



**POTPOURRI**

El Rancho Bonito, Ariz.-Arizona has put out her best weather for the vacationing Medford pair. When we awoke in the little forest camp at the edge of Hell Canyon this morning (Tuesday) at 6 a.m. it was another cloudless morning without-OH! happy day-the cold wind. The thermometer said 42, but with no wind it was comfortable and we ate a leisurely breakfast to the sound of the endless traffic on Highway 89.

A little later we stopped in Prescott to do a little shopping and mail post cards, and dropped in at a book store to see if we could buy a foolproof book on flowers and trees of the Southwest. (Everywhere we stopped we asked everyone we met about the roadside flowers and bushes and trees and almost without exception the answer was the same-a bored or vague look and the remark "I don't know. I've seen it for years but I really don't know what they call it.")

The friendly clerk-everyone in Prescott seemed very friendly-sold us three books, one on flowers of the Southwest mountains, one of the mesas and one on flowers of the Southwest deserts. They have no colored pictures, but excellent illustrations and simple text. While we were engaged in collecting money and making change, she remarked "Isn't this a beautiful morning? This makes two beautiful days in a row." So, Arizona is putting on her best face for Potpourri and Pappy. Everyone was jubilant over Saturday night and Sunday's rain-it rained half an inch in Prescott, the clerk said "and now the desert flowers will come out."

We told her we had come to the desert to photograph the blossoms and had not been disappointed. Through southern Nevada and northern Arizona Sunday afternoon and Monday Pappy photographed 50 or 60 blooming plants and typical desert vegetation including the grotesque Joshua trees, the chollas, a "beaver tail" cactus with gorgeous cerise colored blossoms, a hedgehog cactus and a shrub with little yellow blossoms which practically covers the desert in spots and which we learned today is called "creosote bush." We also took pictures of the flame colored desert mallow which is in full bloom and a never-ending source of beauty. This desert plant grows from six inches to two feet high, depending upon conditions, and has spikes of flame-red poppy-like flowers (smaller) which we've seen in profusion along almost every roadside.

To save film and time, we've skipped plants like blue larkspur and the yellow daisies which are to be found in Oregon. One exception to the "I don't know" answer was the young woman tending the information desk today in the Montezuma Castle national monument. She not only knows the correct names of the flowers, shrubs and trees, but directed us to a file where dried specimens are listed by colors-one of the easiest methods of identification for the unscientific. There we discovered that the large plant with the huge white trumpet-shaped flowers was jimson. Our new books say that the jimson is also called thornapple (from the seed pod) or sacred datura. The book also says that all portions are poisonous and are used by some Indians as a narcotic to induce visions. Pappy also photographed the pretty purple flower which is the infamous "loco weed."

As Potpourri writes, Pappy is hunting through pamphlets and booklets to identify the day's treasures. Among the flowers which still baffle us is the pretty low-growing plant with white flowers rather like a single rose and with the most interesting centers of cross-like formations.

It apparently is in the primrose family, but the various descriptions leave us a little bewildered. We first found it in the Central Oregon desert regions and this morning it was thick along the roadside.

Ever since a visit to Oak Creek canyon in Arizona about eight years ago, Pappy has been trying to describe what he saw. He failed to impress Potpourri and now we know why. You have to see this part of Arizona. It defies description. Today about noon we drove over the Mingus mountains and down into Verde river valley. The view of the pink, red and purple rock formations towering above the green valley is awe-inspiring. The scenery in this part of Arizona is new the time and money it takes to travel from a distance, regardless of anything else one might see or do.

During the early afternoon we visited Tuzigoot and Montezuma national monuments. The first preserves the excavated ruins of a prehistoric pueblo which flourished between A.D. 1100 and 1450. If anyone still cherishes the belief that the Indians were stupid savages, they should visit these two national monuments. These early-day people built apartment-like dwellings on top of small hills or on the side of cliffs. They raised beans, pumpkins and cotton-made bowls and jugs-some of them very large, to contain water and food; their tools, jewelry and woven materials indicate an advanced civilization. Why they abandoned the region archeologists are not sure.

Browsing through the museum at Tuzigoot we found this inscription in one of the cases-"The trash dump is the archeologists' mail order catalog of history." Which set us to meditating-should archeologists of future time try to piece together facts about 1959 by the trash dumps, what would he find? Heaps of discarded automobiles, of course, old sinks, refrigerators, and thousands of glass bottles of various sizes and shapes. But something else might puzzle the archeologist of the centuries to come-would he be able to deduce what man of 1959 had needed with the small, cylindrical objects

8 MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, Or.  
Sunday, May 3, 1959

## Gem and Mineral Meeting to Hear Museum Operator

Delmar Smith of the Crater Rock Museum will speak on techniques of sanding and polishing at the meeting of the Roxy Ann Gem and Mineral society Friday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Girls Community club.

His talk is one in a series being given by club members on the art of creating finished stones from rough gem materials.

Program Director Ed Shoupe announced that the second portion of the program will be "an entertaining surprise" to members.

At a recent club field trip to Lake Creek, the group found much interesting material, examples of which will be on display. Refreshments will be served and door prizes given.

All persons interested in any phase of gem and mineral collecting are invited.

## Degree of Honor Lodge Will Hold Luncheon

An executive luncheon has been planned by the Degree of Honor lodge for 11:45 a.m. Monday, May 4, at the home of Mrs. Serena McMahon, 650 Oakdale drive.

The Past Presidents group of the lodge will meet at the home of Mrs. Mayme Seiler, 1132 West Main street, Tuesday, May 5, at 8 p.m.

## Daughters Hold Friendship Night

Central Point - The traditional friendship night was observed at a recent meeting of Central Point bethel, International Order of Job's daughters. A large delegation from Medford bethels attended.

Members from Medford Bethel 14 who were escorted included Miss Sylvia Morris, honored queen; Miss Mieke Noble, senior princess; and Miss Diane Evernham, grand representative to Australia. Introduced were the Misses Carla Borough, guide; Barbara Morton, marshal; and Patty Borough, junior custodian; and Mrs. Merlyn Borough.

Escorted members of Medford Bethel 55 were Miss Marsha Burrell, junior princess; Miss Barbara Gordon, senior princess; and Mrs. Harold Gordon, guardian. Introduced were Miss Jacki Mee, guide, and Miss Teresa Six, marshal.

## Members Report

Several members made reports on different aspects of the recent grand session in Eugene. A letter was received telling of the impending wedding of Miss Belva Chew, past honored queen, now living in Colorado.

The Misses Rachel and Lee Hamilton were in charge of decorations. Refreshment committee members were the Misses Kathleen Collinsworth, Vicki Lester and Rena Offutt assisted by Mrs. B. L. Collinsworth, Central Point, and Mrs. Fred Lester, Gold Hill.

## Gold Star Mothers Will Meet Tuesday

The Medford chapter of the Gold Star Mothers will hold a regular business and social meeting at the Jackson county court house auditorium Tuesday, May 3, at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Mary Fredericks will serve the refreshments.

Mrs. Marion Cech, Mrs. Mary Fredericks and Mrs. Margaret Eakin, who attended the recent Department of Oregon convention, will give a report. The two members of the Medford chapter who were given offices are Mrs. Cech, who is hospital chairman for the state of Oregon, and Mrs. Margaret Eakin, Veterans Administration Volunteer Services representative at Camp White.

May is the month assigned to the Gold Star Mothers to attend all funerals at Camp White. The group will also make plans for the Memorial Day services at the city park and at the Veterans' cemetery in Eagle Point.

Miss Ellen Ward, friendship night chairman, gave an original narration describing "spring fever," the theme for the evening, and members modeled different phases outlined in the verses.

Central Point members decided to have a swimming party and wienner roast May 2 at Twin Plunge in Ashland.

## Dr. Fred T. Burich Will Talk Wednesday To Local Garden Club

Dr. Fred T. Burich will discuss "Rhododendron and Azalea Culture" at a meeting of the Medford Garden club Wednesday, May 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

The horticulture display will be of azalea and rhododendron blossoms. Officers will be elected.

## Parents Plan Final Meeting

Officers for the coming year for St. Mary's Grade School Parents' club will be elected at the final meeting of this school year Monday at 8 p.m. in the school activities room.

Parents who will have children entering St. Mary's for the first time next fall are particularly encouraged to attend and become acquainted with club members, officers and teachers.

Mrs. Philip B. Lowry is in charge of refreshments, assisted by Mrs. Florian Shasky, Mrs. John O'Connor, Mrs. Thomas Marmo and mothers of Sister Karen Rose's first grade.

Mrs. Richard Rementeria and Mrs. Dick Woodcock will be greeters.

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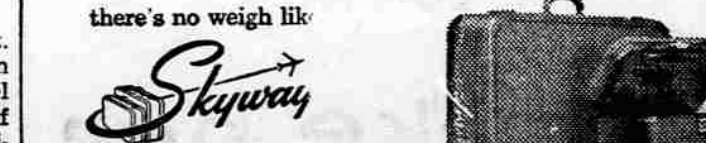
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## Camp Fire Girls ONE KIZU GROUP

Eagle Point - At our last meeting our leader showed us how to make scarfs out of newspapers for those times when we forget to take our slippers with us.

We voted to help the Lady Lions on their Centennial project. We are going to help sack flour from Putman's mill. These sacks will be placed at the stockade at the Siskiyou Summit for distribution.

We voted to have a hobby show as a fund raiser for the community building project. This will be held later in the year.

The next meeting will be devoted to preparations for the Council Fire.

Marsha Pulley, Scribe.

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