

## Society

By Florence Elizabeth Nichols



Mrs. Arthur Cook (Eloise Anita Hall) of Portland, whose charming song won her a sure place with Salem music lovers Wednesday night at the First Presbyterian church.

have the privilege of being guests at the pretty place as the series develop. The dances will be invitational, but

THE week has held quite a bit of diversified entertainment from charming formal functions to informal knitting parties and club gatherings. The mid-week claimed one of the most delightful musical treats of the season, both winter and spring, when Mrs. Arthur Cook (Eloise Anita Hall) of Portland sang at the Salem hospital graduating exercises at the First Presbyterian church. Those who attended had not anticipated such rare music as it was Mrs. Cook's first appearance in Salem. She is a beautiful girl, or rather young bride, and is very popular in social and musical circles in Portland. She gave her husband as a soldier, three days after their marriage, and he is now in Fort Meyer in Virginia. Her first number was "To son Titania" from the opera "Mignon," and in it one felt her wonderfully natural talent for florid work and improvisation. Her first encore was Cadman's "Land of the Sky Blue Water," rendered sustained and softly. When she caught the warm demand of her audience for a second encore, bows not being accepted, she gave a tripping number, never before heard in Salem. It was "Dainty Little Love Came Tripping Down the Hill," by Newcomb.

Following the program the Portland artists, who included Lucien E. Becker, Dorothy Frazier, Genevieve Frazier and John Frazier, were entertained by Miss Minnetta Magers in the banquet room at The Spa. There were nine guests.

mostly informal. They will be given about once a month. The decoration committee is composed of Mrs. O. C. Locke, Mrs. H. H. Olinger, Mrs. Edwin Baker and Mrs. John J. Roberts. Frederick D. Thielson, Curtis Cross and Fred Steusloff form the dance committee. In place of Asahel Bush, who recently resigned, Homer Smith is the club's president.

Postponement of the patriotic party which will be given by the Daughters of the American Revolution for the Sons of the American Revolution and their wives has been extended to next Saturday night. The guests will assemble at the state school for the deaf at a hall lent by Mrs. E. S. Tillingshast. There will be a jivey dance, a picture show and a picnic supper. Townspeople are invited to the entertainment and the proceeds will be devoted patriotically. Composing the committees on arrangement are Mrs. Seymour Jones, Mrs. J. G. Heltzel, Mrs. Homer Smith, Mrs. George Post, Miss Edith Benedict, Miss Lillian Applegate, Miss Liza Knowland, Miss Ellen Thielson, Mrs. Homer Goulet, Mrs. Russell Catlin, Mrs. Henry W. Meyers, Mrs. U. G. Shipley, Miss Margaret Roberts and Mrs. E. S. Tillingshast.

MRS. A. N. BUSH was a charming hostess in honor of Mrs. Anna Rogers Fish, Wednesday, at the Bush residence, 287 North Capitol street. The affair was a luncheon and one of the artistic ones which always can claim Mrs. Bush. A patriotic note was suggested in the decorations and favors. Rare red tulips, white snap dragons and rich blue corn flowers, combined with larkspur adorned the luncheon table. Fancy corsage bouquets carried out the red, white and blue color scheme and were found at the guest plates. Covers were laid for ten.

It was an exquisite formal attention and one of the loveliest compliments which has been bestowed upon a departing resident for some time. Mrs. Fish will leave Wednesday to join her husband in Boise, Idaho, and make her home there. During her several years' residence in Salem, Mrs. Fish has made many friends and has contributed much to social and club activities. Those bidden as guests besides Mrs. Fish were Mrs. Carl Gregg Doney, Mrs. John H. Albert, Mrs. C. A. Park, Mrs. R. S. Wallace, Mrs. Alice H. Dood, Mrs. W. E. Kirk, Mrs. Henry J. Talbot, Mrs. F. A. Elliott and Miss Edith Hazard.



A violin ensemble, pupils of Miss Elizabeth Levy, part of which appeared in their fourth Red Cross benefit last night at Pratum. They have also taken part in programs in Salem, Independence and Middle Grove.

SALEM can well be proud of an activity among its women which has meant much to the city during the years of its organization and especially in the large lift which it gave to war relief work during the past year. It is the Salem Woman's club, a branch of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, and which claims locally as its membership some of Salem's most prominent women. Mrs. Alice H. Dood has acted as the president during the past year and her experiences in far travels and public instruction have meant much to the club. Her annual report to the officers and members of the club follows:

"While the year that is just closing has not been an unproductive one, its work has been along rather unusual and unexpected lines owing to an abnormal condition brought about by our nation's participation in the war.

"Departments and kindred activities which usually take first place in club life, have, during this year of 1917-18 been relegated to the background, and it is more than probable that all clubs for women will share in the general reconstruction attendant upon the resumption of normal activities in that longed for time, after the war.

"Demands made by the State Federation have been generously met. The sum of \$20 was sent to the Federation Hospital fund.

"In September a reception was given at the home of Mrs. Z. J. Riggs for the federation president, Mrs. Charles Castner. This was an enthusiastic meeting and Mrs. Castner won golden opinions both by her inspired words and her sweet womanliness.

"The work of the calendar committee was most efficiently planned, but there were of necessity many changes in the program during the year for which the committee was in no way responsible. In each case the substitute program proved quite as satisfactory as the one originally planned.

"The calendar committee also arranged for a morning picture lecture by William Finley, state biologist. This was given at the Grand theater and netted \$16 for the Red Cross fund.

"The reports of delegates to the state federation were interesting and suggestive.

"It is to be regretted that the Salem Woman's club was not represented at the biennial which met at Hot Springs during this month.

"Two departments have held regular meetings—the drama class under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Kirk, and the art class led by Mrs. Alice H. Dood.

"The drama class gave, as a part of the regular program, the Greek drama Iphigenia. This was beautifully presented and reflected great credit upon the participants and upon the director, Mrs. Anna Rogers Fish.

"The Red Cross auxiliary aided the allied bazaar of November, by a fortune telling booth, which netted \$23, after which its independent existence terminated, the members preferring to give more time to the work at headquarters, where the demand had become pressing.

"The art class has done some Red Cross work at its regular meetings.

"While the number of standing committees has been increased at the request of the federation, the active committees are comparatively few, but these have been efficient. The scholarship loan committee has sent \$50 to that fund, this being the maximum amount asked for by the federation committee.

"The art committee has interested itself in plans for improving the appearance of the 'Poor Farm' north of the city.

"The civics, education, home economics and literature and library committees have all shown satisfactory results.

"The social committee gave two 'tag days' for the benefit of the Salvation army, in July and November, which realized \$360. It also conducted a booth in the 'Country Store' bazaar which netted \$40. This in addition to the Superfluous shop, which contributed \$1129 to various patriotic organizations.

"Early in the club year the commercial club placed at the disposal of the Salem Woman's club the auditorium where its meetings are now held. This has been heartily fitted by the joint efforts of the two clubs. The permanent improvement was made by the commercial club, while the furniture of the rostrum is the property of the Woman's club. A reception was given in December in honor of the 'entente cordiale' thus

established between the two organizations.

"A special committee known as the crippled children's committee has been formed, and is doing effective work in conjunction with the county officials in carrying out the provisions of a bill passed by the legislature of 1917 for the care of

such unfortunate. It is greatly to be hoped that committees will awaken to a full realization of their vital importance to the club welfare. Committees are both legislative and executive, and no club can rise above the level

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