

Salem Society News

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Elton Von Eschen Is Honor Guest at Eight-Cover Dinner
Elton Von Eschen, eldest son of Prof. and Mrs. Florian Von Eschen, who is head chemist for the Kansas City chemical laboratory of the United Baking company and is now spending a week in Salem, was the honor guest at an attractive eight-cover dinner at 6 o'clock last night at the Von Eschen home.

The centerpiece was a gorgeous arrangement of double annual larkspur in varying shades of rose. Lovely lighted blue and silver candles were on the sideboard.

Covers at the dinner were placed for Miss Marian Emmons, Miss Katherine Hamilton of Chicago, Miss Dorothy Robnett, Elton Von Eschen, Ellis Von Eschen, Paul Von Eschen and the hosts, Prof. and Mrs. Florian Von Eschen. Additional guests joined the group for an evening of conversation and music. Those invited were Miss Ruth Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jennison, Miss Ruth E. Ross, George Rhoten, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wrenn (Kathleen La Raut), Miss Pauline Remington and Otto K. Paulus.

The living rooms of the Von Eschen home were lovely with many gladioli in the pastel shades.

Return From Motor Trip
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pugh are home from a two weeks' motor trip into California where they made interesting stops at San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Mrs. Williston to Leave on First Lap of Long Trip
Mrs. Horace Williston, who with her husband, Professor Williston of Willamette university, will spend the year 1926-27 abroad, is leaving today for Portland where

she will visit her parents prior to sailing.
This week several farewell affairs have been given in Mrs. Williston's honor. The middle of the week Professor and Mrs. Von Eschen entertained Professor and Mrs. Williston at dinner, while yesterday afternoon Mrs. Robert M. Gatke was hostess at an attractive affair.

Mrs. Williston has been particularly active in the work of the American Association of University Women during the past few seasons and will be greatly missed during her temporary leave.

Godfrey's Return From California
Mrs. A. L. Godfrey and her daughter, Miss Emma Godfrey, are home from a motor trip into California. Mrs. Godfrey and Miss Godfrey visited relatives in Los Angeles, motoring then into the Yosemite valley.

Former Salem People Visit
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tillman of San Jose, Cal., who made their home in Salem ten years ago, were guests over the past week-end at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Florian Von Eschen. Mr. and Mrs. Tillman were accompanied by their daughters, Josephine and Madeleine. The family is on a motor tour of the northwest.

Jean Kantner to Sing at Church on Sunday
Jean Whiteaker Kantner, son of Prof. and Mrs. Clifford Kantner of Seattle, and grandson of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Kantner, will sing at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday at the First Congregational church. Mr. Kantner's sister, Katherine, violinist, will give obligato selections with the choir.

Mrs. Clifford Kantner and Jean and Katherine are spending a few days in Salem at the W. C. Kantner home.

Leave for Arkansas
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Archibald (Gertrude Ashby) who have been spending some time in Salem visiting Mrs. Archibald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ashby, and in Albany visiting Mrs. Archibald's father and mother, O. A. Archibald, left yesterday for their home in Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. Archibald came west two months ago, while Mr. Archibald has been in the Willamette valley since the first of August.

Chicago Girls Are Guests at Bedford Home
The J. R. Bedford home in West Salem was the scene of an exceedingly delightful afternoon when on Thursday Mrs. Bedford and Miss Ruth Bedford entertained for the pleasure of Mrs. W. W. Emmons, Miss Lucille Emmons, Miss Marian Emmons and Miss Katherine Hamilton of Chicago. Miss Hamilton being in the west as Miss Marian Emmons' guest.

Both Miss Hamilton and Miss Marian Emmons are accomplished violinists and pleased the group with their duet renditions. Miss Ruth Bedford, who is also an advanced student of music in Chicago, played the accompaniments. The living room of the Bedford home was beautifully decorated with purple and white asters. A delicious two course luncheon consisting of fancy sandwiches, tea, fruit salad and whipped cream cake was served late in the afternoon. A low bowl of salmon pink sweet peas centered the tea table.

On Thursday evening Miss Lotia Adams was entertained as a dinner guest at the Bedford home.

Guests at McShane Home
Miss Vesta Scholl of Hubbard visited at the home of her sister and at the L. C. McShane home earlier in the week.

Vacation at Fort Stevens
Mrs. A. O. Condit left Thursday for Fort Stevens where she will spend several weeks as the guest of friends. Mrs. Condit will stop in Portland on her way home.

Spend Day in Portland
Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Stover, Mrs. F. J. Tooze and daughter, Miss Helen Tooze, are spending the day in Portland. The group motored down this morning.

Californians Are Guests at Barton Home
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Walton of Exeter, Cal., who accompanied Master Richard Paul Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Barton, to his home in Salem were guests all last week at the Barton home. Richard Paul had been in California with his aunt and uncle since last April.

On Monday evening the home of Prof. and Mrs. T. S. Roberts was the scene of a delightful affair honoring Mr. and Mrs. Walton and Miss Lulu R. Walton, who is spending the summer at Brettenbush Springs. Miss Walton spent the week her brother was here in Salem, returning the first of the week for another month in the mountains.

While the visitors were here, the Bartons and the Waltons spent one day in Portland.

Mrs. Babcock at Beach
Mrs. Ida M. Babcock spent the past week at Newport. Mrs. Babcock was at the Damon during her stay at the beach.

New Home at Neskovin
Mrs. S. W. Thompson and Miss Louise Thompson are supervising the erection of a new summer home at Neskovin. Mrs. Thomp-

Mr. and Mrs. De Lap Celebrate Silver Wedding Anniversary
The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. De Lap was celebrated in a delightful and informal manner last Saturday evening when a group of friends, most of whom formerly made their home in Wisconsin, gathered at the De Lap home for a social evening.

Included among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davis and daughter, Miss Myrtle Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were in attendance at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. De Lap 25 years ago.

At a late hour delicious refreshments were served to the group. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. De Lap, the honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Knower, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Southwick, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Southwick, Mrs. William Bouffeur and son Albert, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Bennett and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ashby, Mrs. Mason, and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davis and Miss Myrtle Davis.

West Side Circle to Meet
The west side circle of the Jason Lee Aid society will hold an important meeting on Tuesday evening, August 31, at the home of Mrs. J. A. Kaighin, 1296 N. Commercial street. The meeting will be called at 8 o'clock.

Miss Robnett Is Guest
Prof. and Mrs. Florian Von Eschen are entertaining as their house guest over the week-end Miss Dorothy Robnett of Albany. Last week Professor and Mrs. Von Eschen had as their guests Mrs. Von Eschen's sisters, Miss Harriet Schindler of Topeka, Kansas, and Mrs. James L. Sayer and daughter Jean, of Portland.

Guests in Roseburg
Mrs. Joseph Baumgartner and Miss Josephine Baumgartner are spending the latter part of this week in Roseburg at the H. Stapleton home.

Ladies of the G. A. R.
The U. S. Grant circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., will meet at the home of Mrs. S. E. Oliver, 334 South Winter street, this afternoon for a social meeting.

Tourists Return to Salem
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Noyes have returned to Salem after a three months' absence in South Dakota and Idaho. The first two months was spent in their old home town in South Dakota. From here they went to Boulder, Colo. A most delightful trip is reported.

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Miss Margaret Gray of Portland is the house guest of Mrs. John McNary. Mrs. McNary is an aunt of Miss Gray.

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Color this 101 Ranch Wild West picture, boys and girls, and get free tickets to the big show. Read the story for details!



This is the fourth of a series of six pictures being published in The Statesman. Children are invited to color these pictures and send them to The Statesman. The 50 sets of colored pictures considered best will be rewarded with a free ticket to the wild west show coming next week.

son and Miss Thompson plan to be at the beach for several weeks.

Mrs. Scott Entertains Visitors
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Isbell (Ora Poague) of Pasadena, Cal., are visitors this week at the home of Mrs. Irene Scott.

Daughters of Pastor Arrive in Salem
Miss Iris and Miss Marguerite Whitaker, daughters of Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Whitaker, have arrived from Pouca City, Okla., to make their home in Salem.

Miss Barbour Is Guest
Judge and Mrs. George H. Burnett are entertaining as their house guest Miss Genevieve Barbour of Seattle. Miss Barbour arrived on Thursday evening and plans to spend several days in Salem.

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COREY EXPLAINS UTILITY VALUES

Cites Court Decisions Declaring 8 Per Cent Reasonable Return

The 8 per cent return on an investment fixed by the public service commission as a reasonable return in establishing rates has been considered a fair minimum return by court decision all over the country, according to H. H. Corey, chairman of the Oregon public service commission, who defended the commission before the Lions club yesterday noon from the charges that it serves in the interests of corporations, made recently by Walter Pierce.

Mr. Corey made no direct reference to the governor's attacks, and did not mention the investigation the governor wishes to make into the rates and valuations of utilities which the commission has fixed. The commission uses proper methods in fixing its rates, such as are used by public service commissions of other states, he said.

Mr. Corey gave much time to stating the aims of the commission, and of public service commissions in general. They arise out of conditions that had become unbearable to the public, he said, as utilities generally demanded a maximum return for minimum service and discriminated among their customers to a wide extent.

It was to guard against such conditions as these that the commission was formed, he said. Public service regulation has been tried in every state but one, and has become a firmly fixed part of governmental machinery, he believes.

"The supreme court of the United States has prescribed the bounds within which the commission may regulate. In the leading case, 'Smythe vs. Ames,' the court said 'We hold, however, that the basis of all calculations as to the reasonableness of rates must be the fair value of the property being used for the convenience of

At the Theaters Today

The Elsinore—Rudolph Valentino, Vilma Banky and Louise Dresser in "The Eagle."
Oregon—Lewis Stone, Shirley Mason in "What Fools Men," from the story "Joseph Greer and His Daughter."
High—Five acts vaudeville and pictures.

"In 'Wilcox vs. the Consolidated Gas company,' the same court held 'that the fair value of the property is to be determined as of the time when the rate inquiries are being made.'

"In conformity with the law as outlined by the supreme court of the United States, the commission in adjusting rates of public utilities first secures a complete inventory and valuation of the plant of the utility under consideration. There is no mystery about an appraisal and valuation. It is cold fact and expert judgment.

"The rates fixed by the public service commission according to supreme court decisions must afford a reasonable return to the utility upon the fair value of the property devoted to the public use and as the courts generally throughout the land have held that an 8 per cent return is not unreasonable and a rate of return of 6 per cent as being inadequate, and confiscatory, it would be futile for the commission to attempt to establish rates that would not be considered ample by the courts."

Silverton People Leave to Run Store in Eugene

SILVERTON, Ore., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Erickson and two sons, John and Walter, left for Eugene Friday morning, where they will take over a grocery store which they recently purchased. The two boys will attend the University of Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw bought the Erickson home on South Water street.

Mr. and Mrs. Erickson formerly owned a store in the east before coming to Silverton three years ago.

DEATH OVERTAKES FANNIE G. CURTIS

Well Known Woman Dies Suddenly at Her Oceanlake Home

The following account of the passing of Mrs. Curtis, known to many Salem people, is taken from the Garibaldi News:

Mrs. Fannie G. Curtis died very suddenly at the family home at Oceanlake, Oregon, at about 7 o'clock in the evening of Sunday, August 15th. She was enjoying her usual good health up to a few minutes before she passed away, her death apparently being caused by an arterial blood clot resulting from an injury to the right arm, breaking a bone in the wrist, about a month previously. Though the wound itself was nearly healed and giving little trouble at the time, the bruised blood was not entirely absorbed and when carried to a vital spot quickly became fatal.

Mrs. Curtis was born near Tillamook city March 4, 1857. Was married October 6, 1878, to Prof. E. D. Curtis, then principal of the Astoria public schools. Throughout a long term of years her husband was principal in the Portland schools and during that time they resided there.

For the past six years they have lived in their seashore home at Oceanlake, quietly enjoying the afternoon of life, now for her, so suddenly merged into the sunset.

Mrs. Curtis was preeminently a domestic woman, her home and husband, children and friends, was her world. For public display and society pomp she cared but little. Kindly, gracious, devoted, she was the embodiment of the highest type of wife, mother, friend. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Earl D. of Eugene, Ore.; Francis D. of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and her sister, Mrs. John O. Bozorth, of Bay City.

Klamath Falls postal receipts for seven months gain 22 per cent over last year.

FOUR TONS BULBS WENT TO CHICAGO

Over 100,000 of Them Were Shipped by Salem Firm Yesterday

The Franklin & Young Bulb company, Salem, with their bulb farm on the Wallace road in Polk county—on the site of the pioneer bulb farm of Dibble & Franklin—yesterday shipped four tons of bulbs, billed to Chicago. They were mostly narcissus bulbs; with a few thousand tulip bulbs for trial.

The firm taking these bulbs wanted a shipment of a car load, but this quantity could not be had. There were over 100,000 bulbs in the four ton shipment.

All the narcissus bulbs being handled by this firm are being sterilized with the hot water treatment, for the control of the pests, the greater and lesser narcissus fly, and the eel worm, where there is any suspicion of the presence of these pests.

The stock from which the shipment of yesterday was made was so treated last year, with the result that they passed the United States department of agriculture test, best practically 100 per cent free. The department of agriculture has authorized W. C. Franklin to make such tests, and the sterilizing is being done at the Portland plant of Fred M. Young, who is the partner of Mr. Franklin in the Salem bulb growing concern.

Chance for Expansion
Mr. Franklin is convinced that there is a great chance for the expansion of the bulb industry of the Salem district, with careful and experienced men in charge, and with a considerable amount of additional capital. He believes there is a great field in this line for the profitable use of the capital, and a field for a lot of high class experts.

It is a pity the big eastern bulb dealers cannot be supplied with car lots of Salem district bulbs, when they want them.

There is an interesting story in the life history of the narcissus pest, which Mr. Franklin has promised to give the reporter, when he can get time from his rushing work.

Community Fair Planned by Legion in Silverton

SILVERTON, Ore., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Preparations are about completed for the Silverton community fair which is being sponsored by the American Legion, to be held on September 16, 17, and 18. Style shows, flower shows, stock and farm exhibits, and household linens will be displayed.

The Silverton health center also plans on having a booth of some importance there.

Night Shift Starting at Silverton Cannery

SILVERTON, Ore., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The Silverton cannery began a night shift this week in order to care for the amount of prunes being brought to the cannery. It is said that the prune crop is so heavy this year that the driers around the country are unable to care for the fruit. The overflow, it is said, is brought to the Silverton cannery.

Today -- Sunday -- Monday

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