

U.S. Women Downtrodden Lots Says Englishman

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New York — (UPI) — U. S. women are a downtrodden lot, says Alistair Cooke, famed British-born reporter of the American scene.

"And by that I don't mean that she should have two votes," Cooke added. "But the American woman's ambitions are too high. In England, in Europe generally, a woman decides early what type she will be—good mother, good cook, or siren . . ."

"Women here want to be all of these . . . wife, mother, cook, nurse, mistress and run Wall Street at the same time. It's a hard job . . . the nation is full of women who believe they're doing it well. But I often think they are under heavier strain than any others in the world."

"Who's to blame?" Cooke said both sexes.

"The American woman seems to lack the sagacity to see that the home is the most resourceful place a woman can operate from . . . but the man expects her to be all these things and like an idiot she accepts. I don't know the reasons, unless it's the good old American belief that life is improvable."

Comes From England

Witty, urbane Alistair Cooke came to this country from England in 1932 to become an actor. He studied drama at Yale and Harvard but most of all, he said, he studied America, which "I found as exciting as a nine-ring circus."

Today, he is a U.S. citizen, is host on the NBC television show "Omnibus" and is a peripatetic reporter for the Manchester Guardian. He brags that "I have filed stories from every state."

Married twice, his second wife was a war widow from New Jersey. "There are four children," said Cooke. "I have two, she has three, we have one." Work on it awhile, it adds up.

Cooke said, in an interview, it'd be easier to talk about

subjects less controversial than American females—"you keep opening up chasms for me to drop through," he laughed. But he went ahead anyway, and then touched briefly but scathingly on American males.

Some excerpts from my notes:

On the career woman — "She is a monster . . . the supreme escapist from the role of being a woman. I'm not talking about the working wife whose job supplements family income. I think the difference in the two is happiness. I never met a happy career woman."

Mistaken Idea

On conversation — "Long ago we gave woman the mistaken idea this was one of their main roles."

On cooking — "The American woman is essentially a part-time cook, but one of the best part-time cooks. We're not obsessed with food in America or England anyway. I'm a devoted seconder of A. J. Liebling, who said an Englishman telling an American about cooking, is the blind leading the one-eyed."

On fashion — "The American woman is the best average dressed in the world. The working female populations nowhere else strike such a high standard; but there is less really first-rate dressing among women who make a fetish of it. I notice one dressing defect, especially in middle age . . . the woman becomes a portable jewelry store. As she sees her hands going, she puts on "three more bracelets . . . and inevitably the anklet chain."

On American men — "Strikingly spoiled on the whole; expect to remain, though not a thing of beauty, a boy forever. Look at the shy, boyish movie heroes. Millions of men remain unweaned from the womb to the tomb."

Picnic

Grove Garden club will meet Wednesday, August 20, in Maple park, near the new Armory, for a potluck picnic supper. The hour is 6:30 p.m.

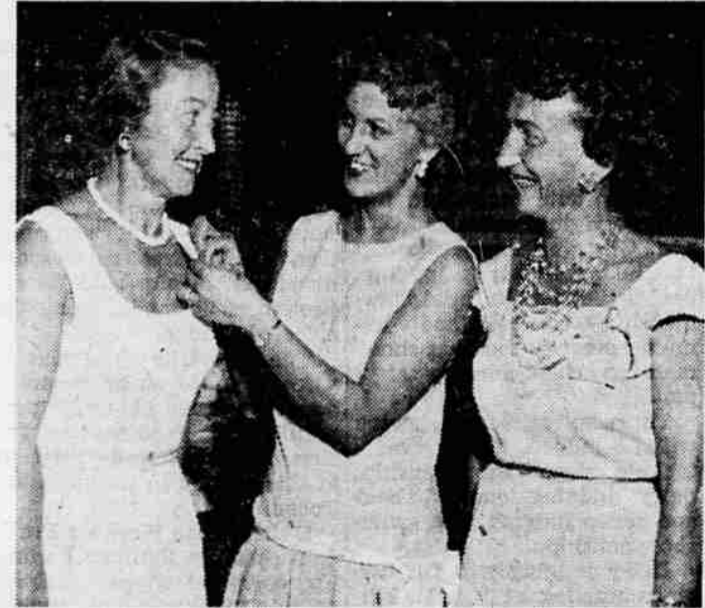
In making bread or rolls, rinse the bowl in hot water before mixing dough. This prevents the yeast from cooling.



Mrs. W. W. Davis, Medford, (at left, front) retiring president of the Willamette Valley-Southern Oregon Women's Golf association, is shown here with the new officers elected at a meeting held Wednesday at Rogue Valley Country club. Miss Beverly Steel, Laurelwood Country club, Eugene, (at right, front) is the new president and the remaining new officers are (left to right, back row) Mrs. Ralph T. Moore Jr., Grants Pass, the new vice-president; Mrs. Milo Marlatt, Eugene, secretary and Mrs. E. C. Sullivan, Bend, handicap chairman.



Mrs. Herschel Obye, (at left) Grants Pass, was among the women golfers who attended a dinner at Rogue Valley Country club Wednesday night sponsored by the Willamette Valley-Southern Oregon Women's Golf association. Also at the dinner were Mrs. W. M. Clarke (center) Medford, and Mrs. Robert Sproul, Klamath Falls. All three women played in the WVSO tournament Thursday.



Mrs. Warren Lesseg, (at left) retiring secretary of the Willamette Valley-Southern Oregon Women's Golf association, was one of the Medford women attending a dinner Wednesday night at Rogue Valley Country club which preceded the tournament Thursday. Mrs. Richard Finch, a past president of the Medford club, was co-chairman with Mrs. Lesseg for the tournament and Mrs. Frank Tamney, (at right) is president of the Medford women's association.

Finely chopped olives make a colorful garnish on hot or cold soups. Chopped pimiento-stuffed olives are also good in hot rolls. Stir 3/4 cup chopped olives into 1 package hot roll mix and prepare according to package directions.

To be sure of the best in frying chicken, look for the government inspection and grading label, either fastened to the bird or printed on the package. Top quality fryers bear the tag: "U. S. Inspected and Passed, Grade A."

Travelers Return From Island Trip

Among those returning last week from vacations were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Haskins, 228 North Holly street, Mrs. Haskins' sister, Mrs. Louise Schramm, Pekin, Ill., and Mrs. Mabel Hundley, Central Point. The four made a trip to Hawaii on the liner Matsonia.

They made trips by plane to the various islands and while in Hilo were among the guests at a Hawaiian wedding.

The travelers spent some time with Mrs. Corinne Robbins, who formerly taught at the West Side school here, and who teaches now at Kamehameha school for girls. They found the Bishop museum interesting and attended services at the oldest Protestant church in the islands. Services are conducted in both English and the Hawaiian language.

The four were registered at the Princess Kuilania hotel.

When Mrs. Schramm arrived in Oregon in June, the Haskins met her in Portland and all three attended the Rose festival there. Mrs. Schramm will return home later in the summer.



Short or long, printed or plain, the cotton coat will star as an important fall fashion. At left: A three-quarter, canvas coat by Masket sports a fashionable fur collar. At right: For daytime or evening, Lawrence of London features a water-repellent, rose-printed velveteen coat that doubles for rain or shine.

Ashland YMCA Announces Camp

Ashland—Registrations are now open for the annual family camp to be conducted by the Ashland YMCA Saturday, August 30, through Monday, September 1, at Camp McLaughlin on the west shore of Lake of the Woods.

Each family will have one of the tent cabins to themselves with the program planned for the week end including swimming, water skiing, boating, fishing, camp fires and vesper services.

Meals will be served family style. Each family must provide bedding and other personal belongings.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gettling are in charge of the Ashland contingent which will share the camp with families

Sorority Holds Annual Picnic

The annual summer picnic of the combined chapters of Medford Beta Sigma Phi sorority, was held recently at the home of Mrs. Barthold Barnum, 3976 South Pacific highway.

Dinner was served on the patio adjoining the pool, and members and guests swam. Guests for the evening included Mrs. Scott Davis, director of Beta Upsilon chapter, Mrs. James Callan, sponsor of Alpha Rho chapter, and Mrs. David Harem, of Roseburg.

from Klamath Falls. Registrations may be made by contacting the YMCA at MURdock 5-8616.

Dancers Booked in Ashland

Ashland—Making its Northwest debut next weekend in Ashland will be Ballet Celeste, appearing under the auspices of the Oregon Shakespearean festival. The noted San Francisco organization, trained and directed by Merriem Lanova, will dance two matinee performances Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23, at 3 p.m. at Churchill hall, on the Southern Oregon College campus.

Special classes for local dance students will be held during Ballet Celeste's local booking. Miss Lanova will meet with junior students who have had a year or more of ballet training at 9 a.m. and with 'teen age, adult, and more advanced junior groups at 10 a.m. Both classes, set for Friday morning, August 22, are open to the public. They will meet at the Colleen Hope Studio, 45 Hawthorne avenue, in Medford.

Thirty young performers comprise the widely heralded dance company. Originally formed in San Francisco, the group has successfully toured the United States, reaping critical praise wherever they have appeared. Miss Lanova, formerly a soloist with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, has developed a repertoire of over 20 ballets for the organization, including a wide range from the classics to the modern.

Tickets for Ballet Celeste's premiere Northwest appearance may be secured at the Oregon Shakespearean festival box office in Ashland. Prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. There will be no reserved seats. Tickets may also be purchased at Mann's in Medford, or by writing "Shakespeare, Ashland, Oregon."

Medford Jayettes To Meet Wednesday

Medford Jayettes, auxiliary to Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, will hold the second meeting for August Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Robertson, 1313 Mt. Pitt avenue. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Thomas J. Reeder and Mrs. Kenneth Knackstedt.

Mrs. Arthur Van Leeuwen, president, asks each member to bring a guest or another member who has not attended in recent months.

Plans will be discussed for the safety car check which the Junior Chamber will hold in September. Jayettes are to assist their husbands with this project.



Miss Laurene Kell (Brainerd photo)

President Leaves For Convention

Miss Laurene Kell, Medford, president, Department of Oregon, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, left last week for New York City where she is attending the national convention of the auxiliary. The convention, which started today, will continue through August 22.

A school of instruction for presidents will follow the convention. Miss Kell was accompanied on the trip by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hopkins, Rogue River, and her sister, Mrs. Richard Gray, Portland. Mrs. Hopkins, a past department president, is serving as the department membership chairman this year.

On the return trip the Oregonians plan to visit the VFW Children's Home at Eaton Rapids, Mich. Recently completed there was an Oregon cottage for six children and a housemother.

Navy Mothers' Club Announces Meeting

Rogue Valley Navy Mother's club will meet Tuesday, August 19, at 10 a.m. for an all-day session at Girls Community club.

During the morning the group will sew, and a potluck luncheon will be served at noon.

All mothers of Navy, Marine corps and Coast Guard personnel are invited to attend.

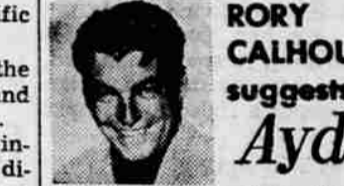
Spelling Topic For Lectures

Ashland—Dr. Margery Bailey, director of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival's Institute of Renaissance Studies, has announced a special three-day lecture series, open to the public. Dr. Ralph Lane, 1958 Professor of the Institute, has arrived in Ashland to present 4 o'clock lectures, Monday through Wednesday, on "Shakespearean Spelling."

Scheduled for the Ashland Public Library's Gresham room, Dr. Lane's survey of Elizabethan spelling characteristics is another in the summer series of readings, lectures, discussions and special presentations designed by the Institute to background the current Festival season. Dr. Lane's three-day program is presented to Festival patrons without charge, sponsored by the theatre's board of directors.

Dr. Lane, currently assistant professor of English at J. Ormand Wilson college in Washington, D.C., took his first academic degrees in Ohio and completed his doctorate at George Washington university. He has a degree in Dutch-Malay languages from Stanford, was in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown university, and received a Fulbright scholarship for study in the Netherlands. He has published articles on language and the teaching arts, traveled extensively throughout Europe, and has attended many Shakespearean performances both at home and abroad.

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