

## SOCIETY

By Ruth Lenore Fisher

IN THE March number of the Designer appeared a page of paintings of western life. The exhibit is the work of the Taos society of artists living at Taos, New Mexico, one of whom is J. Irving Couze, who will be remembered as visiting here several times. Mrs. Couze, nee Miss Virginia Walker, is a former Salem girl. She is a sister of Mrs. Jacob Kamm of Portland, and of C. H. Walker, formerly of Salem but now of Newport, and an aunt of Mrs. W. Connel Dyer of this city.

Mr. Couze spends his winters in New York city and his summers in Taos where he has converted an old Spanish convent into a fascinating home and studio. He is a member of the National Academy of Design. Mr. Couze has been painting Indian characters for almost 20 years, beginning his work with the Klickitate of Oregon. Later he visited in Salem many times and did some painting here. The Walkers now have one of his paintings, "The

Goose Girl." In the early work of painting Indian characters Mr. Couze had considerable trouble in getting the Indians to pose, as they believed that sudden death would come to the one painted, for to them the soul of the sitter passed on to the painting. Overcoming these superstitions took time and patience with the artist.

The two paintings which were shown in this group were "The Tom-Tom Maker" and "Prayer Plumes." The exhibit was shown in the Milch galleries of New York city the last two weeks of January, but will be shown in all the larger cities of America, being in Portland in the near future. This Taos exhibit has become an annual event with the artists.

The following, taken from the Designer's account of the exhibits of Mr. Couze:

Mr. Couze has a charming idyllic quality combined with strength and dignity. It is poised, yet full of warmth and color. He interprets the peaceful side of Indian life—the poetry of the primitive lover, hunter and seer. He sees the inner mountains of Indian thought and color and makes these as appealing as the surging passions or dramatic action which marked the work of many of the older Indian painters. Slender spens form a graceful and decorative background for fluted-playing youths and gentle, golden-skinned maidens.

"The Voice of the Falls," "The Magic Forest," "Elk-Foot," "The Song of the Flute," are titles which suggest the romantic themes of many of his pictures. Beautiful legends and customs are sympathetically interpreted. There is "The Brides Gown," showing the Indian lover weaving a bridal dress for his betrothed. There is the wooer playing his flute before the girl's teepee. If she comes out it means that she favors his suit. If not, he plays to the wind. "Prayer Plumes" are arrows mounted with eagle feathers and planted beside a spring so that the water will never fall. In these primitive themes Mr. Couze shows classic restraint, together with barbaric color and vitality.

MR. AND MRS. F. W. Spencer opened their attractive home Tuesday evening to the members of the Merry-Go-Round club, whose meetings are always informal and devoted to cars. At the latest meeting Mrs. John McNary was successful in scoring high and won the

prize. Dr. C. H. Robertson scored high and won the men's prize. After the play the hostess served a luncheon.

MRS. Henry W. Meyers was a charming hostess Wednesday when she assembled the members of the Bridge Luncheon club at her beautiful Summer street home. The occasion was the close of a series of bridge luncheons of the club and to award the prizes. Mrs. William Boot won the prize for the highest score during the series. A charming custom of the club is to give a prize to each member of the club at the close of the series. At the tea hour Mrs. T. A. Livesley, who scored the highest presided at a smartly appointed tea table. Mrs. Livesley will entertain the club at the next meeting which will open another series.

THE Salem chapter of the American War Mothers held a most interesting meeting yesterday afternoon in the Commercial club auditorium, which was presided over by the Salem War Mother, Mrs. John A. Carson. During the afternoon Mrs. Jean Morris Ellis spoke informally to the mothers. She told of her work and ambition for better conditions for the ex-service man. Also of her work to help them re-adjust themselves to the conditions following the war in an intensely interesting and instructive manner.

An unusually large number of War Mothers from the county were present, a large number attending for their first time, and it is thought that every mother of a son or daughter enlisting from Marion county will soon become active in memorial work. By doing so, the name of the mother is embossed on the honor roll which will be placed in the ward and which will show that the boys have a right to be in the hospital. "No war mother's name in the county should be lacking from the roll if for no other reason," said a prominent War Mother yesterday afternoon after the meeting.

Plans were started for a large "County Fair" which the War Mothers will give in the last week in May to raise money to furnish the ward. The fair will last three days and will have entertainment of some sort every evening as well as a gigantic bazaar and utility sale. The mothers plan to have it something like the county fair which was given during the war by the Red Cross, on a large scale.

Mrs. George H. Pendle was a charming hostess Friday afternoon at the Hotel Marion when she entertained with an informal tea Mrs. A. J. Rahn, Mrs. Armin Steiner and Mrs. Charles G. Miller.

Mrs. Russell Catlin charmingly entertained the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution at her attractive home yesterday afternoon with a large number of the members in attendance. Mrs. F. K. Davis of Portland, a member of the state board of the D. A. R., was a guest of honor and spoke interestingly to the women.

At the tea hour Mrs. LaMoine Clark presided at the beautifully appointed tea table and was assisted by Mrs. Frank Spears. In the absence of the regent for Chemeketa chapter, Mrs. Seymour Jones, who is ill at the Salem hospital, Mrs. U. G. Shipley, vice regent, presided. About 18 matrons were present.

Members of the Tillicum Dancing club gave a second to the last of the dancing parties which they will give during the winter season Tuesday evening at Moose hall. For the occasion the hall was artistically decorated with orange and white, with spring flowers used to carry out the color plans. A large number of the club members were present and a group of guests of the club enjoyed the evening with them.

MRS. E. T. ALLEN, a missionary from Armenia who at present is making her home in Walla Walla, and who has been visiting in Salem during the week, was the honor guest at a prettily appointed dinner given by the Business and Professional Woman's league of Salem, at the Y. W. C. A. rooms on Friday evening. The two long tables were daintily adorned with a number of small crystal vases which held daffodils and jonquils. Following the banquet Mrs. Allen spoke very interestingly of her experiences in Armenia and of the sufferings of its peoples. Plates were laid for about 60.

To celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Grover C. Bellinger and Dr. W. H. Darby, which fell on Wednesday, a group of friends gave a community dinner at the Walter L. Spaulding home that evening. Beautiful silver candelabra, holding yellow candles, centered the table, and yellow jonquils were used artistically in the rooms. After the dinner dancing and cards were enjoyed and at midnight a supper was served. Those who made up the party were Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Bellinger, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Darby, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Darby, Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mills, Mrs. Lloyd Mott, Miss Ava Miller, Miss Margaret Graham, Paul V.

Johnson, Dr. W. H. Dennis, and Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding.

A no-host dinner of the week which was especially delightful was the one Thursday evening when Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Geer, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Armin Steiner and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirk assembled at the Illahee Country club. The dinner was followed by cards and dancing.

Miss Estelle Graybill of the Oregon Agricultural college is spending the week-end with one of her Alpha Chi Omega sisters, Miss Dorothy Steuiff.

The Julius Caesar club, one of the prominent clubs of the younger set, was host last night to the eighth annual formal dancing party to their friends. The party was held in the Moose hall which was beautifully decorated for the occasion with Oregon grape and with pink artificial poppies; the digits were adorned with pink crepe paper, and altogether it produced an enchanting effect. At midnight an elaborate supper was served. The Revelation orchestra played during the evening. The club now has 25 active members, and many of the alumni who have been away at college were in attendance, making about 45 couples to form the party.

An event in Portland on Wednesday which is of especial interest to many Salem folks was the celebration by all the Metschan family, of the 80th birthday of Phil Metschan, Sr., and also the birthday of Phil Metschan Jr. The Metschan family are former residents of Salem and when living here were active in the social and civil life of the city. Mrs. L. F. Griffith and Mrs. Frank Meredith are daughters of Mr. Metschan, Sr., and they with their families were in Portland for the occasion. The following clipping taken from the Portland Oregonian of Thursday gives an account of the day.

"Telegrams, letters and flowers were showered on Phil Metschan, Sr. yesterday in honor of his 80th birthday. Last night Mr. Metschan's children and grandchildren, assembled in the Elizabethan room in the Imperial and celebrated the occasion. It was also the birthday of Phil Metschan, Jr. Telegrams were received among others, from C. L. McNary, United States senator; Hiram Johnson, United States senator from California, and Frank Lovell of Salem. Colonel Dosch, an old-time friend, appeared with a banquet, and Judge Henry E. McGinn dropped in on the octogenarian to pay his respects.

Mr. Metschan arrived in Portland in the '60s and later went to Canyon City, then a mining camp in central Oregon. While there he was twice elected state treasurer. Retiring from public life, he came to Portland and acquired the Imperial hotel and until his recent illness kept in close touch with the management of the establishment.

Those who gathered to celebrate last evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Metschan, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Metschan Jr., Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Metschan, H. A. Metschan, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Flanders and Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Metschan, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meredith and Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Griffith, Salem, and Mrs. Anna Cattanach, Canyon City. In addition there were 10 of the 17 grandchildren. Mrs. K. M. C. Nolt of Grants Pass, Miss Anna Metschan of Tacoma, a sister; Miss Anna Blessen and Miss Valeska Blessen also were present.

Miss Constance Cartwright of Forest Grove has arrived home to spend her spring vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Cartwright.

Miss Pauline Remington is entertaining over the week-end Miss Ulda Bassler of the University of Oregon who is on her way to her home in Portland for spring vacation.

Mrs. E. J. Burchell left Friday for Pendleton where she will spend a month visiting with her daughters.

Miss Frances Hodke will entertain the Cecilian Music club at her home Wednesday evening for the regular meeting. An interesting musical program has been arranged which will add to the enjoyment of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kay are entertaining as their house guests, the former's sister, Mrs. O. P. Coshov of Roseburg.

The many friends of Mrs. E. Cooke Patton are happy to hear that she is convalescing at her home from an illness of several weeks.

Miss Elizabeth Waters, the winsome little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Waters of State street, entertained a company of friends at the home of her parents on Wednesday from 4 until 8 o'clock, for the occasion being her 10th birthday anniversary. The time was happily passed with games and in the dining room where luncheon was served everything was carried out in yellow. Small Easter baskets filled with Easter eggs were favors which were at each plate. The table was enhanced by a white birthday cake with 10 small yellow candles. Those invited were Misses Cynthia Delano, Catherine Mulvey, Vernita Edwards, Mary Kafoury, Eloise Wright, Eleanor Wright, Gwendolyn Hubbard, Evelyn Cummings, Isabelle Newton and Pauline Herron.

Mrs. A. B. Browning and Mrs. J. F. Shipp entertained the Jolly club of South Salem at the Shipp home Wednesday afternoon. Yellow daffodils and spring woods flowers were used effectively in the rooms. After the business meeting and social hour

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a light lunch was served. The club members present were Mesdames O. Martin, G. E. Ackerman, W. H. Hagedorn, F. J. Boehringer, A. C. Magee, J. F. Van Ostrol, W. L. Hatch and the hostesses.

The Monday Night Dancing club has planned one of the dancing parties which the club gives each month. The members and guests will be assembled in Moose hall which will be attractively decorated for the evening.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kellogg will be interested to know that they have moved from the Cubertson home and are now domiciled on North Winter street.

Mrs. F. L. Waters entertained the women of the Three Link Needle club at the Waters home on Sate street Friday afternoon. A short program was given. During the business hour it was decided that the club hold its meetings in the Odd Fellows hall since the club membership is so large. At the lunch hour the hostesses were assisted by Mes-

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dames David Wright, Alma Henderson and E. Will. About 80 members of the club were present.

Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. William Hardy and Mrs. Albert Peebles attended a get-together meeting of the Women's Missionary society of Auburn Wednesday evening which was something new in the life of the society. The affair was attended by about 60 persons.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gleason entertained at a prettily appointed supper Tuesday evening following the Tillicum Dancing club party at their home on South Fourteenth street. The table was centered with a lovely big basket of Royal Ann cherries, and plates were laid for Dr. and Mrs. O. A. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Fuller-

ton, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dase and Mr. and Mrs. Gleason.

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