

Veni - Vidi

By MARGARET SCHULER

Rome—Mr. Watts was one of the more interesting of the guests at the Villa San Pancrazio, where I lived in Taormina. Mr. Watts is English—as English as his four o'clock tea and as English as his name—Percival.

He is polite and kindly. He helped me up and down hills, as well bred Englishmen would help elderly ladies. All well and good, excepting that he doesn't seem to understand that I am not elderly and do not require help.

Mr. Watts was the third of the "we" on our trips. With Sara Johnson through the Sicilian countryside. And it was he who made it possible to visit, in a delightful way, a most interesting place which has a long, interesting history. Mr. Watts knows Lord Bridgeport, who lives about 35 miles from Taormina. Lord Bridgeport is the nephew of the Duke of Bronte, who is a descendant of Lord Nelson.

This is his story. In 1061 two Normans, returning from the crusades, stopped at Sicily, drove out the Saracens who had conquered the country, settled themselves in various parts of the island, and lived on there. One place they colonized was the rich, rolling countryside up behind Etna. The old church, cold and forbidding, still is in use as part of the feudal estate.

The time came when the Normans were supplanted by other marauders, who took possession. At the time of Napoleon, when Lord Nelson defeated him, the King of Naples, out of gratitude, presented him with this 8,000 acres and 3,000 peasants, and made it a duchy. It is known as the "Duchy of Bronte." The castle is complete with courtyard, gardens and the church. Guards in uniform patrol the outside. Even in the rain, the effect was all an old castle should be, but it is isolated, and I can well understand that Lady Bridgeport chooses to live in Rome.

The really interesting story connected with the trip was the explanation of certain

buildings, rather outside the walls, but connected, and of the same architecture. I had asked what they were. When the Nazis conquered Sicily, they thought this good land a fine place for a German settlement. The castle would be the headquarters for their VIP's and the peasants a good bit of chattels. So they built a post office, buildings to be used for shops—and a cinema. The confidence was wonderful! It just didn't work. But the evidence is there for future archaeologists to ponder over, and historians to suggest that there was German influence up behind Etna at one time.

Jacksonville Groups Hosts To Visitors

Jacksonville—Mr. and Mrs. William Friend Jr., Grants Pass, district commander of the American Legion and district auxiliary president, made official visits to Centennial Post, American Legion and auxiliary March 22.

Mrs. Friend extended an invitation to auxiliary members to attend a district caucus for the Legion and auxiliary to be held Sunday, July 7 in Grants Pass.

Child welfare and other auxiliary projects were discussed.

Other discussions included membership, coming elections, Poppy day sales, and the annual state Legion and auxiliary convention to be held August 1 through 3 in Pendleton.

Mrs. C. Willard Johnson, a new member, attended. Another new member to join the group is Mrs. Leona Hall.

Mrs. Alfred Hanenkrat, auxiliary president, presided. Auxiliary members served refreshments to the Legion members and guests at the close of the sessions.

CALENDAR

Tuesday:
8 p.m.—Past Chief club of Pythian Sisters, home of Mrs. Carl Fichtner, 613 South Holly st.
8 p.m.—Star Promenaders, workshop, Roxy Ann Grange hall.

Wednesday:
10 a.m.—First Ward Relief society, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, at church, 648 South Ivy st.
11 a.m.—Red Cross Canasta-Bridge brunch, Red Cross chapter house, 60 Hawthorne ave.
12 noon—Evans Valley Garden club, Enterprise Grange.
12 noon—Security Benefit club, Pythian hall.
12:30 p.m.—Chapter AA of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. R. W. Sleeter, 39 Berkeley Way.
12:30 p.m.—Mistletoe club of Royal Neighbors of America, Girls Community club.
1:30 p.m.—Contemporary Book club, home of Mrs. Frank Farrell, 1510 East Main st.

Sams Valley PTA to Meet

Sams Valley—Charles A. Meyer, superintendent of District 6 schools, which includes Sams Valley, Gold Hill and Central Point, will speak at a meeting of Sams Valley Parent-Teacher association, Wednesday, March 27, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. He will discuss the school budget which has been approved by the budget and school boards and is to be voted upon by patrons of the district on May 6. The meeting was postponed until March 27 due to spring vacation.

Another speaker will be Odd Bjerke from Medford. He will present a color film of himself and companions during a 500-mile trip in a rubber raft down the Salmon river. It was a survival test trip, during which time those going lived off the land. Mr. Bjerke reports that the film received top television awards in 1960.

WORK SMARTER — NOT HARDER

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"It's not counting steps, but making your steps count that win our goals." This is a favorite saying of one of our Extension Service Supervisors, Murle Seales. Makes good sense, doesn't it?

Even though we might benefit from exercise, there's a lot of difference between needless steps and those that really lead us somewhere. Do you plot your path when you're house cleaning?

Credit isn't free. That's the gist of a visit we had with Mrs. Alberta Johnston, extension family finance specialist at OSU. She says it will pay you to figure the dollar costs. For instance, if you're buying a car, a low monthly payment doesn't necessarily mean the total payment is low.

If you get a \$2,000 car loan at 7½ per cent interest and pay for it in 36 months, you'll pay \$240 total finance charge. But if you pay it off in 12 months, your finance cost is only \$82—a saving of \$158 by paying for the car in one year instead of three.

The same goes for any other installment buying such as for an appliance or a house says Mrs. Johnston.

Spring Fever symptoms for many homemakers often show up as dissatisfaction with the living room furniture.

If the colors look a little tired, you might revive them with upholstery spray tints. We've had questions about these and would like to pass on a few ideas for best results. First select a tint close to the original color. You can't change the color drastically, but you can give it new life. Check the directions on the can for types of fabrics on which it can be used.

Be sure the upholstery is thoroughly dry before using it again. These dyes have proved satisfactory for indoor furniture but not for upholstery used outside.

Grease spots on work clothes can be discouraged if clothes are rinsed in water containing a fabric softener. This puts a light coating over the fabric which helps shun grease, but don't expect it to be completely grease-proof. Don't confuse this laundry aid with a water softener.

Lodge to Hold Family Night

Central Point—Central Point lodge, AF and AM, plans a family night March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Point Masonic hall.

A potluck dinner will be served with the lodge furnishing meat and rolls. All Masons, their families and friends are invited.

Board to Meet

Members of the board of the Siskiyou district, Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, will meet in the Extension building at the Fairgrounds Thursday, March 28, at 1:30 p.m., according to an announcement by Mrs. O. V. Poe, Phoenix, district director.

Sojourners Slate Session

The hostess committee for a meeting this week of Medford Sojourners club will be Mrs. Dess Fenny, Mrs. Henry Robertson and Mrs. Florence Carlton. The meeting will be held Thursday, March 28, at 12:30 p.m. at Girls Community club.

Any woman who is a newcomer to Medford or vicinity within the last two years is invited to attend Sojourner meetings and become a member. The organization is purely social and its main purpose is to help newcomers become acquainted.

Knackstedts Return Home

Mr. and Mrs. Kenn Knackstedt have returned to their home on Renault avenue after spending a week in San Francisco. Mr. Knackstedt, a photographer, spent considerable time at the Eastman Kodak company offices learning new techniques, particularly in color photography, from Vince Thomas of the Kodak company. The couple also visited a number of San Francisco photographic studios to study procedures and techniques.

While in the city they were guests of Mr. Knackstedt's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ben. H. Fairchild.

PTA Plans County Meeting

Two coming events are of special interest to Parent-Teacher association members in Jackson county.

Jackson County Council of Parent-Teacher associations will meet Wednesday, March 27, in the Butte Falls Community hall; the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers will hold the annual convention in Eugene April 30, May 1-2.

Butte Falls Parent-Teacher association will host Wednesday's meeting, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served for a nominal sum; child care will be provided for a small sum per family, but parents must bring a sack lunch and a sturdy toy for each child.

John Harr, Rogue River High school superintendent, will be speaker and the meeting theme is "Now is the Time for PTA Leadership." Mr. Harr will speak on how individuals may gain more knowledge on basic school support and related school finance.

Mrs. Walter Pelican, council magazine chairman, will conduct a magazine workshop and Mrs. Chester Keene Jr., council president, will present a workshop for presidents and convention dele-

gates. The person elected president of the council automatically attends as a member of the board of managers of the OCPT.

PTA unit representatives are asked to take their procedure books. Mrs. Harry Dalton, Butte Falls, and council treasurer, advises that those attending should allow at least an hour's driving time from Medford to Butte Falls.

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