

Birthday Party Celebrated in Persian Theme

Miss Mary Elizabeth Pierce, Pierce Heights, celebrated her birthday June 26 with a Persian party for some 30 friends.

Miss Pierce, dressed in a silk sari of purple, blue and gold, greeted each guest at the door. A royal Persian drink, sharbateh gulab, made of essence of roses and rose petals was first served in a room smelling of incense and illuminated by flames of Persian lamps and ceremonial candles. Background music was of East Indian theme.

The guests sat on cushions on the floor and examined souvenirs brought from the Orient and Middle East during a recent trip there by the Pierce family.

A table cloth of deep maroon covered the buffet table which held the many unusual dishes of the Middle East. Guests, using large grape leaves as plates, filled them with the Persian foods. Served were curry and rice, sweet meats, beef sticks, fried bananas, vegetable salad with an Oriental dressing, and various condiments.

As is the Persian custom, the guests sat cross legged on the floor and ate with their finger. For dessert ginger cream was served with Persian coffee.

Following the dinner colored slides of Ceylon and India were shown by the hostess.

A tiered birthday cake, a gift from Mrs. Grace Lee, was served later in the evening. Another cake was presented by Miss Jeanne Compagnon as a seventeenth birthday gift.

Valley Students Named to College Honor Roll at OSC

Shasta Medford students, one from Gold Hill, and one student from Butte Falls are named on the spring term scholars honor roll released by Oregon State College.

Medford students listed are: William J. Cooney, Richard E. Cooney, Robert O. Walker, and Gail J. Harris. Paul D. Cooney, Meredith J. Foote, Miss Loretta Kelley, Bruce M. Parker and Robert W. Sutton. Others listed are Miss Gail P. Smith of Gold Hill and Robert E. Mitchell of Butte Falls.

To be eligible for honor roll list, students must make at least a B plus average for the term.

Master Point Play Held by Medford Club

Mrs. C. L. Howard and Don Reverman with 140½ points placed first in the east-west position of the Medford Duplicate Bridge club monthly master point play July 2.

Mrs. Marrs Gibbons and Mrs. Dolph Phipps with 136½ points were first in the in the north-south position.

Other east-west players and their points were Mrs. B. L. Sanderson Dr. J. Scott Heatherington and Richard House, 124½.

North-south position players included Mrs. Howard Boyd and Mrs. R. Milestone, 125; B. L. Sanderson and H. J. Boyd, 123½; and Mrs. Jack Love and Paul Hutton, 119.

Mrs. Jack Barr and Mrs. S. Wright of Grants Pass were visitors for the evening.

Psychologist Says Women Are Better at Signalling

Lansing, Mich. — The woman driver received a deserved pat on the back from Dr. Abram M. Barch, assistant professor with the highway traffic safety center and the psychology department of Michigan State University.

"Women drivers," said Dr. Barch, "are better in signaling left turns and rank just as good as men in indicating right turns."

The professor said he discovered the fact in the traffic center's exploratory study of turn-signaling behavior.

Other findings by Dr. Barch indicated turn-signaling is influenced by the type of intersection. There was no relationship between signaling and time of day, presence of traffic in front or back of the car, or the signaling actions of the driver ahead.

Dr. Barch said one finding was that people do not signal out of a desire to communicate their turning intentions, but out of a "subjective feeling" that an intersection looks dangerous.

An intersection at which a higher speed was permitted prompted more drivers to signal than a comparable intersection with a lower speed. Speed is only one factor linked to this subjective feeling of "danger," Dr. Barch said.

Return
Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Corum, 300 Willamette, Medford, returned this week from a vacation trip to Montana, Washington, and Oregon cities. While in Montana and Washington they visited relatives.

Potpourri

Philadelphia, July 1—This centennial convention of National Education association is a combination of three-ring circus, state fair and political gathering, with a slight touch of nightmare for the uninitiated. The more than 15,000 delegates and visitors surge from one room to another in the three huge buildings, taxis and buses keep a continuous flow of traffic going between convention center and downtown Philadelphia and today several hundred school children rehearsing for a performance Tuesday night add to the din and confusion.

Hundreds of displays and exhibits line every nook and cranny; they advertise everything from audio visual aids to text books to insurance and the joys of serving time with the United States Air Force. Many firms supply the visitors with large paper bags, envelopes and cartons which they stuff with pamphlets, literature and samples of this and that. The cost of a convention this big, in all aspects, must be astronomical.

Let us not be misunderstood—conventions must serve some useful purpose or Americans would not hold so many every year. And we have seen the delegates to this one hard at work at business sessions, conferences, symposiums and discussion groups covering every possible phase of education.

When Potpourri planned this expedition to the east coast, we promised PH, who is doubling in brass during our leave, that we'd whip up something every day or so for the followers of this column. Honestly, we could write a long column every couple of hours. There's a lot to see, do and report on a trip like this.

Yesterday we attended services at Christ Episcopal church. The congregation was organized in 1693 and the building erected in 1729. One presumes that changes and additions were made since, but worshippers walking down the aisle set their shoes down on marble tomb covers. After church was over Potpourri and other visitors read the inscriptions on these marble slabs and on the brass markers which indicated the historic pews.

Potpourri read one of the tomb inscriptions aloud while a couple of fellow conventioners giggled unrestrainedly. "Under this stone lies Ann Hockley, who will ever be remembered with true esteem by all who knew her for her good sense, sprightly conversation, strict virtue, sincere friendship and unaffected piety, her sickness being one continued exercise of devotion, being a painful consumptive disorder which removed her from y—28th day of June, 1745, at the age of 24 years singing in most devout strains and making melody unto the Lord in her last moments."

Two signers of the Declaration of Independence, James Wilson and Robert Morris, are buried in the church yard, which is surrounded by an iron grille work fence, and five more in the old cemetery two blocks from the church building. The five are Benjamin Franklin, Joseph Hewes, Francis Hopkinson, George Ross (uncle of Betsy Ross of flag fame) and Dr. Benjamin Rush.

Just for fun we sat for a time in the pew which George and Martha Washington used when he was president. The lay assistant who gave a little lecture on the old church pointed out a big double door which he said President Washington had always used—it is now barred and opened only on special occasions. We talked for a time with the assistant and when he put away the microphone he had used for the lecture, he locked the vestryroom door with an old handmade key six or eight inches long.

Before services we had breakfast in one of the numerous Horn and Hardart cafeterias which are to be found on every other corner in this city. The bronze plaque on the door gave this reporter a bigger thrill than visiting the old church, so we whipped out pencil and paper and while the passers-by gawked, we copied. "On this site were first printed the Declaration of Independence July 5, 1776; the Constitution of the United States September 19, 1787; Washington's Farewell address September 19, 1796 and the first daily newspaper in America, September 21, 1784, in the print shop of Dunlap and Claypoole."

Sunday night Potpourri, along with more than 20,000 other people, heard a concert by the Philadelphia Symphony orchestra in Robin Hood dell. It was a made to order night—cloudless sky, balmy evening and a crescent moon slipping out of sight behind the American flag whipping from a standard. Fireflies flitted about on the green slopes outside the wall where a few hundred overflow guests sat. (We saw fireflies for the first time as we drove around Washington last week with Alex and Liz Hamilton, and wish we could take some of the enchanting creatures home.) "The New World Symphony" will from now on bring back pictures of a memorable Philadelphia evening.

Musicians in the dell must cope with some of the same problems that actors do when giving performances in the Ashland Shakespearean theater. Planes flew over and every now and then a train would drown out the music, just as the planes and big freight trucks blot out the words of the actors in Ashland.

To and from the dell, the bus driver took us through the section of Philadelphia where one sees no whites—only Negroes. The streets were the dirtiest we ever remember seeing, anywhere. Today we inquired how often the city cleans the down town streets, and how often those of the Negro section. The answer was once a week or so in the Negro part of town, and every night down town.

Convention trivia—Some women delegates from south wear or carry fans; woman from Arkansas peers at Oregon badge and says "Why dearie, you've come a far piece"; taxi driver asks passenger "are you here for the jailers convention?" and then adds, in loud voice, "I still hate my third grade teacher"; man who is dead-ringer for Benjamin Franklin and wearing the BF clothes and hair cut always to be found in lobby of hotel talking to conventioners; Potpourri, contemplating Liberty Bell in Independence Hall startled by camera flash and realizing she'd just been made into atmosphere for a tourist shot.—O.S.

Southern Oregon Society Plans Greenwich Village Show July 21

Southern Oregon Society of Artists will hold their annual Greenwich Village show in the Medford library park Sunday, July 21. The annual affair will start at 11 a.m. with the show closing between 4 and 5 p.m. The public will be invited to vote for their favorite picture again this year. To be eligible for the show exhibits must be ready for viewing by 11 a.m., society officials said.

Another exhibit is planned by the group the second week in August during the Shakespearean Festival at Lithia park.

At their meeting last week the society chose a watercolor, "A Bit of Old England," by Victoria Wigglesworth as the picture of the month. It will be displayed in the Barker's Men store window. The library picture will be an oil by Harry Marx, "Avenue of Middle Harnis," while a still life by Corinne Horton will be displayed in Hadley's window. The two pictures for the Medford Paint and Wallpaper company are an oil by Mrs. Elizabeth Sheffield, "The Hope Presbyterian Church of Rogue River," and an oil by Mrs. Della Tucker of her grandchild.

A work and study meeting headed by Ray Evely will be held this month. The members are asked to take sketching and painting materials so actual work may be done at the meeting.

Following the business session Mrs. Frank Perl showed colored slides of famous paintings and sculptorings of the old masters taken during a recent trip through Italy and parts of France.

Five guests attended the meeting.

Party Honors Sixth Birthday

Johnny Marler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John William Marler, Route 3, Box 182D, Medford, celebrated his sixth birthday June 25.

Guests, dressed as cowboys, played games during the afternoon and helped make ice cream. Later hot dogs, punch, and birthday cake were served and movies were shown.

Attending the party were Mrs. C. C. Herlow of Eagle Point, grandmother of the honored guest, Mrs. Elbert Dee Hefley and children, Cheryl, Mike, and Steven, also of Eagle Point, Mrs. Charles Moore Jr., and children, Christine, Karen, and Nikki, of Central Point, Mrs. Delmer Bohn and children, Larry, Gary, and Dean, of Ashland, Mrs. Wayne Gottfried and daughter, Carnel, Mrs. Morris Tucker and son, Tunstong, and David Marler, brother of the honored guest.

Medford Student Receives Award

Miss Mary Kay White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold White, 3654 Pacific highway, Medford, has received recognition for music achievements at Oregon State college.

She has been named one of 56 winners of choral awards, given annually to students who have performed for two years or more with the college chorus. The chorus presents three special concerts each year along with appearing at various campus and community functions.

Miss White will be a junior in elementary education next fall.

Society

Preservatives Add Life to Outdoor Furniture

Homeowners can add years to the useful life of wooden outdoor furnishings by treating them with a wood preservative, suggests Charles Ross, Oregon State college forestry specialist.

Picnic furniture, swings and gliders, and other accessories to outdoor living are easily treated against wood decay by applying a preservative to dry unpainted or unvarnished wood. Paint can be applied over the preservative after it is thoroughly dry, Ross explains.

Two excellent, easily applied materials can be obtained in either concentrated or ready-to-use form, hardware stores, paint shops or lumber yards, according to Ross. They are pentachlorophenol, often referred to as "penta," and copper naphthenate.

Both preservatives are also sold under various trade names. The label will indicate when one of these chemicals is present and give directions for applying it. If a large quantity of preservative is required, it is less expensive to buy a concentrate and mix it, as directed, with a light diesel oil or fuel oil.

All wood in constant contact with the soil is subject to rot, says Ross, although the heartwood of some species such as cedar, catalpa, cypress, juniper, black locust, osage-orange and rewood will resist decay for a longer period than others. The sapwood or outer, light-colored part of the tree trunk of all species is quickly destroyed.

Surface treatment, such as painting on with a brush, is not sufficient where wood is in contact with the soil or where moisture stands, he says. Wherever possible these vulnerable spots should be immersed in the penta or copper naphthenate solution and allowed to stand until thoroughly soaked. Copper naphthenate leaves a slight green stain that can be covered with paint if desired.

For furniture-like picnic tables, benches and chairs, Ross suggests letting each leg stand overnight in a tin can or other container filled with preservative-oil solution. A flexible plastic mixing bowl makes a convenient container for treating odd-shaped legs or supports that will not fit easily into a rigid holder.

Other vulnerable spots such as joints, bolt holes, cracks and lumber ends where rain is likely to soak into the wood, can be treated by repeatedly flooding the surface with preservative and allowing it to stand until it disappears into the wood.

Washing Instructions Should Be Followed

Fargo, N. D. — It's smart to follow the washing instructions on the hang tag of a garment, a college clothing specialist says.

But if no instructions are given, here are some from extension agent Julia Brekke. Remove any trim such as ribbons and bows that may not be washable, she said. Pre-treat any badly soiled areas by rubbing thoroughly with a paste of synthetic detergent or soap and water.

And don't wash white garments with colored clothing, Miss Brekke warned.

For hand-washing, use warm water (100 degrees F), and a synthetic detergent or soap and a water softener. Squeeze the suds gently through the garment. Rinse thoroughly without wringing and hang on a non-staining hanger to drip dry.

Californians Visit Here

Mrs. R. David Holmes and children, Richard Donald and Holiday, of Modesto, Calif., are visiting in Medford with Mrs. Holmes' mother, Mrs. Ruth B. Simmons, who is hospitalized at Sacred Heart hospital.



James Main Named To Interim Group

James M. Main, Jackson county district judge, has been appointed to the legislative interim committee on judicial administration, according to G. W. Kelington, president of the county bar association.

Main received one of three appointments made by Chief Justice William M. Perry of the Oregon Supreme Court.

The committee is made up of 21 members, three of whom are appointed by the chief justice. State law provides that one Supreme Court justice, one circuit court judge and one district judge be appointed by the chief justice.

Others on Committee
Named to the committee in addition to Main were Randall Kester, justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, and Ralph Holman, circuit judge from Eugene.

Representative Robert B. Duncan termed the interim committee "one of the most important committees existing." He said "the appointment of Judge Main as the one district judge selected from the entire state recognizes his outstanding ability as a student, practicing attorney, municipal judge, and more recently, Jackson county's district judge. The citizens of this county should be proud of their local jurist."

State Senator Philip Lowry, who introduced the original bill creating the committee, noted that its importance is indicated by the fact that the appropriation for it was the largest single sum for an interim committee in the last legislature.

Lowry Delighted
Lowry said he was "delighted to hear of the appointment of Judge Main" and is "certain he will make an excellent contribution to the work of the committee, especially due to his judicial experience in federal, district and municipal courts, and his experience as a practicing attorney."

The committee's job will be to study existing judicial problems and make recommendations for legislation.

Problems the committee will study include increasing the size of the Oregon Supreme Court, creating an intermediate state appellate court, recodifying juvenile laws, creating a public defender system throughout the state, creating summary judicial boards, improving the administration of criminal law, improving salaries and reviewing private practice activities of district attorneys, increasing jurisdiction of district courts as courts of record, and improving judicial methods to prevent congestion and delay in administration of justice.

Described as Honor

Kelington described the appointment of Main as "a singular honor for the judge, Jackson county and our local bar association."

Judge Main has practiced law in Medford for seven years. He served as municipal judge for two and one-half years prior to his recent appointment to the district court bench by Gov. Robert Holmes upon the death of former Judge Rawles Moore.

Before practicing in Medford, Main served as chief administrative clerk for Federal Judge Alger Fee.

Nixon Abandons School Bill Hope

Philadelphia — Vice President Richard M. Nixon said Wednesday night he has abandoned hope for enactment this year of a federal school aid bill.

"There is at best a 50-50 chance that the bill will pass the house during this session," Nixon told the National Education Association convention. "There is virtually no chance that it will pass the Senate before adjournment."

Nixon read a message from President Eisenhower, who said millions of children are suffering from lack of adequate classrooms. The President recalled that he had repeatedly urged a temporary program of federal aid to help build more schools. "This legislation should encourage greater state and local efforts for school construction and provide federal help without federal control under a limited program with a definite date of termination," the President said.

"I am deeply anxious that the House of Representatives promptly pass such legislation. The important point is that this should be done now."

Nixon said the school legislation had made slow progress because of the segregation issue, "fear of federal control," and debate over the formula for allotting funds to the states.

Mike Todd and Liz Average Fight Hourly

London — Hollywood producer Mike Todd said today that he and wife Elizabeth Taylor average a fight an hour.

"We don't even kiss and make up," the flamboyant movie mogul said. "It's getting monotonous. We just love each other."

Todd, who Tuesday hosted 2,000 people in this city's biggest party, indicated he was fed up with gossip column reports of Mike and Liz spats that night. "Look, I fight with Liz every hour," he said. "I've never been so happy in my life."

"This is no Hollywood romance. We don't put on floor shows. We don't call out the photographers and stand around beating each other with spoons. 'It's ridiculous. Some of these America's sweethearts' make me wanna throw up."

"Neither of us are introverts," he said. "Liz just walked out of the room because she didn't want me to work our last day in London. So I gotta work. So she's pouting."

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