

SOCIAL NOTES

Homemaking
Happenings About Town
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Of This and That

By BETHA DIGREE

Once again rumors and fanciful tales are flying around town like ugly buzzards looking for a victim on which to feed. The chosen victim appears to be the organization of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart. Because the hospital is facing a deficit many reasons are being advanced by various people who do not attempt to learn the facts. One of the silliest reasons we've heard to date is that the teaching Sisters are supported by the hospital. The truth is that the teachers are paid by parish funds, which do not come from the hospital. Each teacher pays for her room, board and laundry.

The matter of religion seems to take precedence over everything else whenever the hospital is mentioned. This writer will never understand what bearing the religious beliefs of the hospital staff can possibly have on their work and ability in their chosen field.

Patients entering the hospital are not required to state their faith. This we know from personal experience. The Sisters didn't refuse to admit us because we are not a Christian. . . They just did everything in their power to make our stay there as pleasant and restful as possible. We have been in four other hospitals, but never have we had better care and food, nor have we found greater kindness than in Griffin Memorial Hospital. Nor did anyone, at any time, attempt to convert us. . .

We had always believed that everyone of the Christian faith worshiped the same Supreme Being, and that tolerance was a part of that faith. We have evidently been misinformed, because there is much more religious intolerance than understanding in Kodiak. It is like a cancerous growth that needs surgery. We are, no doubt, treading on a few sensitive toes, which is unfortunate, but we think that the religious belief of every individual is a personal matter, of no concern to anyone else on earth. It seems to us that this town would be a much better place in which to live if everyone would worship as they see fit, and grant the same freedom to all others. After all, who among this insignificant mess of humanity can say, "My way is the only right way."

From the sidelines, it seems much more logical that all Christians work together for the common good, rather than bickering because of some differences in the words of a prayer or some other relatively unimportant thing. A prayer is still a prayer, whether the person saying, or thinking, it is Christian, Moslem, Jew or someone in the jungle who has never heard of "Religion".

WAS THIS YOU?

- Citizen X has noted the following cars committing errors in driving on Kodiak's streets. . . Our driving regulations apply to all of us.
- Failing to make a complete stop—55021, 55912, C41-443
- Driving over legal limit—55666—35mph
- Improper tail lights—Navy 94-35792
- Driving with only one headlight—TK 15700

Will you be in this column next week?

Much less bigotry and an effort toward more understanding could be used in Kodiak. Personally, although we would miss the Grey Nuns, we could not blame them if they just gave up and went to some place where they would not be subjected to vicious twisting of the truth. One shocking example of that viciousness was shown by a letter regarding the hospital some two years ago. . . . An example of the warped thinking processes of the type of person, or persons, who are too cowardly to sign their name, but must send an anonymous letter addressed simply to: "Boxholder". We sincerely hope there will be no further such letters. . . . They merely disgust us more thoroughly with the human race. . . .

We are not deliberately trying to be offensive. We only hope that a few people will examine their own inner conscience, and begin to try to think clearly and learn tolerance for the rights of others.

Garden Club To Meet Feb. 10

There will be a meeting of the Kodiak Garden Club on Wednesday, February 10, at the home of Mrs. Sibyl Boggs, 16 E Street, Naval Station. The meeting will be called to order at 8 pm. Mrs. Dorothy Rohwer will present a program, "The World In Your Garden", and members will answer roll call with hints for gardening. Guests and prospective members are welcome. Anyone wishing further information may call 230 or 3281.

Russian Dinner Set For Feb. 27

The ladies of the Russian Orthodox Church are planning a dinner for Saturday, February 27. The dinner, which will feature home-cooked Russian food, will be served at the church basement from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

All proceeds will be used for repairs to the church roof, according to Rev. Roman Sturmer, pastor.

4 Gray Ladies Receive Caps

Four newly trained Gray Ladies were Capped, and five others received one-year service pins, in a combination graduation and recognition ceremony at the Little Red School House on the Naval Station last Sunday afternoon.

The graduates, Mrs. Gale H. Carithers, Mrs. John J. Donnelly, Mrs. John L. Passeur and Mrs. William A. McLennan, received their caps from Capt. Nathan R. Lincoln, Commanding Officer of the Naval Station, assisted by Lcdr. Eleanor J. McGuire, Chief Nurse at the Naval Station, Hospital. Their pins were presented by their own Gray

Lady chairman, Mrs. Leon W. Rogers. All these ladies will work only in the Naval Station Hospital, and Capt. Richard W. Worthington, District Medical Officer, was present to welcome them into the service.

In the absence of the chairman of the Kodiak Red Cross Chapter, Lewis E. Bennethum, Field Director, ARC, presented the awards and certificates. Participating in the ceremony were Chaplain S.P. Robinson and Chaplain B.T. Gallagher.

Those receiving awards were Mrs. Leon W. Rogers, Mrs. J.L. Lawson, Mrs. George I. Finch, Mrs. James R.P. Gotch and Mrs. George L. Muirhead.

Mrs. William W. Dootson and Mrs. James R.P. Gotch, recent transfers from other chapters, were welcomed into the Kodiak Chapter by the Gray Ladies at the reception following the ceremony.

First A Boy

Their first child, a son, was born on January 24 to Carol Ann and Carl Wandersee, CSSN, USN. The baby, who has been named Carl Kenneth II, weighed 7 lbs. 10½ ozs. at birth. He was born at Station Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wandersee reside on Mill Bay Road.

Daughter Born

A daughter, Terry Jo, weighing 9 lbs. 10 ozs., was born on January 26 to Joanne Joyce and Elmer Eugene Ferris, CSSN, USN, at the Naval Station Hospital.

Terry Jo is the first child for Mr. and Mrs. Ferris who reside in Kodiak.

BOOK REVIEW

He Never Laughed At His Own Gags

His birth in Pickway, Kansas, on October 4, 1895, was comparatively uneventful, though Pickway itself was soon afterward blown away in a cyclone, recounts Buster Keaton in his autobiography, "My Wonderful World of Slapstick", written with Charles Samuels, and published by Doubleday on Janu-

ary 21. The unsmiling career of America's favorite deadpan comic started when he joined his parent's vaudeville act at the age of 3. His father began by carrying him on stage and dropping him (which didn't hurt at all, explains Keaton), and soon took to tossing young Buster into the scenery and generally mopping the floor with him. Billed as "The Human Mop," Buster soon learned that if he smiled or let the audience suspect how much he was enjoying himself, they didn't seem to laugh as much as usual—people just never expect any human mop to be pleased by what is being done to him.

Illustrated with several pages of photographs, including several pictures from his classic movie roles, this new book tells the story of a comedian whose off stage life has been as full of rough-and-tumble humor as his performances before the cameras. Practical jokes were the rule in Keaton's circle, and his contributions ranged from simple slapstick—like dumping water on Max Sennett—to

elaborately-planned escapades. One of Keaton's gems occurred when, masquerading as a chauffeur, the actor took Marcus Loew for a hair-raising automobile ride, which he climaxed by squeezing between four lines of trolley tracks and stalling it just as the express zoomed by on the inner track and the locals on the outer.

Bojangles, Nora Bayes, Charlie Chaplin, Harold Loyd, Fatty Arbuckle, and other famous colleagues constitute the glittering cast of Keaton's life story. Time and again, he tells us, the Keystone Cops (of which group he was not a member), made him break his rule about never laughing in public.

Inspect Schools

Herman Bruce and Carroll Fader, representatives of the Department of Education in Juneau, were visitors in Kodiak.

They were on an inspection trip of the Kodiak, Naval Station and Island schools.

DODGE DART

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SERVED FROM 6-9

Elk's Club

Purple Bubble Ball

Saturday — February 20th

ADMISSION BY TICKET — ONLY

NO GUESTS

DANCING

9:30 TILL — ?

