

## Boy Meets Girl - In Unusual Fashion

**By RUTH KING**  
Some interesting stories turn up at a reporter's desk in the course of a day's work. Some are almost in the realm of the fantastic and this is one of them.

It concerns Alfeo Minato, now of Grants Pass, but who was raised and schooled in Chilochula, the son of pioneer Klamath County parents, the late Anselmo Minato and Mrs. Minato.

The younger Minato is now en route to a foreign land, on business. He was born abroad, in Italy, but he is an American citizen. He has returned to various countries from America on both business and pleasure.

This trip takes him to Punjab Province, in the northern part of India on an economic feasibility survey for Forestal International Inc., a consulting forestry and forest engineering firm with headquarters in Vancouver, B.C. He will accompany the president of the firm. Minato is an engineer.

The firm, which also has a Portland office, was hired to make the survey to determine the practicality of proposed pulp, mill sites north of Delhi and to determine the most economic method of extracting raw materials for the mills from spruce timber. The trees are located in the foothills of the Himalayas at an elevation from 7,000 to 12,000 feet.

The survey will require two months. During that time, Mrs. Minato and the couple's two young children will remain at home in Grants Pass.

It was at this point in the interview that Minato, a former U.S. Air Force gunner, told the story of finding his future wife.

In World War II his air squadron, based in Southern Italy, was assigned a bombing mission to Innsbruck, Austria, with the railway station and the rail lines as targets. It was on a spring day in 1945.

The bombs were dropped. The

mission was completed. The U.S. planes flew back to base. Ten years later, in 1955, Alfeo Minato was again in Italy as a tourist, this time in Florence. He stood on a street corner, not sure of direction to a spot he planned to visit.

A pretty girl came by a nd Minato, who spoke both Italian and English, asked for help. The pretty girl named Marcella, assisted the young Italian-American to his destination. Alfeo Minato had planned to stay only six weeks in that country but remained for more than four months and married the pretty

girl of the street corner in Florence. During their courtship they exchanged "life histories" and found that on the day the Americans, based in Innsbruck in Austria, Marcella, then a girl whose home was there, fled to the hills and hid among the rocks when the noise of the American bombers was heard beyond the horizon.

Marcella waited in the United States for her husband to return from the Korean War where he also served with the U.S. Air Force.

He is a graduate of Oregon State University in forest engineering, is active in numerous civic activities in Grants Pass, and is junior past district governor of the Dale Carnegie Alumni Association, a district that embraces Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and British Columbia.

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**FIRST TICKET** — Mayor Robert Veatch (left) buys one of the first tickets to the annual Policeman's Ball from Chief of Police Charles Howard. The annual event will be held Nov. 27 at the National Guard Armory on Shasta Way. Proceeds from the affair go to the Police Beneficiary Association, which aids in the welfare of policemen and their families. Tickets are available from any policeman.

## Community Calendar

- THURSDAY**  
FERGUSON SCHOOL, Parents and Patrons, 7:45 p.m., meeting, musical program, school.
- FIRDAY**  
YMCA FAMILY NIGHT, 6:30 p.m., potluck, recreation, YMCA, Halloween theme.
- RUMMAGE SALE, Chapter CP, PEO, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1116 Main Street.
- STATE MEETING, Juvenile Advisory Councils, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., banquet, Winema Hotel. Public invited.
- SHASTA - HOMEDALE EXT. U.N.I.T., 10:30 a.m., potluck, Joan's Kitchen, color in home lesson.
- SHASTA PTA, 6 p.m., annual spaghetti dinner, school. Public invited.
- SATURDAY**  
WOMEN OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2 to 5 p.m., benefit tea, Mrs. William L. Whytal, 2126 Lakeshore Dr. Public invited.
- MIDLAND JUVENILE GRANGE, 2 p.m., meeting, Grange Hall.

**RETIRED TEACHERS,** 1 p.m., potluck, home of Mrs. Minnie Mallory, Chilochula.

**STATE MEETING,** Juvenile Advisory Councils, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., luncheon, Winema Hotel. Public invited.

**MERRY MIXERS,** 8 p.m., square dance, party night, Pelican City Hall. Bring potluck.

**AAUW,** 2 p.m., meeting, Klamath Art Gallery. Speakers, Lyle Matoush, ohn Giboney. Art exhibit, Jean Davis.

**SUNDAY**  
ART EXHIBIT, 2 to 5 p.m., works of Jeanene Villair Davis, Grants Pass, Klamath Art Gallery, Link River Bridge.

## Club Plans Youth Week

The Klamath Falls Optimist Club will sponsor a Youth Appreciation Week program Nov. 11-17. The program, it was announced, is designed to "give deserving youth a pat on the back." The program was originated seven years ago and is presented each year by 2,100 Optimist States and Canada.

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