

### Student To Leave For Capital

ASHLAND — Seventeen-year-old Trudy Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lewis, 288 Ridge Road, is making final plans to leave the first of the year for Washington, D. C. There she will spend a month's internship seeing first-hand the workings of government.

Miss Lewis is one of two Oregon students named for the program which is sponsored by the Hearst Foundation. The other Oregon high school representative is Paul Graves, a senior at Sunset high school, Portland. Two students from each state and the District of Columbia will participate.

The Ashland high school girl was chosen in part because of her active interest in governmental affairs while attending the Student Council Conference at Eugene. She has a grade point average of 3.95, is a member of the National Honor Society, secretary of the student body, and a leader in other groups.

The student internship program was established last year by Senate resolution and the agenda is arranged by the American Political Science Foundation. Included during their internship in Washington will be conferences with senators, members of the cabinet and the administration as well as a meeting with President Johnson.

### Twirlers Club Announces Dance

A Christmas Square dance party is announced by Twirlers of Medford Square Dance Club for Saturday, December 21 from 8:30 p. m. to 12 midnight in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ray, Route 1, Box 271, Old Stage Road, Central Point. Guest caller will be Ward Cummings, Winston, a well-known Oregon square dancer. Potluck fingerfood will be served. All interested square dancers are invited.

### Fifty Plus Club Sets Election

Medford Fifty Plus Club officers for 1964 will be elected at the club meeting Friday, December 20 at 12:30 p. m. in St. Mark's Episcopal Church Guild Hall, Fifth Street and North Oakdale Avenue.

A Christmas party is planned and all interested senior citizens are invited. Women are to take gifts marked for women and men should take gifts for men. Birthday cakes will be served. Cards and dancing will be on the program until 4 p. m.

### Family Visits; To Leave for Johannesburg

Dr. and Mrs. Hans Florin and son, Marc, are guests of Mrs. Florin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilder, 712 Alder Street. Mrs. Florin is the former Miss Dorothy Wilder.

The five plan to leave Medford December 20 for Sacramento, Calif., to spend the Christmas holidays. They will be guests of Mrs. Wilder's sisters, Mrs. Belle Danforth and Mrs. H. M. Sturges, and Mr. Sturges, who are known in Medford from frequent visits.

Dr. Florin will leave January 1 for Geneva, Switzerland, visiting his mother in Germany en route. From Geneva he will leave for Johannesburg, South Africa for a two-year study of the Lutheran Churches of that country. Formerly Dr. Florin was an assistant director of Lathern World Missions.

Mrs. Florin and son will remain in Sacramento until February 1, when they will depart for Johannesburg. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder also will remain there until that time, then continue to Southern California. There they will visit Mr. and Mrs. James Fowler, who live near Los Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Calack, Escandido, Calif., all former Medford residents.

The Wilders also plan to spend some time at Palm Springs and will visit in Bakersfield. They expect to be home about April 1.

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One way of marking the 12 days of Christmas is to add a party dish to each dinner. Pictured above are Mushrooms Flambéed in Rum, and Pepper Steak Au Rhum which should fit into the plan. Included also is a recipe for Banana Rum Pie. The mushroom flambe can be served with steak, or as a holiday midnight snack.

### Party Dishes Help Mark Twelve Days of Christmas

Through the ages, each of the 12 days of Christmas was marked by some special celebration or gift, and even today, when our gift-giving is done all at once, the festive spirit remains with us for the whole holiday season.

One of the best ways to maintain the special feeling is to add at least one party dish to each dinner, quite a challenge for the creative meal-planner.

We've found three recipes developed by Myers Rum fit into this plan just perfectly. Two of them, Mushrooms Flambéed in Rum, and Pepper Steak au Rhum, show stopping eye appeal, along with their distinctive taste. Served flaming, the mushrooms are marvelous with steak, or as a fabulous holiday midnight snack. The delectably flavored pepper steak is tipped with a special sauce which can be prepared on an electric skillet, right at the table, so that your guests watch the exotic flames soar high when the rum and sizzling butter meet.

For a truly holiday dessert, Banana Rum Pie can't be beaten. And it's ready in a jiffy, too, since it's made with instant pudding that's poured into a pre-baked shell you can prepare ahead of time.

**MUSHROOMS FLAMBÉED IN RUM**  
One pound mushrooms; six tablespoons butter; one-half teaspoon salt; one teaspoon paprika; two-thirds tablespoon rum; one-half cup heavy cream.

Peel and slice mushrooms (this can be done ahead). Shortly before serving, melt butter in heavy skillet or in chafing dish. Add mushrooms, sprinkle with salt and paprika.

Saute until mushrooms are lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Turn off heat. Immediately add rum to hot pan, set aflame. Spoon up to keep flame burning as long as possible. When flame has burned out, slowly stir in heavy cream. Serve with steak or on toast.

**BANANA RUM PIE**  
One package banana flavored instant pudding; 10 to 20 drops rum; one pre-baked nine-inch pie shell; whipped cream.

Make banana flavored instant pudding according to directions, sprinkling in 10 to 20 drops of rum from the dasher bottle while beating. Pour pudding mix into pre-baked nine-inch pie shell. Let set as directed on package. Top with whipped cream sprinkled with rum. Garnish with fresh banana slices.

**PEPPER STEAK AU RHUM**  
Three-pound steak, top round cut, two inches thick; one-half tablespoon coarsely cracked black pepper; one teaspoon salt; two tablespoons butter; one-half cup rum; one tablespoon Worcestershire sauce; two tablespoons water.

One hour before cooking, press coarsely cracked black pepper into both sides of the steak. To broil, heat a large skillet, sprinkle into it salt, then place steak in hot skillet and quickly sear both sides. Add butter to skillet, lower heat and cook eight minutes on each side for rare steak. Remove steak to hot platter.

Pour rum into skillet, set aflame (flame will blaze high because of butter). Rotate skillet until fire burns out. Add Worcestershire sauce and water to skillet, boil up a few seconds, then pour sauce over steak.

**CEREMONIES HELD IN YREKA**  
YREKA — Initiation ceremonies were conducted by Yreka Business and Professional Women's Club women when they met recently in the Colony House for their annual Christmas dinner party.

Mrs. Dorothy Kitto presided. The five new members are Miss Rhoda Anderson, Miss Hilda Johnson, Miss Margery Maginnis, Miss Effie Richards and Miss Lucille Townley. Mrs. Peter Schlieter conducted the ceremony assisted by Mrs. Betty Dow.

Mrs. Rachel Cordes was chairman and distributed exchange gifts.

Mrs. Bonnie Fultz of the dining inn furnished organ music and Mrs. Gerry Dittner, a guest, led the group in carols.

A silver tree trimmed in pink and silver, greenery and cones decorated the room and table places were marked with favors in the Christmas motif.

The next meeting will be held January 14 in the meeting room of Pacific Power and Light Company.

**Program on Alaska Presented for Unit**  
WILDERVILLE — Wilderville Home Economics Unit had a program on Alaska at the last meeting, held at the home of Mrs. James Lind's. Fish Hatchery Road.

Mrs. Richard R. Boyd, whose husband had been stationed in Alaska for a time, spoke about the state. She told of the Indians and Eskimos and of an entire mountain of jade located in Alaska.

Mrs. James Bassett, Wander, and Mrs. Richard Dollarhide gave an Associated Country Women of the World program on Hawaii. Hawaiian food was featured in the luncheon menu.

Following the program the women prepared packages for the Veterans' Administration Domiciliary at White City.

### History of Christmas Decorations on Program

Mrs. Frances A. Willett, teacher at Crater High School, presented a brief history on "Christmas Greens and Flowers" at the recent meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma, Epsilon Chapter. Mrs. Willett stated that the custom of decorating homes on festive days is worldwide. It is neither pagan nor Christian in itself but rather a natural expression of joy mingled with solemnity and has been practiced in all parts of the world for thousands of years, she explained.

The plants used traditionally as Christmas decorations were mostly evergreens first, because they were the only ones available in the winter season; secondly, because from ancient times, the evergreens have been symbols of eternal life.

Among Christmas greens, the mistletoe has perhaps the greatest number of colorful legends. One opinion is that the word, mistletoe, comes from the misel thrush, a messenger of the gods, who brought the plant to earth. Another explanation of the name mistletoe is that it comes from misteltan, meaning a different twig. Its Latin name Phoradendron means tree-knief.

**Was Sacred**  
To the pagan druids of ancient Britain, the mistletoe was a sacred plant and valued it for its healing qualities. In France and Sweden, the people also believed that mistletoe had miraculous healing qualities. The use of mistletoe has an interesting history, the speaker related. Many meanings and customs have survived: the kiss under the mistletoe; the token of good will and friendship; the omen of happiness and good luck; and the new religious significance: "The mistletoe bough at our Christmas board . . . Shall hand, to the honor of Christ the Lord: For He is the evergreen of Life."

Medieval superstition in England endowed holly with special powers against witchcraft. Holly is the symbol of Christmas joy and merriment and is used extensively during the holiday season.

The poinsettia, which is a native plant of Central America, is used throughout the United States and Mexico. The Mexicans call the poinsettia "flower of the Holy Night," and have a legend which explains its origin. Mrs. Willett explained.

The exclamation was called "Cock of the Mountains" by the Arabs. The exclamation grew abundantly in the Holy Land where it was dedicated to Mary because of its "red throat" at the heart of the flower, which looked like a drop of blood, it symbolized the sword of sorrow that pierced Mary's heart, the speaker pointed out.

**Ivy Banished**  
In pagan Rome, the ivy was the badge of the wine-god Bacchus and displayed as a symbol of unrestrained drinking and feasting. For this reason ivy

### Cart Theft Problem For Stores

By KENNETH CARR  
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HOUSTON (UPI) — Supermarket managers in Houston automatically cringe when they see a housewife push a cart of groceries out the front door. Some of the carts will go home with the groceries.

The theft of grocery carts has become almost a fad in this city. The carts, which cost from \$25 to \$50, often end up as barbecue grills, laundry carts or baby buggies.

Suburban stores regularly "lose" as many as 30 carts a week. Most of them are returned by the shopper or found abandoned by store employees.

T. M. Maass, manager of an A&P supermarket on the west side, sands a truck out daily to eight nearby apartment complexes and rounds up most of the stray carts. Last year, the truck crew found three carts in a swimming pool, another in a moving van and seven at a washateria.

**Only Half Returned**  
Charles Rovello, manager of a Weingarten store, doesn't really mind if a housewife takes a cart home—as long as she returns it.

"We want to help people get their groceries home," said Rovello, "and we are happy to let them take the carts if they bring them back."

But, he added, fewer than half the shoppers who "borrow" the carts return them. Most are found abandoned.

The real loss comes from carts that are converted to barbecue pits or even portable chicken coops.

"Kids are the main problems," said another store manager, Richard Newton. "They tear them up for all kinds of purposes. One kid put the wheels on a soap box racer."

Houston markets are trying to stop the wandering carts by offering a cheaper cart that the shopper may take home legally. The managers prefer this solution to another—a magnetic border around parking lots that locks the wheels of carts being pushed off the property.

### Wedding Set For Saturday

Several weddings are planned for this weekend, and among these will be the marriage of Miss Glyndon Ruth Hunter to Robert Edward McDowell. The rites are set for Saturday, December 21, at 4 o'clock in First Presbyterian Church.

Miss Hunter is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hunter, 1969 Crestbrook Road. The bride-elect is a social worker with the Oregon State Welfare Department and has been making her home in Portland. She arrived in Medford earlier this week.

Mr. McDowell, a son of the Rev. and Mrs. James McDowell, Pt. Angeles, Wash., is a student at Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore., where he is majoring in literature.

Miss Hunter has been honored at parties given by friends in Portland.

### Yreka Women Decorate Trees At Hospital

YREKA — Members of the Yreka Garden Club evening section, decorated four Christmas trees in the Siskiyou County General Hospital preceding its recent Christmas meeting in the home of Mrs. Ernest Johnson.

Wall decorations were also hung. Following the decorating, the group met for their annual Christmas party. For the occasion, the Johnson home was decorated with a Christmas tree and holiday arrangements. Outdoor decorations, included a Nativity scene, lighted tree and a large exterior Christmas card.

Slides on Christmas arrangements taken at a recent demonstration in Central Point, Ore., and on local flower arrangements were shown by Mrs. Johnson. A guest was Mrs. Larry Flora.

### Findley-Leek Rites Saturday

Miss Patricia Leek, whose marriage to Dwight Holmes Findley is set for Saturday, December 21, arrived in Medford last night from Beaverton, Ore. The wedding is to take place at two o'clock in the afternoon at First Methodist Church, and the reception to follow will be at Mon Desir Dining Inn.

Miss Leek, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aulton Leek, 1530 West Main Street, is an elementary teacher at the Cedar Hill School, near Beaverton. Her fiancé, a son of Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Findley, 737 Stevens Street, Medford, is with Dean and Vincent, Portland.

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