

FIRST M. E. IS OLDEST CHURCH

Others Came Early, Second Being Congregational and Baptist Third

Formal organization of the First Methodist church occurred in 1851. Rev. David Leslie was its first pastor and the first members included: Jason Lee and wife, L. H. Judson and wife, H. Campbell and wife, James Oily and wife, Joseph Holman and wife, Gustavus Hines and wife and Wesley Hauxhurst, the first white man converted by the missionaries. All the men but Hauxhurst bore the title "reverend".

The First Presbyterian church came into being May 15, 1869, with 20 charter members. The first ruling elders were John E. Forsythe, John Patterson and J. M. Martin. The first minister was Rev. T. J. Wilson. In 1872 the church was transferred from the United Presbyterian church to the church in connection with the Oregon Presbytery.

Congregationalists Came in '52; 4 Members

In November, 1851, Rev. D. R. Williams, a Congregational minister, began preaching here, supporting himself at the same time by teaching school. On July 4, 1852, the first Congregational church was organized with four members: Isaac N. Gilbert, Mrs. Marietta Gilbert, Albert Fellows and Mrs. L. L. Williams. In 1853 Rev. O. Dickinson arrived from the east and began a 14-year ministry; succeeded by Rev. P. S. Knight. In 1854 a small house of worship was built.

St. John's Catholic church was dedicated April 10, 1864. Rev. Father Leopold Dielman was the first pastor, followed by Father Goens and in 1872 came Father T. De Craene. Father Dieleman returned in 1874, remaining five years.

The First Baptist church was organized December 29, 1859, meeting for a time in the Congregational church and paying \$25 yearly rental. The first pastor was Rev. C. L. Fisher, who came in 1860.

\$6000 Brick Church for Early Christians

The First Christian church was organized sometime in 1852-3. Among its early members being Gov. George L. Wood. A brick church was erected in 1858, at Center and High, at cost of \$6,000. Early pastors were Elders Glenn O. Burnett, A. V. McCarty, John Rigdon and William Manning.

By 1888 the German Reformed church was well established in its own church at Capitol and Marion streets; the Seventh Day Adventist society had a branch in Salem, as did also the Cumberland Presbyterians, the United Presbyterians, the Dunkards and the Holiness society.

Rev. J. Croasman, first missionary sent to Oregon by the Evangelical church, started that church here in June, 1864. In 1866 the church edifice was erected at Center and Liberty. Through efforts of Rev. J. Bowersox the parsonage was built in 1872.

St. Paul's Episcopal church was organized 1853 and a building erected in 1854 and consecrated a year later by Bishop Fielding Scott, D.D. The Bishop and Rev. St. Michael Tackler alternated in serving the church the first two years. In the '30's a parish grade school was organized.

The Unitarian church saw its inception in Salem in 1838, when organization was made under the leadership of Rev. H. H. Brown. It was not until 1891 that the first church edifice was built, on the present site at Chemeketa and Cottage streets. The church building now in use was constructed in 1924 under ministry of Rev. Martin Farrey, who was succeeded in 1930 by Rev. Fred Alban Well. Rev. W. E. Copeland was the second minister to serve the church.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, was organized in Salem November 9, 1905. For a number of years it worshipped in a church on Chemeketa opposite the present edifice which was erected in 1904 and stands at the corner of Chemeketa and Liberty streets.

Billie Cupper New Leader of College Women

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 27—Billie Cupper, junior in home economics at Oregon State college, has just been elected president of the Associated Women Students at their annual election. This is one of the highest honors that can come to a woman student at the institution.

The Associated Women Students is an organization of the 1600 women on the campus. Miss Cupper will be installed into her new office May 9 at the annual honor convocation during Mother's week end.

She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega national society, National Collegiate Players, Madrigal Club and was vice president of A. W. S. last year.

The Statesman's Roll of Honor

FOR a fortnight the mail and the telephone has brought to The Oregon Statesman names of men and women who have been continuous readers for more than 50 years. A number of them like this newspaper, have now passed the 80th anniversary mark. The Statesman pauses in its own birthday celebration to felicitate them upon their successful journey and to wish them continuing years. No claim is made that the honor roll herewith is complete; rather it is representative of the great body of men and women who have looked for half a century to The Statesman for their source of news.

DR. MARK F. SKIFF 421 1/2 Court St. Subscriber to The Statesman for 50 years. Worked in its office 50 years ago feeding press.

HARRY W. ELGIN 1475 N. Liberty St. Father, James H. Elgin, came to Salem in 1852, subscribing to Statesman. Married in Salem Josephine Humphrey Elgin who came in 1853. They lived on donation land claim at Rosedale. Both now deceased. Son continues paper in family.

MRS. T. W. WOOD 2115 So. 18th Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Rogers, who were married in 1856, were constant subscribers to Statesman until their death. Mrs. Rogers has receipts going back to 1873, received by her parents. Her brothers and sisters all take Statesman. They are Mrs. F. W. Read, Corvallis; Clarence and Clayton Rogers, Portland; Cecil Rogers, Salem.

A. T. YEATON 507 Cottage St. Has been a constant subscriber since 1870.

MRS. FRED KAER 475 North Commercial St. Her mother, Mrs. Joseph Burkholder, had taken the paper continuously since 1873. She passed away February 21, 1931, the paper continuing to go to the family home where it had long been read.

MRS. M. E. BROOKS 1818 N. Commercial St. Present subscriber who recalls buying paper 50 years ago at end of Court street when The Statesman was printed by hand press.

H. H. VANDEVORT 435 N. Winter St. Paper has been in his family home for more than half a century. His mother Mrs. E. M. Vandevort, now deceased, started taking the paper.

MRS. GEORGE PEARCE 267 N. Winter St. She has been a subscriber to The Statesman for more than 50 years.

ARDELIA RINGE 1255 Broadway St. Resident in this district for 32 years; Statesman has been in home for more than three decades.

G. H. CROISAN Route 3, Box 355, Salem Recalls reading of Magruder murder described in Statesman in early '60's. First newspaper he ever read. Croisan born in Polk county in 1849.

W. T. RIGDON Salem; wintering in Los Angeles Personal subscriber 52 years; family began reading paper in 1854. His brother George and himself attended execution of Beal and Baker and learned their story by heart. Thinks their confession was printed in Statesman.

J. D. McCULLY 276 N. 14th St. Statesman subscription in family since 1863. McCully born in Harrisburg in 1856; lived in Salem most of time since 1863.

F. G. MCLENCH Route 1, Box 17, Salem Has read paper since 1850; took first subscription in 1876; a regular subscriber since 1883. McLench born in log house on donation land claim in Polk county, August 7, 1853.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH A. BAKER 1491 S. Commercial St. His father was one of earliest subscribers to The Statesman. Mr. Baker has continued to take the paper for many decades. He was born July 23, 1839 in Henry county, Illinois.

MRS. L. B. HALBERT Route 9, Box 15, Salem She has receipt for subscription taken by her father in 1852. He was part owner in the second general merchandise store which did business in Salem. Mrs. Halbert lives on part of donation land claim taken by her father. She has been a continuous subscriber since his death.

WARREN THATCHER 1625 Center St. Has been in Willamette valley 30 of his 81 years of life. Has been an intermittent subscriber for more than half a century.

E. S. MARTIN 1223 S. 12th St. Grandfather took paper when it was first issued March, 1851. Martin remembers always seeing it when he was a small boy. He has read it for 50 years, had it in the home most of this period.

R. P. BOISE 825 N. Sumner St. He has been a subscriber for 50 years and a half a century ago was a member of the staff.

MRS. ADDIE F. MCINTYRE 140 E. Superior St. She has been a reader of The Statesman for about 55 years.

LEMUEL HOBSON 180 W. Owens St. For 56 years, Mr. and Mrs. Hobson have had The Statesman in their homes. He was born May 13, 1850.

GIDEON STOLZ 575 Court St. He has been a subscriber since 1878. He has lived in or near Salem since 1872. Mr. Stolz was a member of the city council from 1904 to 1910.

F. A. MEYERS Route 8, Box 72 Mr. Meyers, now 84 years old, has lived in Marion county for 35 years and was a school teacher during most of that time. He has been a regular reader of The Statesman.

IDA M. BABCOCK 749 N. Commercial St. She has been a continuous reader of The Statesman for 50 years.

O. A. WALLER O. A. Waller at Turner Mr. Waller, son of Rev. A. F. Waller, is now 93 years old. He was born at Oregon City, August 9, 1843.

MRS. J. L. PARRISH Salem Mrs. Parrish, now 81 years of age, came to Salem when she was 15. For 66 years The Statesman has been in her home.

HAL D. PATTON 889 Court St. His father, T. McP. Patton, started taking the paper in 1872 and The Statesman has been in the Patton home continuously since that time.

H. C. PORTER Aumsville He was born in 1850. Owns the farm where the old cabin stood in which he was born. He has read The Statesman most of his life. His father was a mail carrier from Salem to Sublimity.

ABNER LEWIS 1525 State St. He is now 34 years of age. He was born 10 miles north of Salem. Mr. Lewis has been a constant subscriber to The Statesman since 1870.

PETER H. D'ARCY 635 N. Church St. He has taken The Statesman for 44 years. He worked for The Statesman between 1887 and 1877, learning the printing trade in the old office on the second floor of the building then occupied by The Statesman at State and Commercial streets.

MRS. VELLEDA OHMART S. Commercial St. Born in Salem in 1856, Mrs. Ohmart has been a reader of The Statesman since her childhood and believes her father took the paper in the early '50's before she was born.

MRS. MELINDA J. WADE 852 Broadway She was born near Salem in 1846. She has lived all her life in Marion county and is probably the oldest person living here who was born in the county.

OSCAR TAYLOR 960 Jefferson St. He is 73 years of age. He started taking The Statesman in September, 1869, and has taken The Statesman since then. He was born in Columbia, Missouri. He came to Salem in 1869 and started taking the paper soon thereafter. Taylor came north by boat from San Francisco. He took a boat up the river as far as Oregon City.

BENJAMIN D. GESNER Ricken He is 81 years of age. He has lived all his life in Marion county. Lives at Ricken where he was born.

A. M. CLOUGH 850 N. Church St. He has been reading the paper since 1876, having a copy usually at his home and at his office.

E. J. SWAFFORD 190 South 17th St. He has taken the paper continuously for more than 50 years.

BUDGETING TOPIC AT AD CLUB MEET

Who figuring advertising appropriations estimate on sales or profits of the past in comparison with sales or profits of the future. Such is the theory which was advanced at the meeting of the Salem Ad club Friday following presentation of the subject by Gardner Knapp, president.

Warning was given against chalking up expenditures such as donations and other kindred expenses to advertising, because in so doing the actual results of real advertising are not allowed to speak for themselves.

It was pointed out by Mr. Knapp that staple business expenditures from 2 to 6 per cent of the gross sales in advertising and that specially shops often range around 15 per cent.

It was voted at this meeting to sponsor an advertising achievement week sometime in May. Special displays will be featured.

Maramont Firm Files Here For Incorporation

Articles of incorporation for the Maramont Petroleum corporation were filed yesterday with the county clerk. The company proposes to purchase, lease and acquire lands and to prospect for petroleum oil, gas, salt and other minerals in this section. Capital stock is \$75,000, with 75,000 shares to be given par value of a dollar.

CUSTODY OF CHILD ISSUE IN DIVORCE

Arguments in the divorce case of Marie Zeller vs. Oscar Zeller occupied nearly a full day in Circuit Judge Gale S. Hill's court yesterday. The judge took the case under advisement.

The main contention in the case is disposal of the seven-year-old daughter, of whom the mother now has charge. Zeller filed counter charge to her complaint, and asked that he be given the divorce and custody of the child. Both charged cruel and inhuman treatment, and each charged the other with having a nagging disposition.

Each contends ability to support the child. It is now with her mother and stepfather, while she is employed in Milwaukie.

Both sides called five witnesses in the case yesterday.

THREE MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY COUNTY CLERK

Three marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the county clerk as follows: J. C. Pike, 1445 Oak, and Mary Helen Knuts, 1230 Chemeketa street. Harold Millon, and Kathleen High, both of Ashland. They were married here by Justice of the Peace Miller E. Hayden. Darrell B. Walker, 2030 Trade street, and Dorothy Stafford, route seven, both of Salem.

FARM TAX LEAGUE ANKENY BOTTOM, MARCH 27

A large group of Sidney farmers met at the Ankeny Grange hall Tuesday evening and formed a taxpayers' league to try and get a revelation on the land in this community. F. Toos of Salem was the main speaker during the evening. R. C. Day was elected president of the league and A. Field

INCREASES BERRY ACREAGE HOLLYWOOD, MARCH 27

Warner of this district is increasing his berry acreage. Beside the strawberries which he planted last fall he has set out about an acre of loganberries and an acre of Cuthbert red raspberries. The strawberries are doing nicely, he reports, though sadly in need of hooping if it would only get dry enough so he could get into the field.

DEED RECEIVED ON HUMBURG AREA

The state highway department Friday received from the federal government a deed to approximately 290 acres of land, located on Humburg mountain in Curry county. The land is on the route of the Oregon Coast highway, and will be used for park and recreational purposes.

HIGH SCHOOL HERE RELATIVELY YOUNG

Secondary Education as Now Organized Development Present Century

Young and fresh as a child just entering school is the Salem high school, if one compares it with venerable Willamette, and the nearly as old public schools. For the high school as such came into existence such a relative few years ago that some of its first graduates are not yet sending offspring into the public schools.

Scarcely 28 years ago, in 1902-4, there came into the school life two more grades, the ninth and tenth, with 90 pupils enrolled. The following year the 11th grade was added, bringing the enrollment up to 195, and fast upon the heels of this came the decision to put in the final year of high school, the 12th grade.

In the spring of 1905 construction of the high school building was started on the site at Marion and High, where stood the two historic central schools before it. The high school edifice, pride and joy of the city, was thrown open to students early in January, 1906, and before the close of the year 256 pupils had enrolled.

The next year, 1906-7, the enrollment increased to an unbelievably large number, 342, and the teaching corps had climbed to 10. In 1903-04, two teachers had been deemed sufficient to handle the higher students.

School enrollment has grown remarkably since 1906, just as has the population of the city and surrounding territory, and from the 256 pupils then the high school register has added more and more names each year until now about 1,300 boys and girls will be enrolled before the present school year is at an end.

That first high school graduating class of 1906, with its 18 members, could hardly guess that in 1931 diplomas would be given nearly 300 boys and girls.

Those first high school graduates were: Ethel M. Bell, Della C. Clark, Bertha Duncan, Fannie Funk, Elizabeth F. Harding, Carrie Hutchins, Alice Judson, Carrie Magness, Mabel Magness, Marguerite Mers, Helen Phillips, Genevieve Potter, Perry P. Reigelman, Ruby V. Rotzien, Martha Schindler, Harvey M. Slater, Horace Sykes and Rea Utter. Eight finished in the literary course, six in the classical, and two each in the German-scientific and the Latin-scientific.

High school principals here have been: J. M. Powers, E. T. Mariatte, Earl Kilpatrick, R. W. Kirk, J. C. Nelson (now principal emeritus and who served as principal the longest period) and Fred Wolf.

DEMONSTRATION OF DIALING IS VIEWED

More than 725 persons have witnessed dial telephone demonstrations at the office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company during the past two months, according to H. V. Collins, manager.

With so much interest being manifested it is certain that only a very small percentage of residents of this city will be unable to dial correctly when the new service is opened at midnight, Saturday, April 4," said Mr. Collins. "Most Salem people have known how to dial because of the proximity of cities such as Portland in which dial telephoning is in operation.

The company has issued a warning against "curiously calls" after the new service is opened. It calls other than regular ones are placed a serious handicap possibly will be imposed upon the service, according to Mr. Collins.

Tiny Flakes of Snow-Fall Here Noticed by Few

While some local people were laughing yesterday at reports from Portland that snow fell there, others report that this city fell was entirely without a flurry of snow.

The flakes dropped about 7 o'clock yesterday morning for only a few minutes, and were noticeable only to those who could watch the white drops collect on the windshields of their cars.

But of showers and drenching showers the city had its fill.

Church Place for Boys To Take Girls Courting

A smile of pleasure and a far away look was the response of those who today look back over a lifetime of 60 or 70 years spent in Salem, when they were questioned as to social activities during the years which they could remember or concerning which they had heard.

"One venerable gentleman said 'We took our girls to church to entertain them. Some of us did not have the courage to take them to church but we could find voice to ask to go home with them. There were no city lights at that time so we had to wait outside on the porch with our lanterns lighted and pick out our girls by lantern light.' And what a laugh followed!"

It was two of Salem's older citizens, very highly respected citizens, too, talking about the artwfully socially correct way to entertain "your girl".

SAY DANCES TABOO Square Style Popular

Did they go to dances? Yes, but in the homes. Public dances or "pay" dances were taboo. Said one of these older men, "Most of us danced the square dance but A— there was fashionable and danced the round dance." And A— blushed at his guilt of many years ago.

Older women styled yesterday's society as more formal. The girls went to a dance and they did not just dance with one man—they had a waiting list in those days, and they waited to be asked to dance and they were asked formally. No young man would think of saying informally, "Hello, dance with me?"

Another thing was the time to be home from parties. One sweet elderly lady with very white hair smilingly remarked: "My mother always said if we could not get our talk out on the way home to come in and light the lamp in the parlor. This lamp stood on a round table in the center of the room and the table lay beside it. Then mother added that if we could not get through talking by 10 o'clock she would come in—and she would, too."

Coming Home by Daylight, Practice Sometimes

Sometimes though these gay young people of the '60's, '70's, '80's and '90's would dance all night. Shocking? No, for these were country dances when all were loaded into buggies, hacks, and wagons and taken out to some one's country home to dance. It was too dark to come back in the middle of the night so they would dance all night and come back by the early morning light. And not a bad idea, either!

Social life was much more bound about the home life in those earlier days than it is today according to the opinion of those who judge from knowing both. One sweet matron whose years number 73 said "people did not need to go out of the home to enjoy themselves as they do today. We could sit about the large reading table and each of us take a character from one of Shakespeare's plays and spend the evening living again one of those plays and have a much better time than

seeing present day sex and using pictures at the movies." Refreshments Real Rib-Stickers, Then "Oh, we had our parties!" laughed this same lady. "As I grew older there was the Maitre Nous dancing club which met in the senate room of the capitol until the public objected to such a use for private parties. And there was the Friday night dancing club, and the tennis club, and all manner of dinner parties. We did not have tea in those days as they do now. That was too insignificant. And when we served refreshments they really were refreshments. Much baking and 'fussing' in the kitchen preceded an old-fashioned entertainment."

And there were "calico" parties when all the girls came dressed in dainty ruffled calico dresses, "and they did look so sweet" remarked one person in commenting. There were taffy pulls, and most popular of all were "costume parties" in which everyone came masked, and in fancy costume of some sort.

Social life from 1851, on well into the 1860's had a large part of its center in the church life. Today where is the center? A hard question to answer. From one community where all were very much a part of the whole, social life was much different from what it is today with its many cliques, its motion pictures, public dances, automobiles which allow for social contacts many miles away, the golf courses, and the great fad for cards.

GATES TO PREACH JEFFERSON, March 26.—Rev. C. P. Gates, district superintendent of the Salem area, will preach Saturday evening at the Evangelical church and also conduct the fourth quarterly conference.

Today---The Last Day of JOHNSON'S First Anniversary Sale HUNDREDS OF LADIES---

Johnson's for Gloves

filled our store all day Friday. Our advice to you is to come early today. We have a large stock of fine merchandise at such remarkable low prices. . . With EASTER only a week off this is your opportunity to outfit yourself at a great saving.

NEVER BEFORE HAVE WE OFFERED SUCH VALUES

JOHNSON'S 464 State Street The Store for Ladies

ALL SALES MUST BE CASH—NO APPROVALS—NO REFUNDS

REPORT OF CONDITION

LADD & BUSH, BANKERS SALEM, OREGON

At the close of business, March 25, 1931

Table with 2 columns: ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Loans, Banking House and Fixtures, Other Resources, Drafts in Transit, Cash Liability under L-C, Drafts and Acceptances, Bonds, U. S. Bonds, Cash. Liabilities include Capital, Surplus, Undivided Profits, Letters of Credit, Domestic and Foreign Drafts and Acceptances Sold, Deposits.

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