

MANOR-ISMS

By ETHELYN EVANS

Lucky owners of Kodak stock should rejoice! Manor members are helping to increase their dividends by using miles of film for pictures of our lovely flowers. Opposite the entrance of the Manor there is a long, long and deep row of dazzling, golden daffodils—"fluttering and dancing," of course, since there is always a breeze on top of Barneburg hill. Next to the daffodils are beds of scarlet tulips, and across the walk is a wide border of periwinkle in full blue bloom. Above this ground cover border are our flowering plum trees with blossoms fairly crowding each other off the branches. Only last summer these little trees were mere twigs. Around our patio we also have flowers and flowering shrubs, plus the gayly colored lounging chairs; so, with our green lawns and the wide valley and high mountains as background, no wonder cameras are out in force. The recent rain with its wicked companion—the wind, did batter the flowers about some, but given a few hours of sun they perk up immediately.

The view of our flowers from Shannon drive below was made possible by the work of a group dubbed "The Eastside Improvement and Backachers Association." These men, under the supervision of our maintenance manager, rented a tractor and mower and completely cleared that long, sweeping slope of unsightly weeds and brush. This work not only opened a view of the daffodils, but the grounds now present a most attractive appearance. Also, a bit of sun starts something resembling a stampede of members to the individual garden plots, where men and women start working like mad. We are sure to have wonderful gardens this year. The amazing part of all this "labour of love" is that probably these workers have never, or certainly not in the immediate past, indulged in such hard manual labor (most of them are strictly professional people), but they go at it with determination and devotion.

Miss Blanche Gay and Mrs. Lloyd Small are two new Manor members from Hawaii, increasing our contingent from the Islands. Perhaps we should persuade all these Hawaiian members to plan a Manor party, featuring native cuisine. Some of us Manor members enjoyed just such a feast last week when Mrs. Julie Tummers, who recently returned from a trip to Hawaii, invited a large number of guests for an all-out Hawaiian luncheon party at her inn and home, Mon Desir. The room was decorated in island motif throughout; native nuts nestled on leaves in coconut bowls on the long tables; a number of guests wore beautiful leis; and tiny orchids were placed at each plate. The same lovely flowers were used to decorate a large bowl of mixed melon balls on the buffet table, where part of the table decoration was an enormous arrangement of flowers, leaves and fruit—mostly tropical fruit. Often when traveling, one finds native foods disappointing; but the many exotic dishes served by Mrs. Tummers were perfectly prepared and delicious—naturally.

For me, houses have always seemed to have distinct personalities. I enjoyed reading Eva Hamilton's article in the Mail Tribune about Mon Desir as originally the home of the Piro family, and I like to hear long-time residents of the valley describe large and gay parties given there by owners; so, at dinner parties at Mon Desir, I seem to sense an atmosphere of country home hospitality. It could be that maintaining such an atmosphere has been somewhat of a par with the excellent food served by Mrs. Tummers in achieving the undoubted success of her enterprise.



A miniature garden was set up in the entrance of the Red Cross auditorium last Wednesday afternoon for the benefit party which chapter workers gave. Mrs. O. A. Eden created the artistic effect and pictured are (at left) Mrs. Jack Williams, Ashland, and Mrs. Jack Sanborn, Medford.

Open House Observes Fiftieth Anniversary

Rogue River—Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Burnett, longtime residents of Rogue River were honored at open house March 24 in their home at 142 First street. The occasion observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary. About 75 friends called on the couple between two and five o'clock in the afternoon. Hosts were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burnett, Upper River road, Gold Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett have two grandchildren, Miss Donna Burnett, a senior at University of Oregon, and Bruce Burnett, Pierre, South Dakota. Mrs. Burnett is the former Miss Leona Whiteside. The couple was married March 23, 1913 in Moundville, Missouri, where they lived for five years while Mr. Burnett engaged in farming. From there they moved to Washington state, where he was an employee of the Northern Pacific railway for six years. The couple moved to Oregon in 1924. Here he was engaged in the logging industry until he retired a few years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett have lived in Rogue River at the present location since 1926. In the meantime building the



Among the women from Rogue Valley who attend a benefit party given by the Red Cross chapter last week were (left to right) Mrs. Ralph Bowman, Mrs. Beulah Hayes, Mrs. R. M. Evans and Mrs. Jeanette Breed. Mrs. Evans writes the weekly column, Manorisms, published in the Sunday issues of The Medford Mail Tribune.

Gay Nineties Theme for Party

A rush party in the gay nineties theme for candidates of Xi Beta Kappa chapter, Beta Sigma Phi sorority is planned for Wednesday, April 3 in the home of Mrs. Erwin Toni. Members are to wear can-can costumes, and skits and singing will provide the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Willard Chinn was elected president at the chapter's March 26 meeting in the home of Mrs. Irving Thompson. Mrs. Ernest Flakus was cohostess. Mrs. Floyd Eastwood, retiring president, was named "Girl of the Year," and will be presented an award during the group's Founders day dinner April 30 in North's Chuck Wagon restaurant. This is an annual award made to an outstanding member. Other officers elected at the session are Mrs. Donald Nelson, first vice president; Mrs. Toni, second vice president; Mrs. Lionel Guy, recording secretary; Mrs. Grady Manskins, corresponding secretary;

CBPWC Slates Speaker, Show

Miss Rose Marie Lorenzana of the University of Oregon is the scheduled speaker for a dinner meeting of Christian Business and Professional Women's council of Medford Thursday, April 4 at 6:15 p.m. The event will be held in the banquet room at North's Chuck Wagon restaurant. The Checkmates from Medford High school will furnish music and a style review by the Town and Country shop is a feature of the evening. Reservations should be made by calling Mrs. Dewain Phillips, telephone 482-1070, or Mrs. Harold Johnson, telephone 482-3052.

Barbers Return

Trail—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barber, Laurelhurst Road, Trail, have returned to their home on the Rogue river after spending the winter vacation in California and Arizona.

WAC Adviser To Visit SOC

Capt. Evelyn P. Foote, Sixth U.S. Army officer selection adviser for the Women's Army Corps is to be at Southern Oregon college April 3 to speak with women college students and graduates concerning officer career opportunities available to them within the Army. The service now is offering a limited number of officer appointments to highly qualified young women between the ages of 20 and 32 years, who meet the demanding requirements for commissioning. Those selected as officers attend the WAC officer basic course conducted semi-annually at Fort McClellan, Ala. Upon completion they are assigned to Army installation within this country. The initial tour is for two years. For women college juniors who have not quite decided on a career, the corps conducts a college junior program each summer at the training center in Fort McClellan. Participants are under no obligation to accept a commission upon graduation.

Grandmother Club Has March Meeting

Crater chapter of Grandmother clubs met recently at the home of Mrs. W. J. Gebhard, Central Point. Mrs. J. M. Parsons and Mrs. F. Smith were cohostesses with Mrs. Gebhard. Mrs. Richard Larsen presided over the business meeting at which time arrangements were made for a rummage and plant sale to be held April 5 at the Alexander building. Donations were made to the Haven Fund and Easter Seals. Since the meeting followed St. Patrick's day each guest participated in the ritual of kissing the Blarney Stone. Mrs. Roy Kelley conducted a game on old proverbs.



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