

Tribute Is Paid to Miss Ellen Chamberlin by Seattle Writer

Editor's Note—A recent issue of the magazine section of the Sunday Statesman contained an article in tribute to the late Miss Ellen Chamberlin, who after graduating from Willamette University, had the distinction of being on the faculties of five institutions of learning in the Northwest. Miss Chamberlin lived with her sister the late Mrs. Charles Weller after retirement until her death in 1942. George Weller, 923 Shipping St., was a nephew and Mrs. Albert S. Wells, 254 Wyatt Court, a niece of Miss Chamberlin. The Times article was written by C. T. Conover, a frequent contributor of historical and biographical sketches. It will prove of interest to those of Salem and Willamette who knew Miss Chamberlin.

One of the most beloved members of the faculty of the University of Washington in earlier days was Miss Ellen J. Chamberlin, head of the English Department from 1927 until after the university's removal to its present situation ten years later.

In addition to her ability as a teacher, she was distinguished for her winsome nature and character-building qualities.

Miss Chamberlin was born in Michigan in 1869 and accompanied her parents to Oregon eight years later. She was graduated from the Willamette University in 1893 and became a member of the university faculty in the academic department. She served from 1899 to 1873 as instructor, and from 1873 to 1878 as preceptor.

Then for three years Miss Chamberlin taught in Portland schools and afterward in the Dallas Academy under Dr. Thomas M. Gatch.

When Dr. Gatch was elected president of the University of Washington in 1887, Miss Chamberlin came with him as head of the English Department. The faculty at that time was as follows: O. B. ("Bugs") Johnson natural history; J. M. Taylor, mathematics; Mark Bailey, Latin; D. J. Pierce, mental and moral science; Ellen J. Chamberlin, English; Julia Chamberlin, music and Clair Gatch, art and librarian.

Of the site of the university in those days, Miss Chamberlin wrote: "Picture to yourself the main building, surmounted by an observatory and belfry, located on a knoll above the town in a beautiful grove with a panoramic view of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains beyond. From the window of my classroom I could look down on the sparkling water of Elliott Bay, bearing stately ships from all over the world, while toward the south Mount Rainier loomed in all of its majesty. The campus of those days is now the Metropolitan Center and the entrance of the Olympic Hotel is where the cornerstone of the old building rested."

University Grows
When the growth of Seattle forced the removal of the university to its present location, all of the historic old building was junked excepting the front porch. They, as Miss Chamberlin once wrote, "were taken by the graduating class to a sequestered grassy nook on the new campus, where they stand, reminders of those early days when sturdy pioneers had started and kept lighted this lone beacon of education."

A year's vacation was granted Miss Chamberlin. It was a memorable year in her life, filled with study, pleasure and profit abroad. When on returning a rift in the mist revealed the Goddess of Liberty and the whole shipload sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," she felt a thrill of joy and pride never before experienced, and a deeper love of country than Miss Chamberlin had ever known.

The following are excerpts from a tribute by Ruth Karr McKee: "To look backward 47 years to the

time when the writer first came under the sway of Miss Chamberlin brings back into focus a scene that lives today in the memories of some hundreds of students who passed through the doors of the University of Washington in the '20's and '30's. The physical features are now all gone; only memories remain.

"For the girls the chief interest centered in the southwest corner of the building known as 'Miss Chamberlin's room.' Here the girls gathered about the huge coal stove for gossip and study before class. We all had the same picture of Miss Chamberlin. She was always serene, always fair, always accurate, always prompt, undeterred by circumstances that catch at the skirts of less proud mortals. At Her Desk in Snow

"One winter the snow was so deep that all streetcar lines were tied up. Miss Chamberlin lived out on Queen Anne Hill and we went to roll call with the confident hope there would be no session that day. Vain hope. There at her desk sat Miss Chamberlin, with no evidence of defeat. Many lectures could not have impressed such a sense of dependableness as finding Miss Chamberlin, serene and patient at her desk, as if nothing had happened. Yet we knew she must have had to fight her way through miles of snow-clad streets.

"For six impressionable years our conduct was shaped by what would be approved by Miss Cham-



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berlin, and gladly do I make acknowledgement here. The things that have given the most pleasure in later life are those I learned to value and love under her guidance. History, literature, cultural values took form and permanence from the enthusiasm with which she taught them, as did my idea of womanliness, human dignity and reverence for truth."

"The baneful influence of politics crept into our Garden of Eden," Miss Chamberlin wrote when she resigned.

She next was a member of the faculty of the Oregon State Normal School, later a member of the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural College, and still later engaged in library work. She died peacefully at Salem, Ore., in 1942 at the age of 83.

Circles Slate Meetings for Coming Week

Circle 2 of the First Congregational Church meets Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Torgeson, 1347 Heather Lane; assistant hostess, Mrs. William Galloway. Mrs. Orville Kanier Jr. is leader.

The other circles meet on Wednesday as follows:

Circle 1 at 7:45 p.m. with Mrs. Leo Johnson, 438 Wayne Drive. Mrs. Violet LaMont assisting State Senator Mark Hatfield will talk on International Relations. Mrs. Robert Clark, leader.

Circle 4 meets for 1:30 p.m. dessert at 110 W. Ewald. Mrs. E. A. Carleton, hostess, assisted by Mrs. Lynn Hammerstad. Leader is Mrs. Justin Rowland.

Circle 5 at 10:30 a.m. for sack lunch with Mrs. Charles Derthick, 955 Marion. Mrs. Myron Butler leads devotions. Mrs. Raymond Walsh will give highlights of her trip to Morocco. Mrs. H. O. Schneider is the leader.

Circle 6 meets for 12:30 p.m. dessert at the Karl Heinlein home, 208 E. Miller. Mrs. George Durham assisting. Mrs. Marvin Nettleton has arranged a program on Indian Americans. Mrs. Frederic Staat is the leader.

Circle 7 meets for salad lunch at 1 p.m. with Miss Grace Bahcock, 749 N. Commercial, as hostess. Miss May Cleveland, assistant. Mrs. Roy S. Grette, speaker, will discuss training volunteers for work in state institutions. Mrs. D. H. Upjohn is the leader.

YMCA Mothers to Meet Thursday

YMCA Mothers Club will hold its November meeting Thursday at 12 o'clock in the social room of the YWCA. All mothers of teenagers are invited to attend these monthly meetings and bring a sack lunch. Dessert and coffee will be provided by the refreshment committees.

Following the business meeting, a panel discussion on the social need and development of the adolescent will be presented by Dr. James Ashbaugh, Kirk Miller, and Craig Dudley.

St. Mary's Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will meet Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ralph Atwood, 2914 South 12th Street.

Annual Homecoming

Oregon Grape Camp, Royal Neighbors will hold its annual homecoming at the Veterans Hall on Wednesday evening, November 16 at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Mary Champ is general chairman. Immediately after the dinner a program will be given and there will be other entertainment. Mrs. Mae Logan, state supervisor, of Portland, will be present for the occasion.

St. Elizabeth's Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will meet in the Guild Room for a 1 o'clock luncheon Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Robert S. Brooks is chairman of the hostess committee, assisted by Mrs. Lynn F. Cron-miller, Mrs. O. K. DeWitt, Mrs. William Dolf and Mrs. Paul VanScov. Members are asked to bring their bazaar articles.

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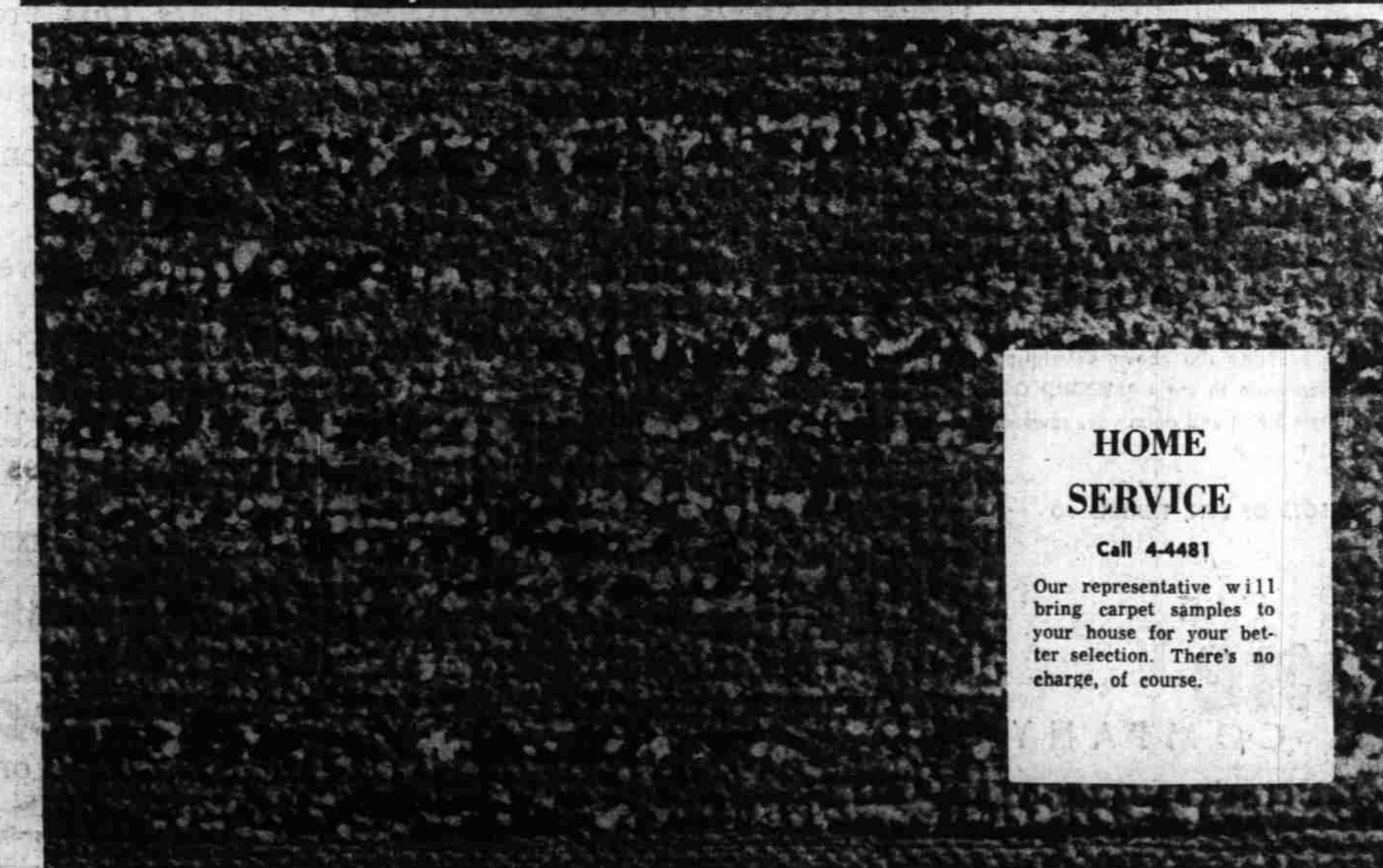
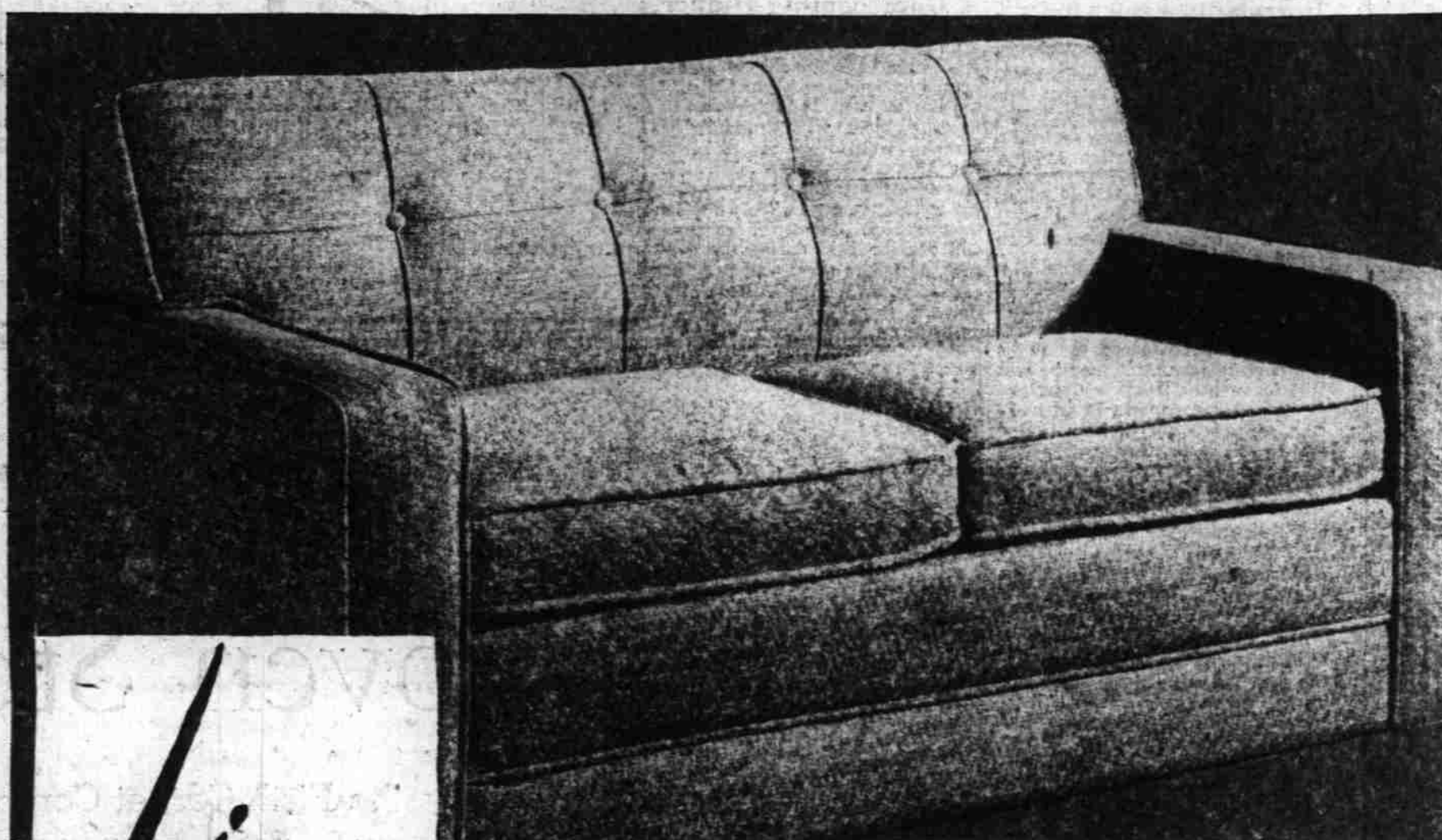
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United Nations Is Theme of Program

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church will meet with the Susannah Wesley, The Marion Lela Norris, and the Vivian Pomeroy Wesleyan Service Guilds Monday evening, November 14 at 8 p.m. in the Carrier Room.

The worship service will be presented by Mrs. Burton Bastuscheck.

The theme for the meeting will be "Our Pledge to the United Nations."

Mrs. Dennis Patch, American Problems teacher at North Salem High School, will present a group of her pupils in a United Nations Model Assembly.

Those participating and the part they represent are as follows: Rex Peterson as secretary general of the U. N.; George Adams as president of the Assembly; Barbara Peters as U. S. delegate, representing Human Rights Commission; Jan Roberts, Mexican delegate and to the UNESCO; Judie Hume, Pakistan delegate and UNICEF delegate; Sandie Hill, Indonesia, delegate HO; Richard Hanson, Afghanistan, representing F.A.O.; Kenneth Carr, Great Britain; Larry Goodman, United States; Bob Carr, France; Dena Kleen, Algeria; Jack Loy, Greece; Debbie Lamb, Egypt; Reno Millette, Israel; Judy Byers, India; Pamela Clayton, Russia; Judith Seely, National China; and Judy West, representing Sweden.

Special music will be piano selections by Miss Marcia Humphrey and a group of Latvian songs by Miss Arja Lietuvietis, who will be accompanied by Miss Judy Seely.

Hospitality committee includes Mrs. Roy Lockenour, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton, president of Susannah Wesley Guild, Mrs. J. M. Hartley, president of Merion Lela Norris Guild and Mrs. A. B. Sanchez, president of Vivian Pomeroy Guild.

A tea and social hour will follow the program. All women of the church are invited.