



Not long ago a man complained to the society editor that his mother didn't appreciate some of the modern conveniences. "Can you imagine," he said somewhat indignantly, "she doesn't really like the new automatic washer and electric dryer that we bought for her. She uses the washer most of the time, but if the weather is even half fair, she insists on hanging the clothes outside."

Potpourri assured the man that we certainly could imagine that his mother liked to hang her washing in the fresh air. We do, and so do a lot of other women, too. Take a day like yesterday—it was fun to wash clothes and hang them on the line. The sun shone warmly—unbelievably warm for March, in fact—the birds were singing and the yellow daffodils along the fence were almost as bright as the sun. And when we took the clothes down in mid-afternoon, they smelled like clothes should smell after laundering—fresh and clean.

We know women who like to make bread—not only because they are sure the bread they make is better than what comes from the bake shop, but because they take great pleasure and satisfaction in mixing and kneading the bread, shaping it into loaves, and baking it. If we live to be a hundred and five, we will never forget the smell of fresh bread in the little kitchen at home when the three sisters arrived from school. Mother would cut thick warm slices and these would be slathered with butter and such marvelously delicious things as blackberry jam or spicy apple butter. It was nothing for the three of us to eat almost a whole loaf of the warm bread.

Potpourri knows all about progress and that the modern age with all its machinery and gadgets is here to stay. Obviously we're not going to give up Doll T. and try walking three and a half miles to work every morning. And we might as well confess that we didn't wash all the clothes at home—the heavy pieces we stuffed into a pillow case and carried down town to have it put through one of those automatic machines.

Sunday we bundled ourselves in all manner of warm clothing, uncovered Doll and set forth for Shasta ski bowl. Just to be outside Sunday was exciting and the view from the slopes of Mt. Shasta is well worth the longish drive.

While some spots on the mountain have been uncovered by the unseasonable warmth of the last week, skiing was said to be fair and certainly scores of ski-fans from hither and yon seemed to be having a wonderful time. A number of Medford devotees of this snow sport were on hand—Bill and Shirley Patton, Wally Iverson, Ben Trowbridge Jr., the Jim Rowan family, the Aubrey Norrises and their son and others.

Wally Iverson, whose bronzed face looks as if he had spent most of the winter outdoors, stopped for greetings and to recount some of the repercussions of having his picture on the Tribune's ski page not long ago. He said 12 or 15 friends and acquaintances sent him clippings, thinking he might want an extra copy; two former teachers wrote to say they had enjoyed reading about him again, two salesmen who had been letting him alone decided to try their luck once more, and called on him, some long-lost friends wrote from Sacramento to say that they often went skiing at Squaw valley and would be come down and join them, and many others had written, called on the phone or dropped in to see him at work.

"No wonder they talk about the power of the press," said Wally. "It was an experience. Now I'm considered an authority on skiing, which I'm not." He added that the "even" or spring snow was pretty good Sunday, and that he was enjoying the day very much.

Apparently "as you like it" is the clothing theme of the ski enthusiasts. Some wore shorts and cotton blouses, some had on jeans or levis, many of course, wore the stretch ski pants which fit like a second skin, and topped these with a gay assortment of parkas, sweaters, shirts and whatever the clothes closet offered.

Headgear was even more fanciful. There were hair bands, smoking caps and tightly fitted helmets, billed caps and even Mexican straw hats like one commonly sees in the garden or on the beach on a blistering day.

Comfort is considered first, and beauty comes afterwards. Any number of men and women had smeared their faces, neck and ears, with heavy white grease which gave them a ghostly appearance. At noon time two young men stripped to the waist and sunned themselves while devouring large quantities of hot food—the size of the servings made us give thanks that we aren't feeding a couple of healthy athletes who like to spend their leisure hours in the snow.

Spring brings the warm sun and blue skies, song birds, flowers, green grass, and a thoroughly joyous time of the year. But it also brings out the litter bugs. At a meeting of garden club workers Tuesday, there was discussion of this problem.

At least two women had answers. Both live in the country, and both had been infuriated by having someone dump trash and garbage on their property. Both had looked through the unsavory mess until they found clues to the identity of the persons who had perpetrated the outrage, and both called the authorities. Result—two red-faced householders had returned to the scenes of their crimes and picked up every tin can, empty bottle, old magazine and all the rest of their discarded litter. Both women are pretty sure those families will think twice before they dump garbage along a roadside again.—O.S.

Oyster Skillet Pie Is Original Recipe Of Medford Woman

Oyster skillet pie, a recipe original with Mrs. Fred Reich of 2751 Dark Hollow road, will make an interesting dish for a Lenten meal. The recipe was recently printed by Sunset magazine.

For the skillet pie Mrs. Reich uses 1 egg, 1 container or 12 ounces of oysters, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon of pepper, ¾ cup prepared pancake mix, ½ cup oil and 4 lemon wedges.

Beat egg slightly in mixing bowl, add oysters, salt and pepper. Mix lightly so as not to break oysters. Sprinkle pancake mix into bowl and gently stir. Heat oil in 8-inch frying pan. Pour in oyster mixture. Cook at medium heat for about 5 to 7 minutes, until bottom is golden brown. Turn, and brown other side. Remove to hot platter, cut into pie-shaped pieces. Garnish with lemon wedges. Makes four servings.

Dinner Planned By Home League

Ladies Home League of the Salvation Army will sponsor an Irish potluck supper to night at the monthly family night of the Army. The menu will include Irish stew. Dinner will begin at 6:30 o'clock and will be followed by a program. Groups will present several Irish numbers.

Return

Shady Cove-Trail-Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gillespie have returned to their home in Trail after spending a week in southern California with friends. Their son, Marine Cpl. Budd Gillespie, accompanied his parents home and is spending a leave here before reporting for duty in Okinawa.

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Hot Dogs, Chips, Spinach Preferred by Youngsters

New York (UPI)—The nation's eight-to-18 set rates hot dogs and potato chips as tops on the food parade, followed closely by hamburgers and, surprise, spinach.

Their favorite dessert is pie, their favorite hobby, photography, and their favorite sport, football. They are reading more newspapers and watching television less than they did two years ago.

These are some of the findings in the 1960 National Children's Preference Study, made by the American Hobby Federation, a non-profit educational organization founded

in 1936. The federation has made similar studies every two years since 1938 to help in shaping its youth programs to youth interests.

The latest conclusions are based on questionnaires answered by 182,000 boys and girls in public, private and parochial schools and active in community centers.

Varied Questions
John E. Lane, executive director, said that although the study was primarily to determine hobby interests, other subjects were included because the more varied the questions, the more likely the

youngsters are to answer them fully.

The study did not try to determine why certain foods, sports or hobbies were preferred. To the question, "what is your favorite meat?" the youngsters this year listed frankfurters, hamburgers, chicken, steak, veal, roast beef, ham, turkey, pork and lamb in that order. In the 1958 study, hot dogs were number five.

Asked their favorite vegetable, this year they gave the top spot to potato chips and second place to spinach, which in 1958 had been number one.

Spinach, however, rated 12th place in the 1938 study. Other vegetables in order of preference this year: Carrots, green peas, beets, string beans, pickles, celery and olives.

Pie consistently has been a favorite dessert, followed this year by ice cream, fruit, cookies, rice pudding, gelatin, peaches and doughnuts.

Favored Hobbies
Stamp collecting has been a leading hobby through the studies, but this year ran second to photography.

Other hobbies in order of current preference: Doll collecting, model making, paint-

ing, collecting match covers, postcards, autographs, and coins. The 1938 preferences ran this way: stamps, coins, Indian arrowheads, dolls, butterflies, model trains, painting, match-stick houses, buttons and cigaret cards.

Girls this year listed football as their favorite spectator sport; basketball, their favorite participation sport. The boys also rated football number one, followed by basketball, ice skating, swimming and baseball.

In a special series of questions on spare time activities, the study showed these reading habits today: 68 per cent said they read newspapers every day, a 12 per cent in-

crease over 1958; 71 per cent read 11 or more books a year, a nine per cent increase over the last study; 73 per cent read weekly and monthly magazines regularly, compared with 64 per cent in 1958.

To the question, "how many hours a day do you watch television, 18 per cent answered four hours a day, compared with 39 per cent in 1958; 17 per cent watched three and one-half hours, compared with 25 per cent in 1958; 11 per cent watched one hour daily, compared with two per cent in 1958; and eight per cent never watch, although two years ago none of the children rated themselves as non-viewers.

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