Person-to-Person

First Lady Meets Past In Williamsburg Trip

By MARGUERITE W. WRIGHT

To anyone with a sense of America's historical heritage and an appreciation not only of tradition but of the practical usefulness of antiques and the old ideals of gracious living, a trip to Williamsburg, Va., is an inspiration.

That is what Oregon's first lady, Mrs. Robert D. Holmes, found when she accompanied the governor to the annual Governor's Conference there recently. With the Holmeses were Administrative Assistant Harry Swanson and Mrs. Swanson, who will be moving to Salem from Astoria this summer.

During their stay at the Williamsburg Inn and at social affairs in the authentic 18th century palaces and colonial plantation houses, the Holmeses felt, not like strangers from the Western frontier, but more like relatives visiting an old homestead.

The main purpose of the Williamsburg restoration, financed by the Rockefeller family, is, of course, to help make Americans aware of their birthright in this cradle of our form of government.

Ancestor Patrick Henry

This perception of identity with the past was particularly moving, Marie Holmes recalled, in the hushed and reverent atmosphere of the Virginia House of Burgesses during the conference opening ceremony. Here is where Patrick Henry, first colonial governor of Virginia, made his permanent place in history, and Governor Holmes is a direct lineal descendant of Patrick Henry.

The governor's wives were guests of Mrs. Thomas Stanley, Virginia's first lady, at a luncheon at the executive mansion in Richmond, a stately residence furnished with antique Hepplewhite and Duncan Phyfe pieces against a background of crimson damask. Mrs. Holmes, a collector of antiques and an enthusiastic gardener, was delighted not only with the furnishings and formal gardens, but also the unique 18th century dried flower arrangements and cherishes the Wedgewood five-fingered posy holder presented to her by Virginia.

Another souvenir given each guest is the commemorative plate each used at the dinner given at the Williamsburg Palace by Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Rockefeller.

18th Century Gala

"This was without a doubt the most beautiful party we have ever attended," recalls Marie Holmes. Servants were in colonial costume and entertainment recreated that of the early period. There was an 18th century chamber music orchestra, singers of English ballads, jugglers, tumblers and minuets. A white pique evening dress was Mrs. Holmes' choice for this gala affair.

Such social occasions, however, were not the main interest of the governors and their wives, Mrs. Holmes said. When they were not attending conference business sessions, the ladies talked over their own duties — learning that most of them had problems in common even though many live in state-owned mansions and some, like Marie Holmes, do not.

As a result of such informal exchanges of ideas, Mrs. Holmes is writing to Gov. William Stratton of Illinois, next year's conference chairman, to suggest an organized round-table discussion for the first ladies at the next conference.

Official Responsibilities

At this meeting, she suggests, questions pertaining not only to the social side of a first lady's responsibilities but also the public service aspects can be considered.

She was much impressed, she says, by the keen feeling of obligations that transcend the purely social which is shared by most of the governors' wives. By activities in behalf of worthy causes, especially in the fields of philanthropy, education, youth, and so on, a governor's wife can draw attention to things that need doing, Mrs. Holmes said, and expressed the hope that the next conference will bring out such possibilities.

And both Governor and Mrs. Holmes returned from Virginia with the hope that Oregon can some day be the host for a Governor's Conference as productive of ideas and memorable as the one just concluded.

Meanwhile, Oregon's first lady can hardly wait to try out more of the recipes in the old Williamsburg cookbook she brought back. The Sally Lunn, she says, is superb.

The governor just said, "Mmmmm!"

Honored Today

Miss Gertrude Acheson, who is retiring as a YWCA worker, will be honored this afternoon at a reception at the Salem YWCA. Calling hours are from 4 to 5:30 and the YWCA board-of directors are hosts. (Kennell-Ellis Studio).

Reception to Honor Executive Director Retiring From YWCA

Miss Gertrude Acheson, executive director of the Salem YWCA for the past seven years, will be honored by the members of the board of directors of the YW at a reception on Wednesday afternoon, July 24, from 4 to 5:30 o'clock at the YWCA, 768 State Street.

After a long career in YW work, Miss Acheson is retiring and will make her home in Palo Alto with her sister. In the years she has been in Salem the YW has grown from the old house on State Street to the modern new building completed in 1953, the later completion of the dormitory facilities and the current drive for the swimming pool wing.

In the reception line will be Miss Acheson and Mrs. Donald L. Rasmussen, president of the board of directors, and greeting guests at the door will be Mrs. A. A. Schramm, Mrs. Robert Gregg, Mrs. William Crothers and Mrs. Frank Spears. Pouring will be Mrs. Carlton Greider, Mrs. Harold Schneider, Miss Dorothea Steusloff, Mrs. George LaBorde, Miss Eleanor Stephens and Mrs. Floyd Utter.

Mrs. John Herr is in charge of refreshments and decorations will be arranged by Mrs. Stanley Grove, Mrs. Maylon Scott and Mrs. Joseph Matujec.

The board is cordially inviting, through the press, all friends of Miss Acheson to attend.

Art Devotees Invite All to Pay Homage

A triple-feature awaits those who attend the Salem Art Association's reception for Miss Constance Fowler this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at the Bush House.

First, there is an exhibition of Miss Fowler's paintings, she who was formerly head of the Willamette University art department and is now associate professor of art at Albion College in Michigan.

Then there is the Picture-of-the-Month; that being a watercolor of a very young Salem lady named Malissa Duniway done by Barbara Erkskine or Mrs. David Erskine, a former Salem artist now living in Texas.

Third, but not least, is an exhibit of flower containers from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Johnson of particular interest to enthusiasts of Victoriana and those whose hobby is flower arranging. Rockingham-type flare-top vases form the central theme of this display.

Characteristic of the period are the hand vases, one of Bristol ware and two of earthenware. There are a particularly fine pink Bristol vase, two Bristol scent bottles and a large Bristol ruffled-top vase.

Northwest residents will find a blue and white souvenir cup with the old Portland Hotel pictured of regional significance. Shown with the cup is a Staffordshire plate made especially for Meier and Frank Co. by Rowland and Marsellus. The latter is from the permanent museum collection.

The public is cordially invited to attend the reception and tour the museum.

Mrs. Keith Powell and Mrs. Donald Young will pour this afternoon. Assisting in the dining room are Miss Carmalita Barquist, Mrs. Charles Barclay, Mrs. Robert Gormsen and Mrs. William Lidbeck.

Receiving at the doors are Mr. and Mrs. William Dolf, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Goss, and Dr. and Mrs. H.R.B. Hutchinson. Others assisting are John Medcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Gilbert, Clifford Gleason, Mrs. Wayne Weeks, Mrs. Douglas Cooper, Mrs. C. A. Downs, and Mrs. Morris Crothers.

Camp Fire Directors To Be Feted

Members of the board of directors of the Willamette Council of Camp Fire Girls will be guests of honor at a banquet at the council's resident camp, Camp Kilowan, Monday, July 22 at 6 p.m.

Following dinner, the regular meeting of the board of directors will be held, it was announced by Burton Hutton, council president.

Members of the Board will have a chance to visit the units and see some of the unit programs in action while at the camp. Camp Kilowan has been operating for three weeks, and will continue in operation until August 17. More than 100 girls per week are in attendance at the camp.

Items included on the agenda of the meeting are latest reports on the progress of Camp Kilowan, and a resume of some of the responsibilities to be assumed by the Willamette Council when members of Camp Fire Girls, Inc. from the entire Pacific Northwest Region VI meet here in Salem April 18, 19, and 20, 1958, for their annual regional meeting.

Persons planning to attend the dinner meeting from Salem include Allan Stevens, 1st vice chairman, George Windedahl, Treasurer, Mrs. Marvin Hellend, Stan Schofield, Bill Schaumberg, Paul Kuper, Mrs. W. E. Gardner, and Ron Blundell, all board members, as well as Mrs. John Lewis, council executive director, and Carolyn Morrison, district director for Marion County.

Don't Look Now . . .

but . . . we ought to know more about our own city, is my conclusion since I heard about a fellow who lives on South 45th street. My knowledge of Salem takes me out only as far as about 24th street, which shows my true vintage, but I wonder how many other folks could not find their way around some of the many new additions—or even find their way TO them.

Paper chase . . . I followed a solid citizen's car from South Salem the other day and wouldn't have had a chance of losing, because he left a trail of paper bags, along his route. This man whom I know to be a teacher, selected a sandwich from a paper bag which went out the window, then the wax paper and a couple of other wrappings. It occurred to me where I have been in Scandinavia, they use the receptacles fastened to every park bench and on every street corner and keep their cities clean.

Brown Study . . . As an amateur carpenter of no mean repute, I have now solved the distressing problem of having to watch the morning toast. I merely take the bread from the toaster when I get around to remembering, then use my trusty electric sander to tone it down to the correct hue.

Heat Wave . . . seems to me the very persons complaining about the dark weather last week suffered from heat prostration this.

As for me . . . I'm glad for any weather, just glad the dam isn't threatening to break or a drouth impending.

Big Shot . . . Anyone suffering from an inferiority complex can bolster his ego by driving over the little hoses at half a dozen service stations, then listen to the bell ring and watch the attendant snap to attention.

Maxine Buren

Miss Ernst Receives Scholarship

Miss Carol Ernst of St. Paul was awarded the Clara Barton Memorial Scholarship for Nursing by the United Spanish-American War Veterans and their auxiliary at the 49th state encampment and 41st convention of the auxiliary recently concluded at Grants Pass.

Miss Ernst was sponsored by the Salem chapter and will enter Providence Hospital in Portland this September for training.

New officers elected at the encampment are M. H. Broughton of Aloha, department commander, and Mrs. Iva Mae Hardisty of Oregon City as department president.

The outgoing commander, H. S. Van Valkenburg of Portland, and president, Mrs. Hazel Anderson of Medford presided at the meetings. Grants and Medford chapters were hosts.

Memorial services were held Sunday under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman of McMinnville, department chaplain.

Attending from Salem as representatives of the Hal Hibbard camp and auxiliary were Brig. Gen. Carl Abrams and Mrs. Abrams, Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Kinney, Mrs. Bessie Baker, Mrs. Willow Evans and Mrs. Anna Wolford.

Mrs. Evans served as aide to the senior vice-president, Mrs. Kinney as color-bearer, and Mrs. Baker on the resolution committee.

Spinsters Set 'Play and Pay' Benefit Bridge

Salem Spinsters will meet on Monday night at the home of Miss Beverly Lockard, 595 Winding Way. Co-hostesses are Miss Julie Mellor and Miss Eleanor Oakes.

Further plans will be made at the meeting for the club's benefit bridge party to be held August 7 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. Wells Baum, 850 Prospect Place. There will be two sessions of bridge, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Sisterhood Sets YW Silver Tea

A silver tea to benefit the YWCA swimming pool will be sponsored by the Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood at the home of Mrs. Sam Muchnick September 11.

Co-chairmen are Mrs. David Flaks and Mrs. Theodore Linn.

Shorts Approved If Not Too Short

SCRANTON, Ja., July 20 (UP)—Shorts are okay if they aren't too short, says Burgess Michael T. Pierche of nearby Hawley.

Pierche had signs posted informing residents that women were not allowed to show in the center of town clad in bathing suits, tights, midriffs and halters.

Businessmen complained that the ordinance was driving potential customers away. They demanded the signs be taken down. Pierche refused.

Some people thought the ordinance also barred shorts, but Pierche said, "shorts are ok, if they aren't too short."

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Holmeses Attending Regatta

The Astoria Regatta and Fish Festival drew attendance of several prominent Salem residents this weekend, including Governor and Mrs. Holmes.

The Holmeses joined 45 guests of Admiral A. M. Bledsoe aboard the Navy yacht, S. S. Bluewater, Thursday to travel down the Columbia River from Portland to Astoria. Included in the party from Salem were Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Thomas E. Rilea, Col. and Mrs. Carl Cover, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swanson, Mrs. Donald Blake and Miss Sandra Graham.

While in Astoria, Governor and Mrs. Holmes will be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Swanson there and later Mrs. Holmes will be a guest of Col. and Mrs. G. D. A. Fletcher at Seaside. The Fletchers have been house guests of the Holmeses in Salem the past week.

Mrs. Holmes will remain in Seaside to serve as a judge at the Miss Oregon contest there next weekend.

Sullivans Honored by Journalists

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Sullivan will be guests this evening at a buffet supper party in their honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schrick in Portland.

Mr. Sullivan, news editor of The Oregon Statesman, is leaving this fall on a year's leave of absence to attend Harvard University on a Nieman Fellowship.

Another Nieman Fellow, John Armstrong of the Portland Oregonian, and his wife, will be among the guests.

Also present to wish Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan further success in his field will be Professor and Mrs. George Turnbull of the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jenkins of Portland. Mr. Jenkins was the high school journalism teacher who launched both Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Schrick in their newspaper careers.

Invited from Salem besides the Sullivans are Mr. and Mrs. James Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Wright Jr.

From Eugene besides the Turnbulls, are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frazier and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams. Mr. Frazier was a Nieman Fellow several years ago.

Portland guests include Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. John [illegible], Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vernstrom, Charles Poutz, Mr. and Mrs. George Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. A. McCready, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Penny, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Weber and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Erickson.

Eight Amateurs Needed for 'Three Angels'

Tryouts for "My Three Angels," last Pentacle Theater production of the 1957 summer season, will be held Monday, July 22 at the Bush House, between the hours of 6:30 and 10 p.m.

"My Three Angels," a comedy dramatized by Sam and Bella Spewack, calls for a cast of eight men and three women of varying ages and types.

Director Margaret Ringnalda urges that all interest persons attend whether they have had previous acting experience or not.

"My Three Angels" will be sponsored at the Pentacle Barn from August 26 through August 31.

WSCS Plan Bush Picnic

A nature meditation will be led by Mrs. Harley Zigler at the Women's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church picnic Wednesday, July 24, at Bush's Pasture. The covered-dish affair will be at the South High and Cross Streets corner of the park at 1 p.m. and coffee will be furnished.

Transportation will be furnished with cars leaving the church at 12:45 p.m.

Mrs. F. D. Baker will preside at a short business meeting and there will be no meetings in August.

All women of the church are invited to attend.

Women Decide To Run Town

BUFFALO, W. Va. (AP)—Buffalo housewives aided by some—not all—of their husbands are on the war path with a full slate of female nominees against perennial male officeholders.

"The weeds are over our heads, sidewalks all broken, things are terrible," says Mrs. Norma Warner, who heads the slate of nominees opposing the administration of Mayor Vernon D. Rigg.

"All we want to do is make Buffalo a better place to live," Mrs. Warner said.

"Last time there was supposed to be an election," said Mrs. Warner, "They just got together and appointed each other."

Circle Schedule

Three circles of the Jason Lee Methodist WSCS will meet Wednesday, July 24 as follows: Clara Swain Circle, dessert at 1:30 with Mrs. Roy Riggs, 2570 Hazel.

Laura Austen Circle, picnic at 12:30 at Marion Square.

Ann Lee Circle, dessert at 1:30 with Mrs. W. J. Fair, 2600 N. 18th.

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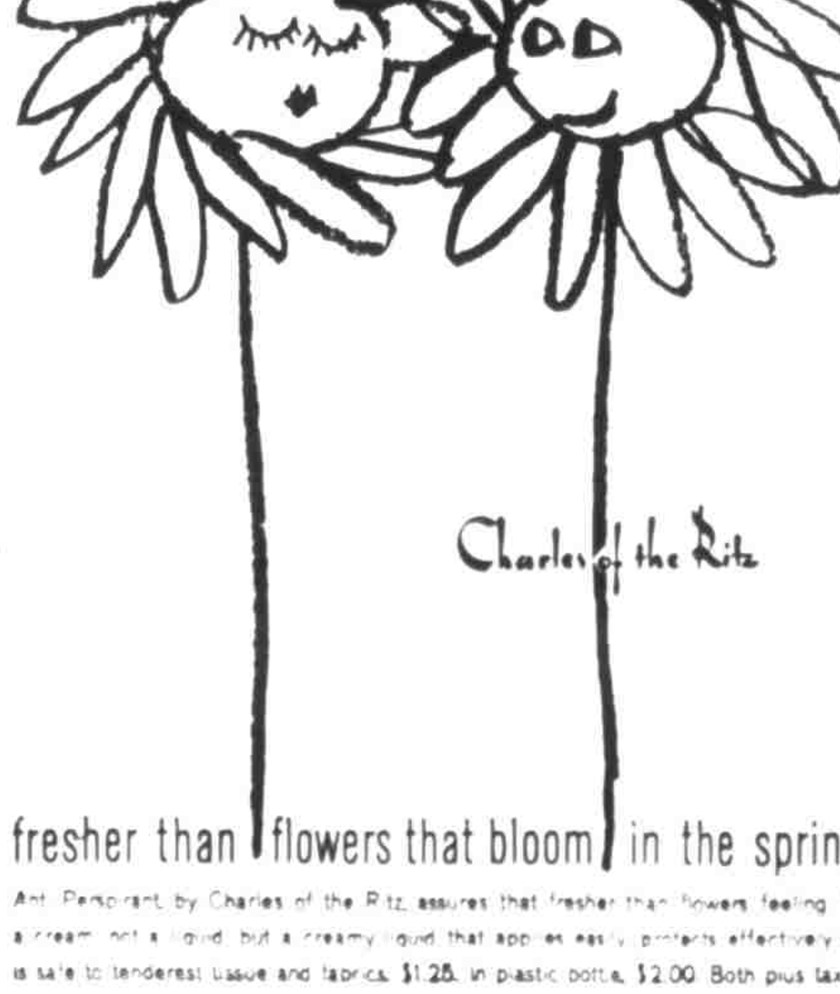

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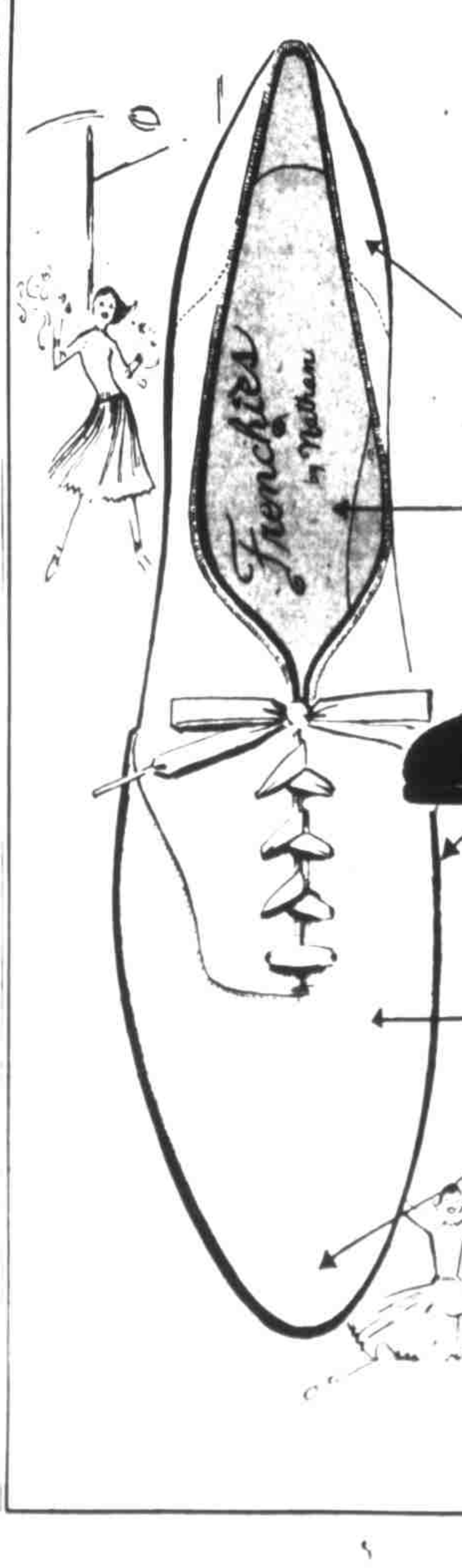

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