



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Horseradish! Like It? Here's Its History

He had acquired the habit when he was a boy, and practiced it right up until the time he inadvertently took a large spoonful of what he assumed was mashed potato, which wasn't.

The one mouthful cured him of eating hard foods with a spoon. It looked like mashed potato; creamy white and just a little fluffy. The dish was sitting right in front of his plate. Being habitually a gulper instead of a dainty eater, he scooped up a big spoonful and popped it into his mouth.

It was almost like an explosion—an explosion with an aftermath, for the tears ran from his eyes. He choked, almost made it as he attempted to swallow, and then nearly strangled. He did not breathe normally for nearly an hour. What he had thought was mashed potato was newly dug, freshly ground horseradish.

The lesson the poor dope learned that day stuck with him. He stopped eating with a spoon and became almost dainty in his eating habits.

Shaped like a radish and as strong as a horse—no wonder the common name of armoracia rustimana is horseradish. This plant, a member of the mustard family of the plant world, was introduced into America from Europe a couple of hundred years ago. Within recent years it has attained considerable commercial importance. Used as an appetizer, or in small amounts as

a condiment for meats, its use has become almost universal.

When freshly ground, horseradish is snow-white. Mixed with a small amount of vinegar it imparts to meats, sauces and gravies, a piquancy and zing unattainable by any other condiment. Horseradish is a large-leaved herb, hardy in any moist soil. It reaches its height of eye-watering potency after being solidly frozen in the earth for several months.

Horseradish has not always been available in a glass jar from the food store. Our forefathers, as well as many people today who live close to the earth, look forward to spring, when the frost leaves the ground and a few minutes work with a shovel will result in a number of sand-covered roots.

"Grating the horseradish" is a tear-jerking job, but the results are worth the almost painful pressure on the human tear-ducts. The snow-white horseradish is then mixed with a small amount of vinegar and is ready for the table.

Some of the wiser housewives mixed sweet cream and a little sugar to freshly ground horseradish. This treatment takes some of the zing from it, and gives the condiment a smooth, delicious mildness. Even this way, however, horseradish shouldn't be eaten with a spoon. A small portion of horseradish tastes like a lot. But small amounts do not send one's tear-ducts into orbit.



CHURCH SESSION—Some of the 3,000 delegates attending the week-long triennial general assembly of the National Council of Churches are shown as they attend opening session in the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. The church meet was keyed Monday by an appeal for unity, internal criticism and a concern for the religiously unaffiliated. (UPI Telephoto)

Teen-Age Dances Slated at Army

Medford's parks and recreation department in cooperation with the radio KMED Hi-Fi club and the Coca-Cola Bottling company, is sponsoring a series of three teen-age dances this month.

The first will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Medford armory. The other dances will be held Dec. 17 and Dec. 30, also at the armory.

All three dances will run from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is 35 cents per single person and 50 cents per couple.

Swann's Books, Gift and Records store will provide records for the dance; KMED Disc Jockey Lee Davis will serve as master of ceremonies; and the Coca-Cola company will provide for rental of the armory. The city parks and recreation department will provide the public address system.

Scientists Match Tests in Search For Cold Viruses

By DELOS SMITH UPI Science Editor

New York — Five times up to this year scientists have had their viruses growing in their laboratories which they

perature of the medium has to be rather cold—91.2 degrees F., before they will incubate and the medium must be rotated. From these very special requirements, it is not difficult to understand why the common cold virus has eluded scientific isolation for so long—assuming it is now trapped in these laboratory cultures.

The Salisbury and Sheffield isolates have behavioral characteristics in common, in addition to the ability of producing a cold in human noses. In their cultural mediums, they react identically with a group of other viruses—mainly the viruses involved in various types of flu.

Hobson and Schild were cautious in publishing their results, as scientists working with the common cold enigma have long since learned to be. At this moment "it cannot be said that the agents are truly common-cold viruses," they said.

But their results "are encouraging," they granted, "in that they suggest that many of the findings of the Salisbury group of workers are relevant to a study of natural common colds."

What they're going to look into now is whether these viruses are widely distributed in the population of Sheffield and what parts they play in other respiratory ailments.

Christmas Programs Told For Ashland
Ashland — Christmas programs in the Ashland schools are scheduled for Monday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium when children from all elementary schools will present a musical entertainment; Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. when the junior high school will give its program in the new gymnasium and Friday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. when the senior high school gymnasium will be the setting for the final Christmas concert by senior high school students.

The annual Christmas vesper followed by the lighting of the Wayne Wells Tree is announced by Southern Oregon college and will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The Christmas concert is to be presented in Britt Student Center ballroom.

Man Opens Car Door And Is Hit By Auto

A 75-year-old Medford man sustained minor injuries Sunday when he opened the door of his car into the traffic lane on South Ivy st., and the door was struck by another car causing the man's leg to be pinched between the door and the car.

The police said the only apparent injury sustained by Gunder O. Sanden, route 2, box 443A, Medford, was a bruise on his left leg just above the ankle. The driver of the other vehicle was Mrs. Mary A. Davis, 1112 East Main st. The accident occurred about 9:30 a.m. on Ivy st. between Eighth and Ninth sts. No citations were issued.

Walsh Commended By Peter Gunnar

Jackson County Central Committee Chairman Joseph Walsh was commended by State Chairman Peter Gunnar, Salem, at a meeting of party workers and legislators Saturday in Salem for his "outstanding service during the election campaign of 1960."

Gunnar said Walsh "is the type of person who by respect increases the respect of all citizens for political work."

"An example of the effectiveness of this approach is to be found in the turnout of voters in Jackson county which evidently was among the highest in the state in this last election," Gunnar said. "Although it is not always recognized by the average voter, the work of the party organization and its leaders is of vital importance in securing for Oregon capable, competent officials," Gunnar said. Walsh was named chairman of the resolutions committee for the meeting of the state central committee.

RETURNS
Marine Cpl. Burie C. Welburn, son of Mrs. H. W. Welburn, 2419 Howard ave., returned to Morehead City, N.C., recently with the First Battalion, 8th Marines following a six-month cruise aboard the ships of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean area.

CHARLES DOTE, N. Y. — Willis Charles Dote, 52, who was internationally known for his pioneer work in the application of modern management methods to rehabilitation centers for the handicapped, died Sunday.

Kennedy's News Secretary Asked To Make Apology

Manchester, N. H. — (UPI) — Publisher William Loeb of the Manchester Union Leader Monday challenged President-elect John F. Kennedy's news secretary to apologize for remarks about the newspaper's election coverage or defend them in a public debate.

Loeb said in an editorial that Press Secretary Pierre Salinger should either apologize or debate with Loeb the validity of the charges.

Salinger said last week at a meeting of Sigma Delta Chi Journalism fraternity he felt the Union Leader and the Indianapolis Star slanted stories against the Democratic candidate in reporting the presidential campaign.

"Under ordinary circumstances this writer would regard the charge hurled against Union Leader news coverage of the presidential campaign as just so much politicking, for despite our editorial preference for Mr. Richard M. Nixon, we bent over backwards to give Sen. Kennedy and the entire Democratic ticket fair and equal news coverage," he said.

Washington — (UPI) — Pierre Salinger, President-elect John F. Kennedy's press secretary, said today a New Hampshire publisher "can't take it" when he is criticized for his newspaper's treatment of the news. Replying to a demand for an apology or a debate from Publisher William Loeb of the Manchester Union Leader stemming from remarks made by the press secretary last week, Salinger said in a statement: "The trouble with Mr. Loeb is that he feels free to attack people without regard for the facts 364 days of the year and when his irresponsibility is challenged one day a year, he can't take it."

Two Businesses Sold in Valley

Two businesses in the Rogue valley recently were sold. The Mator Motel, 276 North Main st., Ashland, formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Chisholm, was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartch, Walla Walla, Wash. It was reported that the Chisholms plan to move to Bend, Ore.

Also sold was the business, Little Dutch Laundromat, North Riverside ave., by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Robertson, Eureka, Calif., to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Laurance. The Robertsons were reported to have purchased the adjoining property at 716 North Riverside ave. from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rafferty, San Gabriel, Calif.

The sales were transacted by Ken Callison of the South-ern Oregon Land company.

Swastikas Smearred On Synagogue Doors
Dublin, Ireland — (UPI) — The doors of a Dublin synagogue were found smeared with swastikas and anti-Jewish slogans Monday.

The Justice Ministry ordered police to take steps to "bring those responsible for the desecration to justice."

The daubings, some of which were more than six feet high on the huge doors, contained the words "kill, Communist" and "Jurden raus" (Jews get out).

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