

Potpourri

A great many things can happen in one week. Potpourri had fun on a tour of homes and gardens, enjoyed one whole evening and another afternoon in the comfortable companionship of good friends, learned that giant puff balls are not only edible but truly delicious as well, called on the neighbors to see the new baby, and remembered how long it had been since we'd held a tiny girl; marveled over the miracle of flowers at the Medford Rose society's annual show; and thoroughly enjoyed three surprises—two gifts and the sight of a picture of pappy's distinguished brother-in-law on the cover of this week's issue of Time magazine.

The giant puff balls were really a surprise, too. Pappy and Potpourri found them growing on the wood lot last Sunday—two very large ones and two or three smaller. Pappy picked a couple after taking colored pictures, and Monday we took them up to have Freda and Fred Lawrence "appraise" them. The enthusiastic Lawrences produced in short order a book which exactly described the interesting growths known as "Calvatia gigantea," scales to weigh them, and a big knife. The large puff ball weighed about 8 pounds, and when cut open turned out to be a beautiful pure white inside and resembling a big hunk of cream cheese.

The two of us also took time to examine Mr. Lawrence's amazing collection of hand-drawn hand-painted pictures of mushrooms found in southern Oregon. Several years ago the Lawrences began a scientific and systematic study of mycology, and last fall when Dr. A. H. Smith, the noted mycologist and author was in southern Oregon to collect specimens and take photographs, he encouraged the Medford man to publish his work.

After returning home pappy, acting under the Lawrence's instructions, peeled one half of the largest puff ball (the small one turned out to be riddled with bugs and decay) and cut it into slices about an inch thick. At mealtime these were dipped in batter and then in bread crumbs and cooked gently in oil for about 25 minutes. They were excellent eating, and the obituary which our news room pals had so kindly offered to write, will have to wait for a time.

Last week we also experimented with the business of putting freshly cut flowers into hot water, instead of cool or cold. We first learned of this trick from PH of the news room, and later read it in a booklet put out by the Central Point Garden club. And it works—at least on roses. We not only found that freshly cut roses last longer if put into hot water, but wilted ones sometimes can be revived by this treatment.

The garden club booklet explains it this way: "The secret of modern flower care is water—hot water—100 to 110 degrees. There are other things you can do, such as to add a cut flower preparation to the water, and we find that this is an effective way to prolong flower life, but above all else, hot water seems to hold the key to many cut flower problems."

"Flowers should be 'hardened' in water before they go into an arrangement. By hardening is meant the process of putting flower stems in warm water and then letting them sit in a cool place until the stems are completely filled with moisture, not less than two hours. Cut flower stems with a sharp knife on a slant, so that there is more cell area exposed to take water, and also so that the stem cannot sit flat on the bottom of the vase. It is wise, generally, to remove leaves that would be below the water level, though some rose experts say not to do so on roses. Roses are benefited by skinning off some of the bark from the lower inch, or so of stem."

We hope that the story in Time about Dr. Henry Townley Heald will be widely read. For the influence of the powerful and wealthy Ford Foundation has the most far-reaching effects, not only in this nation but in others. The Time story is not devoted entirely to Dr. Heald, who became the new president last fall, but also goes into the history and background of not only the Ford, but other foundations. And if there are those who distrust the influence of such organizations and their gifts of large sums of money, the article may serve to dispel some of these fears.

The Time writer points out that the foundation isn't merely "a large body of money completely surrounded by people who want some" but actually one of the most important educational bodies in the nation. When the foundation did a thorough job of re-examination of its purposes a few years ago, the men who produced a 22-volume report on this said it should not concentrate on the sciences, where other foundations were already at work, but should move into five broad areas, namely "world peace and understanding, democratic institutions, education, economic well being and research in man's behavior."

According to Time, Ford Foundation has poured "millions into Eastern Europe, the Near East and Asia." In India it has spent \$19 million on a vast network of community projects, conferences, training centers and publications.

At home the Foundation has given money to such concerns as the Institute for International Education and the American Council of Learned Societies. According to Time, it has spent \$8,000,000 on educational TV, and \$1,725,000 on 30 university presses; it has given \$20 million to set up the National Merit Scholarship corporation which is helping to educate the cream of the crop among students, and has apportioned another few millions to the Council on Library Resources in an effort to improve library procedures and inter-library cooperation.

The philosophy behind the Ford Foundation's endeavors to benefit mankind were explained in part not long ago by Dr. Heald when he delivered an address in Chicago. Dr. Heald said that "The most important effect of the grants (to colleges to raise the salaries of faculty members) was to call attention dramatically to the problem and thus encourage others to help solve it. . . . In no case, however, will our expenditure alone be sufficient to eliminate the national problems we single out for attention."

"We view this fact neither as frustrating nor as unfortunate, for foundations do not assume their role to be that of saviors of society. Organized philanthropy simply tries to call attention to things that need doing, in such a way as to encourage and stimulate a response from the unorganized philanthropists, the citizens of America."

In this same speech Dr. Heald announced a grant of \$500,000 for a program in Eastern Europe, specifically for projects related to Poland. He explained that this was in line with the Foundation's program to promote international understanding saying "we have the conviction that in the development of international understanding there is a proper and vital role for private institutions, including private philanthropy."

"In the past the Foundation has made grants in an effort to advance the knowledge of American scholars of Soviet Russia and of the countries of Eastern Europe. . . . The program for Poland, however, is the first the Foundation has made directly for an East European country." Basically, the grant will enable Polish scholars, scientists, writers, architects and others to establish or renew contacts with Western colleagues and to gain knowledge of Western developments."

Of this program Dr. Heald said "We are convinced that the Western countries have nothing to fear from intellectual and scholarly contacts with individuals from the Communist-dominated sphere. We are confident that philosophically and practically, the exponents of democracy and of a free society carry the future with them."—O.S.

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Change-Over Session Held By Board

Retiring and new members of the executive board of Medford branch, American Association of University Women, held a "change-over" meeting at the home of Mrs. A. J. Johansson, 2131 Dellwood avenue, Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Johnson is the new branch president, having been installed at a recent dinner meeting. Other officers are Mrs. Harry Chipman, first vice-president; Mrs. Roy C. Elmgren, second vice-president; Mrs. Lester Stinson, secretary, and Mrs. John Carnegie, treasurer.

New board members and the committees they will head are Mrs. Jeffrey Shute, art; Mrs. William McLaren, courtesy; Mrs. H. B. Collins, education; Mrs. Elliott L. Harlow, fellowship luncheon; Mrs. L. J. Smith, fellowship play; Mrs. W. E. Hersher, historian; Mrs. John Strong, hospitality; Mrs. Justin Smith, international relations; Mrs. Fred E. Rankin, legislative; Mrs. Chipman, membership.

Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, program; Miss Anna May, publicity; Mrs. C. B. Collins, radio and

Start Saving Now For Wedding Next June is Banker's Advice

New York—A June wedding, traditionally the fanciest as well as the most romantic, can cost quite a bit of money—and someone has to foot the bill.

About all it really takes to get married of course is a license. Most weddings, however, regardless of the date, cost so much that even though you're heading for a wedding as far ahead as June of next year, it may be a good idea for you to get started now on your financial preparations for the big event, according to the family-finance experts of the American Bankers association.

TV: Mrs. George Johns, recent graduates; Miss Geraldine Jerome, social studies; Mrs. Ronald Gordon, status of women; Mrs. Elmgren, study group coordinator; Mrs. Charles Freeman, telephone, and Mrs. Joe Dugan, civil defense.

Advisors to the board are Mrs. Emerson Anderson and Mrs. Francis Willett, past presidents.

It was announced that general meetings would be held on the first Wednesday of each month, starting in October with the annual membership tea to be held in September.

Since wedding costs are usually shared, it's important for everyone involved to know who's responsible for what, and to have some idea of the amount of money to be set aside in order to avoid any last-minute embarrassment.

The bride's family, customarily, bears the largest share of the expense. Specifically, it is responsible for the invitations and announcements; clothes for the bride, bridegroom's ring if he is to get one (there's a trend in this direction); gifts and corsages for the bridesmaids; church expenses of organist, soloist, sexton; reception refreshments and flowers; and photographs.

The bridegroom's family, as its contribution, takes care of the bride's rings; clothes for the bridegroom; gifts for attendants; flowers for the bride and for both mothers and grandmothers; boutonnieres for the men, marriage license; and gift for the clergyman.

While there's no limit to what can be spent on a wedding, here are a few average costs as reported by the family-finance experts of the American Bankers' association.

A "small" church wedding,

Sunday, June 9, 1957

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limited to the immediate family, with home reception, costs the bride's family about \$200, the bridegroom's family \$50.

An "average" church wedding, with reception at the church for about 150 guests, costs the bride's family about \$750, the bridegroom's \$200.

The deluxe affair, with reception at hotel or country club and virtually an unlimited number of guests, will cost the bride's family at least \$3000 (more, of course, if it gets very elaborate) and \$500 for the bridegroom's.

When it comes to the honeymoon, the financing of course is up to the bridegroom, and as with the wedding, the amount spent can be as little or as much as one desires. The bride, though, must also figure on some expenses incidental to the honeymoon—such as the cost of new luggage and special clothes she may need for travel or resort wear.

Smart couples, it should be added, carry their financial planning well beyond the wedding and honeymoon. Instead of spending all their money at once, they recognize the need of getting a good start on their savings for such things as home furnishings, appliances, down payment on a new home—and a visit from the stork!

Medford Beauticians Announce Meeting

Medford Unit of Oregon's Beautician's association will hold the last business meeting before the summer vacation Monday,

June 10, at 8 p.m. The meeting will be a no-host dinner at Henry's Boller, 1206 North Riverside avenue.

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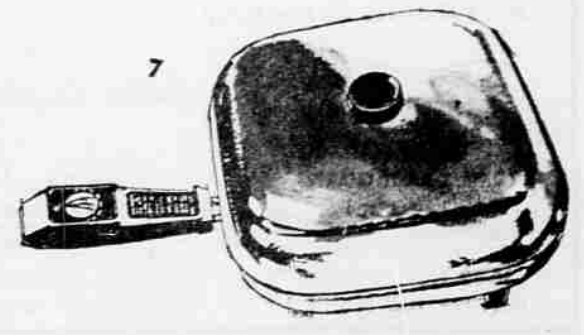
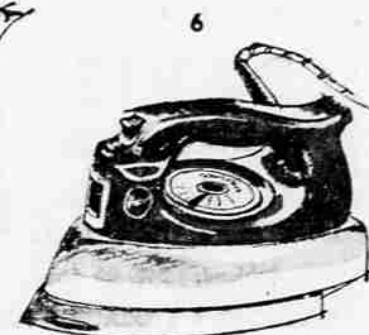
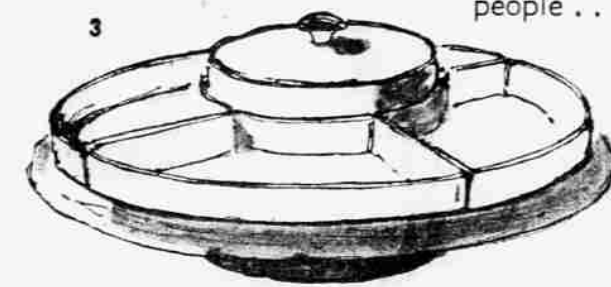
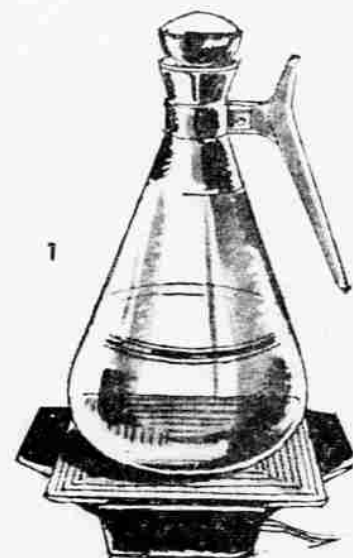
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