

Veni - Vidi

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Rome - Rome in November is rich in autumn. The sun, after wind and rain, pours stored brilliance in profuse abandon into diamond clear fountains, onto terra cotta buildings, and people. Along either side of the boulevards, plane, and chestnut trees, turning yellow, now are gold; chrysanthemums glisten, face up to a calendar blue sky.

Flowers in the stalls, splashed with sun wealth, are pristinely red, yellow, orange and white. Fruit stands, abundant with giant pears in neat rows, golden Delicious apples in pyramids, plump bursting persimmons and grapes hanging in clusters, all collect their share of free gold.

Harbinger of fall, the chestnut man, has set up his brazier for business, and is busily roasting his goodies. The little, blue-smocked fellow who sees to fallen leaves, pushes, with his old worn faggots, and collects, to carry off in his cart.

A lone tourist bus winds through traffic; a priest strolls down the tangled street on his motorcycle; a horse and carriage, self-consciously occupied by an elderly couple, (maybe from Iowa) is heard amid the din of squeaks and squeals of tires as it clip clops, staccato-like, on the pavement. Two tall, harmonious carabinieri lend glamour and more color to the picture, as they rhythmically, unhurriedly stroll down the avenue, long coat tails swaying, swords gleaming, and cockade hats in precise location on handsome heads.

Priests Hurry
Two other priests, scarlet clad, tear past. (Priests always give the impression of going somewhere fast). Two small boys together push little brother in a tram. A hair raising spectacle that is, to see them crossing a mad street, with baby jouncing precariously, happily oblivious to the terrors of traffic.

Now, siesta time over, out sally the Romans themselves. It is parade hour and they come, more and more of them, until little narrow sidewalks are filled with them, moving, pressing together thickly and happily. Wider avenues and boulevards are equally as crowded.

Children also participate, integral and important participants. Mamas and pappas may be a bit dowdy and too plump, but their offspring, never. Little boys are sartorial perfection in tailored suits, short trousers and beautifully polished shoes. Little girls are fashion plates, dolls, adorable in clothes of exquisite taste. And as for beauty, surely no children in the world are as universally like Botticelli angels.

Children Beautiful
One person put it thus, "eyes like colossal ripe olives," and hair, curly, curly, curly. Happy children, trotting between and in front of parents. Children born to be loved, adored, spoiled and completely sure of protection. Children, who occupy seats in

crowded buses while parents and others stand. It is any wonder that the Italian male has such a savior faire?

These are shopping hours, looking-in-window hours. The sun is shining and the Italians take the benign sun as their inalienable right. Windows with their carefully planned displays, capture a bit of brightness too. In Rome, most shops are small. Dress material shops, besides the few large department stores in Rome, are perhaps the largest. And so their windows are continuous swirls and serpentine of exciting silks, brocades, satins and laces, big rosettes of luscious materials, gigantic puffs of color, artistic cascades of velvets.

Many Tie Shops

Next window may be jewels and goodies in gold. There are innumerable tie shops. Rome is known for its ties and Borsolino hats. But what about Borsolino hats? Who wears them, the famous hats? Not Romans, certainly. There is not a hat on hundreds of black heads. Occasionally one of the older boys protects his bald spot. That is all. Men carry umbrellas, (quite unlike the American male who would rather be caught dead, than be seen with an umbrella). Window hat displays for women are rather few, and are for the most part for older women.

Shoe displays are many. Window after window of great varieties, artfully displayed on wire frames. But oh! So petite.

Dress shops, boutique shops, featuring perhaps just one "modella," deceptively simple and no price mentioned. If you like the style, you may have one made for, say two hundred dollars.

Pastry and candy shops are perhaps the most eye-catching. They are symphonies of color, shape and arrangement.

But it is the bookshops where lovers of books could well go berserk. So many of them there are, and so amply supplied with every type of reading material you can imagine that it frustrates. Unlike the states, where one author or one book is featured with many copies piled about, here, there is never more than one author, or one book of an author in a window.

Books Are Varied
Along side Steinbeck, for example, will be a French novel, a treatise on Chinese ceramics, a tome-like science book, a Russian political discourse, and many, many expensive looking books on art of every country and age. All of the British Penguins can be bought, a few American paper backs, but not with covers of nude ladies, or murderous titles. (If at all, those can be bought only at the corner kiosks which Americans frequent.)

Window shopping, at any time of year is a favorite pastime in Rome. One of the few outdoor sports in which they indulge. And, of course, tourists

Auxiliary Sets Social Meeting

The social meeting of American Legion auxiliary, Medford unit, will be held at the American Legion hall at 8 p.m. Wednesday, November 28.

Mrs. Earl Bigelow, president, announced that members attending will work on the poppy wreaths which are being made for use in the funeral homes. During the evening pictures of auxiliary activities will be shown, including some taken at the recent national convention held in Las Vegas. Members are asked to begin planning for the Christmas projects. Jams and canned fruits will be needed for the local baskets, and gifts for the mental health patients will be collected at the December business meeting.

Reports Given

At the November business meeting reports were given on various projects of the unit. The auxiliary rooms are being used by the Jackson County Chapter of the Retarded Children's program for crafts classes. More than a hundred hours of clerical work has been given by members to assist the Jackson County Health and Tuberculosis association. The current magazine drive will provide another piece of sick-room equipment which will be available to anyone in the community without charge.

Mrs. Bert Stancil reported on the education and scholarship program. All high schools in Jackson county will receive the Legion's complete scholarship listing booklet entitled "Need a Lift." Interested students may contact Mrs. Stancil if they wish to know if they are eligible for veteran's children's scholarships.

Christmas Gifts Topic for Group

Christmas gifts and decorations will be the topic for Howard Garden club when members meet at the home of Mrs. Ernest Gleason, 2684 Crater Lake highway Tuesday, November 27 at 1 p.m. Mrs. N. F. Gier will be co-hostess. A horticulture lesson on hollies will be given by Mrs. Earl Peyton. Visitors are welcome.

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Social Events ♦ Women's News



Chicago—John A. Barr, chairman of the board of Montgomery Ward, shows his approval to the six national winners of the 4-H home economics awards program here November 25. The winners are (left to right) Sandra Hoff-

man, 16, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Brenda Vairless, 18, Colerain, N.C.; Marjorie Hutchinson, 16, Lincoln, Neb.; Linda Ann Wallace, 18, Lenap, Okla.; Sharon Sibble, 20, Cazenovia, N.Y., and Patty Patton, 18, Galena, Kan. (UPI)

New Class Organized

Mrs. John Schroeder was elected president at a recent meeting of the newly organized 1963 class of the Southern Oregon School of Practical Nursing which is part of Medford public schools. Other elective officers are vice president, Mrs. Al Cuzzo; secretary, Miss Margaret McGee; and treasurer, Miss Alberta Floyd.

Committee chairmen include Mrs. Arvil Hurt and Mrs. Vera Sutherland as librarians. Social directors are Mrs. Harvey Wyatt and Mrs. Gordon Mendenhall. Miss Judy Stuart and Mrs. Edward Griggs are in charge of the scrapbook. Bulletin board displays will be arranged by Miss Kathleen MacKenzie and Mrs. Hubert Beer will serve as publicity chairman.

A family Christmas dinner is planned for December 8 in the Elmore Trailer villa recreation room. Plans for this event will be discussed at the November 28 meeting in the classroom at Rogue Valley Memorial hospital.

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Medford Couple Returns Home

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Bender have returned to their home on Westerlund drive after spending several days in Seattle. They went north for the University of Washington and UCLA football game which they attended with friends.

Californians Derby Visitors

Derby - Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pinola and two children, Rancho Cordova, Calif., were Thanksgiving day guests of Miss Arlene Cothrin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aron Cothrin, box 140, Butte Falls highway, Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinola are long-time friends of Miss Cothrin, and were all graduated from Elk Grove Union High school in California.

Food Buying Topic for Unit

Applegate - A lesson on food buying will be presented Tuesday, November 27, when the Applegate Home Economics club meets at 10:30 a.m. It will be held at the home of Mrs. William Lossing on Thompson creek.

Mrs. Ivan Hartshorn will give the lesson. Women attending are to take their own table service. Baby sitting will be available at the home of Mrs. Virgil Prowell. A sack lunch should be sent for each child, it was announced.



The mail this morning brought a note from Tulare, Calif., in which Mrs. Arnold Gosnell gave us permission to print a letter which she had written some time ago. Potpourri had tried in vain to find a telephone listed for the Gosnells, and today's note explains why we couldn't find one.

Barbara Gosnell wrote: "We left Gold Hill November 18 to begin the winter muskrat trapping season on Tule lake. We will be here until April. We live in a 26-foot trailer house, and our Sams Valley home is rented. I've been going along with my husband since our son was married six years ago, which explains why we aren't listed in the telephone directory any more."

We spend the greater part of each summer at the mouth of the Rogue at Gold Beach and Wedderburn, Ore., where my husband guides salmon fishing parties, and then return to Jackson county in early October."

Mrs. Gosnell's first letter is about her favorite methods of cooking pheasant, quail, ducks, etc. It read:

I just finished reading your Potpourri column about how your friend says pheasant, quail and ducks should be prepared. I have to disagree, especially on pheasant and quail. Perhaps you would be interested in how I prepare and cook them.

Thirty-two years ago I married into a hunting family. Pheasant was always fried, quail too, same as domestic fowls. First, the pheasant was dipped into a pail of very hot water and then picked as any other chicken, drawn and cut into serving pieces.

The pheasant has a large breast so it is cut in four pieces, first the wishbone section is removed, then carefully cut along both sides of the breast (keel) bone with a sharp knife about half an inch deep to free that section of breast meat; a triangular section about three to four inches on all sides, half inch thick, depending on size of the pheasant.

Peel these two pieces away. There is left a good portion of meat on both sides of the bone. Cut away the tissue and thin bone left from peeling the other two sections off.

This way, since the breast is such a large thick portion, you have four good portions instead of two, one quite small, the other too large.

Salt and lightly pepper the pheasant pieces, roll in flour and brown in heavy skillet. Then remove from frying pan to a covered baking dish, add about half a cup of water, cover and bake at 325 degrees until "fork tender."

Make gravy from the "yummy" juices. That is our version of really gourmet eating.

We skin quail, draw and remove legs and back, together from breast. Prepare same as pheasant and fry. They cook done very quickly, regardless of age. Many times I have one or two quail that I cook right along with the pheasant from skillet to covered baking dish.

Older ducks are very delicious stewed like a stewing hen, boned, the broth thickened, thin biscuits placed on top and baked with extra biscuits to eat out of hand. We call this dish "duck potpie." Serve fluffy mashed potatoes, a green salad and a light dessert. Very filling. Yours for good eating (calories too).

Return

Central Point—Mr. and Mrs. William Saxbury, accompanied by their children, have returned from Portland where they spent the Thanksgiving vacation.

Mrs. Floyd Peterson Honored at Party

Prospect - Floyd Peterson was honored at a shower held at the home of Mrs. Emil Sabol, Union Creek. Ten guests, all of Union Creek, attended the event.

Report Given On Convention For Two Groups

At the November meeting of the auxiliary to World War I Veterans, Mrs. Fredrick Adams reported on her attendance at the national convention of World War I veterans and auxiliaries at Buffalo, N.Y., September 23-26.

Mrs. Adams stated that 2,165 auxiliary members were registered as delegates. Also attending were 42 original presidents. Every auxiliary was represented with the exception of Hawaii. Oregon had 27 delegates present. The national membership showed a growth of over 60,000 members. Seventeen new auxiliaries have been granted charters since the convention, she reported.

Mrs. Adams found one of the most impressive moments of the convention to be a band concert given by an original World War I band. Five thousand delegates were assembled to hear them play the old War I melodies. Many delegates had tear-filled eyes as the concert concluded with the strains of "Keep the Home Fires Burning," she said. Delegates sang with the band and gave them a standing ovation at the conclusion of the concert.

Mrs. Adams said Buffalo is a friendly city. The convention was held at the Memorial building and luncheon and transportation was provided without cost to the delegates.

Mrs. Thomas Lynch, local VAVS chairman, reported on the sewing group which does repairing and mending for veterans at the White City dormitory. Those sewing for month of November were the president, Mrs. Ray Newman, Mrs. Thomas Lynch, Mrs. Frank Hoffman, Mrs. Frank Otis, Mrs. Fred Clark, Mrs. Lillian Austin and Mrs. Anson Pitcher.

Canteen books will be purchased as gifts for domiciliary members, as in past years.

The November potluck dinner will be held at 7 tonight (Wednesday) November 21. Mrs. Wilbur Culp will be in charge of dinner arrangements.

Combine canned fruit cocktail with orange sections, spoon into hollowed-out orange halves and drizzle with lemon juice and sugar for a fancy holiday appetizer. Serve either chilled or heated. Garnish with green maraschino cherries.

Birds, Trees and Compost Are Garden Club Topics

Patio Planters was the topic of a talk given by Mrs. Leonard McKee when she spoke recently at the Jacksonville Garden club.

She stated that very popular gardening was being accomplished by using containers, large and small, for various specimens as the entire effect could be changed by moving the containers around. She talked on the care of raising a bonsai tree, and other plants that adjust to different sizes of containers.

The club met at the home of Mrs. R. T. Nichol on Peach street in Medford.

Mrs. Mattie Carson gave a report on the red, white and blue July card table arrangement she helped to make to take to the convention in Central Point last month. Other delegates who attended the convention gave their report.

Mrs. Harold Reed, program chairman presented Mrs. Frank Janosky who talked on the "bird of the month," the

Red Flicker. She also told of her experiences recently in Los Angeles while visiting museums and parks.

For the continuity program Mrs. Dee Hendrickson spoke on the larch trees. She described three varieties known as the western and alpine larch and the tamarix. Mrs. Mattie Carson talked on making compost, giving a formula. She stated a good dimension for the pit was five by five feet and should have a north, east and west exposure.

The dried flower arrangements were discussed and admired.

Following the business session a social hour was held. The tea table was covered with a brown linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of bronze and gold chrysanthemums. Mrs. Kenneth Farley and Mrs. Reed poured.

The Christmas meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Farley, 3563 Jacksonville highway, on December 20.

Annual Christmas Ball Announced for December 15

"Christmas—Past and Present" will be the theme for the Junior Service League's annual Charity ball to be held Saturday, December 15, at 8 p.m. at the Rogue Valley Country club.

As usual, women are asked to plan an imaginative color or hair decoration, and formal attire will be in order.

Security Club To Hold Dance

Security Benefit club plans a dance Friday, November 30, from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Pythian hall. The Melodious Four will furnish music and the public is invited to attend.

A small charge will be made, and a snack bar will open at 10 p.m.

Wednesday, November 28, the club will meet at the hall for a birthday dinner. Those having birthdays this month will be honored.

The club calls attention to a sign which James Bishop painted for the group and which lists the club name, day and hour of meetings, and which says "Eat, Meet and Dance." Meetings are always at the Pythian building.

It is reported that 115 members and guests attended the club's traditional Thanksgiving dinner last Wednesday. Mrs. Stella Kite and Mrs. Susan Johnson assisted Mrs. Enos Naffziger in preparing the meal. Dancing followed.

Holiday Visitors At Burrell Home

Prospect - At the Eugene Burrell home for Thanksgiving vacation were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bjelland, College Place, Wash., Miss Helen Jantzer and Kenneth Ashley, both Salem; Miss Sandra Burrell, College Place, and Mike Burrell, who attend Southern Oregon college, Ashland.

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