

Gardeners Hold Christmas Party

Unique Christmas arrangements were made and displayed by members of the Jacksonville Garden club at a holiday party held last week at the home of Mrs. K. C. Farley on Jacksonville highway.

Three members reported on their activities at the Veterans Administration domiciliary, White City, on December 14 when they helped make swags and wreaths.

A plant sale in the spring was planned. Mrs. Lois McKee is chairman of the event.

For the continuity program Mrs. Fred Edens talked on fir trees. Mrs. Mattie Carson read a new Christmas story entitled "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" by Silence Buck Billows. Mrs. J. B. Noble read a Christmas story taken from "Modern Maturity."

Mrs. R. T. Nichol gave the main part of the program on the subject "Christmas Customs and Famous Trees." She gave the history and origin of such traditional things as the kissing balls, swags, wreaths and stated there are 30 known varieties of mistletoe.

During the social hour an exchange of gifts were held around the decorated tree. Mrs. Paul Godward won the prize of the month.

The lace-covered tea table was centered with a white arrangement in the Christmas motif. Mrs. Nichol and Miss Claire Hanley poured. Mrs. Farley was assisted by Mrs. Dee Hendrickson.



Several holiday travelers have returned home considerably annoyed with their travel accommodations. Faith McCullough of Ashland came back from Berkeley vowing never again to travel by bus during the holidays, and with a tale of how the trip from Ashland to Berkeley took 10 hours longer than the scheduled time.

Mrs. H. A. Stanley told how a relative came up from California with reports of traveling the entire distance in an outmoded, unheated vehicle with a driver who knew so little of the route that he was forced to stop at service stations to inquire the way to the bus depot. Mrs. Stanley had what seemed to us to be a bright idea—why doesn't the Southern Pacific run special holiday trains between Portland and San Francisco, routing them through Medford? Mrs. Stanley said that after hearing so many stories about inconvenient holiday travel—including the report from San Francisco that 10,000 customers had been stranded in the S. F. airport when fog cut off plane schedules, she believes that the S.P. would find such special trains well patronized.

Another traveler inconvenienced by the weather was Sister Mary Paul, who came from Chicago to Oakland, Calif., to attend the ceremonies in which her nephew, Stephen McCabe of Medford, was ordained as a Dominican priest. Sister Paul, and many others, were detained hours in Chicago because weather would not permit planes to land or take off. At length she was permitted to board a plane but it was forced by weather to land in Salt Lake City and Sister Paul was told she would have to continue the trip by bus—17 hours to Oakland.

With anxious eyes on her watch, Sister Paul arrived in Oakland considering herself fortunate that the trip had taken only slightly more than 15 hours. Another thing was in her favor—the Catholic cathedral in which the ceremony was held is directly across from the bus depot in Oakland. She hurried across the street, ignoring the traffic lights and an officer, and walked into the cathedral as the ceremonial procession was entering the building.

Pappy is one of the growing number of citizens who believe that the very unusual and severe weather visited on the world during 1962 may be the result of the high-level nuclear testing carried on by both this nation and the Soviet Union. The world has had typhoons, cyclones, earthquakes and in recent days, savage cold with snow. Reports come in about the worst snow and wind storm of the century in the New England states, of unprecedented snow in Spain, and of hundreds of persons dead as the result of dreadful storms in other parts of Europe.

This brought to Pappy's mind a scientific article, read a number of years ago. A scientist, writing about the Ice Age and a possibility of its recurrence, declared that a lowering of the median temperature by but four degrees could cause another Ice Age. The wheels in Potpourri's memory began to turn and we remembered an interview with a man named Scheaffer who visited Medford many years ago. Mr. Scheaffer was carrying on large scale experiments with snow and ice crystals in an effort to discover, among other things, how man might make more snow fall in certain areas.

Most of those hearing him talk began to think of the results in terms of agriculture, industry, and water power—more water in streams and irrigation canals. But Mr. Scheaffer's mind went even further—to the military aspects. "Just think," he said, "of what could be done to an army if the enemy could make large quantities of snow fall on the men and their equipment."

In view of what science, aided by government, has already brought about in this world, it wouldn't take much arguing to make us believe that the strange and violent weather of recent months could be the result of gigantic and far-reaching experiments.

Happy New Year!—O.S.



Patricia Smith, stage, screen and television actress, plays the title role of Mary in Jean Kerr's hilarious comedy film, "Mary, Mary" which will be produced at the Holly Theater Wednesday, January 2, as a Broadway Theater league show. Curtain time will be 8:30 p.m. "Mary, Mary" is described as a comedy about the unending battle of the sexes and was written by Jean Kerr, known for her ability to coin retorts and bright, impertinent lines. Miss Smith, who has been in the cast of several Broadway plays, also appeared on television in presentations of Studio One, Kraft Theater, Lux Video theater, and a number of others and for a year played the role of George Maharis' wife on the series, "Search for Tomorrow."

Veni-Vidi

By MARGARET SCHULER

Rome—The Christmas season in Italy extends over a period of 12 days, ending on Befano day, which is the sixth of January. Befano is the work for "Apparition of God"—the name given to the star which led the Three Wise men to Christ, who were said to have arrived 12 days after the birth.

Until recently, gift giving was on Befano day. A good witch—Befano—flies in on that day dropping presents for good children and coals for bad ones. But, after the last war progress advanced and American GI's brought in Santa Claus to give gifts on Christmas eve.

Now, with prosperity bursting out all over, Italy sparkles and glitters from November on. Santa Claus sell things on the streets, and beckon people to have pictures taken, or to patronize certain shops. One outspoken critic complains about it: "the parade of flashing lights, the gluttony and trumpery, cheapens the most intimate and sweetest experience of the year."

There certainly does seem to be great commercialism as Italy grows more prosperous. Shops (always closed on Sundays) remained open this year, and many even discarded the three hour lunch period. Streets and stores are jammed with frenetic shoppers.

Some of the streets are decorated. One, particularly, is pretty and a bit different from those in the States. Open green umbrellas suspended on wires, hang heavy with gifts—hundreds of them. At night when lighted they are beautifully effective. There are Christmas trees for sale, ranging in price from \$3 to \$14. They come from Denmark and Germany. One big department store has a great tree inside—five stories high—which had to be cut into three pieces and put together again. A large tree in front of the American Embassy on the Via Veneto is the prettiest and most interestingly decorated.

AND THE TRAFFIC! Streets built for chariots are chaotic, and pedestrians are safe as they wander with impunity, out and around and back again among stalled cars, looking in windows of shops, first on one side of the street and then on the opposite. There seems no solution, according to the press. For a few days the authorities tried blocking off narrow streets, but it did not work because traffic diverted from the prohibited zones milled about the periphery making snarls worse than before. It has its amusing side to the free lance pedestrian. The Italians are patient to a degree, but all of a sudden frayed nerves give away, and drivers start honking. Listen to hundreds of honks—blocks long, and all hell couldn't do better.

When you read the papers you realize that all is not beer and skittles in Italy, in spite of the prosperity. Millions of Italians are striking for higher pay. Teachers, doctors, journalists, telephone workers, radio and television operators—even Red Cross workers are striking. The cost of living has gone up from 5 to 7 per cent this year, and workers are beginning to squeak at so much to buy and so little to do it with.

One Roman scene which I personally like in all the noise and rush, is the bagpipers and fifers. They come, as they

Scientific Gains in 1962 Reviewed

By PATRICIA McCORMACK United Press International
New York—(UPI)—Doctors extracted a small, slippery thing from the alimentary canal of

a cancer patient at Baylor University Medical Center some time ago. The virus—small enough to slip through porcelain—figured in "significant" experimental work in the war against cancer, the American Cancer Society reported in citing gains made in 1962 against the killer.

Scientists at the Houston, Tex., laboratory infected newborn hamsters with the virus. A high proportion of the laboratory animals developed cancer.

The society said the work has been duplicated in another lab, spurring cancer sleuths who lean to the theory

that viruses might be the culprits in many malignancies.

In the war of man versus disease, so went the battle in 1962, on fronts when science tackled the unknown in cancer, heart ailments, mental illness, obesity, the common cold—and all else that trips a human in good health.

The evidence supporting the virus-theory in cancer lent hope that one day there will be a vaccine against cancer—just as there is against other virus-caused diseases, Polio, for example.

The medical report from 1962 goes like this:

Cancer: The best evidence of progress is that 1.2 million Americans have been cured. The big hunt for super drugs to tame cancer hasn't paid off yet. But some drugs lengthen the survival span of some cancer patients—especially when the drugs are used in combination with the conventional treatment of radiation and surgery. Progress in '63 is expected in the virus theory arena and in the search for simple diagnostic tests to tattle on the presence of cancer before it can be detected by conventional means.

Heart: The American Heart Association said advances against heart diseases, accounting for more than half the deaths in the United States each year, included dramatic reduction of mortality rates in open heart surgery for blue babies.

Also cited was the replacement of heart valves in persons with hearts damaged by rheumatic heart disease. In 1962, such surgery moved from the experimental stage to an accepted life-saving technique.

Mental Health: The National Association for Mental Health said one of the biggest gains during 1962 stemmed from evidence that some enzyme disturbance appears to be related to disruption of systems in the body enabling a person to develop energy to take action in situations of stress. Harry Milt, information director for the association, said the additional evidence points to the likelihood that some persons who become mentally ill have some impairment of equipment to handle stress.

Obesity: The pendulum that swung during the year from a calories don't count to a calories do count point of view settled on a somewhat new course. One research team reported that a Biblical suggestion—fasting— isn't so old fashioned that it won't work. Fasting, under medical supervision, made the biggest news to the fat of the land. It works.

In the area of basic research, the American Medical Association reported that what's to be heralded concerns efforts to break down the genetic code.

The code, intertwined in a thread-like molecule of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) dictates all growth and life functions from the nucleus of every living cell.

Scientific detectives figure that if this molecule is out of sorts it may create a chemical imbalance in the body, leading to weaknesses. If an individual's code could be studied, then discovery of such imbalances might be possible and corrections made.

One of the most exciting developments: prospects of a longer and more active life span for muscular dystrophy patients. Dr. Robert M. Dowben, of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, told physicians attending the 16th clinical meeting of the American Medical Association (AMA) that progress of the disease may be delayed with drugs. In some cases, there may even be improvement.

In one area, science still hadn't come up with a cure. The common cold remained something to suffer through. One doctor suggested treating it the old-fashioned way—with contempt!

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