POTPOURRI

We wish that everyone who reads this could do as we did last Saturday afternoon and Sunday—drive to Springfield and then up the McKenzie river to Blue River. Western Oregon in May—certainly this May, is just one great big flower garden and an absolutely wonderful sight.

As the two of us rolled along in the Road Runner—with the top down, of course, the lush countryside unfolded for us its changing shades of green with the bright wild flowers for contrast. It was a trip long to remember.

FB said she hoped the dogwood was out, and it was, in all its white majesty. We saw many single trees and groves of it after reaching the hills out of Grants Pass, and there is more to be seen along the McKenzie. We also saw clumps of wild iris, both the cream colored and several shades of blue, the latter being especially beautiful. There are fields of both blue and white camas, the yellow Scotch broom is not out in full but enough to make splashes of yellow. We saw one whole hillside covered in yellow daisies, and meadows were filled with buttercups making sunshine yellow puddles.

We stayed the night at Four Winds and continued Sunday morning. We were happy to travel upriver in the bright morning sunlight, for it seems that almost every garden along the highway between Springfield and McKenzie has rhododendron and azaleas in bloom. The masses of flowers in several colors were exciting to see.

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This was our annual trek to be with Grandpa Starcher on his birthday. This year he was 92. We wrote after Grandpa's 90th birthday party that he was thinking of retiring. He hasn't. When we toured the Kaufman acres along the banks of the river which Grandpa has tended for 18 years, we found everything tidy as usual and the large vegetable plot neatly prepared for planting. Since it had been so rainy in recent weeks, the man with the power tiller had not been able to work the soil, Grandpa said, so he just spaded it by hand.

Grandpa was in good spirits until we asked him what those tall stakes with blue streamers on top were doing in the lawn and garden. We heard with dismay that the state highway department had surveyed the property and had given out the word that since the road must be straightened, the new highway would extend over about half the width of the Kaufman land. We protested that it would be absolutely dreadful to do such a thing—a great waste and why couldn't the extra space be taken on the other side of the road where there is nothing but the side of a hill with natural growth on it?

Grandpa reported that after the owner, and others in the area, had protested, the matter was under advisement. It is true that the road up the McKenzie river is narrow and twisting and that many accidents—some fatal, have occurred on the s-shaped curve which the highway makes along the Kaufman property. But the narrow strip which would be left if the road should be widened in that direction would, in the opinion of most, ruin the property for use as a retreat and summer home. We learned that the first buildings had been put there as early as 1912 and continuously since that time the naturalized garden, vegetable plots, berry patches and little orchard have been the source of deep pleasure to hundreds of friends and neighbors of the various owners.

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Practical Pappy reminded his agitated wife and father that one can't have the cake and eat it too. The narrow road as it is is obviously unsafe—we heard later that day about the numerous accidents in other places. Residents want the road changed, but they don't want to see the beautiful gardens and comfortable homes destroyed.

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During a picnic given in Grandpa's honor that afternoon we saw an exciting thing—old stuff to most of the crowd but new to Potpourri. At Clover Point—that's what Grandpa calls his own small place, the garden is just about on the same level as the river and at that point there is "white" water—it boils and churns and dashes. Along came a rubber boat with four young people in it—it settled into a little hollow in the middle of all that rapid water and for a time defied the efforts of the two men—the other occupants were young women—to get it out. It just bobbed frantically up and down in the one spot. We had visions of the four being dumped overboard and learned that it often happens.

During the River days which the guides sponsor each spring Clover Point is a favorite spot and we were told that any number of participants had to be fished out by the patrol boats. River days sounds very exciting—maybe next spring we can join the crowd on the river banks.

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"Amazing" is the word which is often applied to Grandpa. At 92 in addition to being able to spade the garden, he reads widely and can discuss with authority such subjects as the Bible, horticulture and floriculture, mountain climbing (as a younger man Grandpa enjoyed a considerable reputation as a mountaineer) politics and the state of the nation.

He has lived and worked outdoors most of his life, has never used tobacco or alcoholic beverages and his minor illnesses have been few and far between. If the rest of us were as healthy as Grandpa Clarence Starcher, the insurance statistics would be far different than they are and the world would be a better place in which to live. O.S.

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Charles E. Seavey will speak for Siskiyou Knife and Fork club May 28 at a dinner to be held in the Mark Antony hotel.

Bell Official To Be Speaker

Ashland—Some of the mysteries of communications satellites including Telstar I and II, Relay and Echo, will be revaled by Charles E. Seavey, Pacific Northwest Bell public demonstration supervisor, when he addresses the Siskiyou Knife and Fork club at its final dinner meeting Tuesday evening, May 28.

Members and guests are asked to make reservations for the 7:30 p.m. dinner in the Mark Antony hotel by calling Mrs. Ella Hendrixson not later than May 25. Her telephone number is 482-2703.

Annual Tea Announced By BPWC

Ashland – High school senior girls and their mothers are to be honored at a tea Saturday, May 25, from 2-4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Jacqueline Lewis, 575 Liberty street. The annual event is given each spring by the Ashland Business and Professional Women's club.

Highlight of the afternoon will be naming of the BPW Girl-of-the-Year from the six who have been honored by term selection. To the winner goes not only the official recognition pin but a $25 U.S. government savings bond.

Eight club members attended the state convention held last week end in Portland at the Multnomah hotel. Those representing the Ashland club were President Ruth Bebber and the Mesdames Virginia Westerfield, Viola Squire, Anita Sample, Lilah Jennings, Alice Arnold, Beatrice Lindsay and Mrs. Lewis, who served as a page.

At the Saturday awards luncheon the Ashland club was given a citation of merit for its year's activities and a certificate for a 14 per cent membership increase.

Mrs. Louise Norcross of Portland was elected president for the ensuing year and among her appointments for the state are Mrs. Squire, chairman of the income protection committee, and Mrs. Louise Myers, chairman of the nominating committee.

The Ashland club will hold its installation dinner June 5 when Mrs. Westerfield will take the presidency following a dinner meeting at the Mark Antony hotel.

Proper Padding Explained by Carpet Expert

Chicago –(UPI)– The proper padding increases carpet durability and cuts noise, home furnishing experts say.

If the cushioning is porous, it's easier for the vacuum to suck up hidden dirt.

The most expensive carpet paddings, foam rubber, is the most buoyant material known to man. It is moth-proof, vermin-poor, mildew-proof and porous. It stores neither dampness nor dirt.

Sponge rubber padding, though slightly less expensive than foam rubber, doesn't have foam rubber's natural air conditioning. It isn't porous.

Felted pads are available in all price ranges. Most expensive is felted cattle hair. Hard to find, it is more durable than the felted pads of jute, whichare at the lowest jute, which are at the lowest

Jute underlays tear easily and sometimes tend to bunch up under the rug.

Under normal conditions, a 40-ounce pad will be serviceable. But it is better to get it in a waffle or tread pattern so air pockets will form between the rug and the padding, making vacuuming easier.

Foam rubber underlays can be purchased with a smooth surface because they have built-in air pockets.

A pad of one-quarter inch or slightly more will provide enough springiness if the underlay is genuine foam rubber. If the heels sink in too much, it can be dangerous — especially on stairways.

Hedrick PTA Will Meet; Exhibit Set

A Spring show of work done by Hedrick Junior High school students and installation of officers of the Hedrick Parent-Teacher association is set for Monday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m., in the school auditorium. A style show also is scheduled.

Mrs. William Seibert is to be installed president; Mrs. Elwood B. Hedberg, vice president; Mrs. Gordon Hudson, secretary, and Vernon Arnold, treasurer. Mrs. Chester Keene Jr., will be installing oficer. Mrs. Hale Greenman is the retiring president.

Entertainment will include songs by the seventh and eighth grade choruses and the ninth grade choir.

Works will include art, arts and crafts, geography, history, science and wood shop exhibits.

Homemaking class members will model clothing which they have made.

Refreshments will be served during a social hour in the cafeteria and a food sale will be conducted in the outer hall. The Future Homemakers of America also will have a refreshment booth.

Auxiliary Officers Installed

Mrs. B. B. Ramsey was installed president of the auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1833, at ceremonies held last week. Mrs. Russel Zundel was installing officer.

Mrs. Fred Lawrence took the office of senior vice president and Mrs. Lester Card, junior vice president; Mrs. Ira Canfield, treasurer; Mrs. O. O. DeBerry, secretary; Mrs. Ben Allison, chaplain; Mrs. Frank Otley, patriotic instructor; Mrs. E. G. Heim, guard; Mrs. T. R. Pittock, musician, and Mrs. Richard Shulz, conductress.

Color bearers are Mrs. Kula, Mrs. Ivan Lusk, Mrs. A. C. O'Tool and Mrs. Harold Sutherland. Trustees are Mrs. Mary Park, Mrs. Kula and Mrs. Russell Johnson.

From Shady Cove Steelhead post auxiliary were Mrs. Dale Sawyer and Mrs. Dan Krotz, who acted as conductresses, and Mrs. Harry Birch, Mrs. Phillip Holt, Mrs. Kenneth Clair and Mrs. Jody Bryan, color bearers.

Mrs. Johnson was presented a past president's pin by her mother, Mrs. Allison. Receiving membership pins were Mrs. Lillian Hugo, 30 years; Mrs. John Webber, 25 years; Mrs. Zundel, Mrs. Alice Beneka, Mrs. Althea Lilly and Mrs. Lawrence, 20 years.

Mrs. A. R. Bohannen, Mrs. A. D. Vosika and Mrs. Gertrude Edmonds, received 15-year pins; Mrs. Adel Christensen, 10 years, and Mrs. Dorris Stanton, five years.

Delegates to the annual VFW and auxiliary convention June 20 through 22 in McMinnville are Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Zundel, Mrs. Card and Mrs. Allison.

Hibachis Useful as Party Icebreakers

Parties get off to a good start when guests toast their own appetizers on hibachis. Set out food that can be grilled on skewers over wood charcoal briquets.

Good choices are shrimp, fish sticks, scallops, smoked oysters, cut up fruits and vegetables, steak strips, sausages. Everyone tries out his own combinations and passes the best ideas on for judging. The winner gets a

Perk Up White Sauce With Chipped Beef

Perk up the flavor of white sauce by adding chipped beef to it.

This sauce will accent vegetables and it can be served over opened baked potatoes for a pleasant change.

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STARTS NEXT WEDNESDAY

DAMAGED GOODS

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Protect Outdoor Grills From Rain

Now that the outdoor grills are being put to use, experts recommend a number of simple methods for protecting them against rain.

A waterproof canvas covering is one good method.

Clear plastic coverings of the pliofilm type are lightweight and easy to handle; excess rain should be shaken off.

A pre-fab utility building in the garden or patio can hold the barbecuing gear. These units are available in handsome finishes to blend with surroundings.

If outdoor cooking is in progress during a light drizzle a length of foil over the cooking surface will shed moisture and retain the cooking heat of the wood charcoal briquet fire.

Rubber gloves dry quickly when placed over standing king-size pop bottles.

Observations on AmericanScene Subject of Writer

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Woman's Editor

New York – (UPI) – Some observations on the American scene: The modern smoke signal is a sure sign the backyard barbecue is under way and the amateur chef is burning the steak to a crisp.

Gay Pauley

This land is populated thoroughly with the organization woman who copes completely with management of household, husband, children, career, the gourmet dinner or the party for 50. Only thing that throws her is how to manage the maid.

Directing a staff of 10 or 20 at the office baffles her not, but the maid bullies her. She quakes when she knows she must ask the cleaning girl why aren't the silver salt and pepper shakers polished, what about the dust under the piano, and would she please just iron a blouse?

Closets were meant for collecting and the only way to clean them is to move.

Today, there is an institute, council, association or society for everything. My favorite new addition to all these causes is the one formed to promote the appreciation and propagation of the leek.

Our neighborhood dressmaker confides that this is the season of the year when alterations of last summer's wardrobes get into full swing and the remark she hears every day is, "Well! It fitted last year.

"Why," she sighed, as she let out a seam, "aren't women honest enough to admit that it is not the dress that has shrunk? It is the waistline that has grown."

News item: Russia's Premier Khrushchev comments that the Soviets were the first to send a spaceman into cosmos, but concedes that the communists are far behind in pants production for women.

"Give us time," said Khrushchev to some of his comrades, "and we will make pants for your wives that you wouldn't be able to see anywhere."

Can't you see the headlines in Pravda now . . .

"Capris come to the Caspian."

"Toreadors in troika" to explain coordinated trousers and tops, or "Bermudas for the Bolsheviks."

I'm always delighted as I read an experts' analysis of the risk involved in teen-age marriages to notice in the same newspaper a feature on a couple observing a 60th wedding anniversary. The two eloped when they were 18.

It is the opinion of the man of our house that if hemlines on women's skirts get any shorter, we women all will be wearing kilts. He is not objecting.

Liver Rich Source Of Many Nutrients

Some kind of liver should be served at least once a week since liver is one of the richest food sources of iron and many other nutrients.

Pork liver contains more iron than veal or beef liver, meat industry spokesmen state.

cotton knit vacationers are coming ashore

3.98-6.98

corded cotton knits are dotting the shoreline

pink or yellow candy stripes with embroidered flower trim for every time of day. Tops, S-M-L; pants and skirt,

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B. Short sleeve cardigan, 6.98; slim skirt, 6.98

C. Pullover shell, 3.98; cabin boy pants, 5.98

Not shown: Short sleeve pullover, 4.98; jamaicas, 4.98

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