

POTPOURRI

If someone hadn't asked Potpourri to fill out a questionnaire, we'd have gone on thinking we knew a great deal about the teaching profession in Oregon and the laws and rules that govern schools and teachers. But someone asked, and we found out how little we know.

The questionnaire was passed along by a friend who said he didn't know anything about public schools, since his children attend parochial school.

It turned out that the only questions we could answer, for sure, were those on the first page—you know, where do you live, what is your age, married or single, etc., etc. But when it came to your and no questions like "must an applicant for a teacher's certificate in Oregon have attained the age of 18 years," or "teaching certificates in Oregon indicate the subjects that teachers may teach" or "Oregon has established a minimum of 10 days of paid sick leave for teachers, per year" and about 20 more, we didn't know.

The whole thing is most irritating. For it's just like Brother-in-law Henry said recently, "Olive just loves to be an authority." All the time we thought we were reasonably well informed on the subject of teachers and we weren't. So now, we will have to corner Teacher Maxine one of these days and find out who establishes the requirements for the certification of teachers and what the tenure laws are and what retirement pay is and all the rest.

We have one consolation—poor as it is. Probably most other taxpayers and parents who should know all this information, don't any more than we do.

There's so much to know, these days. Take automation, for instance. This word has been in the news for quite a while now, and to us it brought up a vague picture of machines in which you put a dime and get a quick cup of coffee, or traffic lights which say stop and go, or these electronic devices which conveniently cause doors to open when someone approaches.

But in Clinchfield, Va., automation means a push-button machine 10 stories high which has just gone into operation. This mammoth machine, we read, (said to be the largest and most highly automated coal-preparation plant of its kind in the world) separates coal from mine refuse and then washes, screens and dries the coal at a rate of 15,000 tons in a two-shift day. Only one man is needed to control 90 per cent of the operation of this gigantic contraption. He, and four others, use 600 push buttons in five control centers to perform many operations. It bumps the railroad cars along, guides the coal through the conveyors, screens, huge wash boxes, centrifuges and other processing steps. The machine operates the battery of heat dryers, loads the processed coal into empty railroad gondola cars on five different tracks at the rate of from 15 to 18 an hour, and finally dumps the shale into a deep valley a half mile away.

The article didn't say how many men are not needed because of the machine.

Edward S. Stone says he knows "how to be carefree and barefoot in the atomic age." This Mr. Stone is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and he gave out with a lot of advice for the American Institute of Decorators the other day.

Mr. S., described as one of the busiest, most distinguished and progressive architects in America, told his audience to "beware of progress." "Progress means that you sacrifice something good for something less attractive." (Like cutting down big, beautiful trees and covering up the good earth for parking lots, maybe?) "Don't be modern," he advised. "Being modern simply consists of closing your mind to 2,500 years of Western culture and proving yourself content to copy the next door neighbor's glass building, house, car, drapery and poodle clip."

The New York Times said Mr. Stone "exhorted his audience to go to bat for beauty, because if you don't, we are going to find flashing neon signs on the pearly gates when we get there."

His closing advice is real interesting. "Don't be too worthwhile. Always keep a few character defects handy. People love to talk about your frailties. If you must be noble, keep it to yourself."

"There may not be any mountains in the bottles," said a citizen the other night, watching the picture box in the living room, "but there's certainly a lot of bottles in the mountains."—O.S.

Officers Installed For Branch

The annual president's dinner and installation of new officers of Medford branch, American Association of University Women, was held last Wednesday evening.

Each retiring officer installed her successor. Installed were Mrs. Roy Elmgren, president; Mrs. Edwin Gebhard, first vice-president; Mrs. R. M. Mayer, second vice-president; Miss Margaret Jones, secretary, and Mrs. Jeffrey Shute, re-elected treasurer.

Honored at the dinner was Mrs. John Stong, president, who was presented a gift. Appreciation for her leadership in the organization this last year was expressed on behalf of the group by Mrs. George Johns, retiring secretary.

Other outgoing officers also honored were Mrs. Elmgren, first vice-president, Mrs. W. F. Roemer, second vice-president, and Mrs. Johns, secretary.

In reporting on the state AAUW convention held at Eugene recently, Mrs. Stong and Mrs. Elmgren said that the Medford branch received recognition for its achievements. The local branch was one of seven out of the state's 29 branches to give a study grant. This \$500 aid for advanced study is paid from the receipts from the annual children's play and the radio story hour on KYJC. The Medford branch also met its year's quota on the building fund for the new AAUW education building being built in Washington, D.C.

This group was further commended for the excellence of its monthly programs. These have been planned by Mrs. Theodore Bars, program chairman, and have dealt with "America at the Brink of the Space Age." Some of the aspects which were studied were family relations, education, the arts, international relations, legislation, and status of women. Speakers from outside the group as well as branch members have participated. A number of the meetings have been open to the public and the art show was designed to include not only Medford, but any communities nearby that were interested.

This final meeting of the season closed with an interesting selection of pictures of the people and countryside of a relatively rural section of Germany. The committee for the dinner were Mrs. Lester Stinson, Mrs. John Carnegie, Mrs. Emerson Anderson, and Mrs. Nils Eden.

Pythian Sisters observed Mother's day at a meeting May 5. Taking part in the program were Mrs. Carl Fichtner, who read poems on the meaning of Mother's day, and a solo by Mrs. Renne Grosh. Potted plants were presented to mothers during the meeting. Those honored were Mrs. Carl Fichtner, Mrs. Genevieve Smith, Mrs. Orval Hayes, Mrs. Margaret Aldredge and Mrs. Harry Bryant.

It was announced that the officers and staff will practice during the regular business meeting May 19.

On the refreshment committee were Mrs. Dorothy Johnston and Mrs. Genevieve Smith.

Past Chiefs club met at the home of Mrs. Don Ross May 6. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Carl Fichtner May 20.

Pythian club will meet Tuesday, May 12, at the home of Mrs. Vest Morgan, 512 North Bartlett street, at 8 p.m.

Idella Rogue Santha, Nomads of Avrudaka, will hold a "dubar" Saturday, May 16, at 8 p.m. at the Pythian building.

Masons to Hold Degree Ceremony

Earl E. Thielke and cast will give the 14th degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry for a class of candidates Monday, May 11, at 8 p.m. in Medford Masonic temple. John J. Kennedy will direct the ceremony.

This is the first of the re-union class degrees.

Degree of Honor To Hold Meeting

Mrs. Irl Groves will be the hostess at a business meeting of Degree of Honor Protective association Monday, May 11, at 8 p.m. at the Girls Community club.

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Mr. and Mrs. Preston Burk (Baker photo)

Reception Honors Pair

A wedding reception was held Wednesday, April 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, 128 Keeneway drive, for Mr. and Mrs. Preston Burk who were married in Reno, Nev., April 24.

Mrs. Burk is the former Mrs. Jessie Hayes of Gold Hill, mother of Mrs. Baker.

Decorations included blue iris and lilacs with white ribbon on pink candles. The cake, baked by another daughter, Mrs. Charles Rosecrans, Central Point, was decorated by Mrs. Michael Spaak, Medford. The two women served while Mrs. Willis Williams, Medford, and Mrs. Ruby Quakenbush, sister of the bride, Gold Hill, poured.

Four generations attending the wedding were the bride, her daughter, Mrs. Baker; Mrs. Melvin Fader, a granddaughter, and Mrs. Catherine, Corrine and Carolyn.

The bride's son, Cecil Hayes, Livermore, Calif., was unable to attend the event. The couple traveled to Huntington Park, Calif., where they are making their home. Mr. Burke is employed by the city of Huntington Park.

Auxiliary Member Is Recommended

Shady Cove—The auxiliary to Steelhead post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Shady Cove, is sponsoring Mrs. Harry Birch for junior vice president of district 7 in the election at the next district meeting May 17 at Medford.

Mrs. Phillip Holt was appointed National Home and Oregon Cottage chairman at the auxiliary's May 1 meeting. Mrs. Michael Fazio and Mrs. Patrick Lynch served refreshments for the post and auxiliary at the close of their joint session which followed the auxiliary's meeting.

Board members will meet at 9:30 a.m. Glendale was built on the site of the first Spanish land grant in California.

Hospital Week To Be Marked

Rogue Valley Memorial hospital will observe National Hospital week, May 10 to 16, with a tea and open house on Friday, May 15, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. It was announced today by Charles I. Gustafson, administrator.

Anyone interested is invited to attend the affair, which includes hour-long tours of the facility throughout the afternoon. Refreshments will be served in the board and staff room on the first floor of the building.

Plans for the observance were made by the public relations committee of the board of directors, who will be assisted by women of the hospital auxiliary. Mrs. Alton Anderson is in charge of arrangements.

This year's theme, "More Roads to Recovery," will emphasize the increasing number of services offered by hospitals. Mr. Gustafson states, "The doctor can call upon the disciplined teamwork of many skilled professional and technical workers, and an ever-growing array of scientific tools and supplies," he pointed out.

Mission Society To Hold Meeting

Woman's Mission society of Eastwood Baptist church will hold its May meeting Tuesday, May 12, at the church at 10:15 a.m. Mrs. John Carroll, newly installed president, will preside over the meeting.

"Mountain Climbers," a playlet on Christian service and church vocations, will be given. Participating in the play are Mrs. Stanley Martin, Mrs. William Robertson, Mrs. Gae Norton, Mrs. Robert Balk, and Mrs. William White.

Devotions will be led by Mrs. William Garner. Luncheon will be served following the meeting. Board members will meet at 9:30 a.m.

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Week End Events Announced

Eugene—Junior week end, also designated Mothers Week End, will occupy University of Oregon students and their visiting guests here Friday through Sunday, May 15-17.

A featured event of the week end is the Canoe Fete, this year to be built around the theme "Oregon Trail Marks." Floats in the fete will depict historical events from 12 Oregon cities: Ashland, Astoria, Canyon City, Fort Klamath, Gold Beach, Portland, Salem, The Dalles, Oregon City, Pendleton, Jacksonville and John Day.

Millrace Olympics will precede the fete the evening of May 15.

The annual Mothers' tea will be held in the Museum of Arts from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16. The tea comes during the time that sculpture, drawings and paintings by Jan Zach, visiting professor of art in the university, will be on display in the museum.

A luncheon and business meeting honoring mothers of Oregon students will be held Saturday, Saturday night.

Garden Club Group To Hear Program on Pruning of Shrubs

Gold Hill—Mrs. L. F. Sowers, Highway 99 north, will be hostess for a meeting of the Gold Hill Garden club, Friday, May 15 at 1 p.m.

Pruning spring flowering shrubs such as spirea, Japanese quince, and bridal wreath will be the topic of the lesson, directed by Mrs. Ferd Jones, program chairman, who will also continue the study of cactus. Colored slides will be shown.

Mrs. Jones was hostess for the last meeting of the group at her home assisted by Mrs. G. H. Southall. The members decided to postpone the annual picnic which is usually held in May until June 17 when they will meet at the home of Mrs. Gregory.

Mrs. Jones had 13 different cactus plants on display at her home, and about 25 colored pictures of various cactus in bloom.

Luncheon Planned By Mistletoe Club

A potluck luncheon has been planned by the Mistletoe club for 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at the Girls Community club.

Committee members in charge are Mrs. Ray Anderson, Mrs. Floyd Bewley and Mrs. Joe Kingsley.

Potluck Dinner Planned by Circle

Military Order of Lady Bugs, Roguette circle, will have a potluck dinner at the

Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 42 North Front street, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12. The regular meeting will follow.

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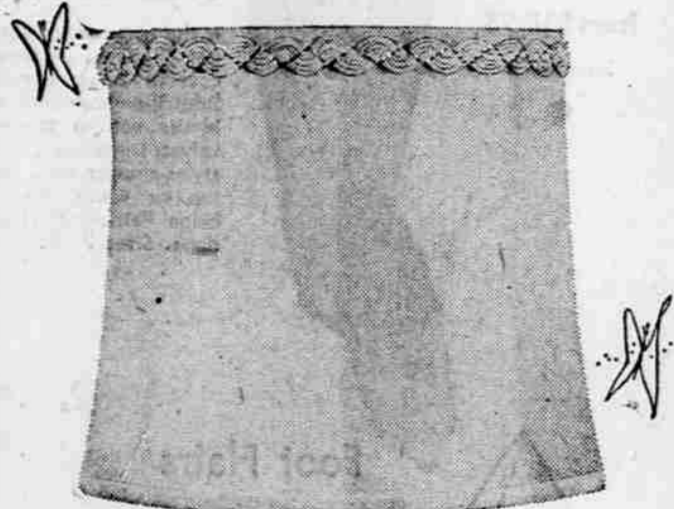


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