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Friday and Saturday we were a little sorry for the valley wanderers who have traveled to Arizona, California and Nevada in recent days seeking the sunshine. It may have been sunny in the south, but it was sunny and warm in Medford, too. When the thermometer is in the high 70's in March in the Rogue valley, when the willow trees are billowing froths of palest green, when the golden forsythia practically glows and when the violets are blooming in sweet carpets, who wants to be in Arizona or southern California?

The shop and newsroom had a visitor last week—a printer who left the valley about three years ago to join relatives in Arizona. The visitor was tanned the darkest brown imaginable and was filled with wondrous stories of the desert and the mountains and the scenery of Southwest country.

He said he had been enjoying the fishing very much, particularly in Lake Mead—the artificial lake formed when Hoover dam was built on the Colorado. "Fishing in Lake Mead is an angler's paradise," said our friend. "I never found a body of water anywhere else with so many fish. Why, there's more fish in Lake Mead than in all Oregon and Washington put together."

And then do you know what he said? "I like Oregon—I like what you have here. I don't like the desert nearly as much as the hills and mountains and rivers of Oregon." So there.

The Rev. Thomas McCamant deserves praise for his skillful moderating of the meeting Thursday night of the Medford Human Rights council. When discussing an explosive subject like the matter of racial discrimination, speakers may tend to become overly excited and tempers sometimes flare.

The minister kept the meeting flowing along, saw that everyone was given a chance to speak if he wished to express his views or offer an opinion, and reminded one who spoke more than anyone else that it was not fair he should monopolize the meeting.

In spite of the subject, a note of humor crept into the meeting from time to time, and it was welcome. A spontaneous laugh eases the tension.

The New Republic last week wrote about the protests by Negroes in the south against lunch counter segregation. The magazine spoke of the reasonableness of the goal, pointing out that the Negroes are expected to buy the merchandise which these stores offer, but then are not allowed to go sit down at a food counter.

The New Republic re-printed an editorial from the Richmond News-Leader which reads: "Many a Virginian must have felt a tinge of wry regret at the state of things as they are, in reading of Saturday's 'sitdowns' by Negro students in Richmond stores. Here were the colored students, in coats, white shirts, ties, and one of them was reading Goethe and one was taking notes from a biology text. And here, on the sidewalk outside, was a gang of white boys come to heckle, a ragtail rabble, slack-jawed, black-jacketed, grinning fit to kill, and some, God save the mark, were waving the proud and honored flag of the southern states in the last war fought by gentlemen. It gives one pause."—O.S.

How to Gather Skirt

New York—Gathering the top of a cotton skirt is easy when you use the sewing machine. Make a slight adjustment in the stitch length or in the upper tension. Use a normal length of stitch and a loose top tension, or a long stitch with normal tension. Stitch once on the seamline and again 1/4 inch away toward the seam edge. Pull the under threads to draw up the gathers.

Cheese and Fruit

For cheese and fruit trays, team up slices of Cheddar, Muenster or Swiss, wedges of Camembert, Brie, Gouda, Edam, Gruyere, Blue or Roquefort, cubes of cream or Neufchatel with pears, apple slices, grapes, orange sections, pineapple spears. Dip cut fruit in lemon juice to prevent darkening. Dates, nuts and figs are fine cheese-fruit tray items that are seldom offered, certain to be liked.



Miss Joy Olson was hostess for an "On to State" party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Olson, 100 South Groveland avenue, as a pre-basketball tournament event. Pictured during the party (standing, left to right) are Miss Sheryl Christian, Miss Judy Bash, Jimmy Olson, the hostess and Calvin Dean; (seated, left to right) Pat McLaughlin (in striped sweater) Miss Sandra Maxson, Reinhart Kostlin, exchange student from Germany, Wayne Thompson, Clinton Stiger and Miss Patty Barnes. Later in the week the Medford High school students went to Eugene to attend the annual A-1 state basketball tournament. —(Knackstedt photo)

Amethyst Lodge Backs Pilgrimage

Gold Hill—Amethyst Rebekah lodge voted to make a cash donation to help support the United Nations Pilgrimage which is sponsored by Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges in the United States and Canada. Mrs. Daniel Stewart, noble grand, presided at the business session.

It was announced that the third annual speaking contest, in which students of seven high schools are interested, would be held Saturday, March 26, at 8 p.m. at the Odd Fellows hall in Grants Pass. The final selection will be made at this time, and the winner of the speaking contest will be sent to the United Nations headquarters in New York. The student winning this honor will travel with other winners to points of interest throughout the United States.

Rebekahs have made final plans for the benefit luncheon and card party to be held Wednesday, March 23 beginning at 12 noon at the Odd Fellows hall. All proceeds from the event will be donated to help the proposed summer recreation program that is being planned by several groups for youngsters of this area. The public is invited.

Mrs. Clarence Parsley, ways and means chairman of the lodge, is in charge of the event.

District Convention
It was announced that the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon will be held in Eugene, May 15 through May 19. And the district convention is set for May 28 in Medford.

Mrs. Stewart named the April refreshment committee, consisting of Mrs. Jerry Herrington, chairman, Mrs. William Gossman and Mrs. Ferd Jones.

Mrs. George Dorman reminded members of the Past Noble Grands club that the annual past grands dinner will be held Wednesday, March 30, at 6 p.m. in the hall.

During the social hour Mrs. Stewart was honored as her birthday was March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Refreshments were served by the March committee, Mrs. Earl Moore, Mrs. Hannah Routh, Mrs. Thomas Z. Smith and Mrs. George Dorman.

The St. Patrick theme was used for decorations and refreshments.

A decorated cake encircled by green crepe paper ruffle, centered the table. A blarney stone topped by green pixies and green tapers in crystal holders completed the decorations arranged by Mrs. Moore.

The next meeting of the lodge is Wednesday, April 6, at 8 p.m.

Arm Chair Travelers Visit Hawaii

The Arm Chair Travel Group at the Senior Activity Center will visit the Hawaiian Islands Monday, March 21, at 1 p.m. when Cecil Raycraft will show colored slides taken on a visit there.

No invitation or membership is needed to attend these center. Any one over 50 years of age is welcome.

The beginners class in orchestra meets at 11 a.m. Monday.

Mrs. Victoria Staley will start teaching the oil painting class at the center, Tuesday, March 21, at 1 p.m. The class was reorganized January 19, as a co-operative workshop with different teachers of art volunteering to give instruction and demonstrations of various techniques. Mrs. Nettie Williams, Clifford Platz and Mrs. Ruby Twedell, all members of Southern Oregon

Artist association, have been the teachers during the last two months. New members may enter the class at any time. The class includes both beginners and those who are starting to paint again. There is no charge but members

Carl Richardson To Speak on Birds

Carl Richardson, Trail, will speak on birds of this area at a meeting of Howard Garden club March 22 at the home of Mrs. Clarence Black, 2662 Howard avenue. A desert luncheon will be served at 1 p.m.

Mrs. John Clark and Mrs. Robert Ottoman will be co-hostesses.

Visitors will be welcome at the meeting, those in charge report.

furnish their own materials. weekly travel meetings at the

Registrations are being taken for the contemplated class in copper tooling which will be scheduled Tuesday at 10 a.m.

The committee plans to start a dramatic class soon. The Footlighters officers are working on plans with Dr. Frank Roberts to assist the group with coaching and play material. A date is expected to be announced as soon as play material is secured.

The Spanish class continues at 10 a.m. and Senior Center orchestra at 1 p.m., each Thursday.

The use of an air blast from the engine compressor to blow away small objects on the ground prevents serious damage to jet engines.

Stanley Smiths Medford Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith, Laguna Beach, Calif., are spending a vacation in Medford as guests of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Rinard, 1708 Thomas road. The Smiths' son, Sydney, is making his home with his grandparents while attending Southern Oregon college, Ashland, where he is a sophomore.

Ray Rinard, Sacramento, Calif., is also a guest of his brother and sister-in-law.

While here Mr. and Mrs. Smith are also visiting Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. Ola Smith, King street.

Madagascar, which covers 227,736 square miles and is larger than the 12 states from Maine to Virginia, ranks fourth in size among the world's islands. It lies 250 to 500 miles off southeast Africa.

Chapter Will Honor Past Matrons, Patrons

Past matrons and past patrons will be honored by Reames chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at a stated meeting Thursday, March 24, at 8 p.m. in the Medford Masonic temple.

Mrs. Audrey Roberts, worthy matron, and Carl Oestreich, worthy patron will preside.

Miss Pauline Champlain will be chairman for refreshments following the meeting.

A French glovemaker has come out with luminous gloves for persons who walk along roads at night. Under the gleam of headlights they are said to be visible 1,300 feet.

The Rock of Gibraltar, Britain's smallest colony, is only three and three-quarters miles long and three-quarter miles in width.

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