

SOCIETY NOTES

LIFE'S MAZY WHIRL

We who have lived in the region of the hard maple, the oak, the beach and hickory, mourn each autumn over the absence of the flaming foliage intermingled with spots of yellow, and of the rich browns with which we were formerly familiar, but even Lincoln, which boasts so proudly of her spring-time canopy of green, is not entirely poverty stricken when the death of the year is beginning, for the "soft" maples flaunt occasional touches of rarely beautiful colorings. The woodbine, which grows luxuriantly here, is on its gay attire and the sumach is positively gorgeous, making possible effective decoration with autumn leaves. At a dinner given early this week, the hostess, who loves nature and simplicity, had for her center piece a vase of nasturtiums, those brave flowers which are still blooming in the gardens despite the frosty nights, and garlands of woodbine on the linen, made a striking contrast with its snowy whiteness. She carried out the color scheme still further by serving her salad in scooped out tomato shells resting on leaves of the woodbine, and the various dishes were garnished with nasturtium blossoms instead of the green, which is commonly used. A Spanish proverb says: "Appetite is in the eye," and this pretty arrangement of table and viands was indeed tempting.

The fraternities are busy this week with initiations, the rushing season being practically over. There was also a small party at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house to celebrate the birthday of one of the girls, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon entertainment last night. The card parties given by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hewick, and the card party and kensington by Mrs. Fisk and Mrs. Chapman, were the important social events in Lincoln society.

When members of a fraternity are about to initiate new members, the solemn ceremony, which is the real initiation, is preceded by a series of jokes perpetrated on the initiates, which is greatly enjoyed by the perpetrators, but is not relished by the victims, and unfits them for the impressive part of the work. A custom now prevails in eastern colleges to have this horseplay, as it is termed, a few evenings before the ceremony. This example is being this year followed by the local chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. This fraternity held its "horseplay" Thursday evening, and will this evening induct into the mystic circle the following new members: Mr. Arthur Steen, Mr. Boos Milenz, of Wahoo; Mr. Roscoe Gore, of Tecumseh; Mr. Al Hamen, Mr. Ed Quillian, of Grand Island; Mr. Ray Linley, Mr. Frank Brown, of Lincoln; Mr. Elmer Robinson, of Arlington; Mr. Eric Seike, of Wisner; Mr. Elliot Graves, of Kearney, and Mr. John Bender, of Sutton.

Mrs. Alley gave a baby party Saturday afternoon in honor of her little nephew, Leland Keefer. The invitations were issued in the name of Duane Alley, and permitted the infant guests to "bring their mammas if they had no one to leave them with." All ornaments and bric a brac were removed from the parlor walls and were replaced by decorations suggestive of children and their games and pleasures. Dainty light refreshments were served to the mothers, oatmeal wafers and things equally appropriate to the babies, who were Elliott Smith, Edgar Kettering, Francis Gerhart, Austin Bacon, James Stevens, Lucile Keefer, Richard Hockett, Allen Wolcott, Marion Risser, Katherine Evans, Leland Keefer, Duane Alley.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has had a busy week. Besides the affairs participated in only by the members, a party was

given last night at the chapter house, 1228 R street, in honor of the pledges, which gave great pleasure to the guests. A novel feature was the illumination of electric lights, which were of a different color in each room. Cards, ping pong, and other games were played until ten o'clock, when a luncheon was served. After the repast came dancing, which continued until the morning hours. Punch was served all evening. Professor and Mrs. E. H. Barbour chaperoned the party. The guests were Misses Bessie Buruss, Harley, Locke, Fawell, Holland, Palmer, Dorothy Griggs, Shidler, Butler, Jenkins, Killian, Casebeer, Anna Hammond, Woodward, Kimball, Gund.

Here is a suggestion which will help many a hostess over a difficulty which is sometimes hard to surmount when she is giving a dinner:

"Parisian hostesses have invented a new method of dealing with one of the principal difficulties incident to dinner parties—that of pairing off the

Mr. Dean Ringer will preside as toastmaster. About twenty alumni members will be present, some of whom are Messieurs A. S. Pearse, Harry Crandall, Edwin Chapin, Dick Reed Orlo Brown, Ward Hildreth and Doctor Burton Christy.

Mrs. R. W. Fisk and Miss W. H. Chapman gave a six-hand euchre Thursday and a kensington yesterday, both beautiful functions. A wealth of flowers and greenery adorned the house. The climbing nasturtium vines which grew in such luxuriance this summer, drooped naturally over the lace window draperies. Asparagus ferns framed the wide doorway and entwined the chandeliers. Potted ferns and palms, and bouquets of gorgeous American beauties and splendid carnations, were in every available place. Six-hand euchre, the first day, and the effort attendant upon outlining black cats the second day, interested the guests. Pieces of hand-painted china, skillfully done by Mrs. Chapman, were given as prizes. Those for the first day were a bon bon dish and a fancy plate, for the second, an ink bottle and a jewel tray. A daintily appointed luncheon was served. Guests invited for the euchre were Mesdames J. A. Buckstaff, F. W. Hellwig, C. I. Jones, E. P. Metcalf, C. J. Guenzel, F. Houtz, F. W. Hill, M. W. Folsom, H. T. Folsom, O. E. Rector, Lewis Marshall, A. E. Kennard, J. C. Seacrest, A. A. Scott, W.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hewick gave a large card party to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. Their guests were not informed of the special reason for giving the party until they received their score cards bearing the date of the marriage, this revealed the secret. The marriage occurred a quarter of a century ago in Cohoes, New York. In honor of the event the house was elaborately decorated. American beauties and palms adorned the drawing room, which was lighted by red candles in wrought iron candelabra. In the sitting room and dining room were pink and white carnations, ferns and pink candles. The chandeliers were entwined with smilax. After the games a two-course luncheon was served. Invitations were extended to Messieurs and Mesdames D. A. Risser, L. G. Chapin, G. H. Clark, R. T. Van Brunt, J. C. Seacrest, W. D. Fitzgerald, Elias Baker, A. G. Billmeyer, Walter Davis, C. Richardson, W. B. Richardson, S. A. Foster, W. J. Turner, E. E. Spencer, R. M. Le Gore, M. W. Folsom, H. T. Folsom, F. B. Harris, C. J. Guenzel, L. W. Garoutte, A. H. Weir, M. J. Waugh, John S. Reed, C. W. Chambers, E. W. Nelson, F. E. Lahr, J. C. Harpham, C. F. Harpham, J. L. Kellogg, C. H. Rudge, F. W. Hill, C. W. Lyman, Paul H. Holm, M. Weil, Doctor and Mrs. Winnett, Miss Tibbets. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Hewick gave a six-hand euchre. The



MR. AND MRS. W. C. LAMB.

Mr. Lamb brought his bride to Lincoln two weeks ago to make this city their home. Formerly she was Miss Kathryn Theobald of Colorado Springs, Colo.

guests. On arriving in the drawing room the guests find two baskets full of flowers. Hidden in the blossoms are numbered tickets. The men are requested to shut their eyes, put a hand into one basket, adorned with forget-me-nots or some other blue flower, and pull out a card. The women perform a like ceremony, drawing their tickets from a bower of pink blossoms, generally roses. The corresponding numbers then look for each other, and, having sorted themselves out, pair off and go in to dinner. Of course, under this system the hostess foregoes all credit for the harmonious arrangement of the guests if the dinner passes off brightly. But if it is a failure in this respect, and if, the couples being ill assorted, conversation lags heavily, the advantage of the new method is that the bored guests have no grievance against their hostess, and can only rail at fate.

Phi Kappa Psi will initiate this evening the following new members: Messieurs Harry Hargreaves, Earl Hubbard, Allen Prescott, of Lincoln; Harry Reed, Arthur Scribner, Rex Moorehouse, Ralph Phindie, of Omaha, and Willie Ramsey, of Plattsmouth. The ceremony will occur at seven o'clock, and will be followed by a banquet.

A. Rankins, W. L. Crandall, Walter Davis, W. J. Turner, G. E. Barber, C. F. Harpham, Robert Boyce, Allen, Charles Robbins, Robinette, D. A. Risser, George Risser, Fred Hallet, Lay of Omaha, Walter Ludwig, White of Omaha, Wolbach of Grand Island, Glover of Grand Island, Homer Honeywell, W. E. Barkley, A. Eberly, L. Anderson, W. M. Widener, T. J. Usher, W. B. Harris, E. P. Ewing, I. G. Chapin, G. H. Clark, G. Crancer, C. D. Traphagen, R. A. Holyoke, Harry Reese, W. D. Fitzgerald, J. R. Bennett, L. Munson, Irene Thompson, C. H. Rudge, C. Wiebe, E. Hart, J. Beachly, Lee Arnett, Chadwick of St. Paul, Miss Tibbets and Miss Haywood. Guests for the kensington were Mesdames F. W. Hill, G. Loveland, W. L. Dayton, Ed Marshall, F. Prout, C. A. Wirick, Sears, Scholes, J. J. Cox, G. Betts, H. K. Burkett, Seine, Castle, A. H. Paul, W. J. Cooper, F. McCain, W. Protzman, Derby, Riffe, C. Turner, W. C. Miller, J. A. Marshall, N. Haywood, S. R. Dalby, A. P. Tucker, A. Gordon, W. Stewart, W. Ludwig, F. Davis, Mitchell, A. H. Dorris, A. M. Davis, F. W. Eason, J. C. Kler, F. M. Tyrrell, G. Griffen, Hollowbush, J. H. Harley, Herron, I. Payne, H. A. K. Gibson, F. Hotelling, Guy B. Hart, C. H. Elmendorf.

decorations and refreshments were the same as for the evening party. Mrs. Hewick was assisted on both occasions by Mesdames A. G. Billmeyer, Walter Davis, Elias Baker, and Miss Ruth Baker. Guests invited for the afternoon were Mesdames A. L. Hoover, H. B. Ward, Joseph Grainger, A. E. Kennard, A. G. Davis, A. R. Talbot, O. A. Faulkner, W. L. Dayton, J. A. Marshall, E. P. Metcalf, S. A. D. Shilling, W. C. Phillips, H. B. Grainger, T. J. Usher, W. A. Rankins, M. Friend, S. Wessel, B. W. Richards, J. H. Gleason, C. W. Toeva, C. R. Lee, C. Bowman, Henry Mayer, Charles Mayer, W. E. Jakway, J. R. Bennett, C. R. Richards, A. M. Stonebraker, W. B. Kirby, C. D. Traphagen, J. H. Traphagen, C. H. Sharp, J. B. Finch, C. H. Eubank, E. A. Rogers, D. J. Ewing, L. Munson, C. C. Quiggle, M. Witter, George Risser, W. L. Crandall, S. H. Atwood, Nellie Agnew, C. Richardson, W. B. Richardson, Charles Hammond, O. N. Humphrey, D. M. Butler, C. I. Jones, H. E. Hitchcock, F. W. Hellwig, R. A. Holyoke.

Miss Tremaine and Mrs. J. H. Whitmore entertained a few friends of their sister, Mrs. James W. McCroakey, informally, in her honor this afternoon. Light refreshments were served.