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The new royal son of Queen Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip, will before long wear a robe of pure silk spun by English silk worms. This interesting bit of information came from Helen Denver of Women's News Service in London, who recently interviewed Lady Zoe Hart-Dyke. Lady Zoe, delivering a parcel of pure silk to Buckingham Palace, indignantly denied that it had been spun by Russian silk worms and said that the material represented an entire season's work of her English worms.

Lady Zoe, it is said, is England's only sericulturist and one of few people ever to turn a childhood hobby into a thriving business. This interesting Englishwoman has kept silkworms since she was six years old and has had silk worms as a business for 25 years. She began with 5,000 worms, and now has several million.

Since silk worms love mulberry leaves, Lady Zoe imported bushes from the West Indies and now grows her own leaves. She once killed several thousand worms by letting them eat leaves which had been sprayed, and once took a quantity outside as an experiment; the birds ate them.

To avoid such catastrophes, she has revived an ancient European custom of taking the worms to a local church once a year for blessing. This, according to Helen Denver, involves a solemn procession of girl workers carrying leaves, incubators, and cocoons to the altar rail, where the rector pronounces the blessing.

Mrs. Raymond Reter is fond of gay colors, and enjoys decorating her house on Glen Oak court for parties. Last Saturday evening Mrs. R., who is sponsor for Beta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, gave a cocktail party for her chapter before the annual valentine dance of the sorority. Small bouquets of acacia, red roses, white china lilies and other flowers were here and there about the rooms, and scattered on the big refreshment table were little nosegays of purple violets and red roses.

Mrs. Reter served deep red champagne punch. This interesting beverage is made from several wines and colored red with maraschino. Mrs. Reter mixes the still wines with fruit juices and powdered sugar some time before the party is to begin, and then adds champagne, sparkling burgundy and soda water at serving time.

Mr. Reter arrived home from the east just in time for the party, and was filled with interesting news about the fruit industry, foreign trade and the advantages of traveling by jet airliner. In spite of years of traveling by air, Mr. R. said it was exciting to be able to fly from San Francisco to New York in four and one-half hours.

The returned traveler had gone first to Chicago for the annual meeting of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Growers association, and then went on to Washington, D. C., for a meeting of the United States National Fruit Export council. The council is an advisory group for the secretary of state and the secretary of agriculture and advises on foreign trade policies affecting the fruit and fruit products industries.

Mr. R. in some instances shares the views of those who believe that U. S. business, industry and agriculture may be pricing itself out of the world market and said that when so many other countries come up with products as good or better for less money, the U. S. better take stock of the situation.

The Reters have traveled a great deal in recent years because of Mr. R's fruit business and his tendency to get elected to office, and have many interesting and amusing stories. They both love this one: In the summer of 1958 they went to Montreal, Canada for a meeting of the International Apple Growers' association, Mr. R. being president of the group at the time. (The members grow all manner of fruits although the association title mentions only apples).

The couple had reservations at the new Queen Elizabeth hotel in Montreal and discovered upon arrival that the management had placed the hotel's royal suite at their disposal as a gesture of good will to the president of such an imposing international association.

"It was out of this world," related Mrs. R. "The manager himself escorted us up and showed us around the suite of several rooms. It was new and absolutely lavish. Then he had the housekeeper and two or three other staff members come up and he lined them up by the door and introduced each and said they were at our service."

At this stage Mr. Reter always interrupts his wife and takes over the story for the punch line. "The manager asked 'Can we do anything for you now?' and what do you think Joan did? She stood there for awhile and then blurted out 'Could I borrow an ironing board?'"

When the laughter subsided Mrs. Reter added "Well, I'm still a country girl and the first thing I want to do when I arrive in a strange hotel in a strange city is to do some pressing. I knew I couldn't spread a towel out and press clothes on that gorgeous, new furniture." The management of the new Queen Elizabeth may have been startled, but they sent up the ironing board and Mrs. Reter pressed her clothes.

The next week the suite was occupied by Princess Margaret of England and her entourage. O. S.

CALENDAR..

Monday:
12 noon - Alpha Rho, Beta Sigma Phi, luncheon and style show, Rogue Valley Country club.
12:30 p.m. - Rogue chapter, Grandmothers Clubs of America, Girls Community club.
8 p.m. - Neighbors of Woodcraft, Eagles hall.

8 p.m. - Crater Parent-Teachers association, cafeteria.
8 p.m. - League of Women Voters, with Mrs. Thomas Rutter, 1033 Queen Anne ave.

8 p.m. - St. Catherine's guild, St. Mark's parish house.
8 p.m. - Scottish Rite Women's club, Masonic temple.

Tuesday:
10 a.m. - Elta Deuell Hubbs tent, home of Mrs. Elmer Gott.
10:30 a.m. - Applegate Valley Home Extension units, Grange hall.

10:30 a.m. - Willow Springs Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Ray Vogel, Tolo rd., Central Point.
10:30 a.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist church.

12 noon - Kiwanian Dames, home of Mrs. Vernon Bacon.

Dinner Observes Anniversaries

Gold Hill - A dinner given Saturday, February 13 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Christensen celebrated Mr. Christensen's seventy-first birthday and the 16th wedding anniversary of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones.

Others attending were the Joneses son, Bill Jones and their daughter, Miss Marie Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Washburn and three children, Patty, Carol and Larry, and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Chapman, their son, Dennis, and two daughters Linda and Leslie Lynn.

Mr. Christensen, a retired employee of the Ideal Cement company, was born at Raerup, Denmark, and came to the United States in 1920.

Meeting Planned By Social Club

Electa Social club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, February 26, at Girls Community club. A business meeting and social hour will follow dessert.

The committee in charge is Mrs. Frances Taylor, Mrs. D. D. Roberts, Mrs. A. L. Carroll and Mrs. D. L. Chase.

Any Order of Eastern Star member who is not affiliated with a chapter in the Rogue River valley is cordially invited to meet with the club at this time.

To Speak of Trip

Miss Carolyn Mencke, Medford High school student, will show films of her recent trip to Finland at a meeting of Mistletoe club Wednesday, February 24, at Girls Community club.

Dessert luncheon will be served at 12:30 o'clock. Miss Mencke was an exchange student to Finland.

Tent Announces Coming Meeting

Elta Deuell Hubbs tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 23, at the home of Mrs. Elmer Gott for a sack lunch and business meeting.

Pythian Sisters, with Mrs. P. M. Aldredge, 1403 East Main st.
7:30 p.m. - Natural Foods Associate, room 28, Medford High school.
8 p.m. - Prospect Parent-Teachers association, High school.
Wednesday:
11 a.m. - Medford Town-ship club, Carpenters hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.
12:30 p.m. - Chapter AA of

PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. R. W. Sleeter, 39 Berkeley Way.
12:30 p.m. - Mistletoe club, Girls Community club.
12:30 p.m. - Westminster Women's association, Westminster Presbyterian church fellowship hall.
1 p.m. - Electa Social club, Girls Community club.
7:30 p.m. - Southern Oregon Dental Assistants society, Red Cross building.

7:45 p.m. - Toastmistress club, Girls Community club.
Thursday:
12:30 p.m. - Medford Sojourners club, Girls Community club.
8 p.m. - American Association of University Women board meeting, home of Mrs. F. Wilson Wait, 220 Vancouver ave.
8 p.m. - Reames chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Medford Masonic temple.

8 p.m. - Units 3, 5, 6, St. Anne's Altar Society, Girls Community club.
Friday:
12 noon - Episcopal Women of St. Mark's church, parish house.
7 p.m. - Eagle Point Parent-Teacher-Student association, family night, gymnasium.
Saturday:
1:30 p.m. - American Association of University Women fellowship luncheon, Ping's

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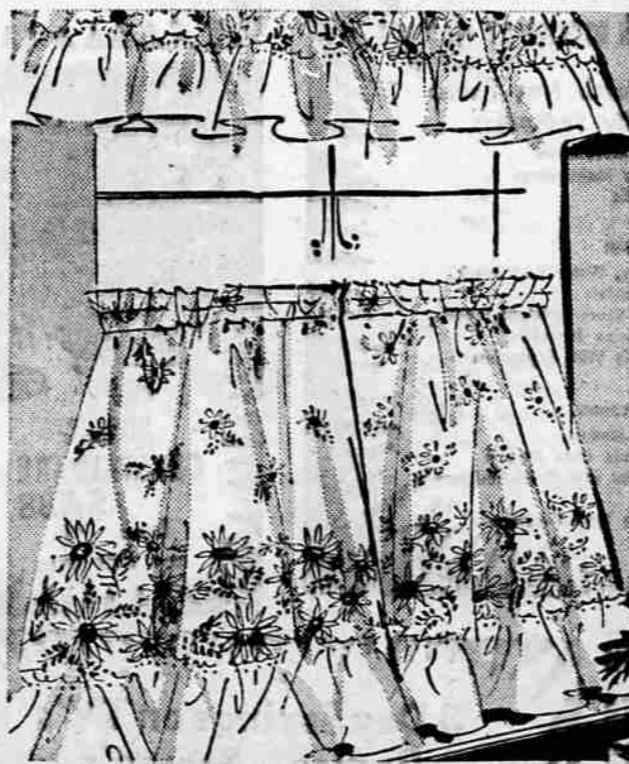
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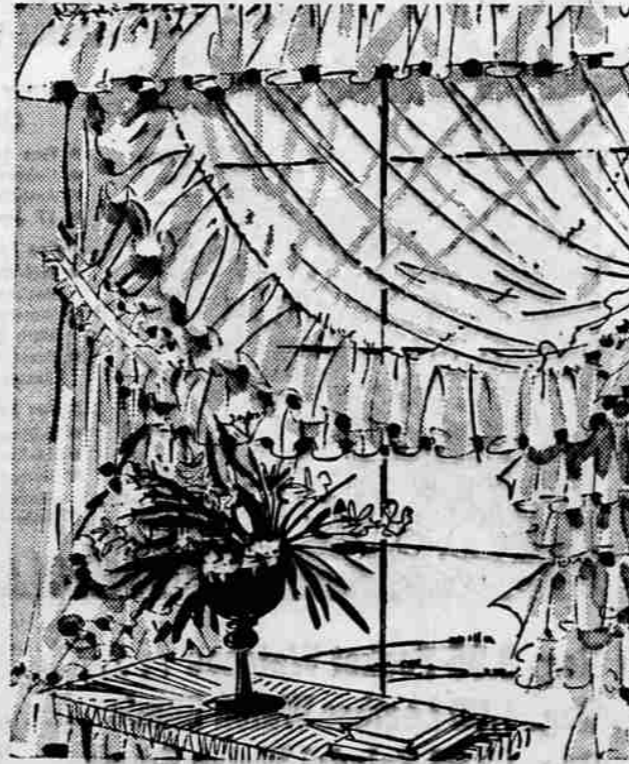


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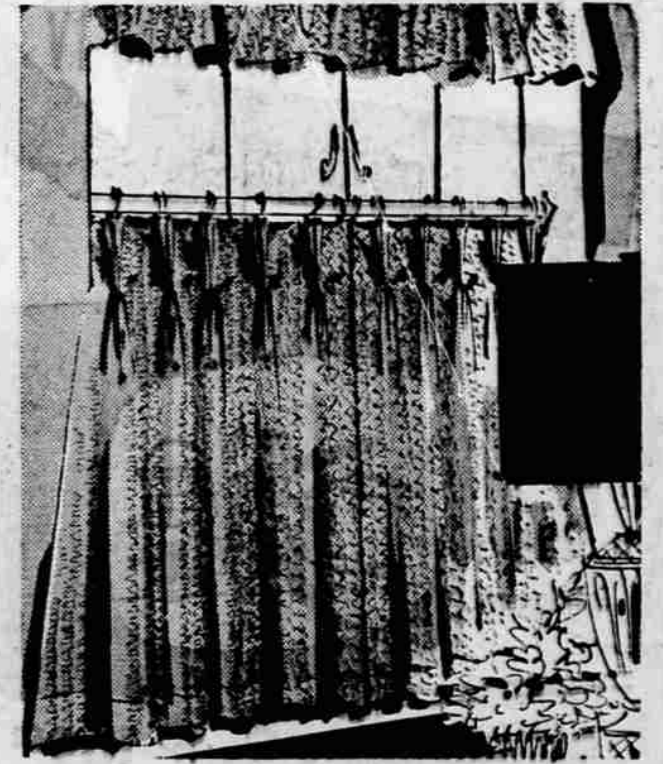


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