



This housewife has never been exactly keen about either ironing or painting, but both are made endurable when set to music. So yesterday morning as we swished the paint brush back and forth on the bathroom walls and woodwork it was to the accompaniment of some of our currently favorite recordings.

In the last issue of the Newsletter from the Oregon Shakespearean festival there was an article about "A Thieves Ballad" which the festival staff will present as a music-dance production to follow each staging of "Comedy of Errors." Since Music Director W. Bernard Windt said he was inspired by Gibbons' 16th century concert piece "Street Cries of London" to attempt "The Ballad," we played our copy of "The Cries of London" recorded by the Deller Consort group, the London Chamber Players, the Ambrosian Singers and three soloists.

These "fantasies" by Weelkes, Dering, Ravenscroft and others, as they are described on the record cover, are amusing and refreshing music and although we've never heard the Gibbons work, we can readily believe that it could inspire a dance drama which will truly complement a Shakespearean production. The "cries" of vendors, tinkers and chimney sweeps were a colorful part of the early English scene and will be a rich source for the festival writers, players and dancers.

Spreading out an April issue of The Christian Science Monitor, under the paint can, we stopped in mid-air to read the women's page, missed on the first perusal. A woman writing from Dallas said that "Downtown Dallas, like any other city, tries hard to make women leave their greenland suburbia to fight the downtown traffic, roam around one-way streets looking for a parking place, and shop downtown. In order to succeed, downtown has to give suburbanites something special they would not find in their neighborhood shopping center."

She went on to describe how the downtown merchants of this big Texas city had lured Easter shoppers by transforming Main street into a sort of Paris-Disneyland combination. She made it all sound very enticing and we're sure it did attract a lot of shoppers. We've been mulling over this business of downtown versus "further out" shopping and maybe this is the time to offer our reaction.

As a shopper with extremely limited time, we aren't interested half as much in "gimmicks" or bright displays or interesting bargains as we are by prompt and efficient service. We offer these recent experiences - in various stores - as an indication of what may be keeping some customers from making purchases.

On one purchase we went to a store to pick up an article ordered for us which the store had called to say was in. It took more than 20 minutes of our noon-hour for two different clerks to find the article and determine that something was wrong with the billed price. At one time in this particular department 14 customers were in sight and only two clerks were on duty.

On another try we endeavored to buy an article in a large store - not a downtown one - when there was only one clerk endeavoring to wait on all the shoppers in her department. The harassed clerk ran from one customer to another. We at length did manage to find what we wanted, and to pay for the article. Three other women waited for some time, poking around among the merchandise as they waited - two voiced their annoyance in loud voices and at length left without a clerk having approached them. The third, with two small impatient children in tow, was still waiting when we left.

Several days ago we entered a store and asked a clerk for a certain item. "If we have any, it would be in the back," she said politely, waving her hand in the general direction. We went to the back of the store and wandered around for quite some time - there were no clerks in sight. After so long, we started a search for what we wanted, at length found it and after another fruitless hunt for an attendant, took it up to the original clerk who was tending the cosmetic counter, and gave her the money.

In conversation with other women, we hear of many episodes similar to these.

About two weeks ago we read a letter to an editor in one of the publications which cross our desk. The writer said something like this - if firms want to help solve the unemployment problem and stimulate business they could do so by hiring enough help. With an adequate crew or staff, a business cannot only serve the public as it should be served, and thereby attract more customers, but at the same time can cut down on overtime pay - at time and a half - O.S.

Piano, Voice Recital Held

Ashland-A piano and voice recital was held yesterday afternoon in Churchill auditorium on the Southern Oregon college campus. Piano students of Mrs. Janet Ivie and Mrs. Joan Winden shared the program with voice students of William Winden.

Students of Mrs. Ivie included Byron Easley, Honolulu, Hawaii; Charles Torr, Medford; Jill Hedgcock, Trail; Gladys Jamison, Medford; Marilyn Michael, Ashland; Pat Parsons, Ashland; Dan

Seymour, Ashland; Faye Shearer, Portland; and Gail Stafford, Klamath Falls. Students of Mrs. Winden included Christine Camp, Grants Pass; Kent Copland, Oakland; Martha Fitzpatrick, Ashland; Jerry Lynn Olsen, Klamath Falls; and Barbara Webb, Prineville. Voice students were Tom Balch, Laurel, Miss Barbara Bell, Coos Bay; Wanda Lee Conkley, Newport; Jean Pletsch, Medford; and Bill Sleep, Yreka.



Made-for-each-other separates travel far along the southern fashion route in wrinkle-free Arnel triacetate and nylon. A sleeveless blouse top and a swirl of pleats stay in even after a swish through the machine and quickly drip-dry. This two-piece is available in a variety of colors by Sacony.

Present Musicale

The piano students of Roberta Ward Bebb were presented in a May musicale on Sunday, May 20 at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Participating were Carole Kubalek, Cheryl Eddy, Gail Gladfelter, Helen Harper, Sheryl Landing, Linda Beatty and Anna Jean Beardslee.

The floral arrangements used about the rooms were from the gardens of Mrs. J. Edwin Harper and Mrs. Milo Kubalek.

The concluding number, a vocal duet by Linda Beatty and Anna Jean Beardslee, entitled "Bless This House," was dedicated to Mrs. Bebb by all her students for the many musicales held there. A corsage was presented to the teacher. Refreshments were served.

Spring Musicale Is Scheduled Tonight at College

Ashland-The music department of Southern Oregon college will present its annual Spring Musicale at 8 o'clock tonight in Churchill auditorium, it was announced by Dr. Herbert Cecil, chairman of the department.

Participating organizations will be the string ensemble under the direction of Audrey Bartlett, the choir and small vocal ensembles directed by Oscar C. Bjorlie, and the band, conducted by Dr. Cecil. The featured selection for the concert will be a performance of the Prologue to the opera "Mefistofele" by Bolto as arranged for band and chorus by Bainum. This composition has been performed frequently in various parts of the country and was recently performed in Portland by several combined musical organizations.

There will be no admission charge for this concert although an offering will be accepted for the benefit of the Music Scholarship fund. The public is invited to attend.

Lobster Tale

The Fishery Council suggests that frozen rock lobster tails be poached for 3 minutes before broiling, to prevent drying. An additional 5 to 6 minutes in the broiler completes the cooking. To prevent curling, thaw the raw lobster tails completely, spit or remove the thin undershell and bend them firmly backwards to break connective tissues that cause curling.

Preview Collections

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor
New York - (UPI) - What's his no. also is hers in apparel.

The great male robbery is on on Seventh avenue, center of New York's garment industry, where manufacturers are previewing their fall and winter apparel for benefit of store buyers, fashion press, and an occasional celebrity.

The fall clothes will be showing in stores by late July.

Bill Blass, holder of the Ameri-fashion critics' Winnie award, used a whole harvest of men's wear ideas for his collection for Maurice Rentner Ltd., where he is a vice president.

The collection shown Monday afternoon brought out Mary Martin, Broadway and television star, and Valentina, the famous designer now retired.

Blass, one of the most influential voices in the design world, used men's wear fabrics such as diagonal and herringbone weaves and flannels. The look of the T-shirt showed in overblouse treatments for daytime and evening.

The back of suit jackets and coats had side or center vents, in the manner of men's suits. Even so, by the time Blass was through with the designs, the results were extremely feminine, not harsh.

The silhouette for day mostly was narrow, with natural waist, often belted. But Blass showed a softening of severe lines in skirts with center front inverted pleats, or soft gathers, and occasionally a bit of flare. Some daytime and evening dresses were full circle in the skirts, and belted tightly at the natural waistline.

The vest served instead of blouse as the finishing touch for skirt-jacket combinations. In one case, a beige wool vest with black buttons topped a slim black skirt and a white satin blouse with long sleeves, French cuffed. Other "theater" or late day costumes came with metallic vests instead of blouses; and the metallic fabric was repeated as lining for the costume's jacket.

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7 to 10 p.m. - Eagle Point school band benefit coffee hour, at school.

7 p.m. - Shop exhibit, Eagle Point High school gymnasium.

7:30 p.m. - Rogue Valley Natural History club, Medford High school, Room 35.

8 p.m. - Home Economics style revue, Eagle Point Grade school gymnasium.

8 p.m. - Phoenix Thursday club, home of Mrs. R. G. Gerner, South Pacific highway.

8 p.m. - Reames chapter, OES, Medford Masonic temple.

Friday:
11 a.m. - Women of Unity, Unity center, 995 South Oakdale ave.

12:30 p.m. - Electa Social club, Girls Community club.

12:30 p.m. - Fifty Plus club, St. Mark's Episcopal church Guild hall.

Elk-Trail PTA Installs Officers

Trail - Mrs. Jack Carlton was installed president of the Elk-Trail school Parent-Teacher association at the May meeting.

Others installed were Mrs. Charles Fry, vice president; Mrs. Edison Barlow, secretary; and Mrs. William Brooks, treasurer.

Retiring president, Mrs. John Loper, thanked her officers and club members for their help during the year. Each new officer and Mrs. Loper were presented with a corsage. Mrs. Loper also received a PTA pin.

Rogue River Club Honors 39 Seniors at Breakfast

Rogue River - Nedret Karan, American Field Service exchange student from Malaysia, Turkey, and a student at Grants Pass High school, spoke recently at the annual Seniors breakfast in Rogue River.

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Over 30 members attended. Mrs. D. B. Trunnell and her daughter of Aguanga, Calif., were guests. Mrs. Trunnell is a sister of Mrs. Dale Hearrell.

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