

**Minutes of  
Thurston County Retired Teacher Meetings  
August 1959 to 1967**

The regular meeting of the Olympia Unit of the WSRTA was held in the home of our unit President with 13 present. After a sack lunch the meeting was opened with prayer and the Flag Salute.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$39.36 on hand.

Miss Clara Young from Tacoma was our guest for the day. She explained and answered questions on the Blue Cross Insurance Plan. All dues paying members of the National Retired Teacher Organization are being given opportunity of joining, if they so desire, provided 75% of the membership of their Unit takes out membership. No physical examination is required and there is no age limit.

It was MOVED by Mabel Foxwell that our organization investigate the Plan of Blue Cross Insurance and work toward it. PASSED.

Miss Young stated that the cost was \$66 per year plus .20 additional with each check.

The question of the \$1200 tax exemption to retired teachers was brought up. Miss Young assured us that, if qualified, we should be allowed such exemption. She advised us to communicate with National Legislative Chairman of NRTA, Robert Harris of 440 Downing Ave., Fort Wayne Ind. Our chairman instructed the Secretary to write to Mr. Harris.

The pension increase legislation formulated at state convention was mentioned. The chairman requested the secretary to write to Mr. Olmstead, WSRTA Executive Secretary, at Alderwood Manor and request that he send us more copies so that we could examine these various plans carefully and then discuss the plans in the group later.

Meeting adjourned  
June Jones, Sec.

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September 19, 1959

The Retired Teachers Unit of Thurston County met on Sept. 19 at the Olympia High School at 2:00pm.

The meeting was opened with the flag salute and prayer.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$51.36. The treasurer was instructed to pay the following bills: \$1.75 for stationary and stamps used in the Blue

Cross campaign and \$.90 for a new secretary's record book. The treasurer also reported the dues paying members of our unit at present number 19.

The committee for conducting Survey on "Date of Meeting" for our Unit reported that the third Saturday of the month received the most votes. Our Chairman announced that this would continue to be our meeting date.

Mr. Morris, Representative of Blue Cross, from Tacoma office as our invited guest. He stated and explained the requirements for Blue Cross membership. The first one being dues paying membership in the local unit. He then discussed the Blue Cross health care plan for hospital and medical prepayment. A question period followed.

Our president named Fay Spencer and Mabel Lee as a Blue Cross committee.

Twenty-one members were present. A goodly number of these indicated keen interest in Blue Cross Plan.

Meeting Adjourned.

Patsy Jones, Sec.

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October 17, 1959

The Retired Teachers Unit of Thurston County met at Olympia High School. Seventeen were present.

Treasurer reported: Balance Brought Forward \$51.36

Dues	13.00
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Disbursements	9.50
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Total	\$54.86
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A discussion of Blue Cross plan followed/

Mabelle Lee MOVED that \$10.00 be voted to Treasurer to be used for expenses of the organization. Motion CARRIED.

A bill of \$1.75 was presented by Fanny Johnson. President appointed the following as a Blue Cross committee: Mabelle Lee, Hazel Loomis, Faye Simone, and Fay Spencer.

It was MOVED that Jimmie Morris be invited to next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Fay Spencer

Sec. Pro Tem

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October 26, 1959

The Blue Cross Committee met at the home of Hazel Loomis on Oct. 26th.

The Blue Cross problem was discussed.

Letters written to all retired teachers in the County.

Fay Spencer  
Sec. Pro Tem

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October 31, 1959

The Retired Teachers of Thurston County met at Olympia High School with 18 present.

Jimmie Morris presided over a question and answer session.

A letter from Katherine Schumaker concerning "The Census" was read. NRTA volunteers were requested.

The result of the survey for TCRTA was presented.

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Theresa	Fri.	Sat
5-1	3-1	2-1	3-1	3-1	10-1
2-2	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-2	3-2

Maybelle Lee not Tues. or Thurs. Mrs. Maroe not Wed. The rest had no choices.

Fanny Johnson announced that she would resign at the next meeting as she was leaving Olympia.

Treasurers Report:	Balance brought forward	\$54.86
	Dues	<u>12.00</u>
		\$66.86
	Disbursements	<u>18.00</u>
	Total	\$48.86

Meeting Adjourned.

Fay Spencer  
Sec. Pro Tem

November 21, 1959

The TCRTA met at the home of Hazel Loomis.

Treasurers Report:	Balance brought forward	\$48.86
	Dues	<u>4.00</u>
		\$52.86
	Disbursements	<u>1.00</u>
	Total	\$51.86

Blue Cross discussion followed. Letter from Katherine Schumaker was read. Suggestions passed.

Fanny Johnson resigned. Mabel Foxwell resigned as Vice-President.  
Dora Elton elected ass Vice-President.  
Farewell to Fanny Johnson. Gift of necklace and earrings was presented.  
Refreshments, sack lunch, Jell-O and cake.

Meeting adjourned.

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April 30, 1960

The Retired Teachers Unit of Thurston County met on April 30, 1960 in the Library of Olympia Community Building.

The meeting was opened with the flag salute. The minutes of the September meeting were read and accepted.

Fay Spencer gave a verbal report from notes she had taken at meetings on Oct. 17, Oct. 31 and Nov. 21 in absence of the Secretary. Report accepted.

Treasurers Retort:	Balance on hand	\$51.86
	Dues	<u>3.00</u>
		54.86
	Disbursements	<u>10.15</u>
		\$44.71

Fay Spencer reported on Census Project. She read a final note from Katherine Schumaker stating that at last minute all plans for recruiting Census Instructors from ranks of Retired Teachers had been abruptly canceled with no explanation except that Higher-ups in government had changed them. All this, after a large number of persons had given considerable time and effort to further project.

Mr. Mark Winnant and Forest s spoke in behalf of initiative 204. They presented a petition requesting signatures.

Initiative 204 they explained is in behalf of all state employees. If passed it would place all such workers under uniform civil service and give them security tenure.

Our President stated that the Blue Cross Hospital and Medical plan had been dropped for the present as we had not secured in interesting enough members to make our unit eligible for memberships.

A nominating committee for a slate of officers for coming years to be presented at our next meeting was named by our president. Trudy Dingee, Mabel Lee and Sylvia Westover.

A \$3.00 bill for rent of community hall was presented. It was MOVED and CARRIED that the bill be paid.

Nellie Collier invited us to meet at her home on Eld's Inlet for our May meeting. The invitation was accepted and it was suggested we make it a pot luck luncheon.

Meeting Adjourned.  
Patsy Jones, Sec.

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May 21, 1960

The TCRTA unit met in the home of Nellie Collier.

After a luncheon of sandwiches, salad and a birthday cake in honor of Zerphia Spencer the meeting was called to order.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The treasurers reported a previous balance of	\$44.71
rent of hall	<u>3.00</u>
Present Balance	\$41.71

First order of New Business was the election of officers. The following were nominated:	President	Mabel Foxwell
	Vice-Pres	Mabelle Lee
	Sec.	June Jones
	Treas.	Jay Spencer

It was MOVED that secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for each of the above nominees. SECONDED CARRIED.

The President named the following telephone committees:

Zerphia Spencer -- Chair Gertrude Hepler -- Helper

The 14th convention of WSRTA was announced. Place: Seattle; Headquarters at Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Dates: June 6, 7, & 8. It was MOVED that \$20 be allowed for convention expenses. CARRIED.

The secretary invited the group to meet at her home for next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.  
June Jones, Sec.

**NEWS ITEM**  
**Thurston County Unit of WSRTA**

A great deal of time and effort was expended by our group on Blue Cross Plan this past year.

Clara Young, from Tacoma, presented the plan to us originally. Jimmy Morris met with us several times in question and answer sessions.

Our local committee, consisting of Maybe Lee, Hazel Loomis, Fay Spencer, and Faye Simone wrote an explanatory letter to each retired teacher in Thurston County. This stirred up considerable interest. Our attendance increased and our Local dues from paying membership rose from \$19.00 to \$34.00. However, we failed by a very small margin to place our membership on eligible list for Blue Cross Insurance as only 18 signed cards were turned in.

Our group feels the loss of our long time president Fanny Johnson, who moved to Alaska.

Some of our group expended time and energy to further the census project before plan was abruptly canceled.

June Jones, Sec.

**NOTE: The above News Item was mailed to our WSRTA president, Albert K. Millay, on May 29th, 1960.**

June 18, 1960

The Thurston County RTA met at the Secretary's home on Oyster Bay.

After a sack lunch, coffee and strawberry shortcake the meeting was called to order.

The Secretary's report was read & approved with one correction.

The Treasurer reported:	Balance on hand	\$41.71
	Convention exp.	20.00
	Present Balance	\$21.71

Our president appointed Nellie Collier as Membership Chairman and Journal reporter, with Edna Frassier as Legislative Chairman and Ruby Dingee as assistant.

Mabel Foxwell, our president and Convention representative gave an interesting report on the convention. She reported that the Pension Legislative Plan decided upon including the following statements: *"Former members of the Retirement System or of a former friend, who retired and were receiving pensions for service or disability, June 30, 1957, shall receive pensions of five dollars and 66 cents per month for each year of creditable service up to a maximum of 35 years, beginning July 1, 1961. Benefits of this act shall apply to all women retirees who had attained age 62 years and to all men who attained age 65 years on June 30, 1957. Should any item of this act be declared unconstitutional, the remaining items shall be unaffected."*

She also reported that Blue Cross membership was increasing and that the Blue Cross Plan now included more special benefits.

Our president extended an invitation to the group for July to meet at her beach home on Boston Harbor.

Meeting adjourned  
June Jones, Treas.

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July 16, 1960

The Thurston County Retired Teachers met at beach home of our president, Mabel Foxwell.

We enjoyed a leisurely picnic, out of doors, at the picnic table shaded by great fir trees. Afterward a short meeting was held.

Secretary's report was read and accepted. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$34.71. Nellie Collier read a short item on correct handling and display of our flag. A short discussion on how to encourage additional members to join our group followed.

It was decided to meet at Priest Point Park August 20.

Meeting Adjourned.  
June Jones, Sec.

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August 20, 1960

The Thurston County RTA met in the Rose Garden of Priest Point Park on August 20th for a sack luncheon. Thirteen (13) members were present. After the luncheon a short business meeting was held. They discussed possible methods of gaining more members.

A motion was made to have our next meeting on Friday Sept. 30th which would decrease the interim between our State's Presidents visit to Grays Harbor on Thurs. the 28th and ours on the 30th. Motion was seconded and vote carried.

Motion was made to meet at 1:30 in Crane's Cafe for luncheon and business meeting. Seconded and Carried.

M. Foxwell, Pro. Tem.

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Sept. 30, 1960

The Thurston County RTA met at the China Clipper on Sept. 30th for luncheon and business meeting. After luncheon, meeting was called to order. Mabel Lee, our vice-president presided in the absence of the president.

The business meeting was dispensed with and the time was given over to our State WSRTA President, Mrs. Whitfield. Mrs. Whitfield was introduced and gave a very interesting and instructive talk. She announced that National Insurance would again be open for membership in November, and that the next WSRTA convention would be held in Bellingham, the headquarters in the Leopold Hotel.

She state Washington State Retired Teachers was fifth in rank nation wide. She stressed the importance of all three RTA organizations Local, State and National and gave examples of accomplishments in each field and urged membership in all three.

She discussed, at length, new pension legislation to be sought during 1961 session of our State Legislature.

1. She stated purpose of legislation sought,
2. told who would be benefited,
3. what benefits would accrue to all retirees who met the requirements in legislation passed. She mentioned 1957 as a dividing date that made a tremendous difference in pension payments.

Benefits sought for pre 1957 retirees who met requirements. \$5.66 monthly pension for each year of creditable teaching service up to a maximum of 35 years.

She cautioned us to remember the date 1957 and make sure our legislators understand the injustice of paying pre 1957 retirees so much less than that paid to past 1957 retirees. The average age of teachers retired before 1957 is 76.3 years. The average pension is \$111.66. It will cost the state very little as no new names will be added to the list and the roll grows shorter each year.

Two representatives from White Cross explained their policy of Health Ins. which is available to retired teachers.

June Jones, Sec.



October 22, 1960

The TCRTA met in Coach House on Oct. 22. There were 11 present. Secretary's report read and accepted. Treasurer reported a balance of \$37.71.

There were talkies concerning legislative program.

It was MOVED that \$10. be allowed for expenses, stamps etc. in connection with above program. PASSED.

It was decided that the next meeting be held the Coach House Nov. 19th.

Mrs. Coy, Sec. Pro. Tem.

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January 7, 1961

The TCRTA met in the Coach House on Jan. 7, 1961 with 12 members present. Mabel Foxwell presided the meeting and opened with the Lords Prayer in unison and the flag salute.

Minutes of the Oct. meeting were read and accepted. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$57.71 on hand.

Several communications referring to life insurance were read and discussed. A letter from NRTA asked for slogan suggestions to be presented at the meeting in Bellingham in June.

A mimeograph sheet was presented outlining the proposal to be presented to the 1961 legislature to partially equalize the pension teachers retiring before 1957 with benefits received by later retirees. The plan was discussed and teachers to be affected were urged to write to our legislative members for favorable action. Each retired teacher has been asked to contribute \$1 toward financing this campaign and a collection was taken with more to be added.

The first Saturday in February was selected a date of the next meeting, to be held in the Coach House.

Motion to adjourn was made and carried.

Following this an informal travel report was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Blattner with pictures and mementos collected on her trip to Europe. Her description of visits to many historic places gave unusual highlights which were thoroughly enjoyed.

Signed: Lulu Cheesman, Acting Sec.

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February 4, 1961

The TCRTA met in the Coach House on Feb. 4th with 15 members present and 4 visitors.

President, Mabel Foxwell opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the flag salute.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. In the absence of her sister Fay, Herphia Spencer gave the treasurers report as follows:

Amount on Hand -	10/1960	\$57.71
Rec'd	11/1960	22.00
Rec'd	1/1961	7.00
Rec'd	2/1961	<u>5.00</u>
Amount on Hand		\$91.71
Amount for legislation HB 70		- 37.00

Corresponding with out membership of 37, Edna Frazier gave a report on the equalization pension HB 70 under consideration by the legislature.

Mrs. Foxwell read a letter, signed by American Legion officials, asking for contribution toward financing. MOTION was made and CARRIED that \$5 be sent.

Mr. Don Baker, representing Senator DeGarmo gave a comprehensive report on HB70 bringing the history of teachers pensions up to date. He said the legislators were sympathetic and favorable toward the passage of this bill.

After thanking him the meeting was adjourned to meet again on the first Saturday in March.

Signed - Lulu Cheesman, Acting Sec.

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March 4, 1961 -- Coach House

The meeting was called to order by the president. Meeting opened with a prayer and flag salute. Nine members and 1 visitor were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Correction - Edna Fraizer explained SB 70. Treasurer reported that this balance did not take into consideration the \$37.00 which had been contributed toward the expense of sponsoring "Retirement Bill 70". This will be deducted when the treasurer returns from California.

Miss Spencer read a letter from Betty Washanik, a former Olympia teacher, who is now a missionary in Ethiopia.

An informal discussion of Bills before the Legislature was held.

Meeting Adjourned.

Mabelle Lee, Acting Secretary

April 1, 1961 – Coach House

Meeting was called to order by Mabel Foxwell. Thirteen were present. A MOTION was made requesting Nellie Collier to write to Fay Spencer, Treasurer asking her to send a signed check to Mabel Foxwell reimbursing her for \$37.00 SB 70

10.00 Stamps

leaving bal. of \$47.00

The \$37.00 paid to State Treasurer for legislation and the \$10. for postage. This to be done before the convention report and should be submitted to WSRTA.

Edna Frazier reported that the bill for increased pension was passed by legislature yesterday. Informal discussion of legislature matters followed.

Invitation to hold May meeting at the home of Ruby Dinger was accepted. Date set for May 13th.

Meeting Adjourned. Mr. Gerald Joireman gave a talk on the advantages of the Public Library System.

Lulu Cheeseman  
Acting Secreetary

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May 20, 1961

The TCRTA met at the home of Ruby Dingee on Black Lake for its May meeting. The meeting was called to order with a prayer and flay salute.

Secretary's report read & accepted. Treasurer reported a balance of \$37.71 on hand.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that money be allowed for stamps to all who mailed letters in campaign for pension legislation.

Our president announced that convention material was at hand for any who were interested in looking it over. It was to be given later to our convention delegate.

The following were named as a Nominating committee -- Nellie Collier, Bessie Briggs & Minnie Shoptaugh.

Meeting Adjourned.  
June Jones, Sec.

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June 17, 1961

The TCRTA meet at the home of Mrs. Nellie Collier with Mrs. Mabel Lee as chairman. After lunch the meeting was call to order.

The report of the Nominating committee was first on agenda.

President	Mrs. Dingee
Vice-President	Mabel Foxwell
Secretary	Elizabeth Conine
Treasurer	Laura Brown

The report of the Nominating committee was accepted and nominees were elected. Next meeting place to be Millersylvania Park on Sat. 15th.

Treasurers report:	\$68.71
Bills	<u>6.83</u>
Total	\$61.88

Respectfully Submitted  
Elizabeth Conine, Sec.

Note: The meeting on July 15th was canceled due to Lakefair in Olympia.

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Aug. 19, 1961

TCRTA met for picnic with Mabel Foxwell. Dues were paid. Mrs. Dingee was elected president for the coming year.

Sept. meeting to be with Mrs. Collier with sack lunch. Mrs. Dingee and I were appointed to locate meeting place for year. Mrs. Dingee at Court House, I at the Community Center.

\$10 was allowed for cards and other expenses.

October meeting at Cassandra Browns at Yelm. Our President was reimbursed with \$3 for money spent last year.

Respectfully Submitted  
Elizabeth Conine, Sec.

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Sept. 16, 1961

TCRTA met at the home of Nellie Collier. Meeting was called to order by our President Mrs. Dingee.

Report on meeting places were given and it was decided to meet to the Count House on Sat. from 12 noon to 3pm as usual.

Mrs. Shoptaugh sent in her scrap book. Mrs. Collier was appointed historian.

Mrs. Cheesman was appointed publicity chairman.

Mrs. Elton was appointed as coffee chairman. (money to be taken form treas.)

Mrs. Loomis was appointed to make coffee.  
Next meeting to be at Mrs. Brown's at Yelm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Elizabeth Conine, Sec.

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Oct. 21, 1961

TCRTA met Sat. Oct. 21 at the home of Mrs. Cassandra Brown for a sack lunch at noon.

In the absence of President Ruby Dingee the meeting was called to order by Vice-president Mabel Foxwell.

The minutes were read by Xerphia Spencer secretary pro-tem. The minutes were approved as read.

Laura Brown, Treasurer reported \$94.63 in the treasury which included \$6.75 in the flower fund.

Membership chairman Nellie Collier reported Elizabeth Clancey may join our group. It was suggested that June Raymaker be invited to tell her travel experiences in Europe at one of our meetings.

Laura Brown opened the discussion as to whether small bill be paid out of the fund or checks made. Seconded and carried that all bills be paid by check.

Dora Elton inquired if her bills for coffee in two pound tins as it was cheaper. Group decided should use her own judgment.

Fay Spencer reported that the Olympia Citizen's Advisory Organization, headed by Pres. Ralph Dedrichson and Vice-president Evans Lewis requested that a representative from the TCRTA be appointed to meet with them once a month. Hazel Loomis was elected as the representative and Jay Spenser appointed to fortify her. If Hazel refuses the appointment the president was empowered to appoint a substitute.

There was a discussion concerning ways to spread information about the Seattle 1962 World's Fair as it has not been broadcast very effectively as year and the New York 1964 World's Fair information has superseded this western fair.

The next meeting is to be held in the Court House annex on the third Sat. in Nov. and Lulu Cheesman publicity chairman is to notify the daily Olympian.

Respectfully Submitted  
Serphia Spencer, Sec. Pro. Tem.

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Nov. 18, 1961

The TCRTA met at the Thurston County Court House Annex for the 1st time. Six members were present. After a sack lunch the meeting was called to order by president Dingee. The Lord's Prayer and flag salute was given.

Our Sec. Elizabeth Corine being absent, Bessie Briggs was appointed Sec. Pro. Tem.

A check & letter from Annabel Lee and Virginia Dennett was read. A letter from the Olympia Citizen's Advisory Committee on Education and Educational Facilities was read.

The Minutes of the Oct. 21st meeting were read and approved.

Motion carried that a \$2.00 check be given to the President to be turned over to the representative to the Citizen's Advisory Committee for dues.

A letter from the March of Dimes Drive was read. Motion was made that the matter be Tabled. Motion carried.

President Dingee gave out copies of the WSRTA's suggestions for increasing membership.

A letter from the Editor of the Capitol City Reporter was read and a copy of that weekly paper was passed around. Pres. Dingee will turn it over to the Publicity Chair Lulu Cheesmen.

There were no committee reports given. Mrs. Marguerite Melville accepted the appointment of Sunshine Committee Chair.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bessie Briggs, Sec. Pro. Tem

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December 16, 1961

The meeting which was preceded by a sack lunch was held in the Court House Annex with 10 members present. Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Pres. Dingee. All joined in the Lords Prayer and Flag Salute.

Minutes of the Nov. 18th meeting were read and approved. Letters from Vern Miller Coordinating Chairman of Christmas Island 1961 from State Pres. of RTA and from Olympia Citizens Advisory Committee on Education were read. The bulletin from the Seattle RTA was passed around.

Treasurer Brown gave her report.

S. S. Com. Chair Melville reported sending flowers to Mabel Foxwell who is in the hospital. Mr. Noblitt, our newest member here reported attending the meeting of the

Citizen Advisory Com. at which Dr. Lloyd Clis was the speaker and very enthusiastic about working for a Jr. College here.

Under "New Business" Motion carried that we instruct our delegate to vote favorably on the resolution of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Motion Carried that we take up an offering for the "Christmas Island" appeal.

Motion carried that we dispense with the Jan. and Feb. meetings. Our next meeting to be in March.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bessie Briggs, Sec. Pro. Tem.

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March 17, 1962

After a sack lunch meeting was called to order by Pres Dingee with ten members present.

Minutes were read and approved. Treasurers reported \$97.26. Sunshine \$13.26. Flowers for Mabel Foxwell \$5.20.

Mr. Noblett reported on Advisory Committee on Education and Educational facilities. Jr. College to be investigated as desirable. Approval of 5 mill levy for schools and 15 mill levy now and 15 mill levy in Nov. for athletic field auditorium and swimming pool.

The members asked chairman to contact newly retired teachers.

Sunshine cards were sent to Mrs. Foxwell and Mrs. Coy.

Tax reform is requested 60% levy for school.. Favorable vote 40%.

Motion made and seconded and carried for a basket for beautification of Olympia \$7. Our need is low cost public housing as retirement homes. Horizon House in Seattle as example. Motion carried that we meet on April 26th at Nellie Colliers.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Elizabeth Cornine

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April 26, 1962

After a sack lunch meeting was called to order by Pres. Mrs. Dingee with ten members present.

Reports were given on Mabel Foxwell, Mrs. Melville and Mrs. Shaptaugh.

The By-law committee changes in the Constitution and Bylaws were read and discussed.

Mr. Covover reported on convention and said taxation committee found taxation was up to individual assessors as to equitable tax and that we need more tax reform.

Nominating committee was appointed. They were H. Loomis, N. Collier and D. Elton.

Delegates to the convention are to go uninstructed. Forty dollars was allowed to Mrs. Dingee as a delegate. Mrs. Maroe reviewed "Beyond the Hungry Country" by Louise A. Stinetorf.

Mr. Conover discussed many subjects concerning legislation for retired teachers. Last legislature appointed an Interim Committee which will meet in Seattle in July. Teachers have the largest pension fund in the state. We have largest number of people and smallest amount paid. A motion was made to go before the next legislation to try to get 83 cents additional which was asked for last year but we didn't get. That would make our retirement about equal to the newer retirees with Social Security.

Meeting Adjourned  
Respectfully Submitted  
Elizabeth B. Conine, Sec.

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May 19, 1962

After a sack lunch meeting was called to order by Pres. Dingee.

Lake Fair letter was tabled.

Mrs. Dingee made her yearly report. Report of Nominating Committee was given.

Mrs. M. Melville	President
Laura Brown	Treasurer
Elizabeth Conine	Secretary
Mrs. June Jones	1st half Vice-Pres
Elizabeth Fleetwood	2nd half Vice-Pres

Mrs. Cheesman reported on publicity to the state Bulletin. Cards were sent to Mrs. Foxwell and Mrs. Coy.



Mr. Noblett discussed things going before the voters including Income tax, Qualifications for State Supt. of Public Inst. Educational background. Recommended we Support Driver Education and Vocational School.

Meeting Adjourned  
Respectfully Submitted  
Elizabeth Conine

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June 16, 1962

meeting called to order after a sack lunch by Pres. Dingee. Mrs. Dingee reported on the convention. We are to spread propaganda on Graduated Income tax and suggested an amendment to the constitution. No action was taken on retirement homes for teachers. Interim Committee to study 66 pension plans and report to legislature.

Dues was increased to \$2 a year.

Motion made and carried to dispense with July and Aug. Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned  
Respectfully Submitted  
Elizabeth Conine

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Sept. 15, 1962

Retired Teachers of Thurston County met at the Court House with eight members present. After a sack lunch meeting was called to order by Mrs. Melville. We had Flag salute and prayer after which secretary's report and treasurers report were read and approved. \$63.30 in fund. \$69 in flower fund. We voted for Mr. Noblitt to retain seat on Advisory Committee. Membership Chairman was asked to contact retirees to get new members.

Meeting adjourned.  
Respectfully Submitted  
Elizabeth Conine, Sec.

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Oct. 20, 1962

Retired Teachers of Thurston County met at the Court House with six members present. After a sack lunch the meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Melville. We had flag salute and prayer.

The Secretary and Treasurer's report were read and approved. There were no committee reports. Mrs. Lkoptaught was reported ill.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.  
Elizabeth B. Conine

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Nov. 17, 1962

The Retired Teachers of Thurston County met at the Court House with very few present.

After a sack lunch the meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Melville. We had flag salute and prayer. Treasurers report was \$84.56 on hand.

Membership was discussed. Mrs. Collier talked about fallout shelter.

NRTA Insurance was discussed.

December meeting was suspended and next meeting was to be held Jan. 10th.

Meeting adjourned  
Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth B. Conine

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Feb. 16, 1963

The Thurston County Retired Teachers met on Feb. 16th at the home of Laura Brown with 11 present. After a sack lunch the meeting was called to order by our President Mrs. Melville. Opening with the flag salute and Prayer we had Secretary's and Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Acknowledgment of money's sent in Memory of Mabel Foxwell from Cancer Society was read.

Mr. Noblett talked about school election and tax estimates. Correspondence on retirement legislation was passed around. Blue Cross was discussed. Mr. Rogle expressed concern about our retirement fund. Mrs. Dinger discussed dues and when they are due. Meeting date was discussed. We decided to purchase cards to notify members when dues are in order. Dates finally set from July 1st to June 30th. Next meeting will be at Hazel Loomis' on Mar 16th.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth B. Conine.

Mar 16, 1963

The Thurston County Retired Teachers met at the home of Hazel Loomis with 10 members present. After a sack lunch the meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Melvill. After the flag salute and Lords Prayer the Secretary's and Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Blue Cross and insurance was discussed. The Secretary was instructed to write to the State President and ask if it was possible for county Units to unite.

The Motion was made and seconded to have election of officers at the April meeting in order to get delegates to the state convention in Vancouver on June 3.

Mrs. Melville appointed Ruby Dingee, Laura Brown and Miss Biglow on the nominating committee.. The meeting was adjourned and Mrs. Ramaker showed pictures she had taken in Europe. Very instructive and lovely.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth B. Conine, Sec.

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April 20, 1963

The Thurston County Retired Teachers met in the home of Laura Brown with 10 members present. After a sack lunch the meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Melville. The flag salute was given followed by the prayer. The secretary's minutes were read and approved, also the Treasurers report Showing a balance of 89.06.

A letter from Mr. Coates concerning uniting with another Unit to get Blue Cross was read and the president asked the secretary to other people mentioned in the letter for future information. A card from Mrs. Coy thanking Mrs. Melville for the Easter card she had sent was passed around.. Mrs. Melville read a bulletin from Bess Turner, state legislative chairman, regarding retirement legislation.

The report of the nominating committee was accepted and the following officers elected :

President	Marguerite Melville
V. Pres.	June Ramaker
Sec.	Elizabeth Corine
Treas.	Laura Brown

Mrs. Collier was appointed publicity chairman to put notices of meetings in the Journal.

The May meeting will be with Hazel Loomis. Meeting adjourned. For the program Bessie Briggs gave a most interesting account of her trip to Europe as far as Portugal, from where she will continue another time.

Respectfully submitted by Ruby Dingee, Sec pro tem.

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May 18, 1963

Thurston County Retired Teachers met at the home of Hazel Loomis with eight members present. After a sack lunch the meeting was called to order by Vice-Pres. Mrs. Ramaker. The flag salute was given Followed by a prayer.

A letter was read from Blue Cross, telling us that the Blue Cross was not open at the present time to Thurston County.

A flower basket for streets was discussed and decision was made not to donate this year. The treasurer was asked to send cards to members notifying them that dues are payable at this time.

We decided to meet in June with Mrs. Ramaker and to meet at Peterson's at 11:30. There will be no meeting for July and August.

Meeting adjourned. The program Bessie Briggs continued telling about her trip through Europe and the British Isles.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Corine.

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June 15, 1963

The TCRTA met at the home of Mrs. Ramaker with nine members present. After a sack lunch the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ramaker. Secretary minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported \$94.38 with flowers for Marguerite Miller \$4.68 paid out.

Bessie Briggs was appointed on Membership Committee to call on new retirees. Mrs. Ramaker resigned as Vice-Pres.

The next meeting Sept. 21 will be at Nellie Collier's. Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Cheesman talked on legislation and political situations. She introduced Human Events Magazine. Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth B. Conine.

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Sept. 21, 1963

The TCRTA met at the home of Nellie Collier with thirteen members present. After a sack lunch the meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Melville. Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Twenty two members had paid dues. Postage \$1.00 allowed leaving a balance of 91.38.

Mrs. Guitteau, Laura Brown and Bessie Briggs were appointed on a committee to select president & vice pres. for the group. Next meeting at Laura Browns Oct. 29. Meeting adjourned. Mrs. Guitteau gave a very interesting talk on her trip to Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth B Conine, Sec.

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Oct. 19, 1963

TCRTA met at Laura Brown's. As there were so few there we did not have a business meeting. EBC.

Nov. 16, 1963

TCRTA met in the home of Laura Brown with 9 members present. Meeting was called to order by our president, followed by flag salute and prayer. In the absence of our secretary we had no minutes. The treasurer reported \$96.38 on hand.

Elizabeth Conine and Irene Clark are just home from the hospital and will receive flowers. The question of further plans for the group was discussed. Laura made a motion that "we dispense with meetings in December and January and meet in February. Lila seconded and motion carried.

June made a motion the we meet on the first Sat. in Feb. Lila seconded and motion carried.

June moved that cards be sent and offered to help. Motion seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned. Ruby Dungee, Secy. Pro Tem.

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Feb. 15, 1964

Thurrston County RTA met at the home of Laura Brown with 8 members present.

After a sack lunch meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Melville Followed by flag salute and the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes were read and approved. Treasurers report \$91.02 cash on hand.

Meeting time was discusses along with membership. Mr. Burrus was suggested as delegate to the legislature for the group. Secretary was directed to write and ask him to join our group and be our delegate.

Ruby made the Motion to continue meeting on the third Saturday. Motion seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned  
Elizabeth Conine, Sec.

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March 21, 1964

Thurston County RTA met at the home of Laura Brown. After a sack lunch the meeting was called to order by our Pres. Mrs. Melville with 8 members present.

We gave flag salute and the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary report was read and approved. Treasurer reported \$97. on hand.

Those who have insurance were instructed to pay national dues to National headquarters. The capitol museum asked for volunteers to give service. Laura made a motion that June Raymaker be made chairman of Nominating Committee. Motion seconded by Lila and carried. Election will be at the next meeting. Mrs. Raymaker gave a delightful program on her European trip.

Meeting adjourned.  
Sec. Elizabeth Conine

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April 18, 1964

Thurston County RTA met at the home of Laura Brown. After a sack lunch the meeting was called to order by our Pres. Mrs. Melville. We gave the flag salute and the Lord's Prayer.

The report of the nominating committee was no president, Treasurers Laura Brown and Elizabeth Corine, Secretary. It was suggested that we have a Chairman for each meeting. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. Burrus asking him to be our Legislative Representative.

The next meeting at Nellie Collier's and all meet at Peterson's at 11:15. Mrs. Kindechy gave pictures and talk on Spain and Canary Islands.

Meeting Adjourned, Respectfully submitted, Sec. Elizabeth Conine.

Oct. 16, 1964

The Thurston County RTA met for a reorganizing meeting for a no host luncheon at the Tyee with 22 members present.

Mrs. Schartow our State President was a guest. Mrs. June Ramaker acted as Chairman. After a delicious luncheon the business meeting was called to order. Mrs. Schartow told us about things that the State and National organization were doing this year.

A motion was made, seconded & passed that we meet once each month on the third Friday at 1:00pm with the December meeting eliminated. We are to meet at the Jacaranda on Nov. 20th.

June Ramaker was elected president and Zelma Anderson as Vice-President. Legislative Chair Mrs. Louise McDonald. Journal reporter, Martha Jones. Telephone Committee Chair Josephine Burch. Time and place committee member to state board, Blanche Tabor. Officers were asked to meet at June Ramakers on Fridays at 1pm to plan year books.

Meeting Adjourned, Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Conine, Sec.

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November 20, 1964

The Thurston County Retired Teachers met at the Jacaranda for a no host luncheon with 15 members present. Each member was asked to give suggestions for future programs. Mr. Washburn talked about advantages of Blue Cross and what we must do to become members. Mrs. Ball talked about the advantages at Panorama City and invited us to meet there for our next meeting in January. Those going to the Pension hearings on Nov. 30 are Mrs. Jerry Hannah, Ethel Kindschey, Bess Huff, Louse McDonald and Alma Olsen. Volunteers for the membership committee were Martha Jones and Louse McDonald.

Next meeting will be at Panorama City with Mrs. Ball on Jan. 5. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Conine, Sec.

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Jan 15, 1965

The TCRTA met at the home of Mrs. Ball at Panorama City with 30 retirees present. After a delicious luncheon the meeting was called to order by our president June Ramaker.

Secretary's and treasurers reports were read and approved.

Louise McDonald gave a legislative report and told about a meeting at the YWCA of the League of Women voters at which Mrs. Thomas talked on redistricting. She also

told us if we wished to visit the legislature to go to the south balcony.

Mr. Hersey told us the advantages and requirements of Thurston County Medical Bureau. Mr. Richstad told us the advantages of living at Panorama City. Mrs. Ball explained the advantages in her home and showed us around. Mr. Richstad took us to visit several other units and gave the cost of each.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth B. Conine

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Feb. 19, 1965

The TCRTA had a luncheon meeting at the Tyee. While we waited to be served Mr. Ness told us about advantages of Ocean Shores and a new Retirement Bill to raise retirement from \$4 to \$6 per month of teaching.

The secretary and treasurers reports were given and approved. Treasurer reported \$118.92. Mrs. Tabor reported on the convention. Louise McDonald gave a legislative report. An old law passed in 1963 affects late retirees.

Recreation Center land at Ravensdale on land owned by WEA asked support.

Our president appointed Martha Jones, Frances Hawke and Florence Baker as a committee on this long range project.

Mrs. Hachlen showed beautiful pictures and gave a very instructive talk on Brazil, where she has spent several years.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Conine, Sec.

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March 19, 1965

The TCRTA met for lunch at the Tyee. Mr. Dick Albertson gave us much material for thought on Bills before the legislature. Mrs. Ball told of advantages of the nursing home at Panorama City. Martha Jones gave a report on interest asked from the Ford Foundation of WEA project.

Louise McDonald as Membership chair presented Mrs. Vanderberg who is a new member.

Ola Jones, Martha Jones and Josephine Burch offered to make favors for the convention for one meal. The trip was voted out due to no boat.

Meeting was adjourned and we visited the state museum.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Conine, Sec.

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May 21, 1965



The TCRTA met at Lee's Steak House.

Minutes and treasurers reports were given and approved. Mr. Roger Easton explained the advantages of a tape recorder in education. Ruby Dingee, Louise McDonald and Zelma Anderson were appointed on the Nominating committee for the coming year.

Meeting in June will be at the Olympian Hotel with a possible pot luck dinner for July. Point Defiance was suggested as a meeting place.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Conine, Sec.

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Sept. 17, 1965

The TCRTA met at the Elks Club on Sept. 17, 1965 with 40 in attendance.

In the absence of June Ramaker, Helen Vanderburg presided. The minutes were read by Laura Brown, substituting for Elizabeth Conine, and were approved as read.

Ruby Dingee, Louise McDonald and Elizabeth Crockett are the personnel of the nominating committee. Louise gave the following report and the following were voted in unanimously.

President	June Ramaker
Vice-President	Helen Vandenberg
Treasurer	Laura Brown
Secretary	Ola Jones

Committee Chairmen appointed were:

Legislation	Bea Tabor
Advisory committee	Ruby Dingee
Membership & telephone	Elizabeth Huff
Hospitality	Laura Brown
Publicity for Journal	Martha Jones

A report was made that our membership at present is 48 and we have \$83.11 in the treasury. \$26 of this is for state dues, leaving \$57.11 locally.

A discussion followed concerning the raising of our local dues from \$1 to \$2. The motion was then made and seconded and carried that we do so.

At this time the state president Mr. Herman Mattern was introduced and spoke. He mentioned the escalator clause - a bill being drawn up to present to the next legislature to raise retirement pay. He urged membership in both the state and national organizations to support their efforts in our behalf. Medicare program is due in a large part to the work of the national officers. He reported that the Area 9 conference held

recently in Seattle had 800+ in attendance. This is the newest area and it broke the record for attendance. Mr. Mattern paid a fine tribute to Ethel Percy Andrus, the national president. He mentioned the excellent drug service, travel service and quite, "much more" that the national organization has to offer.

Announcements were made about the upcoming Olympia school bond election on Sept. 23rd and the UGN drive on which Elizabeth Bratton is working. She asked for volunteer help and Betty McCloud responded.

The question arose about meeting places. Shall we meet at different places or the same place each time. If so which one. There was discussion about this but nothing was decided.

Meeting Adjourned. Respectfully Submitted by Ola Jones, Sec.

**Announcements:**

- \* There is a Cabinet meeting Sept. 28 at Helen Vandenburgs.
- \* Bea Tabor declined the chairmanship on the legislative committee, so Ola Jones was append in her place.
- \* The State Legislative Chair is Herman Mattern, 5810 Cowen Place NE, Seattle 98105.
- \* Arrangements were made to meet at the Pancake House for the October meeting and a request to Margaret McKinney to talk and show slides of birds.
- \* Plans were made to inquire about meeting at the Nov. date and ask Helen Plumb to give a book review.
- \* June suggested that Helen call Dr. Ogle, President of the Toastmaster's Club and ask about a speaker for a meeting of our group.

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October 15, 1965

The TCRTA met at the Pancake House in Tumwater. There were 31 present with Vice-pres. Helen Vandenberg presiding.

The secretary's report was approved as corrected. The treasurer reported a balance of \$99.77. As Bea Tabor was unable to serve on the legislative committee Olga Jones was appointed to serve in her place. She had no report to make on legislation at this time.

Alma Bratton gave a report on the meeting of the advisory council. Important was a discussion on the 14 mill tax levy. We will start to lose approximately \$94,000 if we don't vote on Nov. for this levy.

Elizabeth Huff reported on membership. There are 60 at present. The telephone committee called as many as are known, - eligible people - at the time.

Louise McDonald paid tribute to the Daily Olympian for the good publicity given regarding our meeting notices.

The secretary read Article III of the By-laws covering requirement for membership.

Mr. Herbert Plumb, then gave a most interesting review of the book, "Naked Came I" by David Weiss, which is the biography of the artist, August Rodin.

An announcement was made by the secretary about the arts and crafts show, sale and tea on Oct. 28th at the Yacht Club. St. Peter Auxiliary is sponsoring it and the proceeds are to go toward furnishing extra materials or services which the hospital does not provide. Dr. Robert Hall, assistant director of the State Department of Public Assistance will speak on the Medicare program at the next meeting on Nov. 19th, the place to be determined.

Respectfully submitted, Olga Jones, Sec.

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Nov. 19, 1965

TCRTA met at the Golden Carriage for luncheon with 55 present. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$138.77. Elizabeth Crockett was appointed to the chairmanship of the hospitality committee.

Elizabeth Huff announced the personnel of the telephone committee will be changed, so we will hear different voices. Louise McDonald suggested that we also watch for the announcements of the meetings in the "Daily Olympian" and consult our booklets for the dates and places of meetings. She expressed appreciation for Mrs. Allard's work on our booklets. As the work was done at the Vocational School, the cost was only \$1.30.

Lois Miller made the motion that we send Mrs. Allard a box of candy in appreciation. It was seconded and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Vanderburg told of all the work Louise McDonald and her husband had done on the books also and thanked them both and also thanked all who had contributed to the publication of the booklets.

Ola Jones resigned as Chair of the legislative committee. Mr. Clayton Farrington was appointed as Chair of that committee.

Mrs. Vanderburg then introduced Dr. Hall from the State Dept. of Public Assistance who spoke on the Medicare program, and a question and answer period followed. He recognized and paid tribute to Esther Keller who was his former teacher, and Esther Gustofson, a former patient.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Olga Jones, Sec.

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January 21, 1966

Panorama City was the place of the January luncheon meeting. There were 54 members and guests present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$157.77 in the treasury.

Reports of the committee Chairs were as follows::

Legislation: Mr. Clayton Farrington had no report at this time.

Membership: Elizabeth Huff reported the present membership is 76 persons.

Hospitality: Elizabeth Crockett expressed the opinion that we should do something about hospitality more than has been done, such as meet people, shake hands, make acquaintances and make people feel welcome to the meetings.

Publicity: Louise McDonold suggested that members look all through the paper for publicity on the meetings. The article is not always in the society section.

Helen Vandenburg announced that since we have a population explosion, we can no longer order individual menus, but one luncheon will be served to all. She presented a box of candy to Mrs. Allard in appreciation of her work on the booklet.

Visitors at the meeting were: Gladys Malloy who is Vice Council to Panama, residing now in Olympia. Mrs. Askenfelter, Mrs. Ted Wynstra and Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Beck from Whatcom County.

New Members were: Helen Lee, (Elizabeth Huffs sister), and Mr. & Mrs. Temperly.

The business meeting was then adjourned.

Mrs. Vandenburg introduced Brother Bruno who gave us a most interesting illustrated lecture on pottery and sculpture.

Respectfully Submitted by Ola Jones, Sec.

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February 18, 1966

The TCRTA met at Panorama City beginning at 1pm. There were 55 members and guests in attendance.

The Secretary's report was approved as read.

Special guest was Miss Katherine Schumaker of Seattle who is the National Director of the Retired Teachers Association. She spoke briefly on the Prouty (R. VT) S-350 Amendment, to make Social Security available for all over age 72, and Consumer Protection with the Deceptive Packaging and Labeling Act. It is Senator Hart's (D. Mich.) bill S 985.. She urged support by RTA members by writing to our Senators. There is much opposition to these. Advertising firms, radio and TV have a large fund to defeat S 985 for they all receive large sums from manufacturers.

The business meeting was then adjourned.

June introduced Marian Rohrbeck who came to show slides of her family's safari in Africa. Every one retired to the social hall for these most interesting pictures so well presented.

Respectfully submitted by Ola Jones, Sec.

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March 18, 1966

Thurston County RTA met at the Olympian Hotel for lunch. Forty-four members and guests attended, including Jessie Boucher from Kent, WA.

June Ramaker, President, presided. The secretary's report was read and approved.

Two letters from Katherine Schumaker, Director of NRTA were read concerning pictures of early Olympia, history of our state capital etc. which has been requested for an article she is writing for the NRTA Journal. The editor of the Journal stated that the State Heritage series has expired and now a series on the state capitals was planned. Members suggested several sources of historical material and June invited Katherine to come to Olympia where she would take her around to gather material.

The treasurer reported \$171.15 in the treasury at this time.

Martha Jones reported for the WSRTA Journal. In response to her annual report to the Journal for April, the editor, Arthur Marsh congratulated us, through a letter to her, for our fine progressive group.

Blanche Tabor reported that the 1967 state convention, which is to be held on June 12, 13, & 14 will be in Yakima. It will be held in the Benjamin Hotel and we are entitled to 2 representatives, including the president. If we have 49 members who belong to the state RTA we are entitled to 3 representatives.

June stated that the Prouty Bill, if passed, would help those who retired before Social Security was available. She passed around a list of all the retirement homes in the vicinity, with their ratings. The Clara May at Tumwater and the Roo Lan Home at 3955 Martin Way are 3rd class homes.

The next meeting will be held at the Elk's Club. The following persons were appointed to the nominating committee: Martha Jones, Alma Olson, and Liitha Bender.

The business meeting was adjourned, and Helen Vandenberg introduced Margaret McKinney who showed slides of wildflowers and landscapes, wild growth in Olympic National Park and the Mt. Rainier areas.

Respectfully Submitted, Ola Jones, Sec.

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April 15, 1966

The meeting was held at the Elk's Club. After calling the meeting to order, June asked Helen Vandenberg to present her program. She introduced Richard Talcott who gave a very interesting talk on the history of diamonds, showed samples of diamond chips, and three polished diamonds in ring settings. He also presented each member with a booklet on diamonds.

The secretary's report was then read and approved. The treasurers reported \$160.65 in the treasury. Blanche Tabor had no report at this time. Martha Jones had no report concerning the WSRTA Journal.

Legislative: Clayton Farrington read a letter from John Estes, state legislative chairman, stating that there will be a legislative committee meeting in Seattle, June 6th. Mr. Rogel will meet with the committee.

Membership: Elizabeth Huff, membership, suggested that we might make provision for associate members with dues of \$1. It was so moved and carried.

Publicity: Louise McDonald stated that the Olympian has been very good about putting in the articles about the meetings just as they are submitted.

The election of officers was then held. Martha Jones, Nominating Committee Chair, submitted the following names: Helen Vandenberg -- President, Creighton Hayes -- Vice-President, Blanche Tabor -- Secretary and Laura Brown -- Treasurer. There were no other nominations, and a unanimous ballot was cast for this slate of officers.

Those appointed as delegates to the state convention were: Helen Vandenberg, June Ramaker, Clayton Farrington. Alternates: Blanche Tabor, Elizabeth Huff & Ann Johnson. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Ola Jones, Sec.

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May 19, 1966

The TCRTA met at Panorama City. Following lunch the president, Helen Vandenberg called the meeting to order. The members expressed their appreciation of June Ramakers service as president. Helen Vandenberg stated that \$5 had been sent to the Heart Fund as a memorial for Josephine Bunch.

July 1, is the beginning of the new year for the state and TCRTA. The members were invited to attend the state convention in Seattle.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported \$155.65. Gratitude was expressed to Martha Jones for the article concerning the state of Washington in the Journal.

The following committee chairmen were announced:

Program	Louise McDonald
WSRTA Journal	Martha Jones
Legislative	Clayton Farrington
Membership	Emma Layton

Telephone	Anna Johnson
Publicity	Vera Stentz
Bulletin Book	Elizabeth Crockett
Citizen's Advisory	Creighton Hayes
State Board Representative	Elizabeth Huff

The meeting was turned over to the program chair, Louise McDonald who introduced the speaker, Mr. Louis Carlson. Mr. Carlson is Assistant Vice-President of the Seattle First National Bank Trust Department and is located in Vancouver WA. He gave a very informative talk concerning various types of trusts.

Following his talk members were given time for asking questions. Many questions indicated that the members found the subject of great value. Mr. Carlson is in Olympia the second Tuesday and the and the third Friday of each month at the Seattle First National Bank.

Meeting Adjourned, Respectfully submitted by Blanche Tabor, Sec.

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June 17, 1966

The TCRTA met at Panorama City. Thirty-two members were in attendance. Following the luncheon Helen Vandenberg, President called the business meeting to order.

The secretary's minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was made and approved.

Creighton Hays reported the action of the Citizen's Advisory Committee in the May and June meetings. This consisted of a review and direction of the Steering Committees, Dr. Paul Ellis, Chairman, report on "The Study of the Olympia Public Schools." A copy of this report was given to Helen Vandenberg and is available for review by the RTA members.

Dues for the new year are now payable: Local \$2. State \$2. Assoc. \$1.

It was announced that the annual picnic would take place at the Tabor Home at Scott Lake on July 15th. It will be a potluck affair. The Telephone Committee will contact members.

The following reports were given. Convention: The WSRTA convention was held in Seattle. Our unit was represented by Helen Vandenberg, President; June Ramaker, Past President, and Clayton Farrington, Legislative Chair. Retirement System: Mr. Rogel and the Retirement Board activities were given. In Mr. Rogel's address an "Maintaining An Adequate Income", emphasized that the 1967 legislature:

1. An increase of the number of substitute days from 45 to 75.
2. To compensate for the rising cost of living, remove limits in pension;

3. Improvements be the same for every group and;
4. Oppose the death benefit.

Two motions were made and carried. "That a committee write Mr. Matter, State President that our unit have a retired appointed to the retirement board." and "That our unit endorse a four year college in Thurston County area."

Following the business meeting Mrs. Vandenberg turned the meeting over to the Program Chair, Louise McDonald, who introduced the guest speakers, Miss Anne Olmstead, from the State Health Dept. Miss Olmstead spoke on the subject of "Nutrition: and the nutrition programs that our group is involved and interested in.

Creighton E. Hayes, Sec. Pro tem.

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July 15, 1966

The TCRTA met at the Tabor's home for a picnic lunch. Fifty-three members and wives attended. There was no business meeting held.

Blanche Tabor, Sec.

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September 16, 1966

The TCRTA met for lunch at Panorama City. Seventy-two were present. Following the lunch Helen Vandenburg, president called the business meeting to order.

Minutes of June and July were read and approved. 101 Unit members & 64 state mbs. Emma Layton was thanked for her activity as membership chairman Attractive year books were placed for the members. The president thanked June Ramaker, Olla Jones and Louise Mc Donald for their work in preparing the year books.

Helen Vanderberg introduced the guests Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mattern, and Miss Mabel Haugen. Mr. Mattern, the WSRTA president, spoke. Miss Haugen is the WSRTA legislative chair. There is a need for a new WSRTA Journal editor and Mr. Olmsted the WSRTA Executive Secretary, is also in need of assistance.

Louise McDonald introduced Dr. Tore Nielsen of the Community Mental Health Center. Dr. Nielsen gave a very interesting discussion of the need for the help given at the center. 3% of the population may be in need of psychiatric services at some time in there lives. There is a long waiting list of those asking for help. Washington provides less money for this service than other states do.

Meeting adjourned, Respectfully submitted by Blanche Tabor, Sec.



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October 13, 1966

The Executive Board of the TCRTA met at 2 o'clock at the home of the president Helen Vandenburg. The Treasurer reported \$212.95 in local funds. June Ramaker made the following motion: "I move that letters for donations be left to the depression of the president." Motion seconded. Discussion followed. Clayton Farrington moved that the motion be tabled. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Clayton Farrington made the following motion. "I move that the **Thurston County Retired Teachers Association does not donate to anything except those things pertaining to education.**" **SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion concerning announcements for other organizations and causes. Louise McDonald made the following motion: "**announcements be held to one minute.**" Motion seconded and carried.

Louise McDonald made the following motion: "I move that a committee be appointed to draw up a constitution to be submitted at the November meeting. **MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED.** Clayton Farrington and Creighton Hayes were appointed to be this committee.

Meeting adjourned, Respectfully submitted, Blanche Tabor, Sec.

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October 21, 1966

The TCRTA met for a luncheon meeting at the Oregon Trail. Sixty-four were present. Following the lunch Helen Vandenburg president called the business meeting to order.

Minutes were read and approved. Minutes of the executive board were read.

Ruby Dingee spoke about the early organization. The Thurston County RTA was organized in 1954 under the leadership of Mrs. Foxwell. In 1956 there were 26 members. The unit was affiliated with the Washington State Retired Teachers Association (WSRTA) and occasionally delegates are sent to state conventions. Meetings were held in the old High school, Court House Annex, Community Center and in various homes. At times the little group almost disbanded. In October 1964 the Thurston County Retired Teachers was re-organized and Jane Ramaker was elected president. Ruby Dingee's report is on file with the secretary's book.

Meeting was then turned over to the program chair, Louise McDonald, who turned the meeting over to the legislative chair, Clayton Farrington. Clayton introduced the four candidates for representatives in the legislature.

Jack Doyle, Mary Lux, George Stout and Hal Wolf.  
Each spoke concerning his views on education and retired teachers legislation. An interesting question and answer period followed.

Meeting was turned back to the program chair who in turn gave it to the president.  
Meeting adjourned. Respectfully Submitted by Blanche Tabor, Sec.

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November 19, 1966

The TCRTA met at Panorama City for luncheon and meeting. 59 were present. Mrs. Steussy, social director of Panorama City gave a brief talk on the various opportunities and benefits available at Panorama.

Helen Vandenburg, President, called the business meeting to order following the lunch.

The treasurer, Laura Brown reported \$223. on hand. There are now 110 members, 69 of whom are also state members.

Creighton Hayes reported on the new TCRTA Constitution. He proposed the following motion: "That this constitution be adopted in its entirety." **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Sec. pro-tem read a letter from Herman Matter, state president. Clayton Farrington, Chair of legislative committee reported briefly on the state legislative meeting. He said a new Bill has been presented to the Legislature which he felt could be obtained with Mr. Rogel's assistance.

The president introduced Martha Jones as the State Journal Reporter and asked for a vote of thanks.

The president then turned the meeting over to Louise MacDonald, program chair who in turn introduced the speaker, Mr. Rogel, Director of the Retirement Systems. Mr. Rogel gave a most interesting and informative talk on the problems of maintaining an adequate post-retirement income, which includes more than pension, namely the cost of living. He stated that special legislation has been successful in bring about pension increases to meet these needs. Thanks were given to Mr. Rogel for his information.

The president announced no December meeting but the regular January meeting at Panorama will be held. Meeting adjourned, Vera Stang, Sec. pro-tem.

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January 21, 1967

The TCRTA met at Panorama City for a luncheon meeting. 71 were present. After lunch the president, Helen Vandenberg turned the meeting over to Louise McDonald who introduced the speaker Frances Swayze of the State Motor Vehicle Division.

Mrs. Swazy spoke on practical and interesting items. She hold us of the ways in which her department is endeavoring to improve driving on the highways. This department serves the public but is growing in responsibility to the public.

The president then conducted the business meeting. The minutes were read and approved. Treasurer reported \$228.14 on hand. 111 members (72 state and 12 associate) Letters from H W Blackenberg and Horace Channing relative to the location of the WSRTA convention in 1968 were read. Members were asked to consider possibility of the convention in Olympia. It is to be discussed at an executive board meeting.

Clayton Farrington, Legislative chair, spoke of the Bill to be introduced to the legislature, relative to additional benefits for retired teachers.

Anne Johnson, chair telephone committee introced her committee and explained their duties.

Creighton Hays of the Citizens Advisory Committee spoke of his duties.

Mrs. Louise Galkowski was introduced as the new editor of the WSRTA Journal for the April issue.

Guests were introduced. Meeting adjourned, Blanche Tabor, Secretary.

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February 17, 1967

The TCRTA met at Panorama City. 90 members and guests were present. Included in the guests were: Harold Anderson, Dr. Rolland Upton, Father Phinney, Pres. St. Martins College, Charles Callahan, Mr. Bunt, Lou Hall, Virginia McBride, Lillian Brown, Mrs. Settle and Dorothy Cutler.

The program chair, Louise McDonald introduced the speaker Dr. Franklin Thompson, President of the University of Puget Sound. He spoke on the "New Environment". He emphasized that man has made the most progress in the past 60 years. A sense of expectancy is needed. Progress has been achieved by great teaching.

Mrs. McDonald expressed the gratitude of those present for the inspiration of the address.

The president then conducted the business meeting. Minutes of January were read and approved. Treasurer reported \$223.09. The Constitution chair, Mr. Creighton reported

on the amendment to the constitution concerning the Nominating committee. The amendment was drawn up by Louise McDonald.

**Motion reads: Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee shall consist of five members two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chair and two members who shall not be members of the Board shall be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the annual meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for the nominations for officers and directors may be sent to this committee by any voting member.

It was moved and seconded that this amendment be adopted. The amendment was **PASSED.**

Mr. Farrington spoke on progress of legislation in the legislative.

The date for the March meeting is March 17 -- April is April 17 -- May is May 19.

Meeting Adjourned, Respectfully submitted by Blanche Tabor, Sec.

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February 6, 1967

The executive board of the TART met at the home of president Helen Vandenberg.

**A Motion was made by Clayton Farrington that this unit does not entertain the state convention in 1968. Motion seconded and carried.**

Mr. Farrington reported on the progress in the legislature of the Bills involving retired teachers. The fact was brought out that there is a need for more specific rules for the Nominating Committee. Louise McDonald was asked to assist the committee that draws up the constitution. This will be presented at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned, Respectfully submitted by Blanche Tabor, Sec.

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March 17, 1967

The TCRTA met at Panorama City for a luncheon meeting. 58 members and guests were present. Following the lunch the program was introduced. Louise McDonald introduced Mr. Charles Odegaard the head of the State Parks and Recreation Dept.

He gave a very interesting talk concerning the Bills before the legislature . Basically they are to preserve the parks and to improve facilities and provide recreational areas for our citizens.

The business meeting then was called to order by president. The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported 120 members and \$224.09 in the treasury.

Mr. Farrington reported the Bill sponsored by the Retired Teachers had passed the legislature.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Blanche Fabor, Sec.

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April 21, 1967

The TCRTA met at Panorama City. Sixty-six members and guests were present. After lunch the meeting was turned over to the program chair.

Louise McDonald introduced the speaker Mr. Alan de Laubenfels. He spoke on Regional Planning. He spoke on changing our thinking from the American heritage of the self-contained unit where the home supply and occupation were in the same locality. Now these are often widely scattered and planning for the needs of the community must be made on local, state and regional bases. This must come through democratic action. There were many questions asked of Mr. de Laubenfels after his talk.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. 122 members and \$228.46 in the treasurer. Additional membership lists were given to members. The state convention will be in June 12, 13, & 14 in Yakima. The delegates will be Helen Vandenberg, the president-elect and Louise Galkowske, editor of the state Journal.

Emma Layton, chair of Nominating committee reported. Other members of committee are Marian Haycox and Hubert Jones.

Nominees are as follows:	President	Herman Miller
	Vice-Pres.	Creighton Hayes
	Secretary	Gladyce Malloy
	Treasurer	Alice Kaiser
Nominating Committee 67/68	chair	Blanche Tabor
		Sylvia Westover
		Esther Gustofson

Meeting adjourned. Blanche Tabor, Sec.

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May 19, 1967

The TCRTA met at Panorama. Forty-six members and guests were present. Following lunch the speaker Mr. Maurice Powers was introduced by Louise McDonald.

He gave a most interesting talk about Orchids and Orchid Culture. The orchid family is the largest plant family and some genus grows in every part of the world except Antarctica. Hybrids may be produced between one genus and another. Of interest to this area is the fact that Douglas fir bark is the most used planting medium.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer Laura Brown reported same balance as last month \$224.09.

The president Helen Vandenberg asked Louise Galkowski, editor of the WSRTA Journal to tell us about the publication. The Journal goes to all retirees regardless of membership in retired teachers. 46% of retirees belong to the WSRTA. If these were more members there would be more money to provide a larger and better Journal.

The visitors were introduced: Marguerite Melville, a former president of this unit.

The nominating committee consisting of Emma Layton, Marian Haycox and Hubert Jones presented the nominees. The names were read by Hubert Jones. As follows:

President	Herman Miller
Vice-pres.	Creighton Hayes
Treasurer	Alice Kaiser
Secretary	Gladys Malloy

Motion was made and seconded that a unanimous ballot be cast for the nominees. motion passed.

Alternate delegates to the state convention are Lois Miller, Harold Potts & Hubert Jones. Mrs. Vandenberg thanked Laura Brown for her long and devoted service as treasurer as the TCRTA. A gift was presented in appreciation.

Elizabeth Huff expressed the gratitude of all members for the leadership of Helen Vandenberg this year. A standing ovation was given. Anne Johnson was thanked for her work as chair of the telephone committee. Much credit for the successful meetings this year is due to the program chair Louise McDonald. Mrs. Vandenberg then turned the meeting over to the newly elected president Herman Miller.

There will be no meeting in June due to the State Convention in Yakima that week. A picnic was suggested for July. Regular meeting start in September.

Meeting adjourned, Respectfully submitted, Sec. Blanche Tabor, Sec.

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