

# Social Affairs Eclipsed by Federated Club Event

## Local Women to Assist on Various Committees

### Local Society Preparing for Annual Summer Holiday

FOR the first time in Oregon the true Club spirit has permeated the entire state, originated by the approaching council in Portland of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Newspapers of the state are giving unlimited space to the event, but the information being largely of a programmatic nature, there are many even among club women, who do not fully understand the real meaning and object of the council.

The first question to arise is "What is the Council?" In answer, it is explained that it is a mid-biennial meeting of the General Federation Board with the Department Chairman, State Presidents, General Federation State Secretaries and the Presidents of all clubs in direct membership to discuss plans for the improvement of the work of the General Federations.

All club women are invited to attend and take part in the discussions. This year's council is to be held in Portland, beginning May 31 and continuing to June 3. Some of the topics to be discussed are "Reorganization," "The Club Woman's Relation to the Peace Movement," and "The Ideal Biennial."

Three things the program committee have had especially in mind; first, to make this a genuine Council, such as the by-laws plainly imply, a gathering together for the purpose of canvassing the various interests of the organization, a sort of informal taking of accounts of assets and liabilities; second, to give the General Federation Secretaries an opportunity to be heard and third to lay stress on the tremendously significant peace movement and woman's duty therein.

A question box is proposed and from it the women of the country will probably hear some of the most important phases of work presented, as, for instance: the place of the young women in club life; club extensions; the bureau of information; revision of the by-laws; reorganization; and more publicity.

Thus far the following chairmen are planning to attend the council and to linger in the west after the council: Mrs. Melville Johnson, art, Art Building, Panama Exposition, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. George Zimmerman, Civics, Fremont, Ohio; Mrs. Frederick Cole, Civil Service reform, Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. John D. Sherman, Conservation, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, Literature, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. P. S. Wardwell, Music, Stanford, Conn.; Mrs. Elmer Blain, Public Health, Albany, New York. These women will be available for lectures after the Federation and it is understood that an effort will be made to bring Mrs. Winter to Salem to appear before the Salem Woman's Club.

The Hotel Multnomah is to be at the service of visiting club women, who are expected to number over two thousand, who are to receive their introduction to Portland and their hostesses May thirty-first. All the sessions will be held at the White Temple.

Mrs. F. A. Elliott, president of the Salem Woman's Club, passed part of last week in Portland, meeting with prominent club women to discuss plans for the council. Mrs. Elliott as a state president will be on the committee in charge of the brilliant welcoming reception which takes place at the Multnomah Hotel. Mrs. Frederick Eggert of Portland is chairman of this committee. Mrs. Elliott with Mrs. Terry H. Raymond and Miss Mattie Beatty will also assist on the various social committees.

Owing to the very large demand for tickets, it is imperative that all who wish to attend register in person by Saturday or Monday at the White Temple, and receive their ticket at the same time. It is expected that a large number will attend the council the reception being the only event in connection with which any formal requirements are associated.

Such distinguished guests as Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Miss Jane Addams, Mrs. W. J. Bryan, Mrs. John D. Sherman and others will be present during the session. So much has been said of Mrs. Pennybacker, the president of the General Federation, that her name and work are familiar to every club woman. She is a southern woman, an F. P. V., of course, but she was reared in Texas. She is numbered among the earliest advocates of women's clubs, along lines of self improvement. In her own state she has awakened interest in the club women to the end that they have secured better child labor laws, established better schools, bettered civic and moral conditions of their communities. Her wonderful parliamentary ability has attracted worldwide attention.

The visit of Miss Jane Addams to the west at this time had been planned before her recent trip to Europe to be present at the peace conference at The Hague. It is to be hoped that this will not interfere, for there is a possibility, in the event of Miss Addams giving some time to study of western conditions, that she will come to Salem.

Mrs. Phillip Moore, the past president of the organization, also will be present. Mrs. Moore was the honored guest at one time of the state federation meetings some time past, so she is not altogether a stranger here.

Mrs. Grace Julian Clark of Indianapolis has issued the following announcement for the council:

"The council will convene on Monday evening, May 31, in the ballroom of the Multnomah hotel for the formal welcoming address, which will be given by his excellency, James Withycombe, governor of Oregon; the Hon. H. E. Albee, mayor of Portland, and Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs and chairman of the local board. The response on behalf of the General Federation will be given by Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath, first vice president. Then will follow a reception, when all delegates and visitors will have an opportunity to be presented to the hostesses and the officers of the General Federation.

"On Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the regular sessions will open at the White Temple. Mrs. Pennybacker, president of the General Federation, presiding. Two principal addresses will be given, one of them by Mrs. Pennybacker on 'The Spirit of Federation.' The other speaker will be announced later. There will be a discussion following.

"In the afternoon, with Mrs. Sneath presiding, we expect to hear from Mrs. Mary I. Wood in regard to the bureau of information. Mrs. M. E. Johnston, chairman of the art department, will talk on 'The Art of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition,' and Mrs. Wardwell, chairman of the music department, will talk about 'The Speaking Voice.' There will be other numbers on the program also, and discussion.

"From 4:15 to 5:00 three conferences will take place simultaneously—a state presidents' conference, presided over and arranged by Mrs. Pennybacker; a conference of department and committee chairmen, in charge of Mrs. Sneath; and a conference of General Federation state secretaries, at which Mrs. Frank White, chairman of the membership committee will preside.

"Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock Mrs. Pennybacker in the chair, there will be messages from the General Federation states secretaries, Mrs. Harriet Bishop Waters will speak briefly of the General Federation Magazine, and the address will be delivered by Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed College, on 'The Spirit of the Northwest.'

"On Wednesday morning, June 2, the civics department will be heard from, with Mrs. George Zimmerman, civics chairman, in charge. Following this, under the head of civil service reform, Mrs. A. E. Osborne of California, vice chairman of the department, on 'A Ten-Minute Retrospect of Ten Years' Work,' and Mrs. F. H. Cole, chairman of the department, on 'Money, Morals and Methods of Civil Service Reform.' Then comes the education department, with Mrs. E. Carlisle Ripley of Massachusetts in charge. Among other features will be an address on 'Teacherages,' by the state superintendent of public instruction of Washington, Mrs. Josephine Corlies Preston of Olympia.

"On Wednesday afternoon Miss Georgia Bacon, the second vice president presiding, the literature department will occupy the time. Mrs. Thomas G. Winter of Minnesota, chairman of this department, will speak on 'Literature and Life,' and there will be other addresses and half an hour for discussion. This is to be followed by a drive, by courtesy of the local committee.

"At 8 o'clock that evening the morality play, 'Everywoman's Board,' by Professor Josephine Hammond of Reed college, Portland, will be given, in compliment to the officers and delegates to the council.

"On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock Mrs. Pennybacker presiding, there will be a discussion on 'The Ideal Biennial,' led by Mrs. William B. Young, of Florida, director. The 'Plans for the New York Biennial' will be presented by Miss Mary G. Hay of New York, board member of the local committee; Mrs. Francis D. Everett of Illinois, chairman of the program committee, and Mrs. William Grant Brown, chairman of the local board. 'The Problem of the Alternate' will be discussed by Mrs. D. L. Murray and others. Then comes the conservation department, in charge of Mrs. John D. Sherman of Illinois, chairman, and the home economics department, Miss Helen Louise Johnson of New York, chairman. The question box will conclude the morning's session, and this will be in charge of Miss L. E. Stearns, who will call upon those posted to help in answering the questions proposed. All delegates will be at liberty to deposit questions in the box, and are assured of careful replies.

"At 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon the industrial and social conditions and public health departments will be heard from, Mrs. James W. Rennie of New Hampshire and Mrs. Elmer Blair of New York being chairmen, respectively. 'Reorganization and Revision' will be presented by Miss Hay of New York, and this subject is to be thoroughly thrashed out by the delegates and other club women in attendance.

"The closing evening is to be devoted to a short musical in charge of Mrs. Wardwell of the music department and the local music committee, and an address by Dr. David Starr Jordan on 'Woman and the Peace Movement.'

THE winter's social season was culminated some time ago, and while there will be few large affairs given from now on until the months of autumn, smaller informal events will continue to fill the weekly calendar the same as they did last year and the year before, Salem being too large a place to witness an absolute discontinuance of social activity for any great length of time. The Federated club event will claim general attention for a brief period, and is shared in interest by the Congress of Mothers



MRS. VIOLA VERCLER HOLMAN, who recently returned from San Francisco, after a two-years' absence. Mrs. Holman is preparing to take a class in violin shortly, again taking up the work which she discontinued to go south. She has been much in demand since her return, among the various occasions on which she has appeared being, the Woman's Club musical, Shelton recital, Social Service meeting at the Unity church, Pilgrim Club's annual banquet, and numerous other lesser events. Mrs. Holman has also been secured to play regularly at the Sunday services of the Bungalow Christian church.

and Parent-Teacher association convention, which has held forth in Portland this week, a number attending from here. Commencement week comes next in importance and interest, scores of Salem mothers already devoting much of their time and attention preparing for sons and daughters' graduation from High school or college.

Standing prominent among musical events of the season was the charming musicale given last Saturday afternoon by Miss Minnetta Magers, for the Salem Woman's Club in the auditorium of the First Christian church. Selections, both vocal and instrumental were given entirely from the beautiful opera 'Madam Butterfly.' Only pupils of Miss Magers appeared in the vocal numbers, Mrs. W. Carlton Smith, Miss Marie Bollinger, Miss Marguerite Flower, and Miss Ruth Eugene, each by their superb rendition of the very difficult songs of the opera, calling forth unstinted applause. Mrs. Anna Rogers Fish gave a charming rendering of the opera's orchestral transcription being supplied in a thoroughly remarkable and masterly way by an orchestra composed of Miss Lillian Stege, Mrs. Viola Vercler Holman, Miss Beatrice Shelton, Miss Georgiabell Booth, W. G. Skinner, and H. N. Staudenmeyer.

In their first number, the 'Madam Butterfly' fantasia, some of the most attractive passages in the fascinating opera were combined. Miss Magers was accorded hundreds of well-deserved compliments upon her work and generosity in giving the musicale. It was the fifth which she has presented for the Woman's Club, each year's being, if possible, more delightful than the one previous. Mrs. William C. Knighton, Mrs. Chaucery Bishop, and Mrs. George G. Brown assisted as ushers those in attendance including a number from out of town who were in the city especially for the event which concluded the formal program of the club for this season.

Lovely pink mignonnet coquet roses made a fragrant setting for the auction bridge party given by Mrs. Homer H. Smith Wednesday afternoon at her north Summer street home, and which introduced a series over which she is to preside. Mrs. O. C. Locke, Mrs. Edwin L. Baker, and Mrs. Joseph Baumgartner assisted. The guests circling five tables. High scores were made by Mrs. Frank W. Benson and Mrs. George F. Rodgers.

Salem society was 'quite largely represented at the reception given in Woodburn today by Mrs. F. W. Settlement, Mrs. G. H. Beebe, and Miss Lois Beebe at the beautiful home of the former on Settlementer avenue. The affair honored Mrs. T. T. Geer, Portland, wife

of Oregon's ex-governor, and was one of the smartest contributions on Woodburn's social calendar for this season. Mrs. W. Carlton Smith was the soloist for the afternoon, others from here in receipt of invitations being, Mrs. George G. Brown, Mrs. George William Gray, Mrs. Richard Cartwright, Mrs. Lenta Westcott, Mrs. R. B. Houston, Mrs. F. W. Spencer, Mrs. R. E. Downing, Mrs. Edgar Hartley, and Mrs. Grant Corby.

Charming contributions to the week's social calendar were the two afternoons of bridge for which Mrs. Charles L. McNary was hostess Tuesday and Wednesday. These affairs introduced a series of bridges which Mrs. McNary will give during the early summer. Attractively gowned players surrounded six tables each afternoon. Mrs. Rollin K. Page's and Mrs. W. H. Eldridge's scores won the card favors at Tuesday's bridge, Miss Nell Thielsen and Miss Althea Moores receiving the card compliments Wednesday. The rooms were redolent with the seasons' blossoms, the drawing and music room being adorned with large clusters of Scotch broom, graceful snap dragon in shades of pink with roses of the same hue being arranged in the dining room. Mrs. McNary was assisted by Mrs. Renben P. Boise, Mrs. George F. Rodgers, and Mrs. Joseph Baumgartner the first day, Mrs. T. A. Livealey, Mrs. S. G. Sargent, Mrs. B. O. Schucking, and Mrs. T. C. Smith, Jr., the second afternoon.

Mrs. Homer Gouley has issued invitations for an at home next Saturday afternoon at her beautiful country place 'Homer's Farm' north of Salem.

Mrs. Moore, wife of Chief Justice F. A. Moore, of the Supreme court, went to Portland Wednesday where she will be entertained for some time the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frank M. Miles of 337 Eugene street.

Mrs. Frank W. Benson, wife of Oregon's late ex-governor, who has been passing several months in Salem, plans to conclude her stay tomorrow when she will leave for a short sojourn at Sutherlin, later going to Gardner to join her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Benson (Miss Bertha Allen) for the summer. Numerous informal affairs have marked Mrs. Benson's visit in Salem, the group of former Roseburg residents, now located in Salem and long time friends of Mrs. Benson gathering frequently, in her honor, entertaining with teas, luncheons, and Kensingtons. Mrs. W. H. Byars entertained in this way Tuesday afternoon.

A number of younger society folk planned on attending the junior week-end events at the University of Oregon for the most part going down Thursday to be entertained during their stay as the guest of the various sororities and fraternities. Among those who will attend from here are Miss Catherine Carson, and Miss Myrtle Albright who will be guests at the Gamma Phi Beta House; Miss Barbara Steiner who will stop with the Delta Delta Delta; Miss Fabian Rosche, and Miss Nandale Bloch. The Junior Prom will be an event of this evening, the gathering of the alumni taking place yesterday.

Miss Helen Whitney of Portland will return with Miss Ellen Thielsen tonight to remain the Thielsen's house guest for several days. Both Miss Whitney and Miss Thielsen were guests at St. Helen's Hall alumnae banquet at the Benson hotel today in Portland, Miss Whitney's visit to Salem are the signal for considerable entertaining, her addition to the younger set being most attractive.

Mrs. Anna Rogers Fish was a most appreciated assistant on the program of the musicale given by the Salem Woman's Club last Saturday, her reading of the opera 'Madam Butterfly' most artistically supplementing the beautiful music. Mrs. Fish recently read 'Androcles and the Lion' at a social service meeting at the Unitarian church and is scheduled to appear at the same place in June, when she will

work. A very small fee will be asked of each member, from one to two hours practice to be had at each meeting. Gatherings are to take place each Sunday evening. The organization will probably be featured on future programs and if successfully started it has been suggested that it be augmented by members of the Portland Amateur Orchestral society, and give a public concert later in the summer. Mrs. Frank C. Frickey, Mrs. Frank Haines, Miss Mary Schultz, and Miss Mary Schoettle are locally identified with the undertaking, making every effort to assist Mr. Graham to successfully transform the orchestra. Mr. Graham had organized the Portland summer orchestra society, which is rapidly gaining a conspicuous place in Portland musical circles. It now has a membership of fifty. Miss Mary Schultz plays a first violin, and is to be presented as soloist in the July concert. The local organization will be known as the Salem Symphony orchestra. It should have the support and best wishes of every musician and music lover in the city, because it will serve most materially to elevate the art and arouse a general desire for high class music.

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An event of much significance musically will take place tonight in the promotion department of the Commercial club rooms at eight o'clock when local musicians gather to perfect a symphony orchestra under the direction of William Wallace Graham of Portland. Any musician using an orchestral instrument, who is ordinarily qualified to read music is eligible to become a member. It is imperative that at least twenty compose the initial membership, but it is thought that the list can be made much larger. This will be the first organization of its kind to be formed in Salem, and its success means much to the musical advancement of the city. Only the best in orchestral music will be considered, the plan being to work into the bigger symphonies. The real object of the orchestra is to familiarize local musicians with the best in music, and to give those specializing on orchestral instruments an opportunity to do ensemble

Mrs. Robert Tait, national vice president of Mothers Congress and Mrs. Aristene Felts, President Oregon Congress, who have taken a prominent part on the program of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher association convention held in Portland this week, and which concludes tomorrow. The event has been of state-wide interest; attracting a number of local people.



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