



The "Blunderbus Eightsome" took a trial run out Crater Lake highway the other night to relieve their minds about a worrisome matter. Can eight adults and all their luggage be stowed into a German-made bus? Would the travelers be comfortable for day after day of motoring?

So the Carroll Millers, the Almus Pruitts and the Angus Bowers gathered at the home of the A. C. Allens out on Rogue River. Mr. Allen had borrowed a little bus identical to the one which the Eightsome will pick up in Germany this summer and take on a tour of Europe. Each couple brought the three pieces of luggage on which the group had agreed. They stowed the luggage, and the eight travelers each took a seat; then they drove away and pretended that it was Germany instead of Oregon.

After the run they all agreed that their planning had been o.k.

The society editor has been writing about the trip, which is a source of excitement to their friends, for quite some time. However, we're not sure yet just what the itinerary is. It's a bit confusing, you see. The Pruitts are leaving first and going by way of plane and train to New York. The Bowers are going by way of Canada (stopping along the way to visit the Stratford Shakespearean theater because Mr. B. is producing director of the Oregon Shakespearean theater and his part of the trip is mainly to expand his horizon on theater and Shakespeare.)

The Pruitts and the Bowers are meeting in New York to travel together before leaving for England. In the meantime the other two couples are going by freighter out of S. F. through the Panama canal and thence across the Atlantic. Potpourri took notes for a long time but somehow we can't make them come out even. We aren't quite sure who is meeting whom where and when, and what they will see and do separately, or together. Anyhow, it sounds absolutely wonderful and we wish heartily that the Eightsome could add one more couple.

Each couple has friends and contacts here and there. In New York City the Pruitts plan to visit the well known song writer, Clara Edwards. The composer has been in Medford to visit her friends, the Richard Werners, and through them the Pruitts, who are also musicians. Mrs. Werner and Mrs. Edwards have been friends since the days when the former was one of New York City's better known vocalists, and Mrs. Edwards was gaining her first fame as a song writer.

Mrs. Edwards composed a song which she called "By the Bend of the River" but she was dissatisfied with it and was about to throw it away. Caroline Andrews Werner, with her extensive background of the theater, thought it was good and introduced it on her nation-wide radio program. It was an overnight hit and the song is still popular and selling, not only in this country but in such faraway places as Australia, where Mrs. Edwards found it on sheet music counters.

Mrs. Werner recalled last week that among Mrs. Edwards' many other popular songs is "Into the Night" which the great Pinza introduced, and "The Wind and Rain in Her Hair" which was the theme song for the hit movie, "Gone With the Wind."

But back to the Pruitts. They belong to a group called "The International Chamber Music Society" (Almus, a pianist, plays with Rogue valley chamber music groups) and in Scotland, for instance, will be guests in the home of a couple known to them through the music society.

Carroll Miller has been making plans for a visit in Alba, Italy, which is Medford's "sister city." At this time the plans are not completed, but it is thought the touring Oregonians will take greetings and gifts with them for the Albanians.

Of course, in every city where the Eightsome goes, the emphasis will be on the theater, and especially, the Shakespearean theater. The Bowers will see Shakespeare in both Stratford theaters on this continent—Ontario, Canada, and in Connecticut, and of course at Stratford-on-Avon in England.

There's more about their plans, but one must not tell everything at once. Mrs. Pruitt, whose short stories have been selling for several years now, has been named "journalist" for the tour and will be writing for the Tribune and Potpourri from time to time. Before we forget, the title, "Blunderbus Eightsome" comes from the group—it wasn't our idea.

Steven and Leslie Wakeman paid the Tribune a visit last week bringing a big puff ball in a box. These interesting growths, although fairly common, are always objects of curiosity. Usually they are found in woody areas, but the children said their grandfather, Raymond Wakeman, Gold Hill, found the mushroom, about the size of a basketball, in his garden on Kane creek. Steven took the puff ball to school to show to his teacher, Walter Doherty at Hanby school, and then brought it in to the Tribune.

The children, and their mother, asked Potpourri if it was true that the puff balls are edible. We once ate one, but nevertheless, knowing that such growths do make some persons ill, we hastened to tell the Wakemans not to eat in on our advice.—O.S.

Ceremony Conducted For Troop

St. Mary's Brownie Troop 76 recently held their fly-up at the St. Mary's activities room. Twenty-three girls were received by Scouts of Troop 84.

Mrs. A. Carrara, leader, presented the girls their sashes and wings after the opening flag ceremony. Mrs. Michele T. Rossi, guest of honor, gave them Girl Scout pins.

The girls passed under an arch of roses and were received by the Scout troop. The new Scouts gave the Girl Scout promise, laws, motto and slogan, then sang songs and gave an account of their activities during the past year.

The activities included tours to the Medford Mall Tribune and Medford Fire department. The girls also attended preview day at Little Switzerland—the new campground for Scouts, donated toys for needy children at Christmas, did sewing and cooking, decorated candles for Christmas, made tray favors for Sacred Heart hospital, and donated a layette to a needy family. The group also had cook outs and went on hikes.

The girls presented Mrs. Carrara a bouquet of flowers.

Participating in the fly-up were Mary Eulich, Linda Bureau, Bernadette Becker, Tina Carrara, Theresa Darby, Carla Dibble, Barbara Doody, Patricia Doyle, Monica Dunn, Patricia Evans, Barbara Glorling, Theresa Henry, Gloria Ino, Linda Jarmin, Joan Littlefield, Shelly Moore, Leta Norris, Jameen Pavent, Rita and Rene Spielbusch, Lynette Stinson, Karen Tuetsch and Judith Holtzinger.

During the ceremony Carolyn Shinsky received her second class badge.

Twenty-three mothers attended the fly-up. Mrs. Fred Burich recently gave a tea at her home for the Brownies of Troop 76.

Former Resident Has Art Display

Mrs. Vera Backstrom (Hausmann), former Medford resident and former member of the Southern Oregon Society of Artists, currently has 16 of her paintings on display at the Meier and Frank store, Salem, and is showing an exhibit of 30 paintings in Newport.

The Newport exhibit, at the Yaquina Art center, includes abstracts, impressionism and naturalistic works and portraits.

In April the Coquille Art center held a reception for the artist the day an exhibit of her paintings opened there.

Mrs. Backstrom, who now makes her home in Newport, is a member of the Oregon Art association, Oregon Art alliance, the Yaquina Art center and the Lincoln County Art center.



An appropriate Memorial day ceremony was the presentation of the Bronze Star medal to the mother of First Lt. Robert B. Hammond. Lieutenant Hammond's mother, Mrs. R. B. Hammond, 509 Park street, Medford is shown accepting the award from Brig. Gen. William H. Prentice, Lt. Col. Otto Ewaldsen, official U. S. Army representative, and Frank Van Dyke, a friend of the family. Mrs. Maxine Hammond, 1115 East Main street, Medford, Lieutenant Hammond's widow, could not be present for the ceremony. Lieutenant Hammond was killed in action at Anzio, Italy during World War II. This medal, together with the Silver Star medal, were awarded for gallantry in action in that battle. During a recent examination of Lieutenant Hammond's military record, it was found that the Bronze Star medal had never been officially presented to his family. —(Knackstedt photo)

Tom Farlow Honored Guest At Reunion in Eagle Point

Eagle Point—Sixty children, grandchildren and great grandchildren attended a family reunion held in honor of Tom Farlow, Eagle Point, at the Eagle Point Grange hall Sunday, May 29. All but three of his 17 grandchildren, and all but eight of the 32 great-grandchildren were present to enjoy a potluck dinner with other members of the family.

Mr. Farlow moved to Eagle Point with his parents in 1877 at the age of 3, and continued to live in the Lake Creek area until recently. He now makes his home at the north end of North B street.

As one of the early settlers, Mr. Farlow attended a little log cabin school in the Lake Creek area about two months out of each year. He has spent most of his life as a rancher, retiring several years ago, but, at the age of 86, is in excellent health, and spends much time in his garden.

Children of the honored man who attended were Mrs. Reed (Myrtle) Charley, Sillcoos, Ore.; Mrs. Clarence (Vida) Rankin, Portland; Mrs. Lloyd (Elda) Damon, Lake

To keep fat from splattering when frying eggs, add a pinch of flour to the fat.

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VFW, Auxiliary To Hold Sessions

Crater Lake post and auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday, June 7, at 8 p.m. in the VFW hall. Members who will attend the department convention at Baker June 15-19 will make their final plans.

Memorial services will be on the auxiliary agenda.

The organization plans to hold a rummage sale at the hall June 9 and 10. Information is available by calling the chairman, Mrs. Ben Allison, SP Ring 2-6875.

American Music On DAR Program

Mrs. Martel Peters, Ashland, presented a program for a guest day of Crater Lake chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held May 28 at Girls Community club.

The program of American music was given by Mrs. Peters, her sister, Mrs. Colleen Lewis, Duke Pothier and Ray Lewis.

Hostesses for the event were Miss Florence Gifford, chairman, Mrs. Ray K. Bailey, Mrs. E. C. Root, Mrs. C. B. Pankey and Mrs. J. W. Kirby.



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Relatives Attend Graduation Service At Portland School

A number of relatives of Richard Paup traveled to Portland last Sunday for his graduation from Portland university. Mr. Paup received a bachelor of arts degree in physical education.

Attending were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Paup, and Judy and Mike, 721 South Molly street. Mr. and Mrs. James Kneeland and Mrs. Agnes Ackerman, all of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morehead, Eugene, his brother-in-law and sister; Mrs. Stan Smith, Klamath Falls, his aunt; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haine, Marshfield, Iowa, uncle and aunt. Also in the party was Miss Ruth French, Portland.

The Haines are expected in Medford soon to visit with the Paup family.

The young graduate is an employe of Cascade Wood Products Inc. for the summer and is to be assistant coach and teacher at St. Mary's High school this fall.

Gold Hill Couple On Vacation Trip

Gold Hill—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Marsden recently vacationed in Washington where they were guests of his brother, Benjamin Marsden, at La Center. Stopping in Salem, they were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Judy and family, and at Roseburg they visited with another son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Allen.

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