

Society

Membership of Salem unit No. 136, American Legion auxiliary, is now at 141, it was reported at this week's meeting. Mrs. Jerome Hansen giving the report. She also told of the quota certificate of membership received by the unit at the district No. 2 conference in Silverton recently. Mrs. Forrest Erickson, department president, giving the certificate.

Under the Americanism report, Mrs. Joe Marcroft said \$5 had been donated to the Crusade for Freedom drive. She also announced the banquet of the Federation of Patriotic Orders on February 24.

Mrs. Wayne Perdue reported poppies had been received for the annual sale. Mrs. James DeLaney reported all schools had been contacted relative to the poppy posters. Mrs. Wilbur Lytle, reporting for the poppy canisters said all had been picked up and turned in.

The unit voted \$5 for the Wooden Church fund. Mrs. Henry Sierr announced March 5 as date for the card party to be sponsored by the unit. It is a benefit.

A letter was read from Mrs. Bert A. Walker, a past president, who moved recently to Kodiak, Alaska.

The unit voted \$3.00 for the flag code contest which is sponsored by the Marion County assembly.

The auxiliary is planning a no-host dinner in March. Mrs. Joe Marcroft has been appointed general chairman.

Mrs. Ted Ullakko has been appointed Girls State chairman replacing Mrs. Lenn Davis who resigned.

Hostess for the evening were Mrs. Walter Wood, and Mrs. Lenn Davis.

LEBANON — Hollandia has been chosen as the name of the Town and Country Garden club's spring flower show on April 23. Plans for the event were the



Aloha from Hawaii. Truly the Paradise of the Pacific. We just returned from a famous drive up to the Pall, a division point in the hills where you can see the panorama of the windward side of the island. All along the way, in fact everywhere I've been was the lush growth of variety upon variety of tree shrub, vine and ground-cover. The trees never lose all their leaves at once, so it's really a no-season island. We passed banks of poinsettias, blossoms ablaze and literally covering the heuge. Tall iron-wood trees, clinging pothos vines and giant elephant leaves, all the various shades of greens making a latticework through the sunlight filtering through.

Along the way we slowed down to view the lovely island homes, beautiful modern lines with private gardens and lanais, perched up in the hills with a marvelous view stretching from Diamond Head to Pearl Harbor.

When we returned we had a refreshing dish, half a pineapple filled with island fruits, papaya, bananas and pineapple — oh, these lovely fresh fruits!

We've been down on the beach, (as Waikiki Beach is called), and already sunburned, so we look just like the rest of the malinis here. And they're here from all over. We attended the "Hawaii Calls" luncheon and broadcast yesterday held under the huge Banyan tree in the Banyan Court of the Moana Hotel. The court goes right to the sand, as do all the lawns and lanais of the hotel.

The M. C. Webley Edwards, asked for a show of hands from each state, Canada and Australia, and it was fun to see the hands go up as each was called. Several reunions were made before the day was over. A huge contingent is here from Canada — almost everyone I've talked to so far is from Vancouver, Calgary or somewhere. And judging from their home temperature I don't blame them for coming in droves.

We took in a Samoan Hula show on the terrace of the Halekulani Hotel the other night. Samoan dances are very vigorous and carefree, yet with perfection of timing and rhythm. Our hotel is right in the middle of everything, so we take in all the things that appeal to us all around, a delightful arrangement. We had a gourmet's delight today at the Royal Hawaiian, a buffet luncheon fit for a king. And Fisherman's Wharf last night where we discovered Mahimahi, a white fish and said to be the best fish of the Islands.

We leave tomorrow on the 5 day outer island trip, so next time I'll be anxious to tell you about Maui, Hawaii and famous Kona Inn.

Alo—ha
Mary Thomas
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main business when the group met this week at the home of Mrs. William Crover.

In keeping with the show theme, displays of wooden shoes, Dutch figures and similar arrangements will be welcomed.

The program included a talk by Mrs. C. M. Pearson on snowdrops. Mrs. George Vawter spoke on aphid control.

After the meeting, Mrs. Crover was assisted by Mrs. Clarence Bates in serving refreshments from a table decorated with Valentines.

WOODBURN—Mrs. John Coleman, president of the Woodburn Woman's Rural Club, who returned Wednesday from an extended eastern trip, presided over the business meeting of the club Thursday, following the no-host luncheon.

The committee in charge of the luncheon and program included Mrs. Charles Yuraneck, Mrs. Jay Weber, Mrs. George Winnepennink, Mrs. Thomas Reiling, Mrs. Fred Schindler and Mrs. J. C. Owre.

Guests were Mrs. Frank Wagenveld, Mrs. Frank Purdy, Mrs. O. E. Meisenheimer and Mrs. Alfred Moon. Thirty-nine members answered roll call.

During the business meeting the club voted \$5 to the Woodburn library board for the purchase of new books. An invitation was read from the Woodburn Woman's club to attend the annual Martha Washington tea to be Feb. 19 in the library club rooms for the benefit of the library.

A silent auction of "white elephants" was staged followed by the distribution of "secret pal" gifts and Valentines.

The annual auction is planned for the next meeting which will be March 11. The committee in charge will include Mrs. Leota Porter, Mrs. Charles Conyne, Mrs. Mary Byer, Mrs. John Kosse, Mrs. Clifford Applegate and Mrs. Gertrude Shultz.

Talbot — Fifteen members of the Talbot Woman's club were entertained last week at Mrs. J. McNallie's home north of Jefferson. Mrs. O. Jorgerson, president, won the prize. Roll call was on "Original Valentine Verse."

Music was chosen by the hostess for the special program feature. Mrs. Oakley M. Cochran sang several solos accompanying herself on the piano. Mrs. J. McNallie read a poem, "Touch of the Master's Hand." Mrs. Albert Cole, secretary, won the game prize. The Valentine motif was carried out in the refreshments that followed.

During the business session plans were discussed for the annual family dinner to be in the basement of Talbot Community church, Monday evening. Husbands and families of club members are invited as guests. Mrs. Al Gurgurick is chairman of the food committee.

Mrs. E. Freeman, entertainment committee chairman for the evening, reports there will be films shown, games played and a travel talk given.

Lebanon — A popular bride-elect is Miss Anne Swanson whose marriage to Don Benson will be an event of Sunday, Feb. 14 at the Methodist church.

Several showers in her honor have included one given by Mrs. M. O. Perkins at her east Vine street home. A treasure hunt was arranged, the honored guest discovering clues from red roses.

Miss Swanson, who teaches in Sisters high school, was also complimented by wives of faculty members at a miscellaneous shower and members of the student body gave their teacher a going away party.

The bride-to-be was also entertained in Corvallis Monday night at an informal dinner followed by a shower. Hostesses were Mrs. Bernard Byers and Mrs. Harold Bates of Lebanon.

Dallas Names Aichele To Water Department

DALLAS—Dale Aichele, 24, has been appointed by the Dallas Water commission to assist W. L. Soebren, acting manager, with administrative duties of operating the city water system.

An agricultural engineering graduate from Oregon State college, Aichele has been engineer for drainage ditch projects on Ash creek and Salt creek working through the PMA office, for the past 2½ years.

He was a resident of Milton, Freewater before coming to Dallas.

The United States has ski resorts in 29 states.

WHAT'S COOKING!
With
Marie Gifford?

THEY WERE TEACHERS



Amy (left) and Jessie Martin, Salem sisters, whose combined careers as teachers in Salem and other Oregon schools totaled around 80 years. Pictures above show them as they were recently photographed at their home, 1548 Lee Street, and below are pictures made when they were young teachers.

LIVES WELL LIVED

Teaching Careers of Sisters In Oregon Total 80 Years

By NANCY ASHBAUGH

The Misses Jessie Martin, 80 years old, and Amy Martin, 72, were for some 80 years, adding their time teaching in Salem and other public schools in Oregon.

Today they live in a four-room, tidy house on Lee Street, but they must move soon, because the school teaching pension Miss Amy receives, \$84.48, is not enough to cover living expenses for both.

Miss Jessie has no pension, since she was dismissed from the Salem schools at a private hearing before retirement age and before pension laws were passed. All because she couldn't agree with the authorities about some new teaching practices.

Other sources of income for the Misses Martin are precarious and dependent upon many things, as will be seen.

In 1885 the Misses Martin, with their mother, came by train from Michigan to Portland where their father met them. Miss Jessie, then 12, cannot remember now, but she thinks they took the boat up the river to Salem.

She remembers they had a sewing machine and a walnut bureau with them which may still be seen at their house. Their mother had locks put on the bu-

washing up Miss Jessie does the laundry and ironing, as she has done for the family since she was 12, she tells you brusquely.

During the day Miss Amy cleans and scrubs, they both do some sewing and embroidering, they have a proper dinner at 1 p.m., and then a cold snack at night.

Miss Jessie once did the yard work, but now in the summer she occasionally asks someone to mow the lawn. At 9 they retire.

Sisters Like Books
Both read a great deal, especially Miss Amy, and she pointed out that they were always "book-ey."

Both sisters are members of a Methodist Sunday School class that meets for dinners now and again and these they look forward to.

Miss Jessie traces her family background to many years ago and a man named Francis Blood, an Englishman with a touch of Irish, who came to this country in the time of the Revolutionary War. Miss Jessie considers herself mostly Irish.

"He was a teacher, all teachers, my family," said Miss Jessie. "I've noticed this: You will find farmers, farmers, farmers, or ministers, ministers, ministers; my family, there were teachers, like that, all the way back."

Miss Amy dissented, saying she was certain it was New Hampshire rather than Vermont the man had come from, but Miss Jessie brushed ahead.

"In any case," she said, "I was 12, came out with mother, 1885. Dad had been here scouting about for six months. When I began teaching schools lasted only six months. At 20, I taught in two schools at the same time, three months in each. I spent 37 years teaching."

Miss Jessie explained that in those days there was an unwritten law preventing a ninth grade in the schools. The pioneers felt if a person wanted more education than eighth grade he should get out and earn it. There was a high school at Portland and perhaps one at Pendleton, Miss Jessie thought.

Miss Jessie was one of those who made her own way to get an education, and in my case, old Harry took place after I got one," she said, thinking ahead of her dismissal from teaching.

"We had a teacher in Dayton who gave us 'bootleg' education. We would secretly agree, some of us, to come to the school at night and he would give us ninth grade algebra and he sneaked in literature, too, Lady of the Lake, etc."

In the Salem schools Miss Jessie taught the primary grades, and she taught music, art and

penmanship, too, and taught piano fundamentals on the side.

Decided to Stay Single
After 37 years Miss Jessie knew quite a bit about the art of teaching, and no one, she emphasized, could say, "My child could know and do thus and so if it wasn't for that 'lazy Miss Martin'" for, she added, "When I teach a school I teach it, and student's standings were marked according to the student's ability."

"Jessie had plenty of chances to get married, too," Miss Amy put in, not in the least envious.

Miss Jessie, blue eyes sparkling, remarked, "I decided to take my chances alone. After you marry old Harry takes place sometimes."

In 1931, the blow came, not unheralded, however. Miss Jessie expected it after a year of harassing. But even now, it broke her a little to think of it, and she took out her handkerchief and cried quietly for a moment at thoughts of that crushing blow to her pride in her art of teaching.

"I was dismissed from the public schools," she said, overcome even now at the enormity of it. "For pure cussedness," she added, her high spirit returning. Unbeknown to Miss Jessie then, from a Columbia teacher's college in New York City, and men like Dewey, Kirkpatrick and so forth, a new "ism" called progressivism, revolutionary ideas for the public schools, were seeping out rapidly to the west coast. Sparked back there, lighted at the Ashland and Monmouth normal schools, three of Miss Jessie's supervisors and two principals were carrying the torch high with the cry of the extremist at a new cult.

Of what would go phonetics, music syllables, fundamentals, penmanship, the aids to scholarship which she held dear.

At the private hearing which supposedly was to give her a chance to defend herself, it was all a "cut and dried affair before she got there," said Miss Amy quietly.

Who Sent the Five Dollars
The two principals and three supervisors testified that she was "too old-fashioned." But one school board member, she said, came to Miss Jessie afterward and told her candidly that with this new idea in the schools it was either her or the three supervisors and the two principals, and the Salem schools could not

stand such a big stink. After the hearing other teachers sought out Miss Jessie and thanked her for the scholastic foundations she had given pupils who were now their pupils.

One person sent her five dollars to help her to become reinstated, but Miss Jessie was too shocked to fight, and they never knew whom to thank for the money.

After Miss Jessie was declared insubordinate and dismissed, she kept house for Miss Amy, who was not as lacking in tact in dealing with the new cult, and since then, like all fads, the pendulum has swung back.

Miss Jessie did private tutoring and no doubt contributed much to lifting the burden of other teachers.

The depression years of the '30s was not the time to stand on beliefs in scholarship and learning, Miss Jessie found, but she confessed sadly, "I would have to do the same thing now if circumstances were the same."

She believes that nothing worthwhile comes easy with the student unaware; a child should be well aware of his growth and accomplishment, through his own hard work; competition makes character.

"The excellence of the school depends on the teacher's colleges and the teacher, and nothing else. Thorough training in the subject matter makes good teachers and smart pupils. Let methods of teaching go hang," said Miss Jessie.

Wisfully Miss Amy spoke: "I always hoped we could have our own place to spend the rest of our lives, but I imagine it will be better this way. I won't break as many bones, and Jessie won't have to work so hard.

"We will give the old clock and the bureau to our niece. We will sell our double beds for we will have one room to share and they won't fit in it. We will buy twin beds."

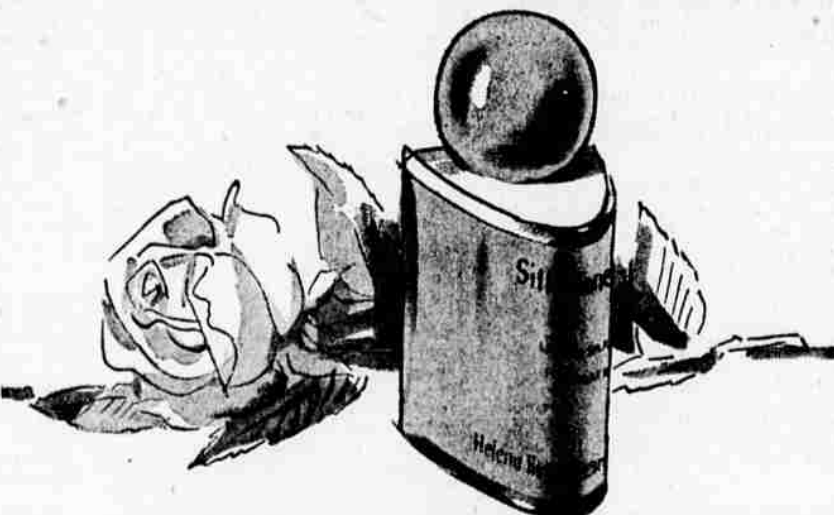
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