

Potpourri

Last Saturday it was hot in Medford, but on top of Mt. Ashland it was deliciously cool. Pappy and Potpourri decided to quit talking about sleeping out on top of the mountain, and really do it. For a time it seemed fate was against the whole idea, but we persevered and the results were worth the efforts.

The trip had been planned for the previous week end, but the threatened storm worried us into a postponement. Saturday night after work Pappy packed the car and as soon as the society section of the Mail Tribune had been "put to bed" Potpourri hurried home and changed into outdoor clothing and off we went. All of a mile or so.

For the third time this summer we had a flat tire. Both of us drove for years under all sorts of conditions and no flats. Then three in three months.

Pappy was to be sorely tried before it shows up in his lap, but a flat tire at 8:15 p.m. at night on the first lap of a camping trip is about as good an excuse for a lapse of polite language as one could find. And all Potpourri could do was hold the flashlight and hope and pray that some careless driver wouldn't run us down before the tire was changed, since we had been forced to stop in a bad spot.

Pappy, being the careful efficient type, not only left the headlights burning but set the turning blinker light to going so that the flashing red would be an extra warning.

While the obliging service station man worked on the tire — in between pumping gasoline — we watched the heavy traffic on 99 and decided that half the population must be on the move. Cars whizzed by in both directions so steadily that it made us dizzy to watch. We tried to envision this scene all over the United States and wondered how the earth yields up enough gasoline and oil to keep all these vehicles going, to say nothing of ships and airplanes and all the other machinery which gobble up fuel.

The attendant, who turned out to be John Stewart of the Phoenix elementary school faculty, had to stop so many times to fill tanks and wash windows that the two of us finally decided we'd have to spell him a bit, or we'd never get going. Pappy could pump the gas, we said, and Potpourri could wash the windshield and windows. We noted approvingly that Mr. Stewart didn't neglect the back car windows like so many station attendants do.

Once on the road again with a new tube in the tire, the trip up the mountain didn't seem very long. The headlights picked up deer from time to time, and when we started up the last bit of road which leads to the top of the mountain, they also beamed out over the black expanse of empty space bordering the edge of the road. We can say truthfully that this bit of road is in about as bad a condition as it could be and still be traversable. The road apparently suffered heavily from the season's storms and is very poor, in spite of recent repair efforts.

From the top of Mt. Ashland at night one can see the lights of both Ashland and Medford, a spectacular sight. And the stars seem close enough to pluck from the sky.

From our sleeping bag we could see the Big Dipper hanging just over the edge of the north horizon. Later in the night a distant lightning storm lighted up the hills from time to time. Towards dawn gorgeous Venus rose over the rock to the east — and as the sun came up it tinted Mt. Shasta a hazy lavender-pink. We feel sorry for those who have never watched a sunrise in the mountains.

During the early dawn a deer strolled by, and startled at the sight of the red truck took off into the thicket making a noise which Pappy said reminded him of a man with asthma wheezing and blowing his nose. And much to our surprise a tiny hummingbird paid us a visit, hovering about Pappy's head for several seconds.

After breakfast as we started down the mountain, we saw dozens of tiny grey birds which flitted here and there showing flashes of white on their tails. Those who learn to identify birds must have the patience of Job and keener eyes than ours. Even with the field glasses we have the greatest difficulty in keeping one within range long enough to note colors and markings.

The sight of the wild flowers takes us back to the Ashland loop trip again and again. Sunday the slopes were covered with blue lupine; daisies of different sizes and colors and patches of yellow sulphur flowers were especially pretty. The day's adventures included an unexpected lesson in meteorology, but that's another story.—O.S.



Medford Blue Star Mothers recently presented a 21-inch screen television set for the use of wheel chair patients at the Camp White domiciliary. The set was purchased with funds derived from the Mothers' sale of blue daisies last May day, the sale being an annual event to raise money for the benefit of these men. Pictured during the presentation are (left to right) Acting Manager Banks I. Paul, Mrs. James Cech, president of the Medford chapter, Blue Star Mothers of America, Mrs. Fred Middlebush, chapter member and Walter Humes, who represented the veterans.

Summer Meeting Held by Mothers

Blue Star Mothers held a mid-summer meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Fred Middlebush, Hilton road. Members made final plans to attend the annual department picnic and business meeting at Riddle Wednesday.

Mrs. Rose Peters, Fort Dodge, Ia., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Gindling. Regular fall meetings will be announced later.

David Wilsons To Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Wilson, Marble, Minn., are expected Saturday to visit Mr. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilson, 7 Chestnut street. The visitors will make the trip by plane.

Sunday, August 31, the Medford couple will observe their 66th wedding anniversary. A family celebration will be held in Gold Hill at the home of the Wilson's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gail.

Dinner Set

Pocahontas lodge has planned a potluck dinner Friday, August 29, at Redman hall at 6:20 p.m. A business meeting will follow at 8 p.m. and a card party will close the evening's program.

Members are privileged to take guests for the dinner and card party.

Americans Spend Many Millions On Fancy Food

By MARY PRIME
United Press International
New York—It's no trick for followers of the "instant" school of cooking to become gourmets. All you need is a can opener.

The complicated dish that once required 50 rare ingredients now takes as much time to whip up as a tin of pork and beans. Foods such as wheat pilaf and babas au rhum come prepared in cans. Sauces such as bernaise come in powdered form.

We've become a nation of fancy food fanciers, reported Harold Roth, president of the National Association for the Specialty Food trade. We spend 70 million dollars a year on choice items. We also import more than 50 million pounds of cheese, 400,000 pounds of bread sticks, tons of caviar, truffles, crackers, prepared game birds, hams in brandy and wine sauces, and rare herbs, spices and liquors, Roth said.

"The gourmet business is booming because of the increase of travel to Europe, the increase in home entertainment and cocktail drinking, a wider selection of products and more efficient distribution system, improved packaging and less of a price gap between staples and specialty foods," Roth added.

Some 5,000 exotic convenience items of foods were on display at the fourth annual fancy foods and confection show here this week. The foods come from as far away as Formosa and Thailand.



CASUAL SCENE — Prominent on the casual scene this fall will be the wool blazer. This one in black, red, gray stripes is neat, conservative, handsome. Wool Bureau photo.

Parker-Davis Rites Tonight; Guests Arrive

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Parker and family, Lampman road, Gold Hill, have as their houseguests this week several out of town relatives. Here are Mrs. James Pete, Castor Valley, Calif.; Mrs. Ted Reed, Alameda, Calif., and Mrs. James Peter Jr. and children Lynn and Davis, Concord, Calif.

The Parker's guests arrived August 25 and will attend the wedding of Miss Judith Gayle Davis and David Boyce Parker, set for eight o'clock this evening at First Methodist church in Medford.

Miss Davis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Davis, was honored recently by two bridal showers, one given in Gold Hill and another in Central Point. Her fiancée is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Parker, Gold Hill.

Mrs. Reed has just recently returned to the United States after a seven week vacation tour of Europe.

Stir in the dressing made by combining 4 tablespoons of prepared mustard with 2 tablespoons each of vinegar, sugar and evaporated milk or light cream, and 1/4 teaspoon of salt. Beat the dressing until fluffy before mixing with the potatoes. Garnish with sliced radishes.



HEMLINE PLEATS — Plaids and perky hemline pleats are earmarked for fashion this fall, and both are here in a slim wool skirt, shown with a long-line sweater. Skirt is by Century of Boston.

Former Resident Visitor in City

Miss Eula Wintermote, former home demonstration agent in the Jackson County Extension service, spent last week-end in the valley. She was accompanied by two friends who are employed in the same service, Miss Ripah Douglass, Josephine county home demonstration agent, and Mrs. Mabel Ito, home demonstration agent on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Mrs. Ito is presently on sabbatical leave and visiting county extension agencies in Washington, Oregon, California, and Missouri on a Grace Fry-singer scholarship.

During their visit to this area the group made an excursion to Crater Lake National park and attended performances at the Oregon Shakespearean festival in Ashland. Mrs. F. Wilson Wait was their hostess during the visit. Mrs. Wait also entertained the group and Miss Helen Webster at Sunday afternoon luncheon at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Miss Wintermote is now home demonstration agent for Linn county and makes her home in Albany, Ore.

Week End Social Events Center Around Country Club

Rogue Valley Country club members will be spending much time at the clubhouse and on the course over the Labor-day week end. With hundreds of visitors here for the traditional 30th annual Southern Oregon Golf tournament, much of the city's social activity will center at the clubhouse until the event is concluded.

A cocktail hour is being held each evening between 7 and 8 o'clock. The series opened last evening and will continue through Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. William Clark as general chairmen.

Assisting the Clarks as hosts last evening were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Six, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Hinman, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Sickels, Dr. and Mrs. Abner Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund L. Simmons.

Saturday noon Women's Golf association of the club will cooperate with the club management in giving a luncheon for women contestants and wives of contestants in the tournament. A social hour is set for 12:30 p.m. with luncheon to follow. Each evening of the tournament days two orchestras will provide music for dancing. Abby Green and his musicians are playing in the Crest room, and the Art Kay Comedians in the main dining room. The latter group will also stage two floor shows each evening.

Several large dinners have been scheduled, some by valley club members and others by visitors. A group of 30 from Columbia - Edgewater club in Portland will dine at the club together Saturday night. The party is being arranged by Mr. and Mrs. James Snider, former members of the club here.

For a change from tossed greens, serve green bean and tomato salad with a barbecue dinner. Drain canned Blue Lake green beans, and marinate in tart French dressing. Top with sliced red, ripe tomatoes, and sprinkle with chopped fresh or dried dill, and chopped chives.

Save dishwashing when you beat egg whites and yolks separately by doing the whites first. Then, without washing the beater, beat the yolks.



WASH AND WEAR — The new trim look in men's sports wear this fall is typified by this wash and wear cotton shirt cut to taper toward waistline. Woven in a brown, white and blue plaid. By Arrow.

CALENDAR

Friday: 11 a.m. — Fifty Plus club, Red Cross building. Hundreds of persons use the Medford public library every day.

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Shakespearean Festival Special Events Continue

Ashland — Several special events remain on the calendar at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland. Augmenting activities are scheduled by the Institute of Renaissance Studies, the music, and the dance departments to continue during the last week of the 1958 production season.

Dr. Margery Bailey, institute director, has announced the fifth in the series of Gresham Lectures set for today at 4 o'clock in the Ashland library's Gresham room. Myna Brunton Hughes, San Francisco, spoke on "Shakespeare in South America," a review of performance in translation and in Latin acting style.

Sunday, August 31, the last of the Elizabethan music concerts will be staged at the Festival Theatre. Music Director W. Bernard Windt has planned a varied bill for the final program, including num-

bers by the string ensemble, the Festival Singers, and the Madrigal Singers. Choreographer Marcia Thayer and the dance group will accompany several of the selections with special dances. The event gets underway at 4:30 p.m.

Concluding the Institute programs will be a Trinity Noon reading at Trinity hall Wednesday, September 3, and the Terminal Gresham lecture at the Library, at 4 p.m. Thursday, September 4. The Trinity Noon will be handled by several members of the Festival company and will be devoted to the reading of Shakespeare's sonnets. Dr. Bailey will offer the final Gresham Lecture. She will speak on "Shakespeare's Doubled Heroes," a discussion of character interacting with theme.

Picnic Supper Held on Sunday By Optometrists

Southern Oregon optometrists and their families met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Winston Smith on Aurora avenue in Grants Pass Sunday, August 24, at 5 p.m. for a potluck supper. This was the regular monthly meeting of the Southern Oregon Optometric society and the Women's auxiliary.

After dinner the group discussed plans for the forthcoming state optometric convention to be held in Medford in May of next year. Dr. August Glutsch of Medford is general chairman for the convention.

Those families attending from Medford included Dr. and Mrs. Robert Harland and son; Dr. and Mrs. Richard Nelson and two children; Dr. and Mrs. George S. Jennings. Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Revel and one of their daughter attended from Ashland.

Those from Grants Pass included Dr. and Mrs. Steven Dippel and three boys and Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Craig, in addition to Dr. and Mrs. Smith and their three sons.

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