



"A happy Handsel Monday to you" said a voice on the telephone Monday. "If you're going to be in, I'll bring you a Handsel Monday dime for good luck." It was Judge Edward Kelly's wife, Mary, speaking, and later in the day she did bring Potpourri a shiny dime.

Inspired by this Kelly custom, Potpourri turned open-handed and gave away all the dimes in our coin purse. This is supposed to bring good luck and prosperity for the recipient during the coming year, and for many years the Kellys have been presenting bright shiny dimes to family members and friends the first Monday in January. Mrs. K. says it is an old Irish custom.

Webster doesn't say one should give away dimes, but the dictionary does give the meaning of "handsel" or "hand-sel" as it is sometimes spelled. The old Norse word is "handsal" meaning the closing of a bargain by shaking hands, "sal" being sale or bargain. The dictionary further says "A gift as a token of good luck, especially in an enterprise or experience; as a first gift on any occasion or a gift at the new year."

"I forgot and left the brain in the car - I'll go out and get it." These words greeted Photographer Bob Vroman and Potpourri when we entered the room at Rogue Valley Memorial hospital Tuesday to take pictures of the new practical nursing class. The voice was that of Jim McDonald, director of the Curriculum Materials center of the Jackson county school superintendent's office. Mr. McDonald, was in the process of delivering the various parts of the model of a human body which the Center has purchased for use in schools of the county, and which now are on loan to the new nursing school. Mrs. Bertha Morrill, registered nurse who is instructing the first class of the new Southern Oregon School of Practical Nursing, was absolutely delighted with the new teaching tools, and said they would be invaluable in the course.

Other teaching aids for the use of the class are a life-sized dummy which is named "Mrs. Chase," two dolls the size of babies, and a man-sized skeleton. While the classes recessed for the picture-taking, a couple of members arranged the skeleton on the bed, in a sitting position with legs crossed.

Later one of the hospital employees was "introduced" to the skeleton as a new patient. "You better give him up," said the workman with a grave air. "You'll never pull him through."

Women in the new class have fun during a recess, but most of the time are hard at work. There is much to be learned during the 12 months of their course, both from text books, the teaching aids and from the nurses, doctors and patients at Rogue Valley hospital. Later some will have clinical experience at the Jackson County Farm Home and with handicapped children in schools. In October they will take a state examination and those who pass will be licensed.

Mrs. Morrill, and those instrumental in founding the new school of practical nursing have high hopes for its future. Mrs. M. points out that there is a critical shortage of both registered and practical nurses. A total of 176 practical nurses passed their examinations and were licensed in the period from July 1, 1958, to June 30, 1959, in Oregon. Mrs. Morrill said, and added that a much larger number than that could be employed in the state. In the same period, a total of 323 professional nurses were graduated by Oregon schools and registered.

It is also interesting to note that quarters for the new school are being included in plans for the new wing contemplated at Rogue Valley Memorial hospital. This will include a classroom, an office for the instructors, and a laboratory unit under present plans. The nursing school is sponsored by the vocational education department of the Medford Public school system. Space and clinical equipment are provided by the hospital, and women now taking the course buy their own text books. Reference books are available at the hospital.

For years and years the society editor has been meaning to do research in an effort to find out the origins of the words "bride" and "bridegroom." All Webster says about "bride" is that she is a woman about to be married, or newly married.

The New York Times does better on the word "bridegroom." According to a recent issue of the Times, the word bridegroom originated in Medieval times when it was customary for the new husband to serve his bride at the table on the wedding day. A waiter was then known as a "groom" so he became his "bride's groom" for the day-O.S.

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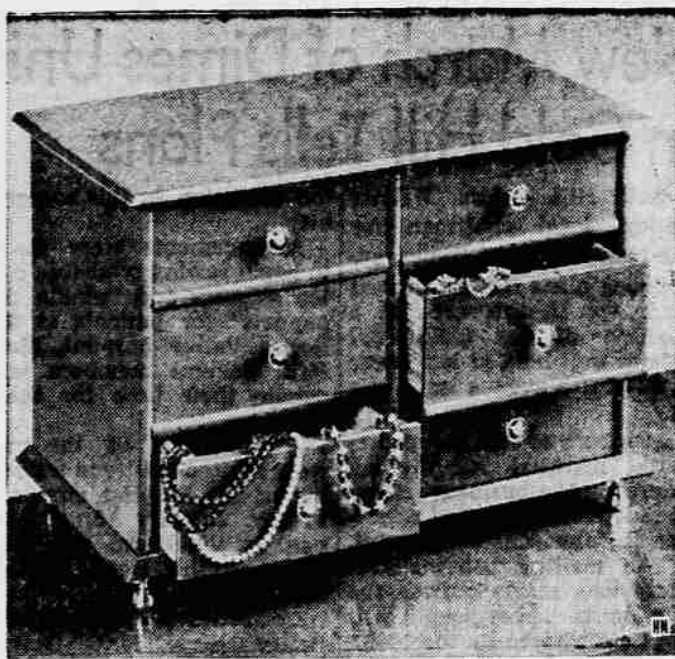
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CALENDAR..

Today:
2 p.m.-Bethel 14, Job's Daughters, Masonic hall.
7 p.m.-Rogue Camp Fire Girls Council, Rogue Valley Country club.
Monday:
12:30 p.m.-Adarel Past Matrons club, home of Mrs. C. E. Coggins, 1329 Beekman st.
1:30 p.m.-Jackson County Retired Teachers associations, Girls Community club.
7 p.m.-Mothersingers, Jackson school, room 25, enter by east door.
7:30 p.m.-Rogue Valley Art association, Eugene Bennett studio, South Grape st.
7:45 p.m.-Rogue Valley District of Oregon Music Teachers association, home of Mrs. Rawles Moore, 2520 Lyman ave.
8 p.m.-Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge, Central Point Grange hall.
8 p.m.-St. Mary's Grade School Parents' club, at school.
8 p.m.-Scottish Rite Women's club, Masonic hall.
8:30 p.m.-Neighbors of Woodcraft, Eagles hall.
Tuesday:
9:30 a.m.-District 6C Mothersingers, home of Mrs. Harvey Field, Seven Oaks rd., Central Point.
9:45 a.m.-First Presbyterian church circle: Mercy, home of Mrs. Harold Gregory, 609 Catherine st.
10 a.m.-Welcome Wagon, home of Mrs. James Pollard, 333 Lynnwood dr.
10:30 a.m.-Oak Grove Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Gilbert Munden, 480 Clover lane.
10:30 a.m.-Willamette Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. C. J. McPherson, 441 Highland dr.
12:30 p.m.-First Presbyterian church circles: Bethany-Trinity, junior high room, at church; Charity, with Mrs. Charles Champlin, 621 J st.; Faith, fireplace room, at church; Grace, with Mrs. Lloyd Nielson, 2130 East Jackson st.; Hope, with Mrs. George D. Osler, 719 Palm st.; and Temple, with Mrs. R. M. Johnson, 21 North Berkeley Way.
2 p.m.-St. Anne's Altar Society, Girls Community club.
7:30 p.m.-Lone Pine School Parent Teachers association, at school.
7:30 p.m.-First Presbyterian church circles: Candlelight, with Mrs. D. R. Walter, 1109 West Main st. and Vesper, with Mrs. John Ripley, 300 Sunrise ave.
8 p.m.-Nevita chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Central Point Masonic temple.
8 p.m.-Oregon Nurses Association, Sacred Heart hospital conference room.
8 p.m.-Pythian club, home of Mrs. Harry Bryant, 1312 Reddy ave.
8 p.m.-Roguette circle, Military Order of Lady Bugs, VFW auxiliary room, 42 North Front st.
8 p.m.-Woman's Mission Society, Eastwood Baptist church, at church.
Wednesday:
11 a.m.-Medford Townsend club, Carpenters hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.
12 noon-Upper Applegate Grange Home Economics club, at Grange.
12:30 p.m.-Mistletoe club, Girls Community club.
12:30 p.m.-Women of Rotary, home of Mrs. R. A. Naumes, 620 Oakdale dr.
1 p.m.-Bee Hive club, Olive Rebekah lodge, with Mrs. Homer Vinzant, 848 Stewart ave.
1 p.m.-Little Garden club of Medford, home of Mrs. Charles Hurst, 765 Sunrise ave.
7:45 p.m.-Medford Toast-mistress club, Girls Community club.
8 p.m.-Medford Junior Women's club, home of Mrs. C. M. McGinty, 1805 Roberts rd.
8 p.m.-Roxie Ann Home, Economics club, Grange hall.
Thursday:
10:30 a.m.-Howard Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Henry Friesen, 2120 Table Rock rd.
10:30 a.m.-Medford Home Extension unit, courthouse auditorium.
12:30 p.m.-Adarel Social club, home of Mrs. H. C. Goldsmith, 150 Ross lane.
12:30 p.m.-Medford Sojourners club, Girls Community club.
8 p.m.-Reams chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Medford Masonic temple.
Friday:
10 a.m.-Phoenix Home Extension unit, home of Eran Rasmussen, Fern Valley rd.
12:30 p.m.-Roxie Ann court, Order of Amaranth, luncheon, home of Mrs. Vernon A. Turpin, Old Military rd.
1 p.m.-Gettogether club, Girls Community club.
1:30 p.m.-Rogue Valley hospital auxiliary, board and staff room, at hospital.
8 p.m.-Ladies auxiliary, Medford Carpenters Union, Carpenters' hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.
Saturday:
2 p.m.-Epsilon chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, Girls Community club.
7:30 p.m.-Bethel 14, International Order of Job's Daughters, Medford Masonic temple.

Birds, Flowers

Are Meeting Topic
Mrs. Howard Bush, bird chairman of the Medford Garden club, spoke on western birds and showed slides at the Thursday meeting of the group at the courthouse auditorium.
Mrs. Charles Stearns and Mrs. L. P. Rentchler also spoke. They gave talks on the narcissus and carnation, flowers of the months of December and January.
The speakers were introduced by Mrs. Ira Fitzgerald, program chairman, and Mrs. LeRoy Cline, horticulture chairman.
Mrs. Bush and her committee were in charge of the social hour tea which followed. Committee members are Mrs. E. M. Wallin, Mrs. J. E. Jorgenson, Mrs. Harry Meyers and Mrs. Stearns. Mrs. Thomas Cardona and Mrs. Judd Greenman poured.
Prizes were won by Mrs. Boyd Flanders and Mrs. R. W. Smith.

Woman Retires After 55 Years Railroading

Chicago - (UPI) - Grace Baldwin invaded a masculine stronghold to get her first job with the Milwaukee road. She went on the railroad's payroll in 1904 and stayed 55 years.
"I've loved every part of it," she said when she retired recently.
When Miss Baldwin went to work in the freight auditor's office, steam engines chuffed along the Milwaukee tracks, and bookkeeping was a laborious longhand process.
Long before her retirement, she had been transferred to the comptroller's office and worked closely with ranking officials in that department.
Five years ago, she became the railroad's first woman employee to receive a gold pass, the company's way of saying "thank you" for the loyalty of a 50-year veteran.
Miss Baldwin wears her 75 years lightly, but she confessed she was glad for the rest which retirement had brought. Miss Baldwin said she did not regret ending her more than half a century's employment-"except for the air conditioning in the office," she said. "I hated to retire from that."

Bartlett Bridge Club Announces Winners

Mrs. F. E. Bowman and Mrs. J. J. Finegan won first place in play at a meeting of Bartlett Duplicate Bridge club January 4. Mrs. William Cowling and Mrs. Jay Elliott won second place; Mrs. Laurence Espey and Mrs. Darrell Miller, third; and Mrs. Russell Barnes and Mrs. Fred Burich, fourth.

Middle Ages Herb Garden Now Grows in Manhattan

By JEANNE LESEM
United Press International
New York - (UPI) - A medieval cook would feel right at home in modern Manhattan. At the northern tip of the island, in a beautiful park

Association Suggests Wood For Furniture

By JOYCE SCHULLER
United Press International
Chicago - (UPI) - Puzzled about the type of wood to choose for furniture? The Fine Hardwoods association recommends six types of hardwoods.
Here are descriptions of the woods and a guide to their use:
Birch and Maple-the natural blondes adapt well to lighter-toned modern furniture. Strong, stony-smooth birch also is good in warm, brown tones for provincial pieces. Maple, which is extremely hard, makes sturdy furniture for children.
Oak - Durable enough for flooring, it is masculine looking, with a coarse grain and more texture than other woods. Used in boys' bedrooms or dens, it can give the suburban home a "country estate" air.
Cherry-The only true fruit-wood now in general use ranges from a tawny tone to a soft brown in its natural state. Its inconspicuous grain and subtle figure pattern make it an excellent choice for the single "important" piece. Long used in provincial furniture, cherry recently has been styled into sleek modern lines.
Mahogany - The aristocrat of the hardwoods radiates a look of quiet luxury. Because it often is imitated, care should be taken to determine its authenticity, whether in a single prestige piece or full dining set. In the past, mahogany was generally deep red, but today it comes in a wide range of contemporary browns and beiges.
Walnut - Most versatile of the hardwoods, it takes to almost any design. The natural color span of walnut ranges from light grey-brown to a rich, dark tone.

overlooking the Hudson Valley, there is an herb garden straight from the Middle Ages. The garden of culinary, medicinal and dye plants belongs to The Cloisters, a museum of medieval art built in the style of a monastery or nunnery.
In the course of a year, it contains 240 species of herbs, many of which are familiar to today's cooks as they were to old-time herbalists and physicians.
Gardener Esther Ann Huebner tends them all and answers questions from curious visitors. Most people want to know how to grow them, their names, and where she gets the plants - they come from nurseries, botanic gardens and commercial supply companies.
But a woman visitor once offered a gratuitous beauty tip. She recommended greater celandine for washing hair, to give reddish highlights to blondes.
Ancient peoples used celandine to treat sore eyes, mouth cankers and - mixed with white wine - to bleach freckles.

Little Known Herbs
Strawberry blight is another little known herb in The Cloisters' garden. Despite its negative-sounding name, it's a good plant for cookery, said Miss Huebner. With a mild strawberry flavor, it is used to color sugars and cakes.
Other unusual herbs in this garden include clary, a sage-like plant, similar to but milder than sage; several kinds of thyme, including a caraway-flavored type favored by medieval cooks as a seasoning for beef; and Good King Henry, which resembles spinach and sorrel and is cooked the same way.
These plants, with the familiar spearmint and peppermint, parsley, basil, dill, rosemary and summer and winter savory, are chosen primarily for their significance in the Middle Ages.
But don't expect to buy them. The garden's output is too small to market commercially, said Miss Huebner. Although the assortment is great, no large amount of any one herb ever is available. So most are hung for display as

seasonable replacements are planted.
For those who want to raise herbs at home, Miss Huebner suggests choosing a sunny outdoor plot or outdoor window boxes, provided they get a lot of sun. Herbs tend to become lank and spindly when grown indoors, she explained.
Once harvested, herbs should be tied in small bunches and placed on paper or hung to dry in a cool, dry, airy spot out of the sun.
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Reames chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a stated meeting Thursday, January 14, at 8 p.m. in the Masonic temple.
Mrs. Audrey E. Roberts, worthy matron, and Carl Oestreich, worthy patron, will preside.
Following the meeting Mrs. Russel Zundel and Mrs. Richard Schulz will be in charge of refreshments served in the dining room.

Dr James Luce To Be Speaker

Dr. James Luce will speak on carotid artery surgery Tuesday, January 12, at 8 p.m. meeting of the Oregon Nurses association.
The meeting will be held at the Sacred Heart hospital conference room. Mrs. Eleanor Ramsey will give a summary of nursing care of neuro-surgical patients.

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