

Potpourri

Since Wednesday was Potpourri's "day off" from the office, we sat at home and watched the Tournament of Roses parade on television. Even in black and white on a small screen, it was an impressive sight. The floats were large and cleverly decorated and the bands smartly equipped and well trained. The mounted groups were impressive, too, with dozens of handsome horses, some decked out with trappings worth hundreds of dollars.

Yet the whole effect was spoiled for us, all because of an article which we read the day before. It was a report of the nation's underprivileged children which is appearing in the current issue of Parents' magazine. The article said that over 2.3 million children in the United States are attending school in over-crowded classrooms or in basements, converted garages or other makeshift classrooms. Approximately 840,000 are attending only part time in schools operated on double or even triple shifts.

Between 56,000 and 65,000 new classrooms will be needed each year to take care of the increased enrollment in the nation's schools, the report on underprivileged children states.

About 1,800,000 orphaned or partially orphaned children are receiving help from their states through the federal-state aid for Dependent Children program, the report states. Yet this aid is as low as \$7.50 a month per child in at least one state. The report says that probably the most neglected children in the land are the 600,000 or more who are the sons and daughters of migrant workers. Because these families have no homes, belong to no community, never stay very long in one place, their children are almost completely uneducated.

In 1955, the last year for which figures were available to the committee which made this study, 9.1 million children lived in families where the entire income was less than \$40 a week, in spite of the fact that essential expenditures for a family of four in that year cost from \$75 to \$88 a week, depending upon the section in which the family lived.

The report covers dozens of other points — infant mortality rates, the black market in adoptions, the foster home problem, lack of adequate child welfare services (half of the counties in the U. S. have no full-time public welfare workers), juvenile delinquency, the mentally ill children, (there are half a million of these in this country) the physically handicapped (over 17,000 children are totally blind and another 70,000 have only partial sight).

This is a grim picture, says the committee. As the result of these conditions, the United States is short of engineers, scientists, doctors, research specialists and social workers. A third of our most gifted children do not go on to college, and more than a million children have dropped out of school.

And the reason for this? The committee says that "we are not willing to pay the price." Yet someone was willing to pay the price of sending a high school band all the way from Florida to Pasadena, Calif., to march in the Tournament of Roses, and other high school and college bands went from states in many parts of the nation. Some one was willing to pay to have 22,000 orchids sent to Pasadena to decorate a single float; other floats were equally lavish. We have money for spectacular festivals, games and parades, but not enough for schools, hospitals, welfare agencies and proper help for the underprivileged child.

And a costly spectacle like the Rose Bowl game and the Tournament of Roses is relatively insignificant. The Parents' magazine report has even more grim figures — this nation spends only 3 1/2 per cent of our gross national income on public education; we spend over 4 per cent on recreation and 3 per cent on alcoholic beverages. We spend more for comic books than for all textbooks used in our elementary and high schools.

Money, alone, of course, will not solve any of the problems touched on in the Parents' report. Because of recent international events, the eyes of the entire U. S. have been focused on the educational system and the news is full of ideas, plans, reports and surveys. The Associated Press asked three of the country's top educators — Henry Heald, president of the Ford Foundation, Lawrence Dertwick, commissioner of education for the nation and Howard Bevis, chairman of President Eisenhower's commission on scientists and engineers, to state their opinions on how education could meet the challenge posed by Russia's scientific advances.

Answering the first set of questions the three men agreed substantially that American education needs to be strengthened generally, as well as in the fields of science and mathematics; that the status and respect accorded to teachers in Russia might very well be emulated in America; that gifted youngsters need more attention. Dr. Heald stated on this last point that it has been relatively easy to secure extra appropriations for the physically and mentally handicapped, but very hard to find extra money for the brilliant. Bevis commented that "It is unfortunate that over one-third of the boys and over half of the girls do not go beyond high school."

During dinner at the Jerry Smith home we asked the Smiths if they knew any photogenic children. Mrs. S. and daughter, Sydney, immediately nominated "Tippy" Quinowski. It was Miss Smith, close friend of the Quinowskis, who gave Tippy the football helmet and jersey which he wears in today's picture.

Banker Elwood Hedberg was extremely puzzled by a letter which he received not long ago and in which a woman apologized for parking in the First National's customer lot. The woman explained in considerable detail that she took a little extra time to run down the street and do an errand or two and she hadn't been gone long, etc., etc. Later a phone call from the embarrassed client explained the letter. Seems the woman found a note in her car, supposedly initiated by Mr. H., and saying shame on you for taking up our parking space while you shop. The note had been written by a friend who thought the entire matter was a huge joke until she heard that her fun message had been taken for real.

Opera Star Blanche Thebom, who sang to standing room only audiences on a recent Russian tour, believes that "art can do so much for mutual understanding." Miss Thebom, who startled the Russians by singing an aria from "Carmen" with her hair down (it drags on the floor) also remarked "Do you know, our country is the only leading power which is without a ministry or cabinet of culture. It's scandalous."

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Past President Of Federation Of Garden Clubs Guest of Club

Mrs. H. O. Smith, Cave Junction, past president of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, was a guest of Medford Garden club for a meeting at the courthouse auditorium Thursday.

Mrs. John Mansfield, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Smith who held a panel discussion on horticulture problems taken from the question box. She was assisted by Mrs. J. Edwin Harper and Mrs. C. C. Stearns.

Other guests introduced were Mrs. Norma J. Bradfish and Mrs. Dayton Dupue. Prizes were won by Mrs. O. W. Larson and Mrs. I. D. Fitzgerald.

The tea hour was in charge of Mrs. Leland Knox, Mrs. I. D. Fitzgerald, Mrs. LeRoy Cline, Mrs. Tom Ginn and Mrs. L. L. Meadows. The table was decorated by Mrs. Tom Ginn with a floral arrangement of blue Dutch iris and rose colored French heather and blue candles.

Mrs. Gerald VonTing and Mrs. John Mansfield poured.

One-Man Show At Piano House

The first one-man art show of 1958 is being shown at Purucker Piano House in Medford. It was arranged by Clifford Platz and includes 14 water colors painted by Mrs. Mildred Ruhndorf of Eugene.

Mrs. Ruhndorf has studied at Portland Art Museum art school, and at the University of Oregon. She is a member of the Eugene Art Center society.

Other artists from Eugene and other parts of the state will be exhibiting at Purucker during the spring and summer according to Mr. Platz. It is planned to have local artists exhibit from time to time during the year with a juried show for artists in Southern Oregon.

OSC Sets Date Of Dads' Event

Corvallis—Fathers of Oregon State college students will be honored on campus February 1 at the annual Dads weekend. A record 1,800 Dads are expected to attend this year and participate in campus tours, classroom visits and special events.

A giant box luncheon for students and their fathers is scheduled in the coliseum Saturday as the highlight of this year's program. Various musical groups on campus will entertain at the special luncheon program.

Visits to Saturday classes are planned along with an electronics display in the school of engineering, basketball game with Stanford university, living group dinners and firesides, and other sports and social programs.

Al Trimble, Portland, president of the OSC Dads club, will conduct the annual business meeting of the group. This year, the Dads club awarded eight full-tuition and 36 partial-tuition scholarships.

Rank Conferred On Three Pages

The rank of esquire was conferred upon three pages at the Monday meeting of Talisman lodge, Knights of Pythias. The rank of knight will be exemplified at the Monday, January 6, meeting at 8 p.m. with members from Grants Pass and Yreka participating.

Following the last meeting a chili supper was served by George Fisk and Baker Yarbrough.

The joint public installation of officers of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters will be held Monday, January 13, in the Pythian building, at 8 p.m. A rehearsal and drill practice is scheduled for Sunday, January 12, at 3 p.m. Several high-ranking officers from both orders are expected to attend, according to Past Chancellor Joe W. Fritsch.

Surprise Program Planned for Club

A surprise program is scheduled by Mrs. Herbert Seitz for a meeting of Medford Lady Lions at the home of Mrs. Elwood Hedberg, 1206 East Main street, Tuesday, January 7, at 7:30.

Guests at the meeting will be the wives of the Jacksonville Lions club members. Mesdames Robert Harland, Kenneth Matland, James Bayliss, E. E. Setzler and Kenneth Campbell will assist the hostess.

Lady Elks

Lady Elks will meet Tuesday, January 7, at 1 p.m. for a salad luncheon and afternoon of cards at the Elks hall. The committee in charge will be Mrs. H. K. Hanna, Mrs. H. J. Boyd, and Mrs. K. W. Thompson.

Parents Magazine Reveals Unpleasant Facts in Report

Chicago — The findings of the first report on the state of the nation's underprivileged children, compiled by George J. Hecht, publisher of Parents' Magazine, and Ada Bennett Stough, executive director of the American Parents' committee, were released today. The report reveals that:

More than 100,000 children in legal jams are put in adult jails to await court action because of the lack of juvenile detention facilities, and half the counties of the country

Gold Hill Couple Hosts to Guests

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilson, 7 Chestnut avenue, were guests at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Norman Gail, at Gold Hill New Year's day.

Home for the holidays at the Gail residence were their two daughters, Miss Mildred Gail, student at the University of Washington, Seattle, Miss Grace Gail, student at Oregon State college, Corvallis. A guest in the Gail home from the University of Washington was Andhi P. Isarankura, junior, who is studying fisheries. He is from Bangkok, Thailand, and is an exchange student.

Following dinner the group viewed the Rose Bowl game on television and the evening was spent with musical entertainment.

The students returned to school this week end.

Officers Named For Social Club

Mrs. Allen Curry was elected president of Electa Social club at a meeting December 27 in the Girls Community club.

Also elected were Mrs. Carrie Walters, vice-president; Mrs. Clara Franklin, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. L. D. Hodgekins, musician, and Mrs. D. W. Bowers, publicity chairman.

Visitors for the dessert luncheon and Christmas party were Mrs. Helen Ford, Tacoma, Wash., and Mrs. Hazel Harrison, Seattle.

The next meeting of the group will be January 24 when a potluck dinner will be held and officers will be installed. Mrs. Frank Root will be installing officer. Mrs. Roy Miller, Mrs. Esther Coleman and Mrs. Laura Aldredge will be in charge of the next meeting.

Mrs. Mark Goldy To Be Club Hostess

Women of Rotary will meet at the home of Mrs. Mark Goldy, 35 South Berkeley way, at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday, January 8. Members are requested to bring table service.

Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. Robert E. McIntyre, Mrs. Edmund E. Hass and Mrs. Orrin L. Brown.

Beauty to Wed New York Actor

San Francisco — Beautiful Lee Ann Meriwether, 22, Miss America of 1955, will be married next summer to a Broadway actor, her mother disclosed today.

Mrs. Ethel Meriwether, San Francisco, said her daughter and Frank Alatter, 31, who is in the play "The Bells are Ringing," became engaged in New York New Year's eve.

The former beauty titlist now lives in New York where she is studying acting and dancing. She was a drama student at City College of San Francisco when she won the award at Atlantic City in 1954. The wedding will be here,

Sunday, January 5, 1958

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probably in July, Mrs. Meriwether said.

Alatter, native of Long Island and a Korean War veteran, gave Miss Meriwether a one-carat diamond ring to seal the engagement, her mother said.

Announce Talk By Thomas Goff

Griffin Creek — Thomas Goff of Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic will speak to members of the Griffin Creek School Mother's club Wednesday, January 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the school

Olive Rebekah Lodge Announces Meeting

Olive Rebekah lodge will meet Monday, January 6, at 8 p.m. at the Odd Fellows hall. Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. William Roberts, Mrs. Esther Coleman, Mrs. Harriet Sheares, and Mrs. Kenneth Stockhoff.

cafe. He will speak on "Discipline." Refreshments will be served by mothers of seventh-grade students. Mrs. LeRoy Sander will be in charge. Baby sitting services will be provided.

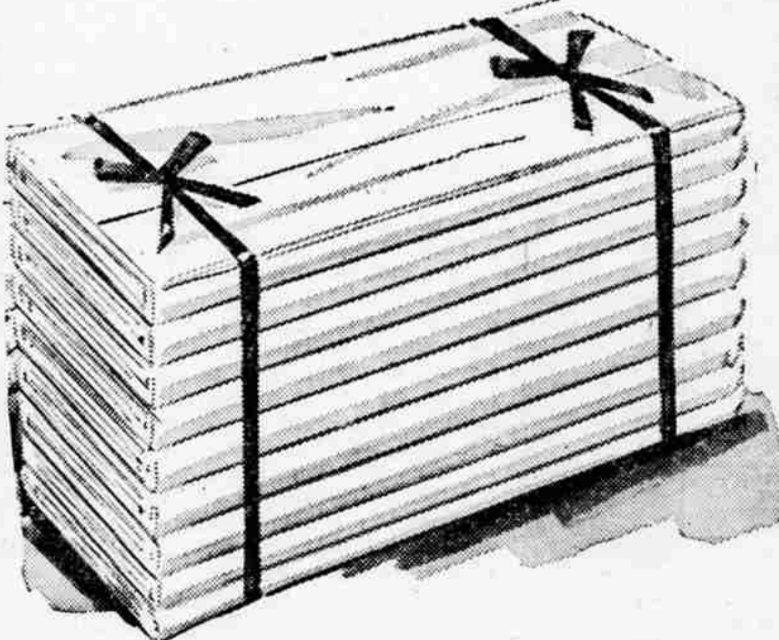
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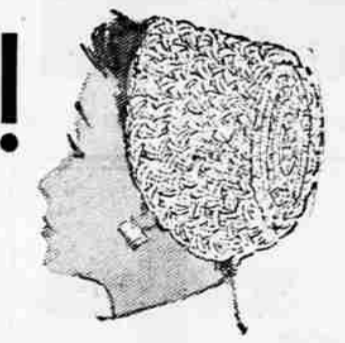
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