

Salem Remembers Timeline 1925 - 1926

1925, January 25 | Salem's Black Heritage

The Oregon Statesman

Colored Welfare Worker Coming

Race Relationship Classes Are To Hear Marjorie Danley of Portland

The Race Relationship classes, which are being conducted by Dr. Hinman, returned missionary at the Central Congregational Church will be featured by the appearance of Miss Marjorie Danley, colored welfare worker, who was with the race relations department of the Portland YWCA.

Miss Danley has made an unusual record in her work and has obtained her experience in the south, east and west portions of the United States. She is a college trained woman. Her father and mother are also college trained and have taken a prominent part in the leadership of their people.

One feature of the meeting will be the duet by Miss Danley and Mrs. Charles Maxwell in a series of negro spiritual songs.

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An untitled Letter from Ohio about Child Poverty

*From Cincinnati, Ohio comes a most interesting and sincere letter from Miss Myrtle Maxwell, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxwell**, who is engaged in social service work among her own people, representing the Women's Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist church.*

The letter opens in this manner: "It was so kind of you to remember me, and you must just wait until I tell you what I did with that money." And then it continues as follows: "I had gloves, so I knew that you would be glad for me to spend it in a way that made me very, very happy.

"Friendship Home has a rummage sale frequently, and it happened that I spent this money at the sale. I bought a coat for 25 cents. hat for 10 cents, three suits of heavy underwear at 15 cents a suit, a pair of fairly good shoes for 10 cents, and two pair of stockings at five cents.

"For myself? No, for a dear little girl who lives down the street. I was taking the children home from kindergarten, and I met little Entella on the street. It was very cold, and she was wearing barefoot sandals in the real sense of the word, because her sandals had no soles. She had on a thin voile dress, a pair of bloomers, a ragged sweater and some ragged stockings. That is every piece she had on. The coat I bought was very nice. I cleaned and pressed it, and had the little hat blocked for it was a nice little hat, and dressed up this little girl. She was so happy.

She lives in one room, cold, damp and dark, with mother and father and four younger children. She is a child who needs a chance, but there are so many in her same condition. It surely makes me heartsick when I call in these crowded places and see the bright-faced little children each one full of possibilities for making a mark in the world. And then when I look at their sordid environment, their crowded living conditions, I feel as though all effort on our part to help lift them above the evil influences of their environment is in vain.

"I know though that it is not in vain, for when one is working for the Lord he can rest assured that every effort will bring about some good, even though it is not visible. There are such wonderful opportunities for service in this work. I do enjoy my work so much. I never can thank the dear Salem women for taking such an interest in me and giving me such a wonderful opportunity. They came just at the right time, the turning point in my life, when I had to make up my mind just what road I was to travel, that of seeking success for self or that of service for the Master.

"There is only one way I can ever halfway repay my debt of thankfulness and this is by giving myself unreservedly for the uplift of humanity and for the bringing of many souls for Christ. I need your prayers that I may grow stronger and do more for the Kingdom."

1925, March 12 | Salem's Irish Heritage

The Oregon Statesman

The McDowell Club St. Patrick's Day Program

The St. Patrick's Day program which the McDowell club members are planning for the benefit of the Salem Women's club building fund, instead of being on Tuesday evening, will be Monday evening, March 16, at the Women's club house. A program of delightful interest and variety is promised, to which there will be no admission charged, although a silver offering will be taken. Those taking part in a program that will commemorate Ireland in a fitting way will be Leon Jennison, baritone; the high school boy's quartet, including Ronald Craven, Collas Marsters, Eldon Riggs and Arlie Anderson, and directed by Lena Belle Tartar; Ada Miller Harris, soprano; Carol Dibble, reader; Mary Talmadge Hedrick and Viola Verckler Holman, violinists; Ruth Bedford, pianist; Mary B. Kells, mezzo-soprano; Maxine Meyers and Cynthia Delano, dance artists; and the chosen speaker of the evening.

Not only are Salem folk of Irish descent invited, but all interested will be cordially welcome.

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The First Congregational Church | Marie Maxwell

The First Congregational Church Missionary society will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. D. Kibbe, 695 South Commercial street. Entertaining with Mrs. Kibbe will be Mrs. H. G. Clark, Mrs. Edwin M. Hoffnell, Mrs. W. H. East, Mrs. Kenneth Bayne and Miss Leora Morris.

*Mrs. T. S. MacKenzie will have charge of the afternoon devotional while special musical numbers will be given by **Mrs. Charles Maxwell**, who will also tell of the social service work her daughter is carrying out in Cincinnati. Miss Edith Hazard will read a paper on "The Negroes in the United States," while Mrs. W. D. Clark, the program chairman, has arranged additional numbers by Mrs. G. L. Newton.*

1925, July 24 | Salem's Mexican Heritage

The Boardman Mirror

Salem — Jesus Torres, Mexican

Jesus Torres, Mexican, who escaped from the state penitentiary here Thursday, is suspected by the officers of stealing an automobile belonging to C. D. Benningar. The machine was parked a few miles east of Salem and in the vicinity of where Torres was last seen after his escape.

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The Advocate

Charles Maxwell, A Business Man

Charles Maxwell, a business man of Salem, Ore., according to a rumor, will soon open up the Pioneer Pool Room on North Sixth Street, which has been closed for a week or two pending the settlement of the estate of the late Geo. Starks, it's owner.

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WHMS Tea Meeting

*The Woman's Home Missionary society of the First Methodist church will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. E. Carrier, 1065 Court street, for the regular September meeting. Miss Myrtle Maxwell, deaconess, who is here visiting with her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxwell**, will be the guest of honor. A tea hour will follow the business session.*

1925, September 17 | Salem's Jewish Heritage

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Jewish New Year Nears

Several Salem residents of Jewish faith will attend the elaborate observance of the celebration of the Jewish New Year in Portland this week. The observance opens Friday night and closes with sundown

Saturday night. Special services are being held in Portland Friday night by the Temple Beth Israel at the auditorium, with concluding services on Saturday morning. The Jewish New Year, of Rosh Hashona, marks the beginning of the 5686th year since the creation of the world, according to ancient religious traditions.

1925, September 27 | Salem's Jewish Heritage

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Jews Observe New Year

Services will be held Sunday night and all day Monday and Tuesday in the Derby building by all of the Jewish community of Salem, it was announced Friday by H. Steinbock, president, and each shoe Shusperowitz, secretary of the Salem Jewish Association. The occasion is the beginning of the Jewish new year and during the observance all stores will be closed for the three—day period.

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Jewish Stores Close

Commemorating Atonement Day, many stores in Salem operated by Jews will be closed all day Monday, September 28.



A theater lobby card for *Abie's Irish Rose*.

1925, November 6 | Salem's Irish Heritage

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"Abie's Irish Rose" Wins Hearts of Salem Theatre Goers at the Heilig

***Two Full Houses Welcome the Incomparable and Unforgettable
Play With Cast of Eight Characters***

by Audrey Bunch

Salem has seldom had the opportunity to exult so over a comedy as it had yesterday, – twice, – when Abie's Irish Rose, a play incomparable, unforgettable, was in town. Two full houses at the Heilig, – one for the matinee at 4 o'clock and another at 8:30, all but rocked the walls with that boundless applause which is the due of an offering so wide in its appeal and so ingenious of plot. Such attractions as the management is continually bringing to Salem are contributing increasingly to the pleasure of the theater going public.

A cast of eight characters each so well adapted that it would seem impossible to replace them, dramatized the life prejudices of two diametrically opposed races and religions, – the Jew and the Irish Catholic. The situation finds no solution till three marriages have been solemnized by a Methodist minister, the Rabbi, and the priest, one after the other. Solomon Levy and his son, Abraham Levy, a traditional "apple of the eye," and Patrick Joseph Murphy and his eligible daughter, Rosemary, institute complications that must have held their joke even for the Jew. Isaac Cohen and Mrs. Isaac Cohen — with "Papa" tagging after – afford one of the stage's most amusing pair. Father Whalen and Rabbi Jacob Samuels play excellent intermediary roles.

The stage properties were no small item in the success of this dramatic offering, one of the most successful comedies ever to break box office records. At the Republic theater in New York City the comedy is still playing after already appearing to capacity houses for four solid years. The host of patrons seeing the play yesterday can readily understand the reason."

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The Advocate

Charles Maxwell Who is in Business

Charles Maxwell who is in business in the city, accompanied by his daughter, Miss El Rae, spent Christmas day with his family in Salem.

1926, April 25 | Salem's Jewish Heritage

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Rabbi Merritt to Address Kiwanis

Portland Jewish Leader to Try for Third Time to Keep Salem Date

Rabbi Max Merritt of Portland will be the principal speaker at the Salem Kiwanis club luncheon Tuesday noon. Rabbi Merritt was scheduled to address local Kiwanians several weeks ago, but failed to show up during the entire luncheon hour. Later it developed that he had become engrossed in a popular magazine and had traveled through Salem and on to Albany before he realized his mistake.

Later he was slated again for the address, but was detained because of business. Officers of the club declare, however, that he will appear for certain this time unless some unlooked for event again prevents him from coming.



Waller Hall on the Willamette University campus, 1992.

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Mrs. Charles Maxwell to Give Program

Mrs. Charles Maxwell, a favorite local soloist, will give a program on Wednesday, May 26, at Waller Hall, with the proceeds to go to the Willamette University library. Mrs. Maxwell has arranged a particularly interesting program for the evening.

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Society to Sell Tickets

Members of the Pi Gamma Mu at Willamette University will sell tickets to the negro spiritual program to be given next Wednesday night at Waller Hall. Mrs. Charles Maxwell and daughter will supply the entertainment. The entire proceeds of the entertainment will go to buy books on negro life and history for the university's library.

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Negro Spirituals

Negro spirituals. Concert by Mrs. Charles Maxwell. Waller Hall. 8:15 o'clock.

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Negro Spiritual Tonight

Mrs. Charles Maxwell and her daughter, Rae, will give a negro spiritual program this evening at 8 o'clock in Waller Hall. The entire proceeds of the entertainment will be used to purchase books on negro life and history for the Willamette University library. Gwendolyn Hooker of Portland will assist in the program. She will read several pieces relative to negro life. Miss Rae Maxwell will play the violin and her mother will sing negro spirituals. Tickets are being sold by members of the Willamette chapter of Pi Kappa Mu, national sociological fraternity.



The Willamette University Library in Waller Hall, c. 1925.

1926, June 1 | Salem's Black Heritage

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Money to Buy Books

More than \$30 was cleared last Wednesday night at the negro spiritualist program, presented by Mrs. Charles Maxwell and daughter of this city. The money will be used to buy books on negro life and history for the Willamette University library. A large audience heard the spiritual songs and recitations of Mrs. Maxwell.

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Entertains Cradle Roll

*Division of the cradle roll of the First Methodist church was entertained at the home of Mrs. L. T. Bennett of 955 S. Twenty-fifth street Thursday afternoon with 23 mothers and babies present. The room was dipped in Hallowe'en attire and with many flowers, chiefly cosmos and chrysanthemums. Mrs. H. F. Shanks spoke briefly on "Our Work," and **Mrs. Charles Maxwell** sang a lullaby. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. L. Kirkpatrick and little Nina Ray.*