

New York Woman Wins Fame Through Gourds

New York—Big oaks from little acorns grow, they say. For Mrs. Fae Hecht, a pleasant dark-haired woman in her late 40's, it was a case of big gourds from little seeds—and a hobby which keeps her lecturing, writing, and answering inquiries from various parts of the world.

Mrs. Hecht, reared in New York City, started her gourd growing 14 years ago when she and her husband, a public relations executive, moved to the "country"—Congers, N. Y., a small town on the Hudson River within commuting distance of Manhattan.

"It began with a dime," she said. "We had some ground to plant, and I was browsing the five-and-ten. I picked out this colorful package of gourd seeds, and look what happened."

Reputation Spreads

For the first three years she grew gourds in all sizes and shapes for her own pleasure and for converting into ornaments. Then one day the local Girl Scout leader asked if she would discuss her hobby at a scout meeting.

Mrs. Hecht did. The local garden club heard about her and invited her to appear.

"I was scared to death,"

were used in Indian ceremonies. In pioneer days, the gourd was the universal dipper.

The maracas used in Latin bands are dried gourds. She once gave a pair of gourds to Vincent Lopez, the band leader, who in return gave her a lesson on use of the maracas.

Mrs. Hecht grows two types of gourds. One is the small ornamental variety, which you see in the fall at florist's shops. These when waxed or enameled go best in centerpiece arrangements. The other is the lagenarias, which in some varieties grow as long as five feet.

Once harvested in the fall before the first frost, the gourds are hung to dry until their pulpy interiors are gone. Then, working with a sharp knife, shellac, wax or quick-drying enamels, Mrs. Hecht carves the lagenarias into vases, lamp stands, candle holders, bottles, water jugs, toys, candy dishes and pin cushions.

She never sells either the gourds or the products she makes from them. And she has sent seeds and literature, free, throughout the United States, to Europe, and to Israel.

"Inflation," she said, "has hit the gourd business. Seeds have gone up to 15 cents a package."

Women's News • Social Events

Candidate To Speak

Dr. Edwin R. Durno, Republican candidate for U.S. representative from Oregon's fourth district, will speak at a joint luncheon meeting of Jackson County Club, Oregon Federation of Republican Women, and the Federation board of directors Monday, June 20, at the Red Cross building at noon.

The state board meeting will be conducted by Mrs. Harold Strawn, Portland, state president, immediately following the regular session of the local organization. Members of the Jackson county club are invited to remain.

Elmo Smith, Albany, Republican candidate for U.S. Senator, Howell Applegate, Republican candidate for Secretary of State and Peter Gunnar, chairman of the State Republican Central committee, have been invited to attend.

Women of the Phoenix Grange will prepare the luncheon. Floral arrangements and decorations will be provided by Mrs. Berthold Barnum. Reservations may be made by telephoning Mrs. L. Dow Inskip, Spring 3-1547 or Mrs. Earl Miller, Spring 2-9347.



Mrs. Fae Hecht of Congers, N.Y., has discovered something about gardeners, women gardeners in particular. It concerns flowers or gardening, these peculiar women "Will travel anywhere, and the older the woman, the further she'll go."

Well, we'd be the last to say Mrs. Hecht isn't telling the truth. Mrs. Hecht is a gardener, too, according to a United Press story in today's women's section. She grows gourds, and because of gourds, she has made contacts and friends throughout the UPI.

We learned from the UPI story that gourds have been grown for 4,000 years, were known to the Egyptians, and have been put to useful, musical and decorative purposes. A dried, hollowed gourd was one of the first water dippers, and the maracas, a favorite musical instrument for Latin-influence bands, is nothing more than a dried gourd.

Mrs. Hecht grows the little decorative gourds, so often used for flower arrangements, and also the lagenarias, which grow to a considerable size. These she makes up into all sorts of objects.



Washington—Mrs. F. Lee Czbirn, Oklahoma City, was elected president of the General Federation of Women's clubs June 15 during the annual convention being held in Washington, D.C. Completing her 20th year on the board of the General Federation, Mrs. Czbirn has held the offices of recording secretary, third, second and first vice-president. —(UPI Telephoto)

Ceremony Held In Shady Cove

Shady Cove—Trail The June meeting of the Shady Cove Garden club was the annual potluck dinner, with the member's husbands as guests. Installation of officers was held. The dinner and ceremony were held on the lawn of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Spain.

Installation was conducted by Mrs. Tom Tepper, past president. Taking office were Mrs. William Shepherd, who was re-elected president for the coming year; Mrs. Peter Vachon, vice-president; Mrs. Richard Pfeifer, secretary; Mrs. Lloyd Harris, secretary; and Mrs. Delbert Spain, historian. Mrs. Floyd Kelley served as page, and pinned on the new officers corsages made by Mrs. Ivan Hale.

Mrs. Shepherd announced her committee chairman for the 1960-61 year. They are Mrs. Walter Turner, birds; Mrs. Tom Tepper, conservation; Mrs. Spain, flower arrangements; Mrs. Travis Littlefield, horticulture; Mrs. Vachon, program; Mrs. Richard Pfeifer, publicity; Mrs. Paul Torrence, courtesy; Mrs. O. L. Williams, wild flowers; Mrs. Spain, year book.

The club will meet again the second Monday in September.

Mrs. William Shepherd was elected delegate to the 1960 convention of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs to be held in Pendleton this week end.

However, Mrs. H. shouldn't take it for granted that all gardeners and flower lovers are women. Many men are avid gardeners, and will travel just as far as a woman when it comes to gardens and flowers.

Of course, when you live in southern Oregon, you don't have to travel anywhere to find thousands and thousands of beautiful and interesting flowers, herbs, shrubs, trees, etc., both native and domestic. They can be found just everywhere. Pappy and Potpourri drove up on Roxy Anne Sunday and found not only several of our old favorites, such as Indian paint brush, yellow monkey flowers, two different types of broadleaves and numerous daisies, but also found for the first time, and identified the pinkish-lavender purslane and the interesting little plant with coiled tips which bear snow white flowers and because of this is called popcorn flower.

After leaving Roxy Anne, we drove out through the Antelope district and saw hundreds of the deep blue harvest broadleaves—more than we could ever remember having seen before.



One of the men we know who heightens the pleasure of going somewhere by looking for wild flowers is Arnel Butler, Mr. B. helped us identify the pretty little native lobelia still blooming out in the Camp White and Antelope areas, and also told of finding his first specimen of a native orchid, cypripedium Californicum or California orchid.

Because Mr. Butler brought one of the flower stems to the Tribune, and because Potpourri had an engraving made, thinking others would enjoy learning about this unusually beautiful flower, we're going to take time out now to defend Mr. Butler. A conscientious member of a garden club, reading in Potpourri that Mr. Butler had picked three stalks of the orchid, sent him a copy of the Oregon law about picking wild flowers.

It is true that there are laws about picking wild flowers, and perhaps that makes people like Potpourri and Mr. B. law breakers. Mr. Butler assured us that he does not pick or destroy flowers wantonly, or in places where it would be a loss of pleasure to others. He is interested in cataloguing the flowers, believes it is a worthwhile hobby, and knows that his information and color pictures are a source of pleasure to others.

The patch where the Butlers found the native orchids, in the Patrick's creek area, was quite large and there were many of the blossom stalks. The Butlers picked three for identification and pictures, taking care not to damage the plants. If the flowers are picked correctly, the plant will not be injured, experts say. Pappy and Potpourri follow much the same procedure.

When one considers the wholesale destruction and losses to flowers and other wild life wrought by industry—and we assume that this is unavoidable, we cannot believe that the wild flower lovers need to be criticized.

The native orchid pictured here has four small petals of golden brown, and the pouch is snow white. On the underneath side of each pouch, hidden from sight unless one holds the flower upside down, is an intricate and delicate design in gold color.

Buckles and Bows To Hold Dance; Election Planned

Buckles and Bows Square Dance club will hold a dance Saturday, June 18, at Bellview Grange hall near Ashland beginning at 8:30 p.m.

All square dancers are invited; potluck refreshments will be served.

Floyd Workman will call the squares.

A business meeting of the club will be held prior to the dance at 7:30 p.m. to elect officers.

Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 3 p.m. the day before publication.

Thursday

- 6 p.m. - Mistletoe Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, Hawthorne park.
- 8 p.m. - Adalee chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic temple, Jacksonville.
- 8 p.m. - Auxiliary to Crater Lake aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Eagle hall.
- 8 p.m. - Roxy Ann court, Order of the Amaranth, Medford Masonic temple.

Friday

- 12 Noon - Medford Fifty Plus club, St. Mark's Guild hall.
- 1 p.m. - Get Together club, Girls Community club.

Visitors

Recent visitors at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Mathewson, 302 South Grape street, were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Abshire, Onalaska, Wash., and the Mathewson's son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Marlan D. Mathewson and children, Linda and Craig, Spokane, Wash.

Prescription for a light and festive party dessert: chilled champagne with frosty raspberry sherbert and almond macaroons.

Brownie and Scout Troops Hold Ceremony at School

Brownie Troop 130 and Girl Scout Troop 111 of Lincoln school recently held a joint fly-up and court of awards ceremony in the Lincoln school gymnasium.

Boy Scout Troop 2 presented the colors. Mrs. R. W. Gray, president of Rogue Valley Girl Scout council, welcomed the troops into the scouting program and introduced Miss Betty Duffy, assistant leader of Brownie Troop 18, Ashland, who spoke of her work with the Brownies and her forthcoming trip to England.

Troop members provided entertainment. Janice Stewart gave a ballet dance, Lois Henney played a piano solo and Cheryl Bramhall gave a Hawaiian dance.

Giving a pantomime of the Brownie story were Janice Stewart, narrator; Kim Mauck, tailor; Jeanne Bowers, grandmother; Roxanne Butler, Mary; Barbara Brown and Lois Henney, children; Barbara Cheadle, owl.

After the "Hello" song greeting to the Brownies from the Girl Scouts, the Brownies received their wings from the leader, Mrs. E. S. Bowers, and Mrs. H. A. Mauck, assistant. The girls then repeated the Girl Scout laws, slogan, motto and promise in unison and gave the Girl Scout salute.

After singing "Whene're

Retired Group Postpones Session

National Association of Retired Civil Employees, chapter 134, announces that a meeting scheduled for June 17 has been postponed until Friday, June 24. It will be held at 2 p.m. that day in the basement of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County.

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Camp Fire Girls

Cook Out Held

Wa-Ke-Ku-Wa Camp Fire group went on an all day cook out June 13, at TouVelle park. Besides cooking their three meals they went on a two-mile hike, played games and learned how to make and tie a flip-flop bed roll.

The girls cooked one of their meals without using any utensils enabling them to earn some honor beads in outdoor craft. Most of the girls also waded in the river for a short time.

The girls who went were Cheryl Cavin, Linda Dalbee, Karen Brooks, Vicki Hull, Terry Fletcher, Donna Jahne, Debbie Reed, Helen Norris, Kevin Rainey, Sharon Fletcher. Assisting the girls were their Camp Fire Guardian Mrs. Charles Fletcher and their Sponsor Mrs. Leonard Dalbee. The cook out was one of the requirements for the Woodgatherers rank that the girls are working on.

Donna Jahne
Scribe

Tuna Cheese Omelet

Tuna cheese omelet is perfect for a meatless meal. Combine 8 eggs with 1/2 cup of milk, salt and pepper to taste, and 1/2 teaspoon each of oregano and rosemary. Beat well, add one 7-ounce can of tuna, drained and flaked and 1/4 cup of grated Parmesan cheese. Mix well, and cook in 2 tablespoons of butter or margarine over low heat until set. Serves 4.

If you spill glue on clothing soak it in lukewarm water immediately. The glue will dissolve. If you must wait until later, soak the spot in warm salt water. If the fabric is not washable, sponge the spot with white vinegar.

With Father's Day coming up, plans in his honor should include a feast with his favorite meat in the star spot.

If roast beef is his preference, a rib eye roast is a happy choice, says Reba Staggs, meat expert. This is the boneless meaty eye portion of a beef rib. It may be purchased weighing between 4 and 9 pounds.

Since it is boneless, carving is simple. It is also easy to roast. Season with salt and pepper and place on a rack in an open pan.

Insert a roast meat thermometer so that the bulb reaches the center of the roast, but does not rest in fat. Do not add water and do not cover.

Roast in a moderate oven (350 degree F.) until it reaches the desired degree of doneness. The meat thermometer will register 140 degree F. for rare; 160 degree F. for medium; and 170 degree F. for well done. Allow 18 to 20 minutes per pound for a rare roast; 20 to 22 minutes for medium; and 22 to 24 for well done.

Although beef is usually roasted in a slow oven (300 degree F.), the higher temperature of 350 degrees F. is recommended for the rib eye due to its comparatively small diameter. This is in order that the outside be attractively browned before the center is too well done.

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