



Practically anything can be found on the desk of the society editor, but we were a bit puzzled Monday morning to find several grains of rice. The grains were discovered while opening the mail, and not long after, the mystery was solved. We found several more grains in the corner of an envelope mailed by the newly married Mrs. William Patton. Mrs. Patton, who until last Saturday afternoon was Shirley Douglass, had hurriedly written a note on United Airlines stationery to say that she had passed on our request for picture coverage on the wedding, and "everything is now in the hands of the photographer who says he is terribly rushed but will do his best."

Shirley and Bill Patton were married in Portland, and were en route to Mexico for their honeymoon when the bride snatched a few moments to write the note. The Christmas-New Year holiday season always brings a rash of weddings and engagements—romance seems to flourish along with the holly and mistletoe. And no wonder—it's a gay, warm time of the year when everyone seems happier than usual; to be married at that season should make it a doubly happy occasion. It also means that anniversaries will always come at this gay time of the year, and at a time when everyone is thinking in terms of a brand new year for work and living.

According to the statisticians, weddings fell off about 10 per cent last year in the United States. In spite of this, the Institute of Life Insurance reports that Dan Cupid still is very much in business and about 1,300,000 couples were married in 1958. While Potpourri hasn't kept a record of the exact number of weddings in the county, we're sure that this district contributed its share and will continue to do so—this coming Sunday's social section will be proof of this. (While reading this, Pal Peg reminded us that the two of us wrote 26 weddings for one Sunday issue in 1958, a record number for publication in one day for this paper.)

Gay Pauley, with tongue in cheek, writes from New York that her New Year's resolutions are not hard to keep. She just resolves to do what she knows she will do anyhow. It sticks in the back of Potpourri's mind that formal lists of New Year's resolutions usually number 8 or 10. We could easily make up such a list, but it would be pretty discouraging to contemplate. Maybe we'll compromise with our conscience, and just make two or three.

One would be to find time, somehow or the other, to read more during the coming year. The second would be to keep our corner at the office a little neater, as well as the second office at home, and not to hoard so many pieces of reading material—books, magazines, newspapers, recipes, pamphlets, clippings, letters. These two resolutions would really be only one—if we had more time to read, the stack of reading material wouldn't get ahead of us. If we threw away more material to begin with, there wouldn't be so much left to read.

Now might be a good time to apologize to those individuals to whom we owe letters—some for longer than a year, we admit with regret. But the hours hasten relentlessly onward, and by the time each day's stint is handed, there never seems to be enough time for correspondence. Gradually the file at the office, and the box at home labeled "Potpourri mail" are getting fuller and fuller. Some of the mail can't be answered in a few minutes, either, but takes thought and time. Weeks and weeks ago we wrote a letter to a woman in Gold Hill which had been long overdue then. After it was written and designed, we read it again and tore it up. It didn't say what we meant it to say. Maybe some day we will find time to write one which sounds just right.

There's a little notice tacked on the news room bulletin board which says that a reporter should not use a word unless he knows the exact and precise meaning. So, what are cockles? Even the dictionary isn't sure. Potpourri's Christmas mail contained a delightful and zany letter from a friend who sent us some holiday goodies to "warm the cockles of your stomach."

"You do have cockles, don't you?" she asked. Not being sure that we did have cockles, particularly of the stomach, we rushed to Webster, but he was most disappointing. Cockle is a word of obscure origin and meaning, was all the satisfaction we got. We'll have to add research in cockles to the list of things we're going to do when we have more time.

While we're thinking about the precise meaning of words, how about this word "happy"? Everyone is wishing everyone else a Happy New Year. We passed up the dictionary this time, and looked in the big quotation book. We found quotations from Milton, Dryden, Pope, Shakespeare, Virgil, Aeschylus, Byron, John Vance Cheney and a score of other authors. Potpourri liked this one, by James Oppenheim. It is from "The Wise" and says "The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance; the wise grows it under his feet." — O.S.

### More Safety Education Said Needed by Children

New York—(UPI)—Youngsters need more safety education. Each year, about 6,000 children from 5 to 14 years of age are killed in accidents, according to figures compiled by the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

Sixteen per cent of the accidental deaths among boys in this age group occur in the home. For girls in this group, the figure is 30 per cent.

Motor vehicle accidents cause 40 per cent of the deaths. Three out of every five motor vehicle deaths at ages 5 to 9 involve children on streets, driveways and highways. One out of every four children killed in the 10 to 14 bracket are pedestrians.

While falls may injure many children, the death rate is 3 per cent of the total. The careless use of firearms results in 13 per cent of the accidental deaths among boys aged 10 to 14.

**Vinsons Return From Trip South**  
Mr. and Mrs. Kin Vinson, route 4, box 400A, Medford, returned to Medford Tuesday evening following a vacation in Salinas, Calif., where they visited Mrs. Vinson's mother, Mrs. Connie Russell, and other relatives.

The couple left the valley December 24.

**CALENDAR**  
Friday:  
1 p.m.—Electa Social club, Girls Community club.  
1 p.m.—Gettogether club, Girls Community club.

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## Women Shattered Man's World In 1958; Many Firsts Recorded

By SHERI GILES  
United Press International  
Chicago—(UPI)—Ladies shattered records, precedents and traditions more than ever before in '58, leaving the "man's world" in fragments. The only male sanctuaries seemingly left intact: the Presidency, the U.S. Supreme Court, and the men's bar at the Waldorf.

Some 19,000 women were immortalized in the first edition of "Who's Who of American Women."

The year produced lady deckhands, lady boxing referees, lady submarine decorators, a lady papyrologist, lady construction workers, missile workers, paper hangers, plumbers, hog judges, and much to the dismay of F.B.I. Chief J. Edgar Hoover, the year produced more lady bankrobbers than ever before, too.

Despite boisterous harping from menfolk, Britain's pompous old house of lords became the House of Lords and Ladies, admitting four peeresses.

A Negro woman—Mrs. Vel Phillips, of Wisconsin—became the first national committee woman of her race.

A lady from Costa Rica was the first of her sex appointed to the council of organization of American states.

Princess Margaret was caught up in new rumors about a renewal of her romance with Peter Townsend. A new book claimed she still loves him. Margaret ended the year still single.

Mamie "Tireless" Eisenhower played tireless White House hostess—with time out for a headline-grabbing trip to Arizona for a beauty rest. Opera star Maria Callas was fired from virtually every important opera house in the world, including La Scala in Milan. There, in front of the President of

Italy, she trotted off the stage.

Princess Grace, of Monaco, gave birth to Prince Albert, made heir to the throne. She later visited America with Prince Rainier, Queen Frederika, of Greece, toured the U.S. to study atomic installations.

During the year, "BB" came to mean more than what little boys shoot out of guns, the new twist: Brigitte Bardot. France's gift to filmdom, Petite and spirited Sister Duns Scotus formed the Austin Minnesota Rocket society with a group of youngsters.

All of the women's headlines were not happy.

Three nuns died in a Chicago school fire that killed 89 children. A fourth nun died later of injuries from the fire.

Fate and tradition split the Shah Pahlevi, of Iran, and his beloved Saroya. The Shah divorced his queen because she had failed to bear him a male heir.

Coya Knutson, blonde congresswoman from Minnesota, had trouble with home-loving husband, Andrew. He waged a futile "Coya Come Home" campaign, claiming his wife's ardent political career, plus her male secretary, was ruining their marriage.

She lost her re-election bid and was last heard insinuat-

ing that she was the victim of hulla-balloo raised by her husband.

Ingrid Bergman divorced Italian film director Roberto Rossellini, and announced that her third husband would be another Swede, Lars Schmidt.

**Wives Loyal**  
Throughout '58 wives defended their mates when hard times struck. Rachel Adams stood up for Sherman in the Goldfine case. Mrs. William Knowland, wife of California Senator, tongue-lashed former Gov. Goodwin Knight when the two men had an election squabble.

And Mrs. Hyman Rickover was downright furious when her husband, "father of the nuclear submarine," was snubbed at ceremonies honoring the "Nautilus."

More women went to Congress, setting a new record of 18 members. Bertha Adkins was the first woman appointed to a cabinet under-secretaryship. She's under-secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

At the 13th general assembly of the U.N., there were 41 women delegates or alternates, another feminine record. A Swede, Mrs. Agda Rosell, was the first woman permanent U.N. delegate.

Brazil promoted a woman to the diplomatic rank of minister. A woman is U.S. Ambassador to Norway. And, for a brief time, a woman was acting premier of Sweden; the premier was vacationing.

A Scotsborn widow is Lord

Mayor of Dublin, and a woman leftist is mayor of Delhi, India. Forty-one U.S. states have a total of 900 women in their legislatures.

Women now hold more than half the country's stock, vote 70 per cent of all stock, and spend 80 per cent of all family income. Mrs. Mary Roebing became the first woman ever named to the board of governors on the American stock exchange.

Women starred, too, in the sports world.

Greta Anderson set a new woman's world record for swimming the English channel. She missed the men's record by eight minutes. The neffy housewife also set a world record by being the first to swim California's Catalina channel both ways.

Tennis flash Althea Gibson, of Harlem, became the first Negro to win the Wimbledon Championships.

Mickey Wright claimed the ladies' pro golf title and Anne Quast won the ladies amateur crown.

**Thimble Club Plans Meeting on Friday**  
Phoenix—Thimble club of Oak circle. Neighbors of Woodcraft, will meet at the home of Mrs. Bertha Cobleigh, Friday, January 2. A covered dish luncheon will be served; election of officers is planned for the business session.

No meeting of Neighbors of Woodcraft will be held, since it would have fallen on January 1. Next meeting of the lodge will be January 8 at 8 p.m. at Phoenix Grange hall.

**Student Spends Holidays in South**  
Sidney Smith, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rinard, 1708 Thomas road, Medford, will return to the valley Sunday following a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith, Laguna Beach, Calif.

Young Smith is a freshman at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, and makes his home during the school year with the Rinards.

### New York Reporter Lists Easy-To-Keep Resolutions

By GAY PAULEY  
UPI Women's Editor  
New York—(UPI)—Who said New Year's resolutions are made for breaking? I've just gone through the list of 10 made on this day last year and scored 99 and 44-100 per cent maintenance. The secret? Make easy-to-keep resolutions, which play to the best of human nature; don't aim for self-improvement.

A noted psychologist, Dr. James F. Bender, says we fail to keep the do-good resolutions because "we are imperfect manifestations of God's creation." We go right on making them because "of our sense of guilt... our eagerness to expiate and improve," he added.

But I've found keeping the other resolves is a breeze. Last year, for instance, I resolved to quit giving seats to old ladies on busses and subways; to gossip at every opportunity; never be on time for anything except trains and planes; not worry about the waistline; and go ahead and run up charge accounts.

**Draws Up New List**  
Having scored such notable success in '58, I've made a new list for 1959. Join me, if you'd like a resolution kept New Year.

Resolved:  
-Not to have the exact fare when I board a bus;  
-To back seat drive anytime I so desire;  
-To buy freely and take back or exchange just freely, so long as the stores will let me get by with same;  
-To go ahead and shove in crowds, resorting to the convincing qualities of pointed toes and needle heels anytime necessary;  
-To nag, nag, nag;  
-To swat my nieces and nephew anytime they cross me; that is, if their parents are out of the room;  
-To ignore friends and relatives' birthdays; no gifts or cards in '59, for who wants to be reminded of the passing of the years anyway?  
**Ask for Raise**  
-Not to worry if I haven't read the newest books, seen the latest movies and plays. Just go ahead and be a conversational bore;  
-Not to laugh at other people's jokes even if they're funny, unless they start laughing at mine even if not funny;  
-To be contented as if I wish, although I realize that Webster shows the adjective used to describe an old maid;  
-To go ahead and be disorganized, as charged;  
-To change my mind at will; men say this is a woman's privilege and why fight 'em;  
-To ask the boss for a raise. A Happy New Year to everyone.

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**Veterans Bridge Club To Play Friday Night**  
Camp White—Camp White Veterans Bridge club will play for master points when the club meet Friday, January 2, at camp.

Berg Marten and Roy Pruitt scored 30 points to take first place for last Friday's meeting. In a tie for second and third were the George Rodes, and Mrs. Frank Baker and her partner, Mrs. Marten.

**Fashion Fickle**  
Fashion, as ever, was fickle in '58. The year began with a renaissance of the 20's—long pearls and saks. It ended with a renaissance—Empress Josephine gowns.

The most controversial style of the year: the trapeze, which hid women in billowing folds of cloth straight from the shoulderbones to the kneecaps. Men groaned.

The "ahm-pear" (as Empire sometimes pronounced), the compromise style, moved the waistline up under the bosom.

The Japanese marriage sweepstakes, with Crown Prince Akihito as first prize, was won by Michiko Shoda. She will be the first commoner Empress in Japan's 2,600 year history.

Princess Margaretha, of Sweden, moped when hoped for romance with a London jazz pianist got the royal thumbs down.

Debbie and Eddie Fisher's idyllic marriage crashed. Jayne Mansfield wed former "Mr. Universe," Mickey Hargitay.

Frank Sinatra courted both Lauren Bacall and Lady Beaty, of London. Dennis and Lindsay Crosby married chorines. Father Bing took to the nursery to sing lullabys to a new son.

**Tragedy Stalks**  
Tragedy stalked thrice-wed Liz Taylor. Mike Todd died

**Mitchells Hosts At Party Today**  
Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Mitchell, 33 Black Oak drive, are hosts today for an informal New Year's day open house. About 70 friends have been invited to call. Guests will watch the various "bowling" games on television.

Out-of-town guests are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. White and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sutherland, all Portland.

**Family Returns To California**  
Mr. and Mrs. William V. Jones and three small sons, Bill, Chris and Gregory, have returned to California after visiting in the home of Mr. Jones' mother, Mrs. Esther Jones, 31 Myers court. The Jones also spent some time with other relatives and friends in the valley.

Mr. Jones is timber management staff officer for the Mendocino National Forest service, with headquarters at Willows, Calif.

**Family Spends Holiday in Salem**  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jewett and children James, Thomas and Anne, 903 Winchester street, returned to Medford on Monday after spending the Christmas holidays in Salem. They visited Mrs. Jewett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Doughton, and other relatives.

On Saturday Mrs. Jewett assisted her mother with a neighborhood tea given at the Doughton home.

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