

Miss Welch Honored at PEO Tea

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Miss Annora Welch, only living charter member of Salem's chapter G of PEO Sisterhood has been a member of the Sisterhood for 60 years. Miss Welch also recalls almost-forgotten events in Salem during the 90s and early 1900s.

Because she's the only charter member of the Salem group and because she celebrated her 60th year as a member of PEO Sisterhood, women of chapter G will honor her on Thursday at the C. A. Sprague home at a tea.

She is a charter member of chapter A, the first in Indiana, joining on March 26, 1886, at Thornstown, Ind. She is a charter member also of chapter G which was organized in Salem on September 4, 1911.

Annora Welch, with her two sisters, Olive B. and Ella, came to Salem in July, 1891, and in 1902 the two former opened up what I recall as Salem's first variety store. It was located west of Meyers store (Miller's) between Liberty and Commercial, where the R. L. Elstrom store now is. The sister Ella was a teacher. Miss Welch is the only one of the three still living.

Among the interesting things she recalls is an English speaking school for the Chinese, in which she taught. The school was conducted for five days a week and lasted for six years in the late 90s. A Sabbath school was also conducted for the Chinese. She recalls having taught English to many of Salem's aristocratic Chinese and their children, although many, she says, already spoke correct English and of course the children attended public school.

Some 50 attended the Sunday school, and 25 pupils was the average for the high school.

Miss Welch has been an active member of the First Presbyterian church for 55 years.

Tea On Thursday
Calling hours for the tea are from 3 to 5:30 o'clock. Members of all PEO chapters in the city and all unaffiliated members here are invited.

Greeting guests at the door will be Mrs. Silas Gaiser, Mrs. A. E. Robins and Mrs. Gardner Knapp. In the receiving line will be Mrs. Sprague, Miss Welch and Mrs. Robert L. Elstrom, president of chapter G.

Presiding at the tea during the afternoon will be Mrs. W. B. Robinson, Mrs. W. W. Moore, Mrs. A. L. Godfrey and Mrs. B. F. Williams. Assisting in the dining room will be Mrs. Chester W. Hamblin, Mrs. Harry B. Johnson, Mrs. Tinkham Gilbert, Mrs. A. A. Linerode, Mrs. C. K. Logan and Mrs. William S. Cole.

Inviting guests into the dining room will be Mrs. A. A. Schramm and Mrs. Brown E. Sisson. Mingling with guests in the drawing room will be Mrs. George Aiken, Mrs. E. J. Huffman, Mrs. F. W. Lange, Mrs. J. Howard Shubert and Mrs. Robert Sprague.



Miss Annora Welch, who for 60 years has been a member of PEO Sisterhood, will be honored at a tea on Thursday afternoon, April 25 when members of chapter G, PEO will entertain at the Charles A. Sprague home on North 14th street. Miss Welch is a charter member of chapter G. (Kennell-Ellis).

Governor Lauds Week

In a proclamation setting aside May 5 to 12 in Oregon as Inter-American Music week, Governor Earl Snell declares:

"The Inter-American phase of Music week will again be stressed and attention given the music of the United Nations as an expression of the good neighbor policy. Music is a great bond among nations.

"It is my suggestion that every Oregon citizen make a special effort to contribute to and participate in the activities of the week."

Mrs. Walter Denton heads the committee in charge of the celebration. Mrs. Jessie Bush Mickelson is co-chairman. Miss Frances Virginia Melton, president of the Salem branch Oregon Music Teachers association, sponsoring group.

Other members of the committee are Mrs. David Eason, Dorothy Pearce, Helen McHirron, Bertha Junk Darby, Prof. and Mrs. T. S. Roberts, Priscilla Meisinger Wiltsey, Marjorie Wells, Mrs. Paul Silke, Mrs. Irl McSherry, John Schmidt, Jr., Dean Melvin Geist, Prof. Ralph Dobbs, Maurice Brennen, Frank Bennett, Lena Belle Tartar, Vernon Wiscason, Margaret Hogg and Ruth Bedford.

Returning today from a week's stay at the Nelscott apartments are Mrs. Donald Dawson and children, Kathleen and Stephen, and Mrs. Eugene Grabenhorst. Mr. Dawson and Mr. Grabenhorst joined their families there for the weekend.

Mrs. Donald H. Upjohn will preside at the monthly meeting of the Oregon State College mothers Monday afternoon at the YWCA at 2 o'clock. Election of officers will be a feature of the business session. Miss Dorothy Dohm, children's librarian at the city library, will review "There is No Place Like Home." Mrs. Carl Emmons, social chairman, heads the tea directorate. Assisting are Mrs. A. E. Ullman, Mrs. Francis Wade and Mrs. Robert Fromm.

Women of Rotary will hold their monthly luncheon meeting Monday afternoon at the Quella at one o'clock. Girl Scouts will be featured for the program. Women of Rotary sponsors troop 4 with Mrs. Hal Randall as the leader and Mrs. Leon Lassers, assistant. The troop girls will present a play after the luncheon.

County WCTU Institute will be held Thursday at the Free Methodist church, corner Market and Winter streets. The opening session will begin at 10 o'clock with a basket luncheon at noon. Mrs. Ruth Toozee, state president, will be the honor guests at the all day meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Noeval Edwards and son, Burton, Mrs. William Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stepp of Portland are spending the weekend fishing at Camp Sherman on the Metolius.

Sons of Union Veterans and auxiliary will meet Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Birch, 1368 Fir street for a no-host dinner at 6:30 o'clock. Mrs. E. Morgan will present the program.

Don't Look Now

but... it's a nice enough feeling to be considered an old timer around The Statesman office, answering questions on history and Salem family backgrounds—but it's too much of a good thing when they start consulting you about what the Elks did 50 years ago.

Aged in the wood... This week we got something that was old, and mellowed, in a musty looking bottle with dust of ages on it. And it was rare, probably stored away in some dark storeroom with others of its kind, waiting for an opportune moment to be put on the shelves, when buyers would be hungry for it. But the bottle of Green Label Br'er Rabbit molasses went just as well on my noontime rye bread as if the bottle were shiny. I did wonder where it had been all its life.

Two Crowns... They're calling Creech's out on State street, the "store of queens" and bragging quite a bit about it. Eileen Lytle, crowned beauty queen on the WU campus last week and Virginia Case, named a candidate for May queen, both work at the drugstore.

The old order... We are reluctant to like the changes at Silver Creek Falls. When you've run along the secluded paths, enjoyed quiet family picnics, eaten bugs, cooked over a campfire, picked huckleberries in the thickets and even had a swim or two in the pools below the falls, you can't help missing them among the modern improvements. The concession house, with its myrtlewood panels and fancy outdoor terraces,

though pretty much in keeping with the outdoor idea really makes me sad. It's just too, too civilized, and I will leave it to the newcomers who like to get their outdoor life in cellophane wrapped packages.

Something new... too, is the sprinkling system in Willson park. They have put in modern improvements there, but it's pretty much the same old park as when we used to be chased off the lawn by old Mr. Kluck, the first gardener, because we played ball on his lawn. The present gardeners seem to find pleasure in the public's enjoyment across the street, and seeing the people use the park, we think the lawns are just as green and smooth, for all the enjoyment the public has in them.

Double standard... The "for men only" nylon line that New York seems so proud of is an out and out discrimination—we haven't seen any "for women only" signs, there's always a lot of men in our lines spoiling a chance for the best remnant-counter tactics. Anyway I'll bet it was a selfish instinct that caused the men to part the line while the street sweeper bought his nylons—you know how high-tax conscious the men are, they are never happy unless the public servant is working his head off.

Only for a moment... Spring seems so short. We look out of our window, down into the cherry tree and the bare branches are suddenly white. Then, it seems only a day, the wind catches the petals—a fragrant snowstorm—and then it's green and summer's on the way. . . . Maxine Buren

Last Dances Of Season Slated

End of the dance season is approaching as several clubs have announced the spring dance will be the last for the year.

Tillicum club members will gather Tuesday night at the Veteran's hall for the last formal dance of the season. A picnic dance is planned to take place in the summer if a suitable place can be obtained for the event.

Guy Albin's orchestra will play for dancing between 9:30 and 12 o'clock. B. E. Owens has served as president and Ralph Campbell is the new president.

A large pre-dance party will

be held before the affair at Shattuc's Chateau. Hosts will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Viesko and Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews. Hours are from 8 to 10 o'clock. Arrangements of lights and spring blossoms will decorate the room and spring flowers in pastel shades will be used on the buffet table.

Town Club Saturday
The Town club will hold its last dance of the season Saturday night. The formal dinner dance will be at the Marion hotel in the Mirror room with dinner served at 9 o'clock.

The Subscription club will entertain with its last dinner dance of the season on Saturday, May 4 in the Mirror room of the Marion hotel. The committee in charge includes Dr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Purvine and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hauk.

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A Benefit Bridge

First of the spring bridge benefit parties will be the bridge tea for which the Junior Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will be host on Wednesday afternoon, April 24 at the parish house.

Bridge will be in play starting at 2 o'clock with additional guests invited to call for tea at 4 o'clock. Guests are asked to bring their own table accessories. At the tea hour Mrs. Custer

Roas and Mrs. George H. Swift will pour.

Mrs. Homer Goulet, sr. heads the directorate for the benefit. Mrs. V. E. Kuhn is arranging the tea table and refreshments and assisting are Mrs. Lester Barr, Mrs. W. C. Gabriel, Mrs. U. G. Shipley, Mrs. Rue Drager, Mrs. Harry Wiedner and Mrs. Carlton Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Saunders, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Hobbs for the past week are leaving today for their home in San Jose.

Mrs. Perry to Entertain

Mrs. Leon Perry will entertain informally at dinner Wednesday night at her home on Jefferson street for a group of friends. Spring flowers will provide the decorative note.

Covers will be placed for Miss Carlita Dreblow, Mrs. Eleanor Ohman, Mrs. Rene Besse, Mrs. Lynn MacLachlan of Portland, Mrs. William Phelps, Miss Lavorne Harnsberger and Mrs. Perry.

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