



IRELAND WAS REPRESENTED at the table arranged by Mrs. Maurice O'Keefe, and she is shown pouring for Diane West, who is holding an Irish Belleek cup and saucer. Next to Diane is her cousin, Sara West; and to the right, Mrs. O'Keefe's daughter, Breda. There were beautiful displays of Irish Belleek in pink and green at that table and, of course, shamrocks. All around the room were china displays from all over the world.

International folk dances were highlights of the program: an Irish waltz-clog in costume by Breda O'Keefe, Sara West and Diane West. A hula by Lynette Lyon; and a style show by the Wa-Han-Ka group showing styles from other countries under the direction of leader, Mrs. John Degnan; and singing by the O-Ta-Ku-Ye group, accompanied by Nancy Dewey, Mrs. West and Mrs. Degnan, leaders of the sponsoring groups were both in beautiful Oriental costumes.



"LET'S BE DIFFERENT TOGETHER" — is the national 1954 project for Camp Fire Girls — and all over the country in observance of Camp Fire Girls 44th birthday, various methods of celebrating were staged. In Merrill, the "let's be different" project was interpreted at a silver tea where three tables represented Hawaiian, Chinese and Irish nationalities. The national aim of the study of various peoples and their differences and similarities is to create tolerance for, and appreciation of, differences in natives of other countries, rather than a provincial attitude of superiority. Mrs. Dale West was general chairman of the tea which was given to raise money for the overseas babies milk fund.

She was assisted by other Merrill Camp Fire leaders. The beautiful camellias used in the decorations were arranged for by Mrs. West, and were flown in from the Bay Area for the occasion.

In the Chinese picture, Mrs. Sam Wong (whose actual name in Chinese is Sui Chin) is in the center, holding a beautiful Chinese tea pot. She used a Camellia tree as the focal point on her Chinese table. From the left, Camp Fire Girls, Kathleen Degnan, Darylene Storey, Phyllis Daniels, Janice Lisk, Alice Abbott and Jean Black. —Photos by Kettler



THE HAWAIIAN TABLE . . . was decorated by Mrs. George Chin; and she used wood roses and bamboo for her interesting arrangement. She is shown in island costume, far right. From the left, Mrs. Paschall Hodges with daughter, Janice, and holding the tray is Margaret Qualls.

WORLD FAMOUS CHERRY FETE OF NATIONAL SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE 500,000 Expected to Throng Capital

Washington's world famous Cherry Blossom Festival will begin officially at 3 p.m. March 30 and will continue through April 4. Frank Weakly, chairman of the committee supervising the mammoth affair, has announced. In addition to the traditional pageant at the Tidal Basin there will be a brilliant fashion show with Mrs. Richard Nixon, wife of the vice president, serving as honorary chairman, an illuminated nighttime parade along K Street with colorful marching units and bands and a presentation of "The Mikado" by the Air Force Band, supplemented by the Singing Sergeants and the George Washington University Choral Groups. The festival will reach its climax with the crowning of the Cherry Blossom Queen at Saturday's performance of the Festival Pageant at the Jefferson Memorial at 2 p.m., April 3. In special ceremonies on Tuesday afternoon, March 30, the Japanese ambassador will present a giant granite lantern, standing seven feet high and weighing 20 tons, which has been taken from a Japanese temple to the government of the United States as a symbol of the friendship of the Japanese people. Significantly, when the huge lantern is lit in these ceremonies, it will precede by one day the 100th anniversary of the first treaty between the United States and Japan on March 31, 1894, signed by Commodore Matthew C. Perry. The lantern will be placed between the two original cherry trees planted by the Japanese ambassador in 1912 during the administration of President William Howard Taft. Fifty-three princesses representing all the states and territories will play leading roles in Cherry Blossom events. The princesses are selected by member organizations of the Conference of State Societies and Associated State Societies. Miss Helen Piske Smith, "Miss Washington" in last year's "Miss America" contest will serve as hostess to the princesses. Each princess will have a junior officer of the armed forces for

her escort during the festival ceremonies.

One of their number will become the 1954 Cherry Blossom Queen when a "Distinguished national personage" will spin a giant wheel of fortune in which the names of all the states and territories have been placed. Mr. Weakly said, from which the selection will be made. Clarence A. Arata, executive director of the Greater National Capital Committee, which sponsors the Cherry Blossom fete each year, said he anticipates an influx of over 500,000 visitors. Some 250,000 spectators are expected to witness the nighttime illuminated parade along K Street. Seats may be purchased for seating along the south side of K Street.

Bands and marching units from as far south as Miami, Florida and as far north as Maine have already been entered and more are being added, it was announced. Floats will be sponsored by the various states, commercial firms and trade associations. Trophies will be awarded to the best floats, two categories: official state society entrants and non-state society entries. At the conclusion of the parade the floats will be placed on exhibition throughout the festival on the Ellipse just south of the White House. This year's Festival will be highlighted by a brilliant fashion show luncheon at the Hotel Mayflower on Wednesday, March 31, where Mrs. Richard Nixon, wife of the vice president of the United States, will serve as honorary chairman. That same night the Conference of State Societies will hold a gala reception for the princesses at the National Arena at 16th Street and Kalorama Road starting at 8 p.m. which will be open to the general public. Lavish entertainment and dancing will continue until 1 a.m. On Friday, April 2 the traditional Cherry Blossom Ball will be held at the Statler Hotel. This is an invitation affair. The outdoor pageant will be presented on Saturday and Sunday at the Tidal Basin. 15,000 free seats will be available to the public for this spectacle. Washington hotels are already in the midst of handling the huge throngs expected and are preparing to extend a warm welcome to the visitors who will flock into the nation's capital. Airlines, railroads and bus lines are completing arrangements to augment services and schedules for this annual event. Visitors can obtain assistance in arranging accommodations from the Greater National Capital Committee's Transient Housing Service by telephoning REpublic 7-2500 or

ORIONS CLUB

A St. Patrick's Day motif was featured at the regular meeting of the Orions Club, Tuesday, March 9, at the Methodist Church. The room was cleverly decorated with gay balloons streaming from huge Irish pipes made from white crepe paper and flanked with green bows. Refreshments were served from an attractive table centered with decorations in keeping with the St. Patrick's Day theme.

The entertaining program included a group of American and International folk dancers: Mrs. William Maybew, Mr. and Mrs. James Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kerr and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bradshaw.

Hostesses for the evening were: Mrs. Carl Fernigott, Mrs. Neil McEachern, Mrs. Harold Addington, and Mrs. Jack Paddock. Other members present were: Mrs. Helen Murphy, Mrs. Preston Card, Mrs. Charles Larson, Mrs. Marion Lehman, Mrs. Fred Blich, Mrs. Roland Cofer, Mrs. Robert Fryer, Mrs. Robert Harbrige, Mrs. James Brady, Mrs. Glo Walters, Mrs. Charles Cummings, Mrs. Clea Paddock, Mrs. Joe Wachter, Mrs. Allen Gilman, Mrs. Charles York, Mrs. Richard Teeter and Mrs. Myron Murray.



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THEIR PRIDE—and JOY—an 8 1/2 BOY!! First grandchild for the Warren C. Bennets, 1142 Crescent Ave.—and the senior Charles E. McLaughlin, Sacramento—Michael Bennet McLaughlin (but he's called Mike already) was born on the 8th in SF — and maternal g-mother didn't report the event in time for last week—in fact she wasn't back in this vicinity in time—Mention should be made of his parents—the Chas E. Mc's Jr.—1804 16th Ave in SF —and that his mother Nancy is former member of the H&N news staff!—We also predict that the young man will see considerable travel to KF with stops at Sacramento—since his g-p's are located so strategically.

A HOUSEFUL—of men at the Kit Johnson Sr home on Lakeshore Drive during spring vacation—son Kit brought three houseguests from Lewis and Clark—Stanley Martinson, Donald Hogue and David Porter—all are affiliated with the same fraternity—Delta Tau Rho—David full-fledged in the others just pledged—They took the pressure off the household for a couple of days when they went on a camping trip to the Lava Beds—informal dinners and get-togethers will fill the remainder of the vacation calendar.

IMPORTANT DATE—in April—is the Angus show and sale scheduled for the 4th and 5th here — headquarters at the Winema—banquet at the Willard—brunch at . . . and the show and sale at the Fairgrounds—Lucille (Mrs. Dale) West will chairmen the -cial

events and Alvin Cheyne general chairman of the two day meet which brings a number of top cattle - breeders to town — the sale has become a major event with national interest increasing each year.

EVERYBODY'S happy— Friends are happy to see her (Mary Bellotti Martin) back —and she's happy to BE back at Houston Beauty Salon —after taking time off for major production — "Claire - Joanne" — young dir now three months old — and a completely fascinatin' femme to 3 1/2 year old brother George.

"PORSCHE" SOUNDS "PLUSH" —especially if it's red —AND a convertible! and a wonderful way to spend Washington's or anyone's birthday — is to just step into your new Porsche (German made) as the Zed Barnes family did when they went to Baden Baden for the American holiday — the major's wife Arlene writes that B-B is much plusher than Monte Carlo — which they find very unexpected in Germany—Spring is springing over there erasing memories of the not-to-pleasant winter months — Wurzburg is headquarters at present — and to wind up at the beginning — we are making a memo "to find out what a red Porsche convertible IS like!"

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