LET'S BE SOCIABLE

Annual Harvest Service Held

The annual Harvest Home service at the Evangelical church was held last Sunday with decorations in the auditorium being an outstanding display of farm produce grown in his vicinity. Interesteing items among those displayed were a large pumpkin grown by Mrs. B. W. Borton, a squash by Ernest East and a 13-foot cornstalk by G. C. Kirkbride. The service this year was held earlier than usual, the time in previous years being the Sunday before Thanksgiving, a time when frost usually has destroyed much of the produce.

Mrs. Grace Laramore was in charge of arranging the decorations.

A dinner was served in the church social hall to about 40 people after the service.

Mrs. Lane Welcomed To Advisor Post

Mrs. Frank Lane, newly named Mother Advisor for the Rainbow Girls, was honored for that position Monday evening when members of the order staged the welcome degree. Another feature of the evening was the initiatory degree for Miss Arline Kirk who became a member of the Rainbow Girls.

Refreshments were served afterwards.

Tea for Mothers, Wednesday Feature

Mothers of high school girls were the honor guests at a tea held yesterday afternoon at the high school. Arrangements were made by the Girls' League and included a program which featured the girls' sextet, accordian numbers by Richard Lalli and a reading by Shirley Ray.

Mrs. Backer Honored At Shower Tuesday

Mrs. Allen Backer was honored at a shower Tuesday afternoon given by the women of the Evangelical church at the home of Mrs. Judd Greenman. The pink and blue wrapped gifts were presented the honored guest in a beautifully decorated bassinette. About 50 ladies were in attendance and refreshments were served at 4 o'clock.

Halloween Party Planned Oct. 31

The American Legion Auxiliary is planning a Halloween party for the evening of October 31 at the hall, admission to the event to be either a gift or a contribution which will go to the hospital and child welfare gift shops. These gifts are placed at the disposal of the boys in the hospitals who have no other chance to select gifts to send to their families.

The public is cordially invited and entertainment for all is assured.

Still in The Ring

Rona Morris Workman
Vernonia, Ore.

I had quite a shock the other day. A charming woman whom I had met for the first time asked abruptly, "Are you the one who writes those articles for our paper?" In some trepidation I confessed to the crime. "Why," she exclaimed, her eyes wide wih surprise, "I thought a YOUNG woman wrote them". Talk about a wallop below the belt. That one had me hanging on the ropes. Her stress on the word 'young' and her amazed look at my mop of grey hair gave me the feeling that I was in the last stages of senile decay and life could hold nothing from now on but a bowl of weak gruel and a cushioned wheel-chair.

Perhaps I have been too busy and too interested in living to realize that possibly I really wasn't young. Of course, when some well-meaning, but misguided friend has sent me a birthday card I have thought, "Dear me, 'time's awastin' and there are still so many interesting things to learn and do", but it didn't bother me for long. And also, not being entirely blind, I have gathered from the reflection in my mirror that the vehicle I travel around in isn't exactly a recent model. These two years on the ranch have slimmed down the body until it is quite up-to-date in its stream-lined aspect, but it sure needs a new paint job and to have a few dents and wrinkles removed. However, it's still a pretty good car. Maybe the starter doesn't work so well--probably the battery is down a bit--and it isn't so quick on the pickup as it used to be and the valves need to be reground and there are a few rattles and squeaks, but it still gets me places. Some of these days I'll climb out of it, let'em haul it off to the junk yard, and I'll go to the SALESMAN and ask HIM for a new vehicle--a sixteen cylinder, perhaps, with all the latest improvements and plenty of power so I can take the hills of my next life in high and not have to bother about shifting gears.

I asked this lady—when I could get my greath—why she thought that youth had held the pen. She wasn't sure, only that I did things and laughed at things. Oddly, most people think of youth as the time of laughter. It is, of course, for care-free laughter, but very few young people have developed a sense of humor. One must have lived before he can really see the humor in life. When you are young you have no sense of proportion; you suffer intensely about a minor matter, or sweep to the heights over a momentary pleasure. but life, if really lived and understood, brings a realization of relative values, and the ability to laugh with understanding amusement.

And as for doing things: why that's where half the fun of living comes in, learning to do new things. The other day I was nailing on shingles—when you can't get a carpenter you do it yourself—when a neighbor went by. I spit out a mouthful of shingle nails to answer her greeting and to laugh when she informed me that she couldn't imagine herself shingling a house for she had never put on a shingle. Well, neither had the Big Boss nor I, but if he could learn, then so could I. I've been keeping house for thirty years; shingling a house is something new and gave a zest to the living.

If a woman can learn to keep house, with all that implies, and to rear a family, the most complicated task in the world, then she can, no matter her age, learn to do any thing else that she wants to do. I am sure the reason folks feel old is that they are just trotting along in the same old rut and are bored to death with just existing. Maybe you can live on meat and potatoes, but it sure gives a fillip to the appetite to add a bit of fresh garden "sass" once in awhile.

I have had to endure quite a bit of kidding from the Big Boss since I almost went down for the count under that lady's husky left-hander to the solar-plexus. The other day he came in and remarked that he was going to haul gravel. I was drying dishes but promptly announced that I was going to help. He grinned. "No, my dear, you're too old, "he said sympathetically, "you get out your knitting and rock and rest on the front porch. Shovelling gravel is no job for a dear old white-haired lady." I looked at the platter in my hand and then at him, but it was a nice platter and would be hard to replace, so I didn't. I thumbed my nose at him instead. (Something no real lady—white-haired or otherwise— would ever do.) Then I jerked off my apron, grabbed gloves and a shovel and tore after him. Tell me I was too old to do what I wanted to do, would he? He couldn't get away with a dirty crack like that, and I proceeded—in the classical language of my college-educated sons—to "show Pop how the cow ate the cabbage".

Sawdust. . .

Two staunch and devoted democrats were in Portland at the Union depot at the time the vice president nominee, Senator Truman, arrived for his visit last week. The two devotees, Celeste Poetter and Hazel Shipman, expected a handshake and a pat on the back for being there but it was not to be. Instead, they received a few winks from some GIs (who thought they were good looking) and that was all. Reports of the incident mention that the visitors were pretty disgusted.

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