

Society

In Costumes of Long Ago
First Presbyterian Women
Celebrate 50th Anniversary.



Mrs. Wallace McCamant



Mrs. Fletcher Linn



Mrs. A. S. Pattullo



Mrs. David Loring



Mrs. W. B. Gilbert

byterian church. It was an event never to be forgotten, for in recalling the passing of the years of the history of the society one also recalled the history of the city of Portland.

It took the form also of a reception to the only remaining charter members, Mrs. Jacob Kamm and Mrs. W. B. Gilbert.

A most interesting program preceded the party, given in the Sunday school auditorium. It consisted of a devotional service led by Mrs. J. S. Bradley, a former president, several of the good old-fashioned missionary hymns and a resume of the half-century's annals under the title, "Looking Backward for Fifty Years," which in three divisions—the members, the missions, the money—were ably and charmingly presented by Mrs. J. Thorne Ross, Mrs. E. P. Geary and Mrs. J. L. Fuller.

Dr. H. L. Bowman installed the new officers and paid tribute to the society. Mrs. Fuller read messages from Dr. Foulken, a former pastor, and others, and many responded to the special invitations which had been sent to distant members.

Mrs. Rose presented to the society for herself and sisters, Mrs. W. B. Gilbert and Mrs. J. H. Valentine, now of Stafford Springs, Conn., a handsome framed portrait of their mother, Mrs. A. L. Lindley, wife of the first pastor, as well as one of the organizers of the society. This was greeted by Miss Kate Holman, a daughter of another charter member, and received in the name of the society in a graceful little speech by Mrs. W. B. Osborne, its president, who also presided. Rev. Levi Johnson pronounced the benediction.

At the reception which followed a very large and enthusiastic gathering of representative women appeared. The old-time costumes created the greatest interest and a gallery of old photographs of early workers claimed the eager inspection of all. Among them were pictures of Mrs. E. R. Geary, wife of the pioneer preacher and educator, who organized a small society in Albany in early days; many of the charter members, Mrs. Lindley and Mrs. Holbrook, the two organizers; Mrs. George Cooper, Mrs. John Williamson, Mrs. Amy Randall, Mrs. John R. Foster, Miss Helen Burton, Mrs. Joseph B. Mackenzie, Mrs. Lotie Lindley Hall and others. The old First church building, situated on Third and Washington streets, was there, too, with interior views as well—a stately edifice for those days. A particularly quaint group was that of the "first singers" of the early church.

dating from 1861, the personnel including Miss Frances Holman, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wyatt, Mrs. J. H. J. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. Mead, Mrs. E. G. Randall, Captain Henry Hoyt and Philip C. Schuyler.

The charter list of the missionary society, organized as it was March 21, 1871, comprised the following women:

Mrs. Eliza Atsworth Mrs. Fannie Law
Mrs. J. C. Atsworth Mrs. A. L. Lindley
Mrs. E. R. Babbitt Mrs. J. W. Lindley
Mrs. M. M. W. Beebe (now Mrs. W. B. Gilbert)
Mrs. J. B. Conger Mrs. James Reed
Mrs. John H. Couch Mrs. Maudie
Mrs. J. S. Gilmer Mrs. William Strong
Mrs. M. J. Haskell Mrs. W. T. Shastan
Mrs. Amey Holbrook Mrs. William Strong
Mrs. J. D. Holman Mrs. W. W. Union
Mrs. Jacob Kamm Mrs. Wm. Wadhams
Mrs. W. S. Ladd

The reception room was adorned with massed greenery in many baskets suspended about the walls. Mrs. William A. Evans was the skillful baker of the delectable birthday cake, three stories high and alight with 50 twinkling candles. It was cut by Miss Elizabeth Carothers, president of the young women's evening auxiliary.

In point of pomps and artistic decorations, the tea that followed the meeting was one distinctively unique and beautiful. The gowns were of rare silks, heavy and rich in coloring—silks that stand alone, as the grandmothers and mothers of many of the wearers used to say. Following are a few of the costumes noticed, beginning with the reception committee: Mrs. Fletcher Linn, chairman, wore a handsome gown of 1865 of heavy dark green shot silk and hand-made lace collar, with a black Spanish lace shawl, and her hair was dressed becomingly in keeping with the period.

Mrs. James F. Ewing wore one of her mother's gowns of soft buff and old rose silk, which was made to wear at a reception given by Senator and Mrs. H. W. Corbett many years ago.

A becoming gown of the 1860 period of sheer green organdie with lace fichu.

Mrs. A. B. Slauson was decidedly quaint in a rich brocaded velvet with bonnet and shawl and carried a small parasol.

Mrs. Wallace McCamant was striking in a heavy black silk trimmed with beads and wore a most becoming bonnet.

Mrs. Robert Livingstone wore her wedding gown of light blue silk trimmed with real lace.

Mrs. P. L. Stephenson wore white silk and an especially handsome Spanish lace shawl.

Mrs. Francis D. Chamberlain was beautiful in a heavy black silk trimmed with real lace.

Mrs. David Loring's gown was exquisite in color and style of the 1865 period. It was lavender trimmed with white and lovely crystal beads and was most elaborate.

Mrs. H. C. Ewing wore a brown silk gown with wonderful bonnet and shawl.

Mrs. W. D. Fraley was dressed much the same in the style of 1870.

Mrs. F. I. Ball wore a brown striped silk made with a large bustle and many bows and a most fetching bonnet.

Mrs. J. S. Dunning wore a lovely wedding gown of black and lavender of the same period.

Mrs. Harry P. Coffin was attractive in a lace bodice, black silk skirt and a cream embroidered shawl.

Others who wore old gowns were the honor guests, Mrs. Jacob Kamm, who was handsomely dressed in a heavy rose-colored silk costume of

the bustle and pinchback period of 1871, with a train and a lovely bonnet.

Mrs. W. B. Gilbert wore her wedding gown of white silk with many ruffles and a long train.

Mrs. F. I. Fuller, chairman of the committee on arrangements, wore a cream wool costume trimmed in red, her wedding gown, and Mrs. C. R. Templeton wore her wedding gown of lavender and white made in the fashion of the 80s.

Mrs. Templeton's gown was her wedding gown, a handsome robe of lavender silk.

Mrs. Henry Kirk wore white silk brocade. Lace shawls were worn by several.

The decorations were of large sprays of Oregon grape, pink cherry blossoms and ferns.

The tea table was a burst of yellow bloom in daffodils and jasmine and tall yellow candles.

Pouring were Mrs. H. W. Corbett, Mrs. W. A. MacRae, Mrs. David Loring, Miss Fannie Holman, Mrs. R. S. Bryan, Mrs. A. G. Klosterman, Mrs. J. R. Swinton and Mrs. H. S. Butterfield. Assisting in serving were Mrs. W. A. Evans, Mrs. Howard Rankin, Mrs. Frank Gollehour and Mrs. Stewart.

Miss Ruth Slauson announced her engagement to Henry A. Freeman of Portland last evening at the annual banquet of Delta Gamma sorority in Seattle. Miss Slauson is the daughter

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WITH Easter but two weeks away, society is looking forward to a brief season of gaiety after Lent is past.

The Portland symphony orchestra concert will be one of the most notable social as well as musical events of this week. It is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, at the Hellig. An added attraction will be the appearance of Miss Helen Stover, soloist. Miss Stover is a beautiful girl, with a sweet and glorious voice, the critics affirm, and she is socially charming, too.

Mrs. Frederick Bentley of Seattle, who is coming to Portland to be the guest of Mrs. A. S. Kerry and to attend the concert, will share honors with Miss Stover at a small tea, at which a few intimate friends of both visitors will be present. Miss Stover will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Piper while in the city. Several box and line parties are being arranged by society folk, who are eager to see the lovely young singer and hear her sing. The critics have been most generous in their praise of her voice.

One of the most important events of the week was the announcement of the engagement of Miss Jean Mackenzie to Erie F. Whitney of the General Electric company. Miss Mackenzie is the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. J. Mackenzie and is one of the most prominent society girls of Portland, besides being widely beloved by a host of sincere friends. The news was told at a tea given by Mrs. Roderick Macleay, sister of the bride-elect, who entertained on Monday for Mrs. Charles Miller and her guest, Miss Jeannette Huntington of Rochester, N. Y. Only the closest friends of the bride-elect were present. The wedding probably will be solemnized in the late spring.

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