

Marcia Barrell Installed As Queen of Bethel 55

Miss Marcia Barrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barrell, 101 Greenway drive, was installed as honored queen of Bethel 55, International Order of Job's Daughters, at Pythian hall Tuesday, December 29.

Other officers installed were the Misses Teresa Six, senior princess; Jane Ward, junior princess; Barbara Mitchell, guide; Lauri Beth Buonocore, marshal; Pamela Trowbridge, chaplain; Patricia Selby, musician; Cathy Brown, Sharon Baker, Devonne Prough, Sharon Baker, Christine Bartels and Gretchen Meier, messengers; Roberta Fetherston, junior custodian; Ann Van Dyke, inner guard; Sylvia Zundell, outer guard; Judy Mee, ladies of the lights, west; Jocelyn Six, lady of the lights, east; Andrea Smith, page.

Cheryl Cummings was installed as soloist along with the following choir members: Sharon Chipman, Judy Wood, Lona Taylor, Jeanne Salade, Christine Finch, Dorothy Janes, Sue Root and Pat Hardenburger.

Installing Officers
Miss Barbara Gordon, retiring queen, was the installing officer. Other installing officers were the Misses Karalee Selby, guide; Lynda Knips, marshal; Mieke Noble, chaplain; Mrs. Philip Selby, recorder; Mrs. John Muller and Miss Patricia Hanson, custodians, and Miss Niki Isted, Prineville, cousin of the honored queen, musician.

L. M. Manning, past associate guardian of Bethel 55 and vice associate grand guardian, presented Miss Gordon with a crown of flowers as the last charter member of the Bethel to have been honored queen. Guests introduced were Miss Linda Prather, Kerby, honored queen; the Misses Carla Borough and Marion Parson, Bethel 14; Sandra

Piper, Kerby, grand Bethel representative to Mexico, and Diane Evernham, Bethel 14, grand Bethel representative to Australia, all princesses.

Others introduced were Mrs. Frank Little, royal matriarch, Roxy Ann Court, Order of Amaranth, sponsors of Bethel 55; and Furan Evernham, eminent commander of Malta Commandry.

Guardians and associate guardians were Mrs. C. D. Elhart, Merlin Borough, Bethel 14, and Mrs. D. W. Piper, Kerby. Past guardians and past associate guardians were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Snider, Kerby; Mrs. Paul Selby and Mrs. Harold Gordon, Bethel 55.

Worshipful Master John Eddy, Medford Lodge AF&AM, was presented and introduced his officers.

Crowning Ceremony
The crowning ceremony was conducted by Medford Chapter, Order of DeMolay, with Lynn Knight, master counselor, presiding.

Miss Sue Baker sang "The Lord's Prayer" as the altar solo. Miss Jill Hibbs was the Bible escort and Miss Krista Baker handed out the programs.

Mrs. Little presented an altar cover to the Bethel in behalf of Roxy Ann Court, Order of Amaranth. Other presentations were by Miss Barbara Gordon, a presiding honored queen pin and traveling Jobina doll; "Corky" Barrell, brother of the queen, a gavel; Mrs. Paul Selby, a bouquet of roses in behalf of Chester Hubbard, potentate of Hillah Temple, and Miss Brenda Barrell, a bouquet from the family.

Queen Marcia in turn presented the retiring queen with a past honored queen's pin and Jobina doll. She introduced her family, her grandmother, Mrs. William Well-



Miss Marcia Barrell (Classic Photo)

man, Portland, and her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Morri Isted, and cousins, Niki, Judy and Charles, Prineville. Other line officers introduced their parents.

Benediction
The Rev. George R. V. Bolster, St. Mark's Episcopal church, offered the benediction.

Miss Gordon was escorted to the altar where she signed the Bible as retiring queen and was then escorted into the circle of past queens.

At the reception which followed, Mrs. Isted poured coffee, Mrs. Paul Selby, punch, and Miss Brenda Barrell and Mrs. Ralph Hibbs served cake. Decorations were baskets of green and white carnations arranged by Mrs. Raymond Reter, carrying out the new queen's color scheme.

The next meeting of Bethel 55 will be January 12, at 7:30 p.m., at Pythian hall.

To Hold Rehearsal
Central Point - Mrs. D. C. Mapel, publicity chairman, announces that the District 6C Mothersingers will meet Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harvey Field, Seven Oaks road, Central Point.

Use a cold water paint to freshen bricks in a fireplace. Oil paints are likely to blister when a fire is lighted.



Potpourri wasn't at her desk last Tuesday. Instead she spent the entire day serving as a juror in district court. It was a traffic case and as a result we've been driving with extreme caution and meditating over what it would be like to try and remember several months afterwards exactly what happened at an exact spot at an exact time. Potpourri did decide one thing. It would be a mighty wise thing to write down, as soon as possible, all pertinent details of the accident. And not just on a police report, either, but to prepare a document which we could keep and refer to afterwards.

This six-person jury, five women and one man, split three and three and all were stubborn (not just the society editor). Not one changed his or her mind after deliberation and argument. The talk was forceful and heated, too, and there was much drawing of sketches and diagrams as each tried to prove his argument, or clarify ideas.

One fact we're pretty sure of now. Jurors may be intelligent, educated, conservative and law-abiding, but they take their prejudices into the jury box and jury room, whether they believe they do, or not.

(After reading this, Pal Peg informed us that some firms make available a form or booklet to be kept in the car and used for an immediate record of an automobile accident.)

"This year, mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency. Express your gratitude. Go to church. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again."

The above was part of an advertisement inserted by the editors of McCall's magazine in the New York Times. Potpourri took the liberty of making it read "This year" instead of "This Christmas" because we believe it is good advice for all the year.

What do you consider the most significant development for women in the past 10 years?

More than half a million women were asked this question at fashion shows across the country by a jewelry firm. The women cited frozen, instant and packaged foods, outdoor cooking, aerosol cans, hair-coloring, wash-and-wear clothes, automatic dishwashers and clothes dryers, automobile power steering and braking, and shopping centers. Also mentioned were the increased use of color and the acceptance of women in business and politics.

For years, Mrs. Charles Plueard of Cottage Grove had all her children and grandchildren and later the great-grandchildren at her house for a big family Christmas party. But times change, and so do customs, and this year Grandma Plueard and her family all came to Medford and spent the holiday in the home of the John Thruns, Mrs. Plueard's son-in-law and daughter.

In spite of the fact that 3 sons, 2 daughters-in-law, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren could not be here, the gathering numbered almost 40 persons.

Mrs. Thrun, reporting the family reunion to the Tribune, wrote: "P.S. Now we know what Grandma went through all those years!—O.S."

Christmas Customs Topic For Medford Study Club

Mrs. Carl W. Peterson, 630 Siskiyou boulevard, Ashland, was hostess last Tuesday for Travel Study club, of Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Ray Glidwell assisted Mrs. Peterson.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the house, and a lighted Christmas tree was made of pine cones. Christmas carols were played and there was an exchange of gifts. Mrs. Thomas Reid was Santa Claus.

Highlight of the afternoon was "Christmas around the World." Mrs. Clay M. Lee gave the program. Austrian Christmas custom places emphasis upon light as a symbol of the eternal light God gave man in the Christ child. Mrs. Lee stated. In Belgium, the chimes in the 500-year-old cathedral in Antwerp chime ninety-nine bells on Christmas day to summon the worshippers to services. The Bulgarian Santa Claus is called Grandpa Koleda. The Yule log and kernels of corn are very important in the Christmas ceremony. Chinese children call their tree the "Tree of Light" instead of a Christmas tree. It has no candles but is decorated with brilliant paper flowers, colored paper chains and cotton snowflakes.

Christmas to the people of Czechoslovakia means the ending of all quarrels and the beginning of a new year among friends. One of Denmark's prettiest customs is the remembrance of the birds. A sheaf of grain is saved from the fall harvest, and on Christmas morning, every gable, gateway and barn door is decorated with a bundle of grain, the birds' Christmas dinner.

In Finland straw is piled upon the floor, and reminiscent of the Christ child, the children sleep on a manger-like bed.

The immortal carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night," Kris Kringle, and hand carved toys, are only a few of the many contributions to the Christmas season from Ger-

many. Their Christmas tree is called the "Tannenbaum." December 25 is a happy day for the people of Greece, for it is the time of family reunions, parties and merry making. Greek mothers make their famous fried cakes, while the children watch and listen to old folk legends. In Holland, Saint Nick appears on a large white horse. The animals and birds are remembered in Norway, since they were the only ones present at the birth of the Holy Babe.

Members of all denominations assemble to worship and sing carols in the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, directly above the birthplace of the Holy Child. The Yule log and grain are symbolic of Christmas in many countries.

Mrs. Lee ended her program by saying America is especially beautiful at Christmastime. "America of rich and poor, of high and low, every faith, and every social caste meets on one common ground, around a manger and a child; and all join hands and hearts to sing and pray their glad and joyous hymns of praise," Mrs. Lee said.

Mrs. Gertrude Bartlett, state historian and chairman of poetry for district one, of Ashland, read "Christmas Everywhere."

Preceding the program, Mrs. Lee, president, conducted a business meeting. A rummage sale will be held March 3 in the Fehl building.

Guests of the club were Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Widener Hendrixson, first vice-president of district one, and president of Ashland Civic club; Mrs. Ralph Foster, secretary of district one, Mrs. Mae Russell, treasurer of district one, Mrs. Roy Nye, art chairman for district one, all of Ashland, and Mrs. Forbie Pitzer, New Castle, Penn.

The next meeting will be January 26, at the home of Mrs. Edward C. Root. This will be guest day and the executive board will be hostesses.

Every Year is Leap Year For Girls of West Sumatra

By S. M. KISMADI
United Press International
Jakarta—UPI—Every year is leap year among the Minangkabaus in West Sumatra.

Not only do girls do the proposing, but they are willing to pay if their proposal is accepted. They even throw in a completely furnished home.

This seems to be a good deal for men. But in exchange they must recognize their wives as the heads of their households. Their children will not be named after the father, but will carry the mother's family name.

Persisting in 20th century Indonesia, this custom has been maintained for centuries in West Sumatra. The social organization of the Minangkabaus is known as a matrilineal. The mother is the governing head and descent and relationship are traced through the mother.

Although the Minangkabaus have been influenced by Western culture as much as any other population group in Indonesia, they still maintain the old customs.

The Minangkabaus live in clans. Each clan, headed by the oldest woman, occupies one huge house, appropriately called "rumah gadang," or big house.

Clan Affair
Traditionally, marriage is a clan affair. Two entire clans are involved in the arrangements.

If a boy and girl have decided to get married, they bring up the matter with

acceptance would be considered improper. Although a decision has been made in previous informal meetings, the official delegation must return several times to plead the girl's cause. Tradition prescribes at least six such formal visits. After the boy's parents have given their consent, negotiations are held to determine the amount of the girl's dowry, and to fix the proper wedding date. After the wedding, the husband moves into his wife's home, and she becomes boss. Cook eggs and egg dishes at moderate to low temperatures to keep the protein tender.

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