



Many brides wear good luck pennies in their shoes but the former Alberta Puhl didn't bother with a mere penny. When she was married to Robert Fry at St. Mark's Episcopal church, she wore a gold dollar in her slipper. It was loaned by Mrs. Paris Bigelow, Medford, an aunt of the bridegroom.

The bride's list of attendants included two matrons of honor, which is rather unusual for Rogue valley weddings. The bride explained that two years ago on September 21 she was a bridesmaid for Sharon Roark when she was married to Arthur Wilson; a year ago on September 20 in Bend, Alberta was a bridesmaid for Kay Bowman when that friend said her wedding vows with Vernon Fridley. So when Alberta set her wedding for September 19 of the third year, both friends simply had to be in the wedding party.

About the time we decide that as a newspaper reporter we have more troubles than any other business or profession, we hear the woes of someone else. Last Friday we sat in on a panel discussion given by two doctors and a medical society employee and heard a discussion entitled "I Have A Grievance, Doctor!" Very informative.

The doctors on the panel and the women of their audience, members of the Oregon State Medical Assistants association, seem to be agreed on one point. Most of the trouble leading to filing of formal grievances with the medical society committees formed to hear such complaints could be avoided by better public relations and by allowing the patient to discuss the grievance with the doctor.

The size of fees and the failure to itemize bills were also cited as causes of complaints from patients. One doctor said that the tendency to "gloss over" facts which may be disturbing to the patient or the family sometimes brought trouble later and said "Be truthful with your patients. You simply can't lie to a patient." At another time it was said "The medical assistant is in a strategic position to see the patient in another light. To some doctors, the patient is like a worm on the end of a match stick. Patients often will confide more to an assistant than they will to the doctor."

One aspect of the talk disturbed Potpourri. The typical case used as a basis for the discussion was that brought by a woman (no names were used) in another county of the state, and all the time the doctors and medical assistants were speaking about troublesome patients, they always said "this woman" or "she said." Never "this man" or "he said."

With so many doctors and wives and medical assistants and drug firm representatives in the city last week, Potpourri remembered two articles published recently in the Christian Science Monitor and the New Republic about the cost of illness and medical expenses. The New Republic article said, among other things, "It has also been pointed out that among all the rising costs of recent years, none has brought with it possibilities of economic catastrophe comparable to the cost of major illness. In the first quarter of this year the price index of medical care, compiled on a basis of 1947-49-100, reached a high of 148.8. The index of hospital room rates, for example, went from 110.4 in 1949 to 205.3 in the first quarter of this year."

"Rising prices are not only cutting into people's capacity to pay out of pocket for health care; they are even reducing the possibility of insuring adequately against medical expense, with insurance for hospital care the most pressing item. This May, the president of the New York Blue Cross, which provides non-profit hospitalization insurance for well over seven million people in that state, appeared at a hearing before the Department of Insurance with a request for a 34.2 per cent increase in the cost of premiums. . . . The request came on top of a 22.3 per cent raise granted last year; during the first quarter of 1959, however, the new premiums failed to cover operating and reserve requirements by more than \$5 million."

The Christian Science Monitor reviewing the trend of the national economy, said generally that costs are moving up, and that in most instances, labor costs represent "70 per cent of the finished article."

The article further said that rent has "raced ahead" and that on the cost of living index, it has gone up 4.1 points. "Transportation, (including costs of purchasing new cars) since 1957 has moved from 136.0 to 145.3. That is an increase in the index of 9.3 points. Medical care in 1957 stood at 138. Today its index stands at 149.6. Up 11.6 points."

Oregon physicians, acutely aware of the problem of rising medical costs, pointed out last week in some of their meetings, that of the total health care picture, only 9 per cent is due to the cost of the fees of physicians. The rest must be chalked up to the cost of drugs, hospital care and other phases of total health care. O.S.

SOC Enrollment Reaches New High

Ashland - Enrollment at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, Friday afternoon reached 601 students, college officials said Saturday. The new high for first day enrollment compares with 427 students enrolling on a comparable date last year, they said.

Enrollment will continue at the school through Oct. 10, when the college expects to have in excess of 1,200 students enrolled. Last year the enrollment reached a total of more than 1,100 students.

Of the 601 registered, 427 are new to the campus. There are about 350 freshmen students, representing an increase of a little more than 20 per cent over first day enrollment last year.

Speaker Announced For October Meeting

Kenneth Raymond, Medford, who has served during the summer on the staff at Cannon Beach Bible conference, will speak at the Oct. 6 meeting of the Parent-Teen group.

The dinner event for parents and their teen-age children will be held at Ping's Garden at 7:30 p.m. Reservations should be made by Saturday, Oct. 3, by calling Patterson Plumbing company, SPring 3-2768, or Woodrow McCormack residence, TWInoaks 9-1044. Those making reservations in advance may choose either an American or Chinese menu.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Lynn Bernston and Russ Carr.

Liberal, Kan. -UPI- An 80-year-old grandmother who attended her granddaughter's wedding came down with the mumps shortly after kissing the bride. Mumps is a rarity in persons over 60 years old. But Mrs. C. M. Bright got a full-blown case of the disease.

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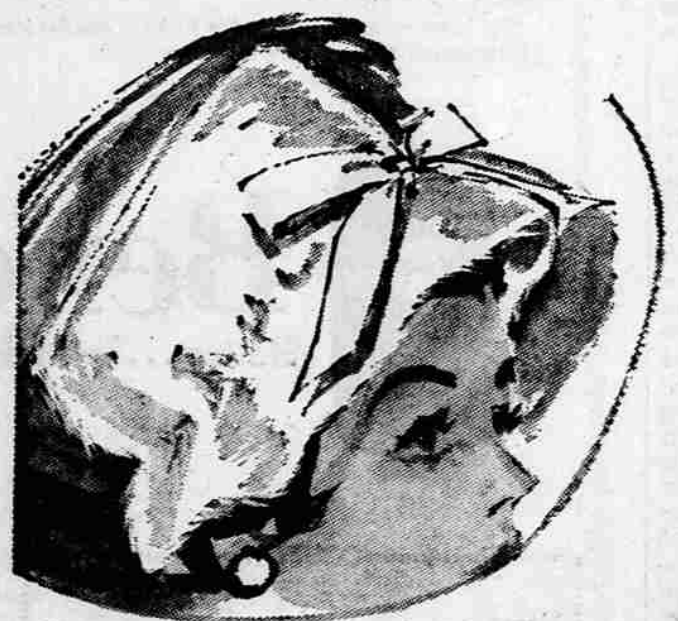
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