religious education at First Methodist church. Miss Harding cautioned the Scouts to remember three rules when talking of another person. They were: "Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?" O.S.

very friendly. Those who have been here before go out of their way to make the newcomer feel at home. I can't imagine anyone feeling left-out or lonesome around here; it just isn't possible. May I also say a word of gratitude here to those who have helped me "adjust" to this new existence, especially Frances Littrell whose kindness has been unflagging.

I hope some of our friends from Jackson county will get up to see us. I might suggest that a visit on Tuesday would be made especially noteworthy, for that is the day of Mrs. Holmes' open-house. I have been unable to get to one, thus far; but do intend going more than once, and would be delighted to have a guest or guests from home.

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Congresswoman Edith Green of Oregon is shown here in earnest conversation with Larry Sheehan, Rogue River, (center) chairman of the Democratic party in Oregon, and Robert Boyer, Medford, state Democratic chairman. Party members and other interested voters attended both a luncheon at the Medford hotel and a tea at the Edward C. Kelly home for Congresswoman Green. While Mrs. Green discussed many topics during her visit, she stressed that the most pressing problem in Oregon today is the proper termination of federal control of Klamath Indians. She believes that undue haste and improper methods in the termination may result in tragedy for many of the 2,000 Indians and in harvesting losses in connection with big stand of pine timber on the reservation.

## Medford Woman Arranges Reunion Of Curry Cousins

Cousins who had not been together in 45 years held a family reunion in Medford last Sunday.

Glenn Curry, Fortuna, Calif., and Mrs. Curry spent the week end here as guests of his cousins, Miss Olive Curry and her sister, Mrs. Ethel Van Cleave, 730 Alder street. They were honored at a dinner Sunday given by the two women, other guests being Mrs. Eleanor Hamilton and Central Point, Mrs. Jack and Jimmy, and Allen Curry, Medford. Miss Curry, Mrs. Van Cleave, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Vessey and Allen Curry are brothers and sisters; they had not seen their cousin Glenn since childhood days in Kansas.

The cousins were brought together through the efforts of Mrs. Nina Chandler, Medford, who formerly made her home in Fortuna. Mrs. Chandler and Allen Curry both attend First Christian church, and Mrs. Chandler questioned Mr. Curry about his resemblance to someone she had formerly known. Neither family knew the whereabouts of the other until Mrs. Chandler brought them together.

The Fortuna couple brought with them Mrs. L. L. Bryan who spent the week end with Mrs. Chandler at her home, 917 Newtown street. The Glenn Currys, Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Chandler were formerly neighbors in Fortuna.

## Eagle Point PTA Announces Play

Eagle Point — Medford Footlighters will present a play, "Point of Beginning," at a meeting of Eagle Point Elementary Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday, February 26. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Miss Mary Vandenberg, psychiatric social worker with Southern Oregon Child Guidance association, will lead discussion after the play.

Camp Fire Girls will serve as baby sitters. Refreshments will be served.

## Students Listed On Honor Roll

Four Medford High School graduates were placed on the Willamette university honor roll for B plus or better grades attained during fall semester. They are Miss Connie Clark, Lewis Hill, Miss Sonja Peterson and Paul Shaffer.

Miss Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Hartley, is a junior majoring in sociology. She is president of her sorority, Pi Beta Phi.

Young Bright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Bright, junior majoring in speech. Nancy Black Wallace scholarship holder, Miss Peterson is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and the Willamette orchestra. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Peterson.

Young Shaffer, a political science major, is a senior member of Beta Theta Pi, the letterman's club and Young Republicans. Holder of an Elk Lumber company scholarship he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Shaffer.

## Plans Announced For Skating Party; Tiara Presented

Members of Bethel 14, International Order of Job's Lasted, planned at their last stated meeting to hold a skating party Thursday, Feb. 28. The party will be at Rogue Valley ballroom from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Members of Medford Bethel 55 and DeMolay have also been invited to join them.

Miss Bernice Skoog, junior past queen, substituting for Miss Ann Garner, introduced Mrs. C. D. Elhart, past grand guardian for the state of Maryland. Miss Barbara Henderson, queen of Bethel 56, Shandy Cove and Miss Phyllis Briggs, senior princess of Bethel 58 were also introduced. Miss Henderson presented Tiara which is to be held by Bethel 14 for two weeks, during which time members will visit as many Bethels as possible competing in a statewide contest for the various sections.

It was announced that the March 6th meeting will be an initiation and inspection session. The inspection will be made by a deputy grand guardian.

Members of the refreshment committee for the March 6th meeting include the Misses Gail Stone, Mavis Strom, Barbara

## Two Units Plan Coming Sessions; Announce Topics

Willow Springs Home Extension unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Homer Jeffrey Tuesday, February 26. The project "buying and using foam rubber," will be given by Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Ray Guss.

For the potluck dinner members whose names are to bring a A through K are to bring a main dish; L through P, a salad, R through T, a dessert, and U through Z, relish.

Griffin Creek Home Extension unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Harold Tolle, 1389 South Stage road, Friday, March 1 at 11 a.m.

The business meeting and an important program planning discussion will take place in the morning, followed by luncheon at noon.

The project lesson will be "Sea Foods in Your Meals" and will be given by Mrs. Tolle and Mrs. Robert P. Gates.

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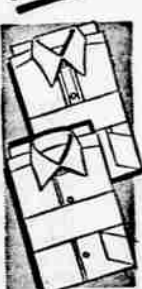
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