

DAV Brings Suit Against Memorial Building Group

A dispute over the collection and handling of donations for a veterans' memorial building has resulted in a Marion county circuit court suit between the Salem chapter of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans Living Memorial Building Association of Marion county.

Holmer Talks On Legislature

A Freeman Holmer, assistant professor of political science at Willamette university, told the Salem Lions club Thursday noon that the population plan for reapportionment of the state legislature, would be better named "Gerrymander Unlimited."

With that as the theme of his address, Holmer analyzed the proposal filed by Oregon labor organizations and Young Democrats last November.

Holmer explained that under the method of equal proportions, one of the many possible mathematical devices used in apportioning legislature, and the one used in this plan would have provided Multnomah county with 10 senators and 20 representatives, Lane county would get four senators and six representatives, Marion and Clackamas would receive three senators and five representatives each; Washington county would be entitled to two senators and three representatives, Douglas, Linn, Klamath, Umatilla, Coos and Clatsop would have one senator and two representatives each, Yamhill would get one senator and one representative, Josephine, Polk, Columbia, Benton and Deschutes one representative each and Jackson one senator and three representatives.

Holmer presented his so-called balanced representation plan, in the formulation of which he was a key figure. This plan would give one representative to each county and distribute the remainder by the method of "equal proportions."

6 ONG Officers to Attend Staff School

Six officers of the 41st infantry division, National Guard, from this area will be among the 25 officers of the division attending the Division Staff school to be held at the Portland A. I. base, February 11 and 12.

East Salem Club Installs Officers at Neuman Home

East Salem, Feb. 9 — Officers for the new year were installed at the Tuesday meeting of Swegle Woman's club held in the home of Mrs. Louis Neuman on N. 18th street, as no meeting was held in January. Serving will be Mrs. Ralph Hein, president; Mrs. Clifford Yost, vice president; secretary, Mrs. Rex Pepper and treasurer, Mrs. Austin Kyle.

Appointed by the president for the special committees were: Flower, Mrs. Rex Pepper; Mrs. Menno Dalke and Mrs. William Hartley; welfare, Mrs. Mary Swingle and Mrs. Homer J. Conklin; building consideration, Mrs. William Damerly, Mrs. Helen Enloe and Mrs. Charles Norton. Year books were completed.

New members welcomed were Mrs. George Shull, Mrs. Julia Jennings and Mrs. Edwin Wilson. A special sewing day when comforters will be made for Red Cross work was planned for Tuesday, February 14, in the home of Mrs. E. E. Brandt. A covered dish dinner will be served at noon. A gift was presented the retiring president, Mrs. Neuman, by Mrs. Brandt.

Following the business meeting valentines were made by the guests and the prize awarded to Mrs. Pepper. Mrs. Otis Dawes assisted Mrs. Neuman in serving the 1:30 o'clock luncheon to Mrs. Ralph Hein, Mrs. E. E. Brandt, Mrs. Homer Conklin, Mrs. George Shull, Mrs. Charles Norton, Mrs. Edwin Wilson, Mrs. Clifford Yost, Mrs. William Dam, Mrs. Mary Swingle, Mrs. Julia Jennings, Mrs. Rex Pepper, Mrs. Menno Dalke, Mrs. Walter Biggerstaff, Mrs. William Hartley and the hostesses. The March meeting will be with Mrs. Biggerstaff.

Two members of the club are serving on the county jury for this term. Mrs. Menno Dalke and Mrs. Austin Kyle.

Palace Theatre

DANCING IN THE DARK
TECHNICOLOR
starring William POWELL, Mark STEVENS, Betsy DRAKE

A complaint was filed with the county clerk Wednesday by Robert W. DeArmond, attorney for the DAV.

The complaint seeks recovery of funds allegedly collected by the defendant under the purported sponsorship of the DAV. Early in 1946, the local chapter of the DAV intensified a campaign of promoting a memorial building. The group purchased a lot at Church and Marion streets on February 19 of that year. The lot, price of which was \$2198.28, was to be the site of the proposed memorial.

Soon afterward, a group of men incorporated under the name of Veterans Building Association of Marion county. The name was later changed to the Veterans Living Memorial Building association.

The new association began working with DAV officials in collecting funds for a memorial building. The collections were handled by the Veterans Living Memorial Building association, but, according to the complaint, the name of Disabled American Veterans was used in advertising the campaign.

The DAV alleges that the Memorial association made no effort to keep accounting figures on the funds they collected. Not knowing how much money the association collected, the plaintiff merely states that it was "considerable sums."

The complaint seeks a court order to require the defendant to submit accountant's figures on the collections. The DAV also asks that the deed to the property at Church and Marion streets be returned to them as well as the funds collected by the Memorial association in the name of the DAV.

The DAV further seeks an order abolishing the Veterans Living Memorial Building association.

Brig. Gen. H. Maison, assistant division commander; Lt. Col. Sidney D. Hoffman, finance officer of the division; Capt. Charles A. Barclay, liaison officer; Capt. Samuel B. Harbison, liaison officer and First Lt. Richard C. Cutler, postal officer. One Dallas officer, Lt. Col. Charles M. Thomas, Jr., G-1 for the division, will be in the group.

Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Robert Bye with Mrs. Pearl De Sart and Mrs. Shar assisting hostesses for the covered dish dinner at noon. At the business meeting subjects for the unit meetings in 1950-51 were handed in to the chairman, Mrs. Theo Kuenzi. Each member may select seven subjects for unit meetings, one subject for a workshop and one for a district meeting. For the day's demonstration under the direction of Ann Bergholz each one made a small drapey from one-half yard material suitable for draperies; lining material and matching threads. There were 27 members present.

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Rotarians Have Ladies Night

Lawson McCall, administrative secretary to Governor Douglas McKay, believes in his own mind that "women are here to stay." Furthermore he convinced a dining room full of Salem Rotarians and their wives Wednesday night that his own conclusions in the matter are probably right.

The occasion was the annual "Ladies Night" program of the Rotarians, with McCall holding down the role of principal speaker.

Opening his address with a few humorous aspects of female life and activities, McCall gradually grew serious and proceeded to point out numerous phases of politics and civics in which they might well take an interest.

L. O. Arens, president of the Salem club, in his role of master of ceremonies introduced a number of visitors and presented the musicians who included the string ensemble of Betty Kuhlman, Frank Holman, Doris McCain and Glennis Allen; Betty Jean Mullin and Robert Gwinn, vocalists.

C of C to Hear About Mission to Molokai

Leverett Richards, aviation editor of the Oregonian, who has just returned from a Portland Chamber of Commerce tour of the Hawaiian Islands, will be the speaker Monday at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

His subject will be "Mission to Molokai." Molokai is the island of lepers, which was revisited by Richards. He first visited the island last year. He was the first mainland newspaperman permitted to visit the leper settlement at Malaupapa on the island of Molokai since Ernie Pyle wrote his series on the colony in 1937.

New members to be introduced Monday will be: Alex Morkal, Rex Air, Inc., 757 Center street; Gertrude Fisher, telephone service, 1335 State; E. H. McGuire, Fuller Brush company, 2020 Berry street.

Bush Pupils to Play Operetta Snow White

Two presentations of the operetta "Snow White" will be given by pupils of Miss Alleyne Spencer's fifth grade class at Bush school. The first showing will be Friday at 9:30 a.m. and the second at 1:30 p.m.

Principal characters in the production include:

Snow White, Marene Sittinger; queen, Barbara Lafky; chief huntsman, Chris Wood; mirror, Karen Flory; prince, Jack Moore; queen mother, Jean Hubbard; fairy godmother, Jeanelle Dunsmore; peasant, Nancy Webb; peddler, Lois Reynolds; witch, Bill Jacobsen; seven dwarfs, George Neidig, Garland Keeker, Charles Dye, Ray Knight, Fred Linton, Jimmy Leibold.

Members of the chorus: Edward Hawkins, Emerson Vandoren, Bill Balch, Sharon Hill, Kathie Heltzel, Beverly Downing, Joan Hauser, Marilyn Murphy, Donald Davidson, Audrey Campbell, Glenda Fox, Shirley Koskela.

The Aztecs of Central America grew popcorn for centuries.



Evans Houston

Evans Houston Dies In Sleep

Ala Evans Houston, 62, a former employe on the Salem Capital Journal, died in his sleep early Wednesday morning, February 1, at his home 1545 South Curson avenue, Los Angeles, Calif., according to word received by relatives.

Funeral services and final rites under direction of the Masonic lodge were observed at Los Angeles, Saturday.

Houston was born in Linn county at the farm home of his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Marshall. He was a graduate of Albany high school and of the University of Oregon, majoring in journalism. His first employment was with the Eugene Guard. Later he joined the Capital Journal staff as a reporter.

He joined the U.S. Marines and was located on the border of Mexico when his company was called to France, and he saw strenuous action in the first World War for six continuous weeks. He was severely wounded. Following a period of hospitalization in France, Houston was released and returned to the States.

He took up his residence in southern California. His health condition demanded a dry climate which caused him to give up his journalism career and enter the railway mail service in a run through Death Valley for many years. He was later transferred to a clerical job at the Los Angeles union depot from which he was retired during the past year.

Houston's late parents were Robert Evans Houston and Aurelia Marshall-Houston, both members of well known Linn county pioneer families. A sister and a brother preceded him in death.

Surviving are the widow, Gladys, and a son, David, both of Los Angeles, two aunts, Mrs. Callista Custer of Albany and Mrs. Frank M. Powell of Silverton.

Lee and Collins Honored At Special Convocation

Jason Lee as a founder and benefactor and Everell Stanton Collins as a public spirited man were honored during a special convocation held by Willamette university in the First Methodist church Thursday morning. Following the ceremony a wreath was placed on Jason Lee's grave in Lee Mission cemetery.

Jason Lee as founder of the Oregon Institute which later became Willamette university, was described by Jason Lee, administrative assistant to the state tax commission, and a probable distant relative of the early day missionary, and a man who well deserves the place given him in northwest history. Lee spoke of the travels and experiences of the missionary and of his efforts to establish and operate an early day mission.

Upon his death Lee gave a considerable amount of his means to the perpetuation of the school which he was largely instrumental in founding.

Everell Stanton Collins, lumberman and capitalist who contributed largely of his fortune to

Collins, said Gunn, not only contributed to the financial support of Willamette and many churches in the northwest but he left a spiritual heritage in tolerance, honesty, generosity and modesty. The pioneer lumberman, for whom the science building on Willamette's campus is named, was an individual who derived pleasure from hard work and toiled diligently until his death.

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