

Potpourri

On Potpourri's desk (which is so cluttered that no less than three men remarked about it Friday) we have a folder in which we keep notes and reminders for this column. Whenever staring at the typewriter keys fails to start our fingers working, we browse through the folder.

Right on top Friday night was a clipping which told how a Marine corps court martial had cleared a drill sergeant of the "Charges that he had forced a recruit to stuff himself with candy until he choked." This reminded Potpourri of a certain Medford woman who came into the Tribune office three or four years ago to give us a story about her son, who had just completed his indoctrination training in the Marine Corps.

The woman was troubled and worried. In a burst of confidence she told how her son, who had a "best girl" in Medford, had been forced to stand in the corner of a room, before an assemblage of fellow marines, and eat an entire box of cookies which the girl had made and sent him.

But this, she added was the least of the story. The mother said her son's letters from home had been withheld from him until he had been allowed to receive his home town newspaper.

But what worried her most of all was that although the boy had complained bitterly of this treatment as unnecessary and unfair while the training period was underway, afterwards, when he had been thoroughly indoctrinated with the spirit and traditions of the corps, he concluded that such procedures were necessary to toughen the new recruits and wean them thoroughly away from their old lives.

Archduke Otto of Austria, who talked for Knife and Fork club Monday night, was one of the most earnest speakers we've heard in a long time. So anxious was he to get everything said, that he did not dally around with pleasantries at the opening of his speech, as do most after dinner lecturers, but thanked President Neil Davidson politely and briefly and then immediately plunged into his talk. He spoke rapidly and from time to time glanced at his watch as if fearful that time would run out for him before he had finished.

Potpourri found his talk intensely interesting, although we disagreed with him in believing that Russia is so hard-pressed and in such a state that she will "crumble away" if the Western nations just stand firm and maybe make a few threatening gestures.

Many members who attended the after-dinner party at the home of the Rease Braleys admitted to the Archduke that they were astounded by his talk that Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold of the United Nations is too friendly toward Russia and her representatives in the UN. Archduke Otto insisted that such talk is common in Europe but had no reason to offer why mention of this has not been found in the press, either in writings from Europe or by United States journalists.

Those who travel in many lands must worry, at least a little, about mixing up customs and causing embarrassments. Archduke Otto, charming, friendly and with impeccable manners (he is the heir to the Austrian throne, should that country again become a monarchy) sometimes hesitates when an American woman puts forward a friendly hand to be shaken. And when another visitor in Medford was introduced to the Archduke, he bowed slightly and brought his heels together, a gesture which the Hapsburgs from Austria acknowledged. The second man, you see, spent several years in foreign countries as a representative of the U. S. State Department in the course of which he was trained in how to greet royalty and other persons of importance.

At the party the Archduke had interesting statements to make about Egypt's Nasser. When he visited that country not long ago, the Archduke said he found Nasser very unpopular; said his pictures and proclamations were speedily torn down from walls, and that when he made an appearance, he was greeted with a hostile silence.

"Nasser is a small man," he said. "He is small in stature, mind and in spirit." However, Archduke Otto admitted that he is known to be completely honest and invulnerable to bribes, a trait which baffles both his friends and his opponents, it seems.

Archduke Otto predicted that Nasser's leadership will soon wane. He believes that the difference between the Arabs and the Israelis are not as insurmountable as they are made to seem, and said that if only the middle East countries could be encouraged to trade with one another, they would soon solve their problems to the benefit of all concerned.

Recent news releases from New York said that Ed Sullivan has terminated his contract with the Metropolitan Opera company. Renata Tebaldi and Richard Tucker are to sing on his program tonight, the fourth appearance of opera stars on the Sullivan show this season, but the fifth appearance has been canceled by mutual consent.

Seems Rudolph Bing, general manager of the Met, squirmed when his stars were put on the same program with ventriloquists and trained dogs, and Sullivan found that the show's rating dropped every time he booked opera.

Which doesn't prove that opera doesn't flourish in the United States. Our column clipping file came up with these figures from the Central Opera Service of the Metropolitan Opera's National Council. On an annual average, there are nine opera performances in the United States every day. The annual total was 3,217 performances by 544 groups, professional, student and amateur, in 47 states. In the two years ending in 1956, 210 different operas were heard in the United States. Only 65 were standard repertoire—the remainder were by contemporary American and European composers. Some 80-odd opera-producing organizations throughout the country were represented at the council's meeting. So there, Mr. Sullivan.

And while we're on the subject of TV, a Denver Post article says Alfred Hitchcock has signed a new contract with his sponsor for a continuance of his program throughout 1958. He is said to have concluded the transaction thusly: "With all humility I promise to continue to extol the merits of your toothpaste, headache tablets, hair tonic and deodorant, showing proper reverence at all times."

Filings: From the Cleveland Plain Dealer's society columns—"The sleeveless bodice was finished in a high neck and her bouffant skirt was flood length." From the Buffalo Evening News—"Bearded lace cutouts were applied on the square neckline of the bride's gown."—O.S.

List of Possessions Should Be Made By Every Householder

Ames, Iowa — (U.P.) — Can you name everything of value in your home?

Probably not, but it would be a good idea if you at least had a list of all the articles in the house, says Marie Budolfson, of Iowa State College's home management department.

A list of possessions could prove invaluable in case a home is destroyed by fire. And once the list is compiled, it doesn't take long to keep it up to date each year, she said.

The list, naming each article, the time of purchase and the original price, will help to establish proof of loss in case some disaster strikes.

The list, according to Miss Budolfson, should contain everything from the pictures on the walls to the linens in the closet. The list kept in a safety deposit box, or other safe spot.

To remove a dark film from an aluminum pan, fill with hot water to one inch above the ring, add 1 or 2 tablespoons cream of tartar, and boil 10 minutes. Then scour, suggests the Gas Appliance Manufacturers' association with soap and detergent suds, wash in hot sudsy water, and finish off with a hot rinse.

Future Homes May Resemble Balloons Architect Declares

Boston — (U.P.) — The house of the future may somewhat resemble a balloon, according to architect Royal Barry Wells.

Wells, who has produced more than 2,000 house designs for Americans and Canadians, said plastic is becoming more popular with home builders.

Bathrooms, kitchen cabinets, floors and windows will be pre-molded. He also predicted bigger kitchens and bathrooms, more storage space and less glass.

Plastics, he said, will be used throughout the home, built in a domelike or balloon structure. "The clinical appearance is gone," Wells said, "and I hope forever."

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Lodge Plans Ceremonial In Medford

A district ceremonial will be held in Medford Saturday, June 1, by Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan. First plans for the event were made at a meeting of the DOKK held in Roseburg March 2.

Temples from Portland, Eugene, Medford and Eureka, Calif., will take part in the ceremonial. Planned are a parade and competitive drills. A queen will be chosen from candidates named by each temple, and will reign over the festivities with the remaining contestants as her court.

Committees for the year were named at the Roseburg meeting. Hugh Welsh, Grants Pass, grand chancellor of Knights of Pythias for Oregon, was appointed chairman of the lodge's spastic relief program.

A planning board was set up to guide general activities for Fuhat Burkan temple. On the committee are Earl Wilshire, Roseburg; Ray Newman, Grants Pass; Carl Fichtner, Medford and Lynn Skillington, Klamath Falls.

Plans were also made to participate in the dedication of a new hospital in Roseburg in May.

Lute Patterson, Roseburg was given the title of royal zouave. Ed High, Roseburg, presented Chancellor Welsh with a gavel hand made from weeping willow root.

Next meeting of the temple will be in Grants Pass April 6. Following the Roseburg meeting a smorgasbord was served by Umpqua santha, Nomads of Avrudaka.

Tom Davidson, Medford, is royal vizier of the local temple. Frances Hibbard, Medford, is the new secretary and Joe W. Fritsch, Medford, is chairman of publicity and entertainment. Each city of the temple area has its own DOKK club, and Medford is in the process of formation of such a group.

Talisman lodge, Knights of Pythias, will confer the rank of knight at a meeting set for Monday in the Pythian building at 8 p.m. Neighboring lodges will assist in the ceremonies. Refreshments and a social hour will follow the meeting and visiting knights are welcome to attend.

A slice of ice cream sandwiched between 2 pieces of chiffon cake with a raspberry and almond topping makes a handsome dessert. Toss a package of frozen raspberries, add 1/3 cup sugar and 2 teaspoons cornstarch and cook until slightly thickened. Cool and stir in whole or chopped blanched roasted almonds.

Doctors now recommend a good and relaxing hobby to jolt patients out of the blues. A wide variety of hobby books can be obtained at the Medford Public Library.



Mrs. Russell (at left) oracle of Mistletoe camp, Royal Neighbors of America, and Mrs. Carl Pearson, past oracle and new recorder, are pictured here with the camp's charter which had a place of honor at a meeting Thursday night in observance of the camp's fiftieth anniversary. Mrs. Donna Taylor, only charter member still active in the camp, was given special recognition during the evening and her name was inscribed on big paper shamrocks which were part of the hall decorations.

Camp and Auxiliary Plan Dinner Meeting

Colonel Sargent Camp and Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, will meet Sunday, March 17, at 1 p.m. at the Redman hall. A potluck dinner will precede the meeting with Mrs. Josephine Winder serving as dinner chairman.

Mrs. Harry Barneburg, past department president, will give a report concerning the visit of National President Ellen Hawk, Apollo, Pa., to the department of Oregon.

Woman's Group To Hear Speaker

Womens Christian Temperance union will meet Thursday, March 14, at 2 p.m. at the Salvation Army annex, 230 North Bartlett street.

Mrs. Lucy Lyman will give the devotional and speaker will be Mrs. George Troughout. Reports will be given by Mrs. Guy Cox.

Mrs. Emer Gott and her committee will serve refreshments.

Advance Night Set By Medford Lodge
Advance night will be observed at a meeting of Medford Neighbors of Woodcraft set for Monday, March 11, at 8 p.m. at Moose hall.

Manufactured Dinners Supplant Mom's Cooking

Ames, Iowa — (U.P.) — Wives and husbands have been arguing about the worth of "Mom's cooking" for years, but in generations to come there may be little of it left.

For example, one third of the orange juice used in the country is ready-made, one third of the coffee is of the "instant" variety, and whole dinners come ready to heat and serve.

U. S. agriculture researchers said housewives, especially those who work at a regular job besides, have given frozen and "almost ready to serve foods" their complete endorsement.

They point out the sales of frozen, precooked fish stick rose from 7.3 million pounds to 44 million pounds during the year 1953-54.

Now, entire exotic dinners from China, Italy, Mexico, and France and other countries can be had merely for the purchase price. And no preparation time. Experts say the "manufactured" dinner is here to stay.

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Fraternity Chapter Members Plan European Tour for Cook

By MARY LU McDONALD United Press Correspondent

Pullman, Wash. — (U.P.) — One lucky woman on the Washington State college campus has been planning since Christmas for her first trip to Sweden this summer — a gift from the fraternity men for whom she has cooked the last 25 years.

For Mrs. Hulda Bergquist, cook at the Beta Theta Pi house, the trip will be the fulfillment of a lifetime desire to "meet my folks" people. She'll visit friends and relatives, most of whom she's never seen, and see the places her parents so often have told her about.

She'll travel first-class, too, leaving New York July 2, on the Swedish-American liner Stockholm. Beta alumni all along the way are making plans to wine and dine her when she passes through their areas.

"Berk," as she is known to the Betas, also will take with her a new set of luggage, several new outfits bought with gift money from alumni, and several hundred dollars spending money — all given her by the Betas.

Speaks Swedish
Almost every day she adds another item to her "see-and-do" list.

"I especially want to see the capitol building at Stockholm," she said. "But first I think I'll visit relatives and friends. I can remember so many places and people my folks mentioned and I want to try and see as many as I can."

"And just think! It took my mother three weeks to reach America, and I'll be going over in less than a week!"

Born at Nine Mile Falls, Wash., 62 years ago of parents who migrated from Sweden, Hulda grew up speaking Swedish and is sure she'll have no trouble telling her relatives about the United States and about her "Betas."

Hulda probably won't mention the countless items she has made and given the Betas — rugs, quilts, even shirts; or the gifts she has given them such as copper trays, linen table cloths, or silver pitchers. Or the socks she has darned, the buttons sewn on, the late snacks she has fixed.

"When I notice that the boys really need something, I try to give it to them," she said.

She occasionally practices speaking Swedish, along with her Swedish cooking, at the house, and delights in conversing with Betas Dick Russ and Otto Coucheron from Norway.

The Betas learned last spring of their cook's desire to travel to Sweden and wrote hundreds of letters to alumni throughout the world. The response they got more than met their expectations.

Old grads from Berlin to Hawaii contributed \$1,000; the local chapter added \$250 and the Spokans, Wash., alumni group gave another \$200.

Berk was "discovered" by two Betas when she was cooking at a Spokane golf club and was hired by the fraternity house manager who gives himself credit for having "unusual intuition" that September, 1931.

She took her daughter, Beulah along and reared her in the chapter house. Beulah later attended an Oregon academy and now is married to an Oregon school teacher.

During the summer, Hulda usually cooks at a lodge on a Montana lake. But not this summer . . . come July and she will be on her way to Sweden to see and do things she's been dreaming of for quite awhile.

Prospective brides can find hints on homemaking and other subjects in books at the Medford Public library.

Current Events Club Sparks Improvement Program for Village

Interior, S.D. — (U.P.) — The 25 members of the Current Events club of this town of 126 are making the village a better place to live.

The club has sparked a community improvement program, which won for it a \$300 prize offered by the Sears Foundation in cooperation with the South Dakota Federation of Women's clubs.

The club persuaded the town board, the school board, the churches — one Catholic and one Presbyterian — repaired and remodeled their buildings, and the PTA and board of education finished a floor in the school-house.

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