



Mrs. Eugene Cass was born on St. Patrick's day and her Irish grandfather gave her the name of Mickie Colleen. Born in California, she was taken to Roseburg, Ore., by her parents as an infant and attended school there. Mrs. Cass poses here with the family pet, Lucky, who showed little interest in the picture taking until his mistress produced a piece of candy. Lucky wears a bright green bow on his collar, and Mrs. Cass' sweater ornament is the traditional Irish shamrock. Mrs. Cass and her husband both enjoy outdoor life and hunting; Mrs. Cass also bowls as recreation.



No salute to the Irish would be complete without a picture of an Irish policeman, so the Medford Police department's candidate is Lt. Jack E. McMillan. Born in Union, Ore., of Irish parents, Lieutenant McMillan grew up in Vale. He began his police training in California, and came to Medford from that state in June, 1952. Lieutenant McMillan is interested in sports and likes to hunt—one of his favorite hunting spots is the Wallowa mountains in Oregon. This isn't leap year, but Lieutenant McMillan is a bachelor.

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"It's a Great Day..."

By Olive Starcher

Today Irishmen in all parts of the world will honor their patron, St. Patrick, with parades, music and by "the wearing of the green." They'll be joined by countless others, too, who will enjoy the happy holiday regardless of nationality. A legendary figure, few facts are known about St. Patrick. Born about 387, he said he was captured by pirates as a boy and became a monk.



Legend says that in a vision he was bidden to return to Ireland. He is credited with founding 300 churches, and his labors for the Christian church were so successful that he is known as the one "who found Ireland all heathen and left it all Christian." He is a saint of the Roman Catholic church.



These bonny Irish lasses are Diane (in chair) and her sister, Patsy, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ryan and both students at Hedrick Junior High school. The two girls sing with the Melody Wranglers as a sister team, and both are learning to play the guitar. Mrs. Ryan taught the girls their first music.



A. C. O'Toole, maintenance employee at St. Mary's school, is second generation Irish; his father was born in County Cork. Mr. O'Toole belongs to Medford Chapter 16 of the Oregon School Employees' association and is state treasurer. The O'Tooles have two sons, one in the USAF and the other at Portland university.



Mr. and Mrs. J. Patrick Graham, married on St. Patrick's day in Portland, are celebrating their 37th wedding anniversary today. Mr. Graham is a World War I veteran, belongs to four veteran groups and is DAV service officer for the county. Mrs. Graham is the new president of the auxiliary to Medford Barracks, Veterans of World War I. The Grahams have lived here 25 years.



Members of Medford Townsend club feasted on Irish mulligan stew when they met Wednesday at Carpenters' hall. Three members of the club who helped to prepare this dish, favorite among most Americans as well as those of Irish descent, were (left to right) Mrs. A. W. Ellison, Mrs. John Burgess and Mrs. Thornton Arnold. Mrs. Arnold is president of the club, which meets every Wednesday at the hall with an average attendance of 40 persons. Wednesday's stew was made with beef, carrots, potatoes, onions, cabbage and turnips. Mr. Ellison, himself an Irishman, declared that real Irish stew is made only of vegetables, and that when the Irish use meat, it is mutton.