



Two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Anderson, (right) route 1, box 23A, Jacksonville, and Mrs. Maggie Day, Everett, Wash., meet for the first time in Everett. The sisters are 20 years apart in age. Mrs. Day having married and left home prior to Mrs. Anderson's birth.

(Daily Herald, Everett, Wash., photo)

Sisters Hold First Meeting

Jacksonville - Mrs. Hattie Anderson, route 1, box 23A, returned Friday evening from a visit in Everett, Wash., where she visited her sister, Mrs. Maggie Day—a sister she was seeing for the first time. Mrs. Anderson was the youngest of ten children and was born after Mrs. Day, the eldest, had married and left home. Although the two women kept in touch with other members of the family they did not start corresponding until two years ago. Mrs. Day moved from Minnesota to Washington recently to make her home with a son and Mrs. Anderson planned the trip north to visit her.

When Mrs. Anderson arrived in Everett she wore red accessories and a gray fur coat, clothing she had previously told her sister she would wear, so they would recognize each other. Mrs. Day had sent Mrs. Anderson a photograph of herself.

During their two week visit, the sisters, both widows, talked about their families and grandchildren. Mrs. Day has eight children, 32 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Mrs. Anderson is the mother of two children, Charles Anderson, Jacksonville, and Mrs. Elbert (Darlene) Wayne, Waukegan, Ill., and five grandchildren.

Americans are spending 22 billion dollars a year for medical services, according to a survey by the Chase Manhattan Bank. This is double the 1950 amount and six and a half times the 1929 figure.

Guests Visit In Jacksonville

Jacksonville - Guests last weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Long were Mr. Long's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Long and four children of Highlands, Calif. They were enroute to Washington where they plan to make their future home.

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Blinds Said Decorative, Utilitarian

By JOYCE SCHULLER
United Press International
Chicago - (UPI) - Venetian blinds can be decorative as well as utilitarian.

Five interior designers, commissioned by the Venetian Blind Institute, set out to prove it by using blinds as design elements in room settings.

Everett Brown used venetian blinds to create a "quiet room." He ran extra-wide slat blinds that close out light completely from the ceiling to the floor of a window wall and placed four bamboo poles in front of the blinds at even intervals.

Ethyl G. Alper used venetian blinds only on the lower half of a row of windows. On the upper half, she hung floral brocade Roman shades. The white blinds were gold-spattered to blend with the shades.

In a modern room design by Mallory-Tillis, a slanting window wall had white blinds threaded with black tapes. The blind-covered wall made a background for statuary.

Two other designers did not limit venetian blinds to windows. John Fitzgibbons brought a gazebo, or summerhouse, indoors by hanging three blinds between four floor-to-ceiling posts a few feet from a row of windows.

The arrangement created an alcove for statuary, plants, and a rustic bench to break the monotony and add architectural interest to a square apartment living room. The institute suggested similar use of blinds to divide a room or create a dressing corner or breakfast nook.

The designing firm of Manshaw and Daggelt created the most unusual effect with blinds - across a ceiling. This use is recommended for converted basements. Lighting above the blinds can be regulated in intensity by fully opening or partially closing the blinds.

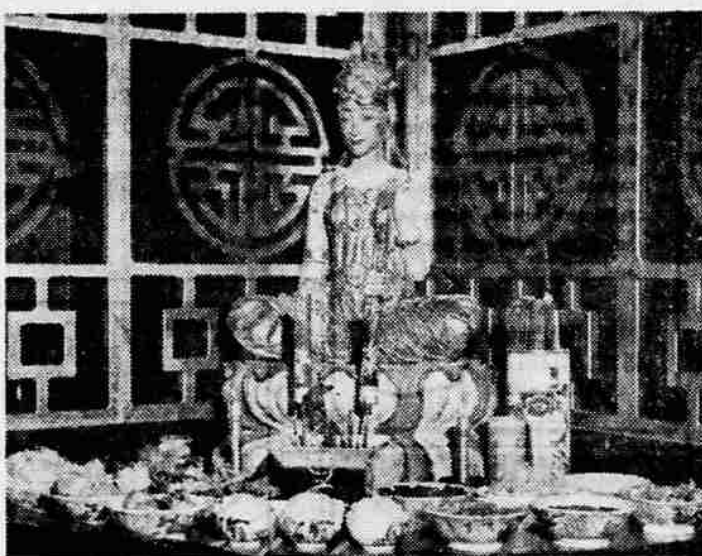


Potpourri celebrated the Chinese New Year Thursday. This festival has always intrigued ye editor, and when it also means an excellent Chinese dinner, then it is truly a celebration.

Pappy and Potpourri, along with six or seven other couples, were guests of Henry Fong and his head chef, Lee Sheu, for a dinner at Kim's. In spite of the fact that the staff of the restaurant had served the usual clientele during the day, plus a large luncheon which honored Senator Wayne Morse, Mr. Sheu, known to everyone as Canton, turned out a delightful menu for his special guests.

We feasted on shrimp cooked in a catsup sauce, pineapple sweet and sour pork ribs, sweet and sour shrimp, with a ginger sauce, a vegetable dish with celery, delicate pea pods and chestnuts, chicken cooked American style and various other delectables.

The guests not only "licked the platters clean" at our table, but wandered into the other dining room and sampled some of the tidbits which had been placed around the restaurant's household goddess, Kwan Yin. It is one of the old Chinese traditions that special offerings be placed before the household goddess at midnight on the eve of the new year.



Henry and Canton and others of the staff had arranged bowls of rice, preserved fruits, offerings made from rice flour, fried soy bean curd and other Chinese sweets around the spot where the goddess sits. Henry Fong and Canton explained that this custom is somewhat like the American custom of placing flowers at the feet of statues.

Thursday night the smoke from several incense burners curled around the goddess and floated through the rooms of the restaurant.

It was explained that the food is customarily placed around the goddess at midnight and remains for the full 24 hours of New Year's day. Henry F. admitted that "I cheated a little" because he had not waited until midnight but arranged the offering earlier.

For the Chinese, this is the "Year of the Rat," but some, believing the rat to be a horrible creature, prefer to say the Year of the Mouse. Anyhow, whether mouse or rat, it is the year 4659 on the Chinese calendar.

Neither Henry or Canton were quite sure how the animals for the various years were originally chosen. If Potpourri remembers correctly, there are 12 animal designations—and the 12 are used in rotation. Much to our annoyance, the office encyclopedia fails to give any information about this.

One newspaper recorded that the Chinese in Portland failed to set off any firecrackers this year, preferring to celebrate the new year more quietly. We didn't hear any firecrackers at Kim's Thursday. One year, however, when the restaurant invited friends for a special new year dinner, Mr. F. sneaked into a corner and fired a few crackers. The sudden noise almost panicked the guests.

"Gung Hei Fat Choy." Or, if you want it in English—Happy New Year. Anyway, that's what we read in the Portland Oregonian.—O.S.

College Given Money For Food Fat Research Project

Corvallis - A three-year study of the chemical compounds formed when the oxygen of the air combines with food fats may lead to new ways of protecting food flavors and nutrients, a team of Oregon State college agricultural experiment station scientists believes.

E. A. Day and R. O. Sinnhuber, food and dairy technologists, will continue basic studies of fat oxidation started several years ago at OSC with a new grant of \$37,000 from the U.S. department of health, education and welfare.

Fat autoxidation, the combination of oxygen with fat, affects both the consumer and the food processor. When foods are exposed to air, oxygen attacks the fats and through a series of reactions rancid flavors develop which destroy natural flavors. Certain of the essential nutrients are also lost in the process. As a result, the food becomes unappetizing and less nutritious.

OSC scientists emphasize that these food spoilage problems are not serious in most foods now on the market because food processors have taken the necessary steps to protect foods through proper processing, packaging, and handling. Sometimes Serious Autoxidation is serious.

however, they say in the development of new and improved foods. In many cases, new and less expensive foods—such as dried whole milk—could be placed on the market if the fat autoxidation could be controlled. Dried whole milk can be processed successfully but on storage, oxygen rapidly attacks the milk fat and an unnatural flavor develops.

There's also a possibility that some of the chemical compounds that develop in highly rancid foods may have harmful effects when eaten, the food technologists point out. OSC studies on salmon and mink showed harmful effects on the animals when highly rancid fats were included in their diets.

First area of OSC research will be a study of unsaturated fatty acids, common in most main food fats and most susceptible to oxygen attack. Later they will study complete fats such as vegetable, milk and fish fats. Further studies will then be conducted to learn harmful effects of facts when included in animal diets.

Hairdressers Name Style In Mrs. Nixon's Honor

By DICK WEST
United Press International
Washington - (UPI) - It looks like the nation's hair styling experts have given up trying to make American girls look like Italian boys.

I got a peek at the latest hair fashions at a "sneak preview" of spring and summer styles for 1960 as drafted by the National Hair Dressers and Cosmetologists association.

This is the outfit that dictates the way ladies should arrange their hair. Since men, as onlookers, have vested interest in the matter, I felt it my duty to see what was in the wind.

On the whole, it was an encouraging premier. Mrs. Richard Nixon, wife of the vice president, was there, as were the wives of a goodly number of senators. So were about a dozen beautiful models.

The association announced that one of the new hair styles had been named the "Pat-Tress" in Mrs. Nixon's honor. I couldn't tell what her present style is because her hat was too big.

It seemed to me that the committee is getting conservative. I saw nothing that resembled an Italian boy or even a French poodle.

That Italian boy fad was one I never could understand. If an American girl wants to

look Italian, I say she ought to look like an Italian girl, say Gina Lollobrigida. I also was happy to note that the recent upswept, or Swiss Alp, hair style, which required that all locks be piled on top of the head, is being toned down.

To quote from the association's press release, "The top will have natural height to suit the individual. Hair will be dressed in a natural flow of soft draped waves, drifting with its natural growth direction. Its silhouette will be less bouffant than in previous seasons, with an almost total absence of forced support of back-combing."

I don't know exactly what this means, but on the models it looked good. As for color, the association has decreed that "the brownette has definitely returned to the fashion scene."

Some of the ladies in the audience, most of whom were professional hairdressers, hadn't gotten the message yet. I saw one coiffure that was tinted, so help me, pinkish-orange.

"What color is that?" I asked a lady sitting nearby. "Pink champagne," she said.

Shuddering, I inquired

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