

Blessed Are They Who Amuse

By GABBY DETAYLS. BLESSED are the unconscious for they shall amuse the world. Father Flanagan's boys were parading the other day, and Gabby and a close packed crowd were watching them.

CUPID wins over Mercury. He always does, but specific instances never fail to be of interest.

The Rag-A-Jazz boys who have been taking London by storm since they went over there from the University of Nebraska last spring have been flying around and seeing things in true Mercurial style.

Mercury, as we remember our classic myths and legends, had wings on his heels which made him something of a speedy chap in getting around.

Five invitations to consult interior decorators. One letter from an exclusive home furnishings shop and one equally gushing from (the mail bags make strange bedfellows) a not unknown credit furniture house.

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wedding, including guests, presents, minister's name and the like. Both accompanied by invitations to place orders for engraving.

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Gertrude Kountze

These three pretty Omaha misses will take part in the style show to be given at the Vassar club dance December 27. Although Miss Helen Rogers is the only one who claims Vassar as an alma mater, Miss Marie Neville and Miss Gertrude Kountze are giving their time and support to the party, which is to help raise Omaha's quota of the Vassar salary endowment fund.

Miss Neville is to be one of the busiest of the young set during the coming holidays, as she will not only be in the style show, but is to be hostess at a large party at the Blackstone on December 23. Soon after the first of the year she will leave with her mother, Mrs. Elmer J. Neville, for La Jolla, Cal., where Mr. and Mrs. Neville have a winter home.

Miss Kountze is to wear sport clothes in the style show, for the dash which they need to set them off is particularly her own. She, too, has a full holiday schedule, as she leaves for Lincoln the day after the Vassar dance to attend a house party and dance given by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hardy for their son, Philip Hardy, from the Hill school. In January Miss Kountze will go east with her mother, Mrs. Luther Kountze, to attend the Dartmouth prom.

This is Miss Rogers' first year at Vassar, but she is already an enthusiastic supporter of the cause. She arrived in Omaha this morning and will plunge into the round of gayeties which await the school set in the next two weeks. Miss Rogers is one of this season's Ak-Sar-Ben princesses and one of the most charming of the school girls.



Helen Rogers

Wednesday, December 28, has been set as the date for the annual Pan-Hellenic winter luncheon. The Branded private dining room has been engaged and all committees appointed for the affair.

These details were arranged Thursday afternoon when representatives from the following sororities met at the home of the local president, Mrs. George DeLacy: Meadames Charles Wright, Alpha Phi; H. W. Potter, Alpha Omicron Pi; Vincent Haswell, Alpha Chi Omega; Cyrus Mason, Kappa Delta; Lester Klapp, Gamma Phi Beta; Roy B. Hoscik, Chi Omega; Philip McCullough and John Graham, Kappa Alpha Theta; F. L. Haas and Miss Ann Hermanson, Delta Delta Delta; Misses Dorothy Hippie, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Bernice Meiergugen, Pi Phi.

The Omaha Pan-Hellenic is an inter-sorority organization, entirely social in purpose. It has two large annual functions, one in the summer and one in the winter season. More than 100 are expected to attend the coming holiday luncheon when election of officers will take place.

Committees appointed by the president for the winter meeting are: Nominating: Meadames Hascall, Potter, McCullough. Cards: Meadames Klapp and Haas.

Luncheon arrangements: Misses Hippie, Beatrice Johnson (Delta Gamma) and Mrs. McCullough. Place cards and decorations: Mrs. Deyo Crane (Chi Omega), Misses Hermanson and Meiergugen. Entertainment: Mrs. Morris Dunham (Pi Phi).

Loving cup (for scholarship at University of Nebraska): Miss Meiergugen. Responses to invitations, which will be mailed out Tuesday, December 26, must be made Monday, December 20, with Mrs. H. W. Potter, 3419 Davenport, Ha 2533. If mailed, they should reach her by that date.

Invitations usually include national sorority girls in Council Bluffs, Pappilon, Waterloo, Valley and other nearby towns, also visiting sisters from Lincoln or elsewhere. Correct sorority lists should be in the hands of Mrs. DeLacy not later than Monday, December 19.

State Dinners Inaugurated for Season

Bureau of The Bee. Washington, Dec. 17. The president and Mrs. Harding this week inaugurated their first series of state dinners in the White House, when they entertained the vice president and the members of the cabinet and their wives at dinner Thursday evening. The merry round of official dining has therefore begun and will continue steadily until every member of the cabinet has entertained the chief executive and his wife, and each member and his wife has in turn been entertained by each other member.

The next social feature which will interest official society is whether the cabinet hostesses will stand beside Mrs. Harding at the state receptions which will begin next month with the reception in honor of the diplomatic corps, or whether the President and Mrs. Harding and the vice president and Mrs. Coolidge will comprise that receiving line. This would be a distinct knocking out of all precedents established in the early days of the republic, as the wives of the cabinet officials have always formed the "receiving line," precedence next to the wife of the vice president, who of course stands next to the president's wife. The cabinet members themselves, have always heretofore stood immediately behind this line, so that they may be seen and recognized. It is a long line of precedents since those earlier days, and it is a gamut to run, for the striking person, but nevertheless a gratification to many officials and society people who otherwise come very little in contact with these higher officials. Also, it is a time-honored custom. It is not yet settled whether this "line" will be abolished, but the general belief is that it may be.

Little Miss Mellon, the young daughter of the secretary of the treasury, acted as her father's official hostess on Tuesday evening when he entertained a company of distinguished gentlemen at dinner in honor of the British statesman, Arthur J. Balfour. The dinner, which was a very handsome affair, was served in the spacious apartment of the secretary, 1785 Massachusetts, an apartment house-de-luxe, one which is quite equal in roominess and beauty to a well arranged mansion. Miss Mellon received her father's guests and was escorted to table by Mr. Balfour, but she did not remain to the end of the dinner. The secretary and his daughter are planning to spend the holidays in their Pittsburgh home unless something unforeseen prevents. The Governor of Nebraska and Mrs. McKelvie were in Washington last week for the dinner given in the White House by the President and Mrs. Harding, who had a number of governors of states, the Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge and some other guests. After the dinner Ruth Draper, the clever monologist, gave a charming program in the east room. General Pershing has been the busiest sort of a host for more than a week past. He had a luncheon in

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Song Recital by Girls' Community Service League

The Chorus club of the Girls' Community Service League will give a song recital Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, in the club rooms, 210 Gardner building, 1712 Dodge street, under the direction of Mrs. Noel Wallace. The program will be followed by dancing.

The schedule for the week is as follows: Monday—Cluga club supper, 6:30; gymnasium, 7:30; Mrs. Charles Muselman, leader; volley ball, 8:30.

Tuesday—Wanna club supper, 6:30; home-making class, 7; Mrs. G. B. Kennedy, leader; open house, 8:15; song recital, Mrs. Mary Lydia Rowe, hostess.

Wednesday—Lafayette club supper, 6:30; design class, 7:30; Mrs. M. L. Rowe, leader.

Thursday—French class, 7; Miss Bess Bossell, leader.

Friday—D. T. A. club supper, 6:30; Chorus club, 7; Mrs. Noel Wallace, leader; gymnasium, 8; Miss Katherine Carrick, leader.

Saturday—Dance, 8:30, all clubs participating.

Sunday—Open house, 3:30.

L. O. E. Club Fills Baskets For Disabled Soldiers In Hospitals.

The L. O. E. club will bring Christmas cheer to 72 disabled soldiers in local hospitals. Each soldier will receive on Christmas day a basket filled with fruit, candy, nuts, homemade cookies, smokes and a linen handkerchief.

The visiting committee of the club, including Mesdames Charlotte Melchers Jenkins, J. L. Kraeg, E. G. Nelson, M. Thompson and Miss Margaret Kennedy, have made 549 hospital calls since the middle of June.

Engagement of Beatrice Girl to Omaha Man Is Announced.

Miss Katharine Howey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Howey of Beatrice, has recently announced her engagement to Melville Bekins, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bekins of Omaha. The wedding will take place in the early spring.

Both young people are University of Nebraska graduates, where Mr. Bekins captained the basketball team. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta, while Miss Howey is a Delta Gamma.

Theater Parties Popular Amid Gayeties of Holiday Season

In the costume which Fay Bainter wears as Ming Toy in "East Is West," which will open an engagement of three days at the Brandeis theater tomorrow night, there is a hair decoration known as a crown. It is an intricate interweaving of pearls, gold threads, jade and green and blue silk, and is sure to be observed by every woman of the fashionable set who attends the opening performance tomorrow night and, indeed, everyone seems to be included in the list of reservations. Among those who will entertain guests are: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Norton, 11; Miss Bertha Offutt, 10; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fish, eight; K. W. Jones, etc.

Parties of six will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Hoxie Clark, Mr. and Mrs. S. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Megeath and J. H. Wright. Miss Gladys Peters will have a party of five as will F. W. Thomas and W. J. McCaffrey. Foursomes are many, including reservations by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Nieman, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nabseth, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Talnage, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jeffers, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Wood Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Houser, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shirley, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pulver, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Beaton, Dr. and Mrs. A. Young, Mrs. Fred Rosenstock, and

Messrs Gwyer Yates, A. B. Warren, J. W. Towle, Harry Greenway, E. Olsen, E. W. Julian, H. S. Clarke, Jr.; John Madden, Carlton Woodward, H. G. Kelley, A. C. Potter, H. Pierpont, R. G. Boyle, L. A. McPherson and H. Bushnell. Others who have made reservations include Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Medlar, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Sumney, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rosacker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metz, Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Bushman, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Kloke, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Creighton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schroeder, Dr. and Mrs. F. Conlin, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wickham, E. B. Wirt, Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Meltinger, Mrs. Warren Rogers, Mrs. L. F. Crofoot, Mrs. Metcalf, Miss Weller, Mrs. E. A. Goss, Miss Hibbard, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fitzgerald, T. J. McGuire, J. J. O'Connor, B. Twamley and Harry Burkley.

Kappa Sigma

A party is to be given in Lincoln for the active members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity by Harold McGlasson, Farley Young and Reginald Roper at the K. of C. hall on Wednesday evening, December 21. The party will be in the form of a duck dinner-dance and the hall will be decorated in gay holiday colors. Chaperones are Mr. and Mrs. Victor Krause. Patrons and patronesses are Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Roper, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Young and Mrs. C. E. McGlasson.

Pompoms Are Quite the Thing

Pompoms are very smart this year and it is quite simple to make them at home out of yarn. To make these, cut two round pieces of cardboard about two inches and a half in diameter. Punch a hole in the center and wind the yarn in and out until the card is covered. Insert the points of small scissors between the two outer edges and cut the threads after tying the yarn tightly between the two pieces of cardboard. Slip the cards off either end and trim the pompom down to the desired size. Tassels are made by winding yarn on a piece of cardboard about half an inch longer than you desire the finished tassel to be. Slip two or three threads of yarn between the cardboard and the yarn at one end and tie tightly. At the other end cut the yarn so as to make the tassel part. A more attractive and finished tassel is made by winding yarn around the tassel a few times about three-fourths of an inch from the top.

A Walk in Early Spring

(Harmonizing a poem by my friend Liu, stationed at Chin-ning.) Only to wanderers can come Ever new the shock of beauty. Of white cloud and red cloud dawning from the sea, Of spring in the wild plum and river-willow I watch a yellow oriole dart in the sun And a green water plant reflected— Suddenly an old song fills My heart with home, my eyes with tears. —Tu Shen-yeen (Witter-Bryner) in December Asia.

Variety of Interest in Pre-Holidays



Miss Eva Dow



Mrs. W. E. Bolin

A variety of interest characterizes this preholiday season. Travelers are preparing to leave; others are making ready for holiday guests. Charitable activities claim the attention of many Omaha matrons; theaters and restaurants are thronged. Among the travelers is Miss Eva Dow, and prominent among the workers for charity is Mrs. W. E. Bolin. Miss Dow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Dow, sails from New York, January 7 on the Adriatic for Algiers, Africa, where she will spend two months with her brother, Edward Dow, American consul to that country. En route to Algiers Miss Dow

will stop at the Madeira Islands and Gibraltar. Mr. and Mrs. Dow and children, Edward, Jr., and Rosemary, live in a beautiful old villa, a Moorish palace, situated on a hill-top overlooking the Mediterranean sea. A lovely garden filled with flowers, trees, shrubbery, a tennis court and fountains surrounds the house, which has 16 large rooms with thick stone walls and tile floors. Mrs. Dow is looking forward to a gay winter, as Algiers, which is the capital of Algeria, is a popular winter resort with the social leaders of Europe, and the season will be at its height when she arrives. Following her visit in Algiers Miss

Dow will tour Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium and the British Isles. She will sail from Liverpool about the middle of May. Mrs. W. E. Bolin organized the flying squadron for the benefit of the fifth annual Red Cross roll call. Mrs. Bolin was one of the most prominent and energetic women workers of Omaha, and since the signing of the armistice has given much of her time to the Omaha chapter of the Red Cross. Her flying squadron visited all public gatherings of Omaha during the past week, and it is no doubt due to her enthusiasm that the flying squadron did so much toward the success of this year's Red Cross drive.

Fine Arts Program Today



Dorothy Morton and Adelyn Wood

Misses Dorothy Morton and Adelyn Wood will appear in a two-piano recital Sunday afternoon, 4 o'clock, in connection with the Fine Arts society exhibit on the third floor of the public library. For several years these talented pianists have been doing two-piano work, beginning back in war days, when they appeared on an Armenian relief program. Since then they have given programs for the First Central Congregational church, a war benefit at the governor's mansion, Lincoln; the Fort-nightly club, the state music teachers and the state school teachers. The state school teachers heard them last month when they were on the program with May Peterson, Metropolitan opera singer. Tomorrow evening they will play at the Fontenelle for the Ad-Sell league. Both Miss Morton and Miss Wood have studied with Max Landow, University of Chicago. Miss Morton has been a student of Mr. and Mrs.

August Borglum here and of Heinrich Gebhardt of Boston and Herbert Fryer of New York. At present she is accompanied for Mrs. Douglas Welpton. She is a niece of Mary Turner Salter, composer, and toured one season with Mrs. Salter and a cousin singer. Miss Wood has studied with her sister, Mrs. Harry Miliken, Mrs. Edith Waggoner and Jean Duffield of Omaha, later receiving her teacher's certificate from Peabody Conservatory of Baltimore, where she did her work with Landow. Miss Wood has done post work the last two summers with Henri Levay in Chicago and she counts as a privilege the lessons she has had with Frances Nash. She is accompanied for Miss Mary Munchhoff at present. Misses Morton and Wood have been friends since childhood when they lived "across the street" from each other. They are much interested in the two-piano work and have been a student of Mr. and Mrs.