

# SOCIETY NOTES

## LIFE'S MAZY WHIRL

The City Improvement ball occupied the attention of society to the almost absolute exclusion of all else this week. The beauty and the chivalry were there and it was really a brilliant function, the decorations, the gowns, the music, the numbers, all contributing to its success.

Mrs. Thomas W. Griffith, of Pittsburg, has returned to her Lincoln home for a visit, and is as stately and beautiful as ever. She was honored by a military euvre given Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Hargreaves. Mrs. Horton's party on Wednesday was a pronounced success, as were also the afternoon party and the dinner given by Mrs. E. J. Burkett on Thursday and Friday. Apropos, Mrs. Burkett will not go to Washington with her distinguished husband this month, but will wait until after the holidays, when she will return with him after his vacation. Next week there will be the annual gathering of the clans for the Thanksgiving festival. Happy are they whose circle has not been broken since the last celebration.

The ball given last evening by the City Improvement society, exceeded in brilliancy the most ardent expectations of the members. The committees were large and were composed of capable persons.

To the decorating committee is due praise for striking and beautiful effects. Mrs. C. F. Ladd was chairman of this committee, and she was greatly aided by the energy and ability of Mr. George W. Bonnell. Other members of the committee were Mesdames I. M. Raymond, S. H. Atwood, John B. Horton, I. G. Chapin, J. H. McMurtry. The balcony railing was festooned with the national colors, but the most beautiful part of the auditorium was the large stage, which represented a bit of the orient with its many Japanese lanterns, umbrellas and fans, and its chrysanthemums and greens all artistically placed.

The stage was used as a refreshment room and was in charge of Mesdames M. H. Everett, M. D. Welch, J. F. Stevens, G. E. Barber, Louis Trester and John Finch.

The floor managers were Doctor C. F. Ladd, chairman, and Messieurs George Bartlett, William H. Raymond, R. M. Joyce, W. A. Green, Paul Fitzgerald, C. J. Guenzel, Alex Lau, L. O. Paine, George Holmes, Arthur Walsh, Ernest Allen and Martin Lewis.

The ticket committee contributed more than any other to the success of the ball and was composed of Misses Nella Cochran, Helen Welch, Florence Putnam, Mabel Hays, Ethelyn Bignell, Katherine Agnew and Anne Stuart. Mrs. W. G. L. Taylor, president of the improvement society, and Mr. Taylor led the grand march.

The patrons were Governor and Mrs. Savage, Mayor and Mrs. Winnett, Chancellor and Mrs. Andrews, Messieurs and Mesdames C. G. Crittenden, O. E. Rector, John B. Wright, R. E. Moore, M. D. Welch, F. M. Hall, A. S. Raymond, L. C. Burr, C. F. Ladd, Lewis Marshall, W. C. Wilson, H. E. Lewis, J. C. Seacrest, Carl Funke, F. D. Levering, Paul Holm, G. W. Rhodes, R. T. Van Brunt, Henry Mayer, E. H. Barbour, Frank Woods, A. R. Mitchell, I. M. Raymond, John Dorgan, H. H. Wilson, A. E. Hargreaves, S. H. Burnham, W. A. Green.

A pretty informal reception was given this afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. Ross Hill, 505 North Twenty-fifth street, by Mrs. Hill and Mrs. E. A. Burnett. About one hundred and seventy-five ladies called between the hours of three and six o'clock. The decorations were white chrysanthemums and ferns. Mesdames C. E. Bessey, W. E. Hardy, T. M. Hodgman, W. G. L. Taylor, J. F. Stevens, A. T. Peters, J. H. Hatfield and A. L. Candy did the honors in the drawing-room. Mrs. A. E. Davison and Mrs. M. A. Bullock presided at the table in the dining room and were assisted in serving by Misses Edith Henry, Eleanora Miller, Helen Streeter, and Martha Woods. Misses Hattie McClay and Daster served punch.

Mrs. George Adams gave pleasure to a company of ladies whom she entertained at her home Thursday afternoon.

Little Miss Daisy Green admitted the guests. Mrs. Louis Wettling greeted them in the hall and Mesdames F. L. Wharton, A. T. Peters and W. A. Woodward assisted in the drawing-room. After the program Misses Josephine Poynter, Helen Tuttle, Iva Lowe and Blanche McKibben served refreshments. The songs, which delighted the guests, were given by a quartette of little girls under twelve years of age. They were Misses Lelia Wreath, Kathryn Bain, Emma Van Wie and Villette Gould and had been trained by Mrs. E. H. Gould. Their program follows: "Little Tin Soldier," "Pickaninny Song," "Roses and Violets," "Kittie Song," "Swinging in the Grape Vine Swing," "Tired," "Sweet Hour Hymn." Mr. and Mrs. Adams gave a second party in the evening. The same quartette gave a program of songs.

Mrs. C. W. Branch was in Omaha this week to assist at the debut parties given in honor of Miss Jeanne Wakefield by her mother. On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Wakefield gave an elaborate tea at which she introduced her daughter to Omaha's four hundred. A number

rated with flowers. The menu was served in six courses. After dinner speeches were made by Mr. Bracelon, Miss Gere, Mr. Allen W. Field, jr., and Mr. W. W. Woods. Mr. Field, the vice-president of the class, was toastmaster. Covers were laid for sixty. After the banquet a dance was given at the home of Miss Winifred Tucker. Those who did not care to dance played ping pong in a room fitted up for the purpose in the school building.

Curtice music hall was packed Monday evening with appreciative people, gathered to listen to a program of musical numbers and legerdemain, given for the benefit of Holy Trinity Episcopal church. The performers excelled in their specialties and all were recalled. Following was the program:

- PART I.**  
Mrs. Homer Honeywell, accompanist.  
a. The Butterfly.....Grieg  
b. The March Wind.....MacDowell  
Miss Sidney Murphy.  
Story of some bells, with musical accompaniment  
Miss Bessie Brown.  
a. I Love You.....Carl Sobenki  
b. Slumber Song.....E. A. P. Newcomb  
Miss Elsie Fawell.  
Prayer's First Cut.....Richard Harding Davis  
Miss Bessie Brown.  
Villanelle.....Eva Dell'acque  
Miss Bessie Burrus.  
**PART II.**  
Mrs. O'Shea, accompanist.  
Legerdemain.....Mr. Will O'Shea

The ladies of the North Side circle of St. Paul church spent Wednesday afternoon pleasantly as guests of Mrs. H. A. Tibbetts and Mrs. A. L. Boynton. The vice-president, Mrs. Frank Graham,

Mrs. George Castor left yesterday for Sheridan, Wyoming.

Mrs. M. D. Welch spent several days of this week in Omaha.

Mrs. E. G. Bivens entertained the Battenburg club on Thursday.

Mrs. Ross Curtice entertained Les Bohemiennes on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Curtice will give a small dinner Tuesday evening.

The Cotillion club will give a party at Fraternity hall on the twenty-ninth.

Mrs. M. F. Meeds will give card parties next Friday and Saturday afternoons.

The Saturday night club will give a dance at Walsh hall on Thanksgiving night.

Delta Delta Delta will give its annual banquet Wednesday evening at the Lincoln hotel.

Miss Mabel Hays will give a card party Monday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Bates.

The Hawthorne society will give a party this evening at the home of Miss Mabel Williams.

Mrs. C. F. Harpham has begun a series of small luncheons which are said by her friends to be "perfectly delightful."

Congressman and Mrs. E. J. Burkett gave a small dinner last evening. Mr. Burkett will start for Washington next Thursday.

Mrs. J. C. McMahon, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. T. Dobbins, for four weeks, left yesterday morning for her home in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Mrs. M. Friend and Mrs. S. Wessel will entertain a company of ladies next Friday afternoon, and on Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Friend will give a card party.

Mrs. Alexander Wilson and Mrs. John Dorgan left for Chicago Wednesday evening, where they will visit friends and attend the opera. They expect to return home for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Curtice and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Porter will give a six-hand euvre Wednesday evening, December 3. Mrs. Curtice and Mrs. Porter will entertain at cards the same afternoon.

Mrs. A. M. Putnam, Miss Saunders and Miss Putnam will give a dancing party at the Lincoln hotel on Thursday evening, December 4, in compliment to Miss Truax of Chicago, who is their guest.

Miss Margaret Winger of Keokuk, Ia., was the guest of Lincoln relatives for a few days this week. She is now with her sister, Mrs. S. M. True, in Campbell, and will return here in a fortnight for a brief stay.

The M. K. K. club was entertained Monday evening at the home of Miss Hitchcock. New members initiated were Misses Baxter, Jennie Erb, Mary Benedict, Mabel, Minnie and Jennie Guile, Grace and Mary Hullhorst.

Mrs. Walter Davis entertained the L. A. Kensington Tuesday afternoon. All of the eighteen members were present and visitors were Mrs. Rector of Omaha, Mrs. W. B. Kirby and Mrs. C. D. Trap-hagen. A two course luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Anderson are in Florida at present enjoying the delightful southern climate to the utmost. They will prolong their wedding journey for a week or two longer during which they will visit Chattanooga and other southern cities.

The freshmen of Kappa Alpha Theta gave a railroad party this afternoon at the chapter house. The freshmen of the four other sororities in the university were guests and they thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the Thetas. Chrysanthemums in the sorority colors, white and yellow, were used in decorating. Light refreshments were served.



Grace and Dorris, six and four years, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Nichols, of 2121 A Street.

of matrons and sixteen young ladies assisted. On Wednesday evening a dinner was given to sixty young people. In the center of each of the ten tables used, was a bowl of flowers in which stood a lighted candle. Each table was adorned with a different flower, and was covered with a lunch cloth embroidered in flowers to match those in the bowl. The house was a bower of chrysanthemums, hundreds of which were sent to the fair debutante by her friends. An orchestra played during the dinner. Miss Wakefield wore an exquisite gown of white Persian lawn with garnitures of Irish point. Miss Wakefield was the guest of Mrs. Branch last January, and was the belle of more than one function while in Lincoln.

In honor of Mrs. Thomas W. Griffith of Pittsburg, a military euvre, elegant in all its details, was given Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Hargreaves. The decorations were red, white and blue. Four handsome plates were given as prizes and were won by Mrs. W. M. Leonard, Mr. George Woods, Mrs. C. G. Crittenden and Mr. J. A. Buckstaff.

The senior class of the Lincoln high school enjoyed an elaborate banquet last evening. The tables were set in the form of a hollow square in the library of the high school, and were prettily deco-

presided at the business session, during which plans for the cook-book, the market and the Christmas bazaar were discussed. A resolution of sympathy for Mrs. C. C. Lasby in her recent bereavement, was adopted and Mrs. W. E. Gosper was appointed to forward a copy of it to Mrs. Lasby. The only baby in the circle, and of which the members are very proud the child of Mrs. D. J. Slater, was presented with a beautiful silver spoon. The next meeting will occur the third week in December.

The following musical program will be given Sunday evening at Trinity Methodist Episcopal church:

- Organ—Largo from Beethoven's Sonata, Op. 2 No. 2.  
Mrs. E. G. Bivens.  
Hymn No. 6—"Come, Thou Almighty King."  
Prayer—Rev. N. A. Martin, Pastor.  
Anthem—"Our God is Mighty to Save"  
.....Macy  
Trinity Choral Union—40 Voices.  
Scripture Reading—Rev. Martin.  
Anthem—"His Loving Kindness".....Brackett  
Trinity Choral Union  
Announcements.  
Cello Solo—Nocturne.....Goitemann  
Miss Lillian Elche.  
Ladies' Quartet—"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"  
.....Schubert  
Mrs. Cone, Mrs. Trigg, Miss Trigg.  
Mrs. Easterday.  
Address—Rev. Martin.  
Solo—"Callst Thou thus, O Master"  
.....Metzke  
Mrs. C. E. Sanderson.  
Hymn No. 77—"Blest be the tie that binds."