



Native materials to be found in southern Oregon are ideal for use in making decorations and arrangements for the holidays. Bob Biggs, Portland decorator, who lectured and gave a demonstration of Christmas decorations here under the auspices of Central Point Garden club, used a branch of manzanita as the base for his creation. He attached holders for green candles, added cones in their natural brown color and a few sprigs of pine needles. These natural tones were accented with a bunch of artificial grapes in gold material and green ribbon bows. Mr. Biggs always puts a bit of clay on candle ends to keep them from toppling from the holders, and if greenery is too rigid, he warms it with water and "works" it with his hands until the proper curving line is achieved.

POTPOURRI

For years we've been talking about how "public" are the mistakes made by newspaper reporters and proofreaders. They appear in print to be read by thousands, instead of just fouling things up for an employee and boss. But this time the reverse is true—these mistakes aren't going to appear in the paper, and there's the trouble.

Photographer Robert Vroman and Potpourri took some pictures last week—that is, we thought we took them. Only when the film was developed something strange had happened and the negatives had some weird looking images on them which just don't make engravings. So pictures of Mrs. Lynton R. Newhall of Spokane, president of the National Federation of Grandmother Clubs of America, with Mrs. Lula Webster, president of the Medford club and Mrs. G. F. Brood of Crater club, aren't in today's paper.

A picture of Charles Walker and Don Staley met the same fate. It was going to be such fun, too—a picture of the two men "picketing" Rogue gallery to advertise the "Poor Losers" show this afternoon at the Medford hotel. The men even went to the trouble to make signs to carry. In spite of this lack of publicity, we hope that the "Poor Losers" show, planned to provide fun and entertainment and raise money for Rogue gallery, is a big success and that it draws a lot of entries and many spectators this afternoon.

The other failure wasn't mechanical, it was human. Potpourri made elaborate plans with Dottie Harbison, Eagle Point correspondent, to take pictures last Friday afternoon to advertise the coming house tour planned by the E. P. Garden club. Then we didn't write it down on the photographer's calendar. Or on our own calendar. Or on the city editor's calendar. So, we don't have those pictures, either.

Which reminds us of part of a story in the New York Times about script writers and their Hollywood lingo. "But he's only human" protests one executive to another and the second answers, "Well, I just don't want him to be human on company time."

Potpourri is annoyed at Peter F. Lynch, president of A Sulka and company in New York City. Marilyn Bender, writing in the New York Times, about Christmas gifts, quoted him as saying "We have reached the saturation point in purely practical gifts. The public is overloaded with them. Everybody has one of everything. As long as a gift provides some function and aesthetic quality, it will sell, no matter how extravagant. And it won't come back to the store the day after Christmas."

Probably Mr. Lynch knows what he's talking about when he says gifts will sell, no matter how extravagant. But Mr. Lynch, it isn't true that "everybody has one of everything." America is a rich country and many persons have many possessions—more than they need or know what to do with. But there are many men, women and children who "don't have one of everything." Perhaps Mr. Lynch and other Americans who make products and sell them, would do better to find a way to provide a larger number of people with some of the less expensive and more useful products. As it is, they dream up ways of selling such things as fur house jackets for \$7,500 and "His and Her" airplanes, the latter advertised in Texas at a cost of about \$150,000.

Miss Bender also wrote about chinchilla bedspreads for \$7,500 and throw pillows for \$300. Sable coats are available for about \$45,000, silver roses for \$160 each and vicuna bathrobes sell for \$750.

Miss Bender, and Mr. Lynch, assure us that these articles are actually on sale for these prices, and that they will be sold.

Charles G. McCormick, psychotherapist of the New School for Social Research, has something to say about Christmas, too. He says America comes down with "synthetic Christmas cheer" at this time of the year, and that it isn't good. He says that we feel called upon at Christmas to express merriment and good fellowship that we are unable to express the rest of the year. Mr. McCormick feels that a "really giving person" gives all the year around, and not just at Christmas, and enjoys giving. The over spender usually derives no pleasure from his giving, and "often charges the recipient with an indebtedness," he says.

Children, the psychotherapist declares often suffer at Christmas from "unbearable anticipation" and that as a result, almost anything they receive is a disappointment. There was a great deal more in Mr. McCormick's statement and he ended with this "If you think that somebody owes you a gift, buy it for yourself."—O.S.

Alaskan Film Shown for Club

J. A. Bartlett, with the U.S. Army Reserve Center advisory group here, showed a colored film on Alaska at the recent meeting of the Medford Garden club. He was introduced by Mrs. E. F. Archer, horticulture chairman.

Mrs. Howard Bush spoke on Englemann spruce and showed pictures of the various evergreens.

Mrs. Bush also directed the musical program for the Christmas meeting. The meeting opened with singing of carols and Mrs. Bush sang a solo. She was accompanied on the accordion by Mrs. Karen Linker who also played a solo.

Guest at the meeting was Mrs. C. O. Long, Talent, district director. Mrs. W. H. Dyer presented some of her handmade corsages to the officers and program members.

Mrs. Leland Knox was tea chairman. Her committee included Mrs. A. O. Floyd, Mrs. C. F. Gordon, Mrs. Judd Grenman and Mrs. N. F. Crowell. Mrs. Long and Mrs. J. W. Ostrander poured.

Serving cream of celery, chicken or tomato soup? Stir in ripe olives—wedged or sliced—just before serving. Toss a few pitted whole olives into vegetable or green salads.

Anniversary of Valley Society To Be Observed

Rogue Valley Herb society will meet at the Girls Community club December 13 at 1 p.m. for their seventh anniversary celebration. New officers will be installed during a short business session. Gifts will be exchanged during the annual tea.

Short talks were given on herbs used in Christmas cooking in foreign countries and holiday customs when the group met last month at the home of Mrs. R. D. Abel.

Herb cookies and tea were served by Mrs. Otto Nagel, Mrs. John Ostrander and Mrs. Sid Hansen.

Traveler Leaves For Stay Abroad

Ashland—Mrs. John Hamilton Crescent City, Calif., visited in Ashland recently before leaving for New York City to board the SS Bremen for Europe. She will spend Christmas in Paris with her son, Lt. Bruce Hamilton, who is serving with the Army at Mainz, Germany.

Mrs. Hamilton and her husband, who formerly lived in Ashland, are curators of the Del Norte County Historical museum located in the lighthouse off Battery Rock, Crescent City.

Education Group Hears Professor

Dr. Leon Mulling of Southern Oregon college spoke at the November meeting of the Southern Oregon chapter of the Oregon Association of Nursery Education, held at the Rogue River Co-operative Kindergarten. A coffee hour preceded the meeting and refreshments were served by the mothers of the kindergarten children.

Dr. Mulling spoke to the teachers and parents on speech problems of preschool children and ways of helping the children at school and at home.

A panel discussion followed. Dr. Mulling, Miss Gladys Durrand, elementary supervisor of the Medford city schools, and Miss Lorenzen, teacher at the Southern Oregon College kindergarten were the panel members.

Schools represented at the meeting and belonging to OANE were Rogue River Co-operative kindergarten, Forbes kindergarten, Kents kindergarten, Dowson and McKenzie kindergarten, Colleen Hope kindergarten, Happy Time Day nursery, and Medford Nursery school.

The next meeting of the association will be held January 9 at Kents kindergarten when the film "Shyness" will be shown.

Holiday Sauce
Make holiday pudding sauces exciting with canned fruit cocktail. Prepare a thick custard sauce, cool and fold in a little stiffly beaten cream. Add well drained, chilled fruit cocktail. Delicious on steamed or baked puddings.

Corporal and Wife Hornbrook Visitors

Hornbrook—Marine Cpl. and Mrs. Bernard A. Shorkey were guests here last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Van de Weghe and daughter, Mrs. Agnes Clark. Mrs. Shorkey and Mrs. Clark are cousins. They left on Friday for Ft. Lewis, Wash., to visit Mrs. Shorkey's brother and his wife, Pfc. and Mrs. John Pletz and infant daughter, Pamela.

From Ft. Lewis the young couple plan to go to Detroit, Mich., to visit her parents. Mrs. Shorkey is the former Miss Marie Pletz of Detroit and both she and her brother have visited here previously at the Van de Weghe home. Cpl. Shorkey has just completed communications school at San Diego, and when his present leave terminates, will report for duty in Hawaii. Mrs. Shorkey plans to join her husband there as soon as housing is available.

Past Presidents To Be Honored

The Insurance Women of Jackson County will honor past presidents during a luncheon meeting to be held at the Jackson hotel Tuesday, December 13, at noon. Also planned is a Christmas party and gift exchange.

At a recent meeting held at the offices of T. C. Groomes and company, Miss Jean Cardona presented a program on her trip to Ireland last summer. Miss Cardona showed colored slides and pieces of Irish china she has collected.

Old West Party Held by Chapter; Dinner Slated

Alpha Beta chapter, Beta Sigma Phi recently held a western style get acquainted party at the Ernest Flakus home.

The room decorations depicted the Old West and members and guests wore Western costumes of varying in style from the old to the new. The prize for the most original costume was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wager.

The social committee planned the event.

At the last chapter meeting, Mrs. Harold Ames was selected Chapter Valentine girl.

It was announced that the annual Christmas dinner party and secret pal gift exchange will be held at Kim's restaurant Tuesday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Preceding the dinner, Mrs. O. A. Eden, sponsor and honorary member of the chapter will hostess a social hour in her home at 211 Genesee street, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Mrs. Charles Kyer, guest for the evening, spoke and gave a demonstration on the art of dress.

Hostesses were Mrs. Harold Ames and Mrs. Eugene Garner.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Eugene Parker, 809 Grant street.

Avocado Dip
For a delicious avocado dip mash ripe avocados and blend in a can of drained minced clams. Season with salt and pepper, a little lemon juice and a dash of Tabasco sauce. Put in an attractive dish and serve with crisp crackers.

Central Point Man Is Honored Guest

Central Point—O. T. Wilson, well known resident of this area, was recently honored on his 78th birthday at gatherings of friends and family.

Sunday the Wilson home was overflowing with guests who were served refreshments by Mrs. Wilson. Included among those calling were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wilson, Elaine, Marsha, and Kristi; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dunn, Diana and Mrs. Kathy; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn, Central Point; Mr. and

Mrs. Harvey Tonn, Medford; John Wilson, Susie and Debbie of Shady Cove; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilson, Barbara and Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wilson and Richard, White City; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dusenberry, Lan and Jan, Trail.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn, Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson accepted the invitation of John Wilson for a dinner at Shady Cove.

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