

OCWC Newsletter

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GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs



Connie's Corner...

This has been another incredible year! We continue to welcome new members to our Club. It's been great getting together again in person for our General meetings. Our donations for Civic Improvement/Social Services this year all went to some wonderful organizations, benefiting the community from babies through our seniors. Our members have had many volunteer opportunities as well - collecting food donations for the HOPE food pantries, Backpack Buddies, volunteering for the Angels Holiday Store just to name a few.

Today's I was happy to present our pledge to the Carol Danielson Suzuki Cancer Center at Providence Willamette Falls Hospital. The Danielson family has always been so generous in giving back to our community and to our Club. Carol's mother, Virginia, was a long time member of the Club and I know she would be so proud to have the new Cancer Center named after Carol.

As this year ends and a new one begins, I hope each of you have a blessed Christmas and joyful New Year!

January Birthdays

01-04 Vicki Calcagno

01-04 Bev Spilseth

01-25 Mariann Buell

01-25 Carol Kemhus





One kind word

can warm

three winter months

Kindness is like snow-

It beautifies everything it covers.

Christmas magic is silent

You don't hear it

You feel it

You know it

You believe it

Gratitude turns what we have

into enough!

OCWC Minutes – December 13, 1945

The meeting place was changed a second time, resulting in our going to the home of the President, Mrs. Rilance. A large group of members gathered this day for the annual Christmas party. The day was beautiful and the party very much enjoyed by all.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by the President.

After the flag salute, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer reported a balance of \$71.07.

Mrs. Holman, Chm. of the Red Cross activities for the club, reported that several members of the club had responded to our call to help at the Red Cross rooms, to fill and wrap Christmas boxes for service men. A letter from Mr. C. H. Nickles of the Clackamas County Red Cross was also read, asking us to help to provide as many boxes as possible. Mrs. Franzen made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Farr, that we give \$15, which will fill six boxes and have enough left over to buy wrapping, the cost per box being \$2.35. Motion carried. Mrs. Holman asked for volunteers to fill these boxes. Mrs. Gregory donated the price of one box, so that the club was given credit for seven.

Mrs. Roake had no report as to cards. A suggestion was made that the club send Christmas cards to our shut-in members. Mrs. Roake said she would do this.

A letter was read from Mrs. Grosbeck, Chm. Doernbecher Hospital Fund. They asked for money and tags. A motion was made & seconded that we lay this matter on the table.

We had received \$2.00 in Tuberculosis stamps. Mrs. Green made motion; seconded by Mrs. Pratt, that we purchase same. Motion carried.

The question of the permanent home for the club was again brought up. Much discussion followed and many suggestions were offered. The final suggestion being that it was advisable for us just to patiently wait until some new building had been erected, with a suitable meeting room which we might use. Mrs. Holman and Mrs. Green were appointed a committee to work on the project.



We are all like snowflakes.

Unique and one of a kind.

Its not how much we give

But how much love

we put into giving

Its all fun and games

Til Santa checks the naughty list.

An inquiry as to when the payment on the piano, by the Recreation Dept., is to be made, resulted in Mrs. Gardner offering to investigate. The piano had been loaned for the summer with the understanding that it was to be paid for in the fall.

Mrs. Rilance reported that she had authorized the sponsoring by the club of two programs brought to the city recently, by two different college groups. One program had been in the Eastham School and one in the Barclay. The schools were to share in the return of the ticket sales.

Meeting adjourned.

Following the business, the program was turned over to Mrs. Gardner, who presented several ladies of the “good old days” in costume, and accompanied by music, appropriate to the period. Some of the costumes were very lovely and some very funny. This caused much merriment.

Next was the gift exchange and then the tea. The table was beautifully set with large Christmas candles and holly. Mrs. Barrs and Mrs. Franzen presided. When the ladies were being served, Mrs. Holman announced that she was passing the dish for money to help defer the cost of the Christmas boxes. Several dollars were collected.

The committee assisting Mrs. Rilance was composed of Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Templeton, Miss Vara Caufield, Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Underwood.

Respectfully submitted, Leona Gregory, Secy.

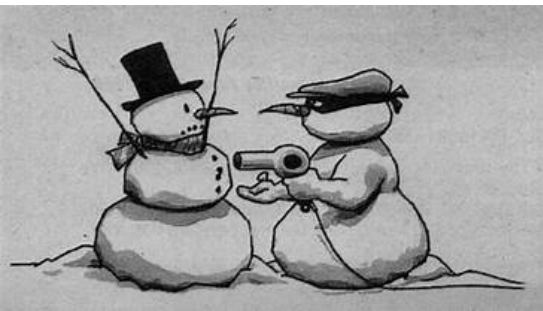
The “Tea” in December 1945 would have had one interesting limitation.

On May 1, 1945, the U.S. sugar ration was cut to 15 pounds per year for household use and 15 pounds per year for canning – a total of eight ounces per week. Sugar was the last product to remain on rationing after the war. The program was discontinued in June 1947.

The 1945 edition of *The Lily Wallace New American Cookbook* included a new section on “Ration Cooking.” For “Sugar Rationing Cooking” it was recommended that maple syrup, corn syrup, molasses, or honey be substituted for white sugar. The adjustment



Caption



Dear Santa

*Before I explain, How much
do you know.....*

to the recipe also required a small reduction to the liquid to offset which alternative was chosen. For a cake using maple syrup, reducing liquid by $\frac{1}{2}$ and adding $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of baking soda was suggested.

But Christmas is all about cookies and other sweets, frosted or unfrosted. Substitutes for sugar in frostings recommended in 1945 include honey, condensed milk, or sweet chocolate. Another option was to place marshmallows on hot cookies or cakes to melt as the dessert cooled.

Now that we don't have to pull out a ration stamp, or hoard a few ounces of white sugar, I am including some interesting sweets from the *Lily Wallace New American Cookbook* that may have been on Mrs. Holman's tea table in 1945. Feel free to experiment with substituting molasses, maple syrup, or honey for white sugar in any of your favorite recipes for your own tea table to celebrate "the good old days."

Bangor Brownies

1 cup flour 1 egg

1 teaspoon baking powder 2 squares melted, unsweetened
chocolate

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup melted shortening 1 cup nuts, chopped

$\frac{1}{3}$ cup molasses

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together. Mix other ingredients in the order given and beat thoroughly. Spread the mixture evenly on a cake pan that has been lined with oiled paper. Bake about 15 minutes in a slow oven (325° F.). Remove the paper from the cake as soon as it is taken from the oven and cut into small squares or strips with a sharp knife.

Marshmallow Graham Cracker Date Roll

18 Graham Crackers 1 cup walnut meats, cut fine

16 marshmallows, cut into eighths $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk

1 teaspoon vanilla
cut into small pieces

1 pound dates, pitted and

Mix all ingredients in order given. Then form into rolls about 2 inches in diameter, wrap in waxed paper, and chill in the refrigerator. Serve cut in cold slices.

Molasses Coconut Chews

½ cup corn syrup

2 tablespoons butter

½ cup molasses

2 cups shredded coconut

1 tablespoon vinegar

Combine syrup, molasses, vinegar, and butter. Place over low flame and stir until mixture boils. Continue boiling to 240° F. or until a small amount of the syrup becomes brittle in cold water. Remove from the fire, add coconut. Drop from two forks on greased surface. Chill.

Dear Santa

I was good yesterday!



SWAC - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came out and volunteered at Shop with a Cop. We so appreciated your help. Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 3, 2022 for our next SWAC!

Thank you Chris Wadsworth



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1. *Dream Big*
2. *Set Goals*
3. *Take Action*

