



Queen Kathy Huovila of the 1963 Oregon Azalea festival admires the flowers now bursting into full bloom in Azalea State park in Brookings, Ore., anticipating her coronation day which is set for Saturday, May 25, the first day of the two-day annual festival. Queen Kathy, 18-year-old Brookings Harbor High school senior, will reign over the festivities with her court of six princesses. The festival, becoming more popular each year, is expected to draw 5,000 visitors to the many events scheduled for this year's celebration.

### Initiation Is Held By Society

Epsilon chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma society, held initiation ceremonies for five teachers of the valley May 18 in Meeker chapel of First Methodist church in Medford. Initiates are Mrs. Virginia Cecil, supervisor of Elementary music in Ashland public schools; Miss Allene Inlow, fifth grade teacher at Walker school in Ashland; Miss Arlene Miller, sixth grade teacher at Briscoe school, Ashland; Mrs. Viola Pomeroy, fifth grade teacher in Eagle Point; Mrs. Barbara Tomlinson, teacher of foreign languages at Crater High school in Central Point.

Music during the initiation ceremonies was provided by Miss Florence Allen, Mrs. Alice Willis, and Mrs. O. C. Bjorlie.

"What Delta Kappa Gamma Means to Me" was the topic Mrs. W. E. Holmes used in speaking of the friendships and professionalism of the membership.

**Meeting Held**  
A business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Keith Woodward. Reports of the state convention held in Salem were given by Mrs. Doris Lassen, Miss Dorothy Dymock, Mrs. Esther Filgel, Miss Gladys Owen, Mrs. Kathryn Stancliffe, Miss Anna Laura Honts, Miss Florence Allen, Miss Annette Gray, Mrs. W. E. Holmes, Mrs. J. L. Fader and Marie Prescott.

Mrs. M. E. Otis, newly elected state president of this international honorary organization for women educators, expressed appreciation to the group for support and chapter activities.

A banquet followed the business session. Spring floral arrangements and pastel decorations were arranged by the hostess committee composed of Miss June Wheaton, Miss Owen, Mrs. R. J. Bennett, Miss Gray, Mrs. Maye Wells, Miss Beverley Bennett and Mrs. Georgiana Beier.

Miss Florence Allen led group singing with Mrs. M. E. Otis accompanying. A Founders' Day observance was in charge of Miss Bertha Stephens with Mrs. R. J. Bennett assisting. The ceremony honored national founders as well as the local chapter's founder, Miss Edith Bork, who now resides in Portland.

Announcement was made of the Northwest regional conference to be held in Rapid City, S. D., June 26-30. The next local meeting of the society will be in July at the Riverview cafe in Shady Cove.

### Coin-Operated Dry Cleaning Advances Seen

Homemakers can look forward to more coin-operated dry cleaning establishments and faster dry cleaning at more convenient locations in the future, according to Oregon State university home economists.

In the two years that these machines have been available, 4,800 do-it-yourself dry cleaning shops have been established with anywhere from 2 to 32 machines each. More are appearing each day. Some of the machines are located in commercial cleaning shops, and others are combined with automatic laundry centers.

What's ahead in coin-operated dry cleaning? Bernice Strawn, OSU home management specialist, reports USDA outlook information which suggests that a shorter dry cleaning cycle may be generally available before long as the result of a newly-developed dry cleaning solvent. This solvent can reduce the dry cleaning cycle from 15 to 20 minutes because it evaporates very rapidly at room temperature.

**Satisfactory**  
The new solvent, sold under the name Valclene, contains a detergent, a fabric conditioner, and an anti-static agent, and is said to minimize soil depositing and fabric shrinkage. Miss Strawn says that reports on its action on fibers, fabrics, colors and finishes have been satisfactory. Valclene has also been successfully used on a test basis on plastics, adhesives and rubbers which are used to make up many garments. Before this faster dry cleaning can become generally available, machines have to be developed that will accommodate it, however.

Improvements are also being made in existing dry cleaning machines which use "perc," the most commonly used cleaning solvent. Cycles for these machines can be shortened by about 20 minutes through new developments in the equipment.

Other innovations to look for are improved spotting service, shorter drying time, and more pressing services. Present cost of coin-operated machines rates out home units in the near future, Miss Strawn notes.

### Many Races Influence Famed Creole Cuisine

BY JEANNE LESSEM

New York—A French chef at a New Orleans hotel defines Creole cuisine as cooking French the Spanish way a la Louisiana. He might also have mentioned African, North American Indian, and Latin American influences, including the Aztec and Inca Indian tribes.

I asked, by letter, Rene Nicolas, chef of the Roosevelt hotel, New Orleans, the Orleans Parish home demonstration office, and Mrs. Helen Hughes about the origins and elements of this famous regional cuisine.

**Credits Negro**  
Mrs. Hughes, home service director for an advertising agency, wrote that she credits Negroes for much of the creativity in Creole cookery from its early days of the 18th century to the present.

"They do much with little—with wild game, seafood, or hot sausage (chaucric), plus a few vegetables—collards, cabbage, sweet peppers, eggplant, mustard greens, parsley, hot pepper, green onions and tops, garlic, squash, pumpkin and mirliton, a native Louisiana

squash," she said. The home demonstration office said the French-Canadian housekeeper for Louisiana's first governor was the first teacher of Creole cookery. At the governor's request, Madame Langlois conducted informal classes after late Frenchborn housewives, tried of cooking and eating corn, called on the governor to demand wheat.

**Indian Methods**  
Madame Langlois showed them how to prepare corn palatably, using Indian methods to make cornmeal, cornbread, hominy and grits. She also taught them to use file (pronounced fee-lay), the dried, powdered sassafras leaves used by Choctaws to season and thicken gumbo, or stews.

She showed them how to cook squirrel, bake fish with savory herbs, make citrus fruit vinegar, and crystallize wild fruit.

Another Creole basic, adopted from the French, is the roux, equal amounts of fat and flour blended to thicken sauces and gravies. A Creole roux usually is made with fresh drippings instead of butter, said chef Nicholas, and cooked to a chestnut brown, to thicken, color and flavor highly-seasoned sauces and gravies.

Roux is used in everything from the familiar chicken fri-

casse and shrimp jambalaya, a tomato-flavored stew, to the less well known red beans and rice.

**Red Beans and Rice**  
The red beans and rice combination is believed to be of Latin American origin. In a heavy-bottomed pot, saute three-fourth pound of ham shank with bone, or one-half pound of pickled pork or bacon, until two tablespoons of fat are rendered.

Remove meat from pan. Stir in two tablespoons flour. Cook until roux is dark brown, stirring constantly. Add three cups of water, one cup of dried red kidney beans, washed, one cup of chopped onion, four garlic cloves, chopped, and one bay leaf. Return meat to pot. Cover tightly. Simmer two hours, stirring occasionally. Salt to taste and simmer one hour more, stirring often. Serve on cooked rice. Top with meat and garnish with one-half cup of minced fresh parsley. Serves four.

Sweetened condensed milk is milk made by evaporating a mixture of whole milk and sugar. It differs from unsweetened evaporated milk in that sugar is added. The final product contains from 40 to 45 per cent sugar. It is used chiefly for desserts.

### Patterned Hose British Fad

London—An American fad which flopped here four years ago is back today at the height of fashion—stockings with patterns.

Known as "textured" in the hosiery trade, the nylon stockings come in diamond and lace patterns. They are selling as fast as they come off the production line.

But the revival is said to be due to fashion influence from the continent, and not the United States.

"The style came in from America four years ago but died away," explained Mrs. Ann Ford, marketing director for a big British hosiery company.

"Now it is with us again because of the continental influence in textured hose, which is more important than the U. S. influence."

"Britain imported a lot of Italian textured stockings and they sold so well that now they are made here."

She said the craze for the stockings stems from "the novelty and the way they draw attention to legs. They are attractive and nice for young people."

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### Officers Installed

Mrs. Floyd Skinner was installed president of Lone Pine Parent-Teacher association at a meeting last week. Officers to serve with her are Mrs. Norman Vance, vice-president; Mrs. Paul Beals, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Stevens, secretary.

Mrs. Chester Keene was installing officer for the association. She also presented Mrs. Frank Catalano, retiring president, a past president's pin.

Mrs. Herman Marrs presented the newly installed officers corsages which were book-marks with the objects of the PTA listed on them.

Pack 44, Cub Scouts, presented the flag for the opening exercises. They also had on display projects they had completed for the year.

Miss Alice Saunders directed a string instrument group in several numbers. A skit given by the fifth and sixth grade dramatics club was also presented, under the direction of Mrs. Jerry McDougal, teacher in the fifth grade.

The gymnasium wall was lined with an art display in which all of the students had participated.

Mothers of first grade students served refreshments in the cafeteria.

Table decorations were provided by Mrs. Betty Sweet's third grade.



This costume by Rose Marie Reid will create excitement in any wardrobe. The sophistication of the Bellaire print in a provocatively split shift is repeated in the matching classic short suit.

### Hotel Welcomes Very Young Guests

Montreal, Can.—One Montreal hotel considers child guests among its best publicity agents, the Canadian Food Journal reports.

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