



Many a budding author will be envious of Calvin Patterson. Young Mr. P., a disabled war veteran with time on his hands, decided to write, and what's more, to write for the Saturday Evening Post. He enrolled in a correspondence course, studied the Post style, drew on his own background in the logging industry, wrote a story and sold it to the Post. Potpourri, who has never tried to sell a short story but has heard the complaints and tales of dozens who have, was interested to hear that someone on the Post editorial board took an interest in the young man's first efforts and helped him to re-write the story into saleable form.

For what it's worth, Potpourri salutes the Post for encouraging a new writer, and Mr. Patterson for having the courage to enter the field. We wish him the best of luck. His wife says he has the germ of an idea for a novel, and we hope he gets it into print one of these days.

Yesterday's mail brought news of a young artist - a very young one. Six years old, in fact. He is Perry Archibald, son of the Jean Archibalds, who formerly lived in Medford. Perry drew a picture of a Spanish bullfighter which is now being exhibited in the Boise Art gallery, Boise, Ida. The painting, according to a columnist on the Boise paper, was entered in the November Idaho Artist's show and though not a prize-winner, it "was considered by the judge to be a picture of merit." Perry was five years old when he painted the picture, but has since turned six.

The boy's picture is in tempera on paper, and is described as modern abstractionist in style. His matador is being exhibited at the same time as the work of other Idaho artists who won critics' kudos, all included during the exhibit of the Smithsonian Institution's Northwest exhibit, according to the Boise Statesman columnist.

Along with the clipping came a note from Perry's mother. "We didn't know the piece was in the paper until Perry's Sunday school teacher told him at Sunday school. St. Michael's Cathedral," she wrote. "An interesting note is that in the afternoon we went to the gallery to see where the picture was hung, etc., and upon examining the Smithsonian Institute group, we spotted a lovely oil done by Fred Marshall, Seattle, who has been the artist for a Seattle paper for years, and who is a life-long friend of the Archibald family. Imagine our little Perry having a picture shown with Fred's - an artist of renown - quite a coincidence, we thought."

"Under Perry's picture was this: Chosen for its color and freedom in line and design, but not hung with the 23rd annual because of its not being adult work, but the expression of a five-year-old child."

Perry has two pairs of grandparents in Medford, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hardy and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Archibald.

Admitting that he was running "the risk of wounding a sacred cow," Theodore O. Yntema says in last week's Saturday Review that "When it comes to college and university education, I question whether the tax subsidy to public institutions does not exceed reasonable limits." Mr. Yntema, considered one of the nation's most distinguished economists and a consultant to the National Recovery Administration, continues by saying, "Our real personal incomes have risen so much that most families are much better able to contribute to a college education for their children than in earlier years. Yet the ratio of tuition to total cost has declined sharply."

"It seems to me that our public institutions of higher learning should raise their tuition fees to cover the bulk of their expenses. At the same time, loans should be made universally available to all students to enable them to pay tuition and cover their other costs of education. Such loans could carry a relatively low rate of interest and be repayable after graduation out of income before taxes."

"This would have three desirable results: First, private institutions of higher learning could expand and maintain their important role as independent centers of free thought; second, the burden of state taxes would be eased; and third, college education would undoubtedly be more highly valued by the student if he had to pay for it directly."

In an editorial footnote, the Saturday Review stated its opposition to this proposal, saying, "If pushed with vigor, the proposal would be to the disadvantage of just that American middle-class which is supposed to be our national pride and joy. The well-to-do would continue to send their sons to Ivy League schools, and everyone else would go to super-swollen state universities." The Review also disliked the loan idea, saying "it would saddle the average 21 or 22-year-old graduate with a debt running up to \$10,000 . . ."

"Alert," a publication for Catholic men, comes up with this idea. "Athletes get letters on their sweaters - why not scholars? The athletes may resent the idea at first; but maybe some of them will win two letters. One thing sure, it would help put the proper emphasis on all school achievements." -O.S.

Duplicate Club Sponsors Guest Night Tournament

Duplicate bridge draws an ever-increasing number of enthusiasts in the valley, an evidence of this was shown in the attendance at guest night of Medford Duplicate Bridge club Tuesday. It was the largest guest night play ever held by the club, with two sections of 11 tables each.

North-south winners for Section A were Mrs. Sam Richardson and Mrs. B. D. Blackstone, first, 126½; Ray Wise and William Knope, second, 123½; Harley McMassters and E. N. Nelson, third, 117; Mrs. Sam Van Dyke and

Medford Woman Returns Home; Family Injured

Mrs. Fred Rankin has returned to her home on Richmond avenue after spending the past several weeks with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McDonald, Paradise, Calif. Mrs. Rankin will be in the city for about a week, and will then return to Paradise.

Mrs. Rankin's visit was extended due to the fact that the McDonalds have both been hospitalized following an automobile accident New Year's day. Both were seriously injured, and are patients in the Feather River sanitarium at Paradise. Mr. McDonald suffered multiple cuts and a fractured ankle; Mrs. McDonald suffered chest injuries and broken ribs.

Mrs. Rankin reports that both are recovering satisfactorily.

Boatkeeping Declared A Breeze

By PATRICIA McCORMACK United Press International New York—If you want to send the family down the river, you can.

Cost: \$3,795-plus a thousand or so for extras. The initial investment buys a dreamy houseboat that sleeps six. Keeping the thing tidy is a breeze, so it may be just what you need if housework's got you at sea.

The modest riverboat is among hundreds moored at the National Boat Show in New York's Coliseum.

Among other things, it offers freedom from worries about muddy tracks, lawns that need mowing, door-to-door salesmen, the angels next door.

No Room for Clutter A good hosing keeps it ship-shape. And once aboard, the family is forced to be neat-as-a-pin. There just isn't room for clutter.

You may be able to control your own children a little more easily on a waterway than you can on land. Just pull up the gangplank when you want them to stay in and pay attention to their books.

Pulling up the anchor and drifting is a way of solving other problems. Such as when you see a caller coming and want to duck. Or when you want to drift out of earshot of neighboring boats to have a few loud words with husband.

Among extras you'll want to buy for your diver-boating family will be plastic coveralls. You hose them when they get dirty.

Need Special Flags You also need a special set of flags. One featuring a coffee-pot means come aboard. For later in the day, you can run up flags showing either a beer mug or cocktail glass—all depending on how seaworthy your budget is.

When everyone's bedded down, you're supposed to run up a flag showing two slumbering bunnies.

In the nautical language, there are flags that only a husband may use. One features battle-axe on a field of white which means: Wife aboard. Another, showing a witch on her broom means: wife ashore.

Agent Speaks At Unit Session

Miss Mary Pat Lucy, Jackson county home extension agent, was speaker for the last meeting of the Medford unit. Her subject was posture and exercise for health.

The agent also offered constructive suggestions for the annual spring festival, and asked the unit to start plans for the event. Miss Lucy also asked members to make suggestions for next year's program.

Visitors for the meeting were Mrs. Kelly Adams, Mrs. Foster, M. G. Albert, and Mrs. Robert Russell, a member of West Side Home Extension unit.

The morning business meeting, conducted by the vice-chairman, Mrs. Josiah Bartlett, was opened with all members singing the new home extension song, "Onward Ever Onward."

It was voted to send \$5 to the Eleanor Trindle Memorial scholarship fund. Mrs. William Milnes gave a report on ACWW and read a recent letter from her pen pal in England.

The monthly display table was of choice tea cups from the members' collections. Hostesses for a meeting February 11 will be Mrs. Fred Middlebush, Mrs. Reimer Peterson, Mrs. Clarence I. Lack, Mrs. Frank Armstrong and Mrs. H. W. Wright.

Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 5 a.m. of the day for publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Thursday

8 p.m.—Howard Parent-Teacher association, multipurpose room.
8 p.m.—Reames Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Medford Masonic Temple.

Friday

11 a.m.—Woman's auxiliary of St. Mark's Episcopal church, at church.
12:30 p.m.—Fifty-Plus club, Pythian hall.
12:30 p.m.—Electa Social club, Girls Community club.

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Service Club To Sponsor Mardi Gras Ball Princesses

Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions' clubs in both Medford and Ashland have been invited to name and sponsor a princess for the second annual Mardi Gras ball of Tudor guild, subsidiary organization of the Oregon Shakespeare festival. The ball will be held Friday, February 6, at Rogue Valley Country club. Mrs. John R. Dellenback, Medford, is chairman of the event.

Coming Events Announced by Sams Valley PTA

Sams Valley—Coming events were announced at a meeting of Sams Valley Parent-Teacher association held January 15.

Stephen Hall announced a meeting for Thursday, January 29, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium for the purpose of organizing 4H livestock clubs.

Mrs. Thomas Ambrose invited the parents to an assembly January 20 at which Dr. Arthur Taylor of Southern Oregon college spoke on "The Oregon Trail."

Next meeting of the unit will be February 19, and Dr. Clifford R. Miller of Southern Oregon college will speak.

A quartet composed of George McUne, Gerald Gardner, Dean Von Stein and William Brewster sang several numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Brewster. Mrs. Brewster also played piano solos.

President Victor Croxton announced that the first and second grade room had won the PTA membership drive, and Mr. Brewster's seventh and eighth grade room won the room count.

Mrs. Ambrose showed movies taken at the school in 1954.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Burl King, Mrs. Evelyn Miller, Mrs. John Eckerman, Mrs. Milton Sanderson and Mrs. Edgar Pleasant.



The softly-styled daytime suit by David Crystal glows for the cruise season in an impressionistic polished cotton. The duo teams a cardigan jacket with a slim skirt.

A drink in seasonal hue is made by mixing 1 jigger of cranberry juice with a dash of lemon juice and 1½ jiggers of cognac. Shake well with ice and serve with cinnamon stick in the glass.

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per. Wrap in foil and chill several hours or overnight. Just before serving, quarter pears and serve on lettuce with your favorite salad dressing. Serves 12 as a salad course, or 6 as a main dish. When cleaning porcelain sinks, avoid strong, gritty powders that may mar the finish. Scouring powders that have a sudsing action are kinder to the sink as well as to the hands.

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