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Hills Enjoying European Trip; Have Interesting Visit With Belgian Family

Recent correspondence from the "touring Hills" has arrived from Lucerne Switzerland; Stresa, Italy; and Amsterdam, Holland. They had also covered Germany quite thoroughly, and stopped in Belgium.

Of especial interest was a visit in the latter country with a Belgian family with whom their son, Bob Hill, Jr., had stayed when he was overseas with the Army during the war. Mrs. Hill stated they had no trouble finding the family and they were very hospitable and seemed very pleased that they had called. Their home and its furnishings were most interesting, and the visit was pleasant.

Venice, Italy, was described as very beautiful after dark, but after seeing the filth dumped into the water of the canals in the daytime, it somewhat detracted from the glamor! It was quite a surprise to find so much water there. They knew there were canals for streets, but didn't realize that all the streets were canals. Just outside the city there is a huge garage that will store 5000 cars. There are sidewalks along the canals, but no place for cars, and bicycles are not even allowed.

The beauty of Switzerland was described as very awe-inspiring, and quite a radical change from France and Italy. It reminded the travelers of home a bit, with its mountains, lakes, and rushing rivers. The Swiss people were especially friendly, with a distinct spirit of friendliness, while in the two former countries tension could be felt at times. Where formerly, they didn't dare eat lettuce, strawberries, or drink milk, now they could relax and eat what they chose.

Interlaken had beautiful formal gardens, and gorgeous landscaping, with snow-covered mountain peaks in the background. Going to Lucerne, by way of Englewood, they enjoyed a trip by cable car almost straight up the mountainside, and then farther still by air lift to an elevation of 6,000 feet, up into the snow of the Alps. Their hotel in Lucerne overlooked the lake, which was covered with pretty little boats, motor launches and even swans.

The letter from Amsterdam, Holland, told of having been in a different place each night for about the last five nights, there not being as many leisure days as they had anticipated, but they were getting along fine without them. The bargain-hunting

women usually take advantage of it when they have an "afternoon off."

Description of the trip through Germany mentioned the many beautiful gardens and neat wood piles "just like the Plambecks at home." The Black Forest was of unusual interest. German women were seen on their hands and knees working in the gardens and fields the entire day. Buildings were mostly house and barn combinations under one roof. They saw many results of the bombings, and in Frankfurt and Cologne were signs of destruction.

A steamer trip on the Rhine included lunch aboard the boat. Hillsides from the river were mostly terraced vineyards, and occasionally an ancient castle could be seen. The river was crowded with boats, mostly large barges transporting freight. There was a railroad on each bank, and trains running every few minutes.

Hills Enjoy Visit With Grandson While in Naples

In a letter received this week from Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hill, who are making a two-months' tour of Europe, Mrs. Hill remarked that they had been away just a month, as the letter was dated May 12, and was from Venice, Italy, it taking five days to arrive by air mail. The last letter had been from Rome, and told of the many sights to see there.

Cities visited so far on the tour included Paris and Nice, France; Rome, Naples, Perugia, Florence in Italy, in which country they will also stop at Milan and Stresa. The letters from home have been received quite regularly.

While driving to their hotel in Naples, the Hills learned that the U. S. Carrier, Randolph, aboard which their grandson, Radmaran 2C Richard Haseman of Idanah is stationed, was at anchor in the harbor. Mr. Hill hunted up some American sailors and sent a note to Dick, arranging for him and a young sailor friend to meet them at their hotel the following evening for dinner, which they did. Young Haseman will complete his term in the Navy in September, and will bring his wife and young son home with him from Wilmington, Delaware.

A side trip from Naples to Pompeii revealed five square miles of ruins still in existence. Near Naples they visited the famous cameo factory, an art that exists no where else in the world, and drove through Salerno and were shown the beach where American troops landed.

A steamer took them to the Isle of Capri for a day, and upon reaching the island they transferred to a launch and taken to the Blue Grotto, the entrance to which was so small they had to lie down in a rowboat to get through. A barefooted boatman handled the boat, singing "O Solo Mio" all the while.

The Isle of Capri was described as "very unglamorous—just a small rocky island, narrow streets, and the shops full of trinkets for tourists—lots of horse and donkey-drawn carts."

Garden Club Elects Mrs. Ike Myers as President

The regular meeting of the Garden club was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. C. M. Cline, with Mrs. E. K. Fish and Mrs. Ike Myers sharing hostess honors. President Clara Morris presided over the session for the last time, as she is one of the outgoing officers.

Chief business of the meeting was the election of new officers for next year. Elected were the following: Mrs. Ike Myers, president; Mrs. Adolph Brunner, vice president; Mrs. Wendell, reelected secretary and Mrs. W. H. Davis, treasurer.

Discussion was held concerning the sending of a delegate to the combined district and state convention to be held in Ashland from June 6 through 10. Mrs. Ike Myers, the new president, will go as delegate.

At the close of the business meeting, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Fish and Mrs. Myers.

Dolores Pool Vice President Of Sophomores at OCE

The Oregon College of Education chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, national professional honorary for teachers announced the slate of new officers for the year 1954-55.

Don McKenzie, sophomore from Salem has been elected president with Dolores Pool, sophomore from Mill City as vice-president.

Pat Todd, sophomore from Salem is the new secretary, and Betty Beigh, junior from Portland was elected Treasurer-Historian.

Mrs. O. K. DeWitt Given Woman's Club Gavel

The Mill City Women's Club held their final meeting of the club year in the form of a picnic at the home of Miss Daisy Geddes Tuesday afternoon.

The gavel was turned over to Mrs. O. K. DeWitt, incoming president, by Mrs. John Muir, retiring president. Because of cold weather, lunch was served inside before the fireplace at small tables decorated by Miss Geddes with arrangements of spring flowers.

Julia Bassett To Head Lions Club Auxiliary

At a meeting of the Lions club auxiliary held last Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Don Moffatt, Mrs. Lee Bassett was elected by the group to serve as president for the coming year.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Bob Veness, vice president; Mrs. Homer Thacker, secretary; Mrs. Don Moffatt, treasurer and Mrs. Buzz Fleetwood, historian. These officers will be installed along with the Lions club officers at joint installation ceremonies to be held at Whitie's Santiam Cafe next Monday night.

Following the meeting lunch was served by the hostess.

Local Folks Attend Rainbow Installation in Salem Tues.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shuey, accompanied by Rosalie Bassett, attended the installation of officers of Chadwick Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, in Salem last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Shuey, who is mother advisor for Rainbow here, states that she has been notified through the Supreme Inspector, Verna Grey, of Seaside, that Marilyn Assembly will have two girls acting as grand installing officers for the institution of Cherry Assembly of Salem at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 6.

Girls chosen for this honor of assisting in the institution of a new assembly are Judy Haseman, who will take the place of the worthy grand advisor as installing officer, and Geraldine Hamblin, a past worthy advisor, who will act as Grand Marshal.

Marie Stewart Honored at Surprise Party Last Week

A birthday surprise party was given for Marie Stewart at the home of Lettie Swan Tuesday evening of last week, with Mabel Veteto, Mable Yankus and Dean Jackson assisting the hostess.

Several games and the opening of gifts served as entertainment for the evening. Refreshments were served by the hostess later in the evening.

Attending the surprise party besides the honor guest, Marie Stewart, were Ruby Brisbin, Eva Duffy, Jennie Smith, Ada Dart, Mattie Root, Ruth Hess, Ada Plymale, Dorothy Vail, Sunny Chance, Blanche Syverson, Anna Crook, Alma Thomas, Mel Robinson, Wilma Ragsdale, and the hostesses, Lettie Swan, Mable Veteto and Dean Jackson.

Many Attend Social Held For Gates Teachers

GATES—A farewell dinner, sponsored by the Gates Parent-Teacher Association, honoring teachers of the local schools who have resigned and will not be in Gates next year was held in the recreation rooms of the high school Thursday evening, May 27. About 100 members of the community attended. Following the no-host dinner at 6:30 a short program was presented, which included guitar numbers by Phyllis Pate and Douglas Hirt; a piano solo by Donalee Oliver and vocal solos by Mrs. Dan Morrison, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Margaret Clise.

The honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Don Miley, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parker, Mrs. Leta Dibblee, Darrell Crossler and Miss Mary Page, who was ill and unable to attend. The teachers were introduced an each responded with short talks. A social hour completed the evening's entertainment.

Spending the holiday weekend at the Carl Kelly home here was Mrs. Kelly's grandmother, Mrs. W. W. Mason, and her grandchildren, Martin and Catherine Mason, all of Harrisburg.

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