

SOCIETY NOTES

LIFE'S MAZY WHIRL

Twentieth century women may be more independent in many ways than were their ancestors a hundred years ago, but in a social way at least they are still fettered, and the questions "What will people say?" "What will people think?" have lost none of their importance.

When it was more fashionable to print lists of party guests than it is now, hostesses often declined to do so "because they were indebted to so many who were not invited"; this reason in fact more than any other, caused this custom to fall into disuse.

Frequently where a dinner or a luncheon has been given, the hostess says, "Please do not mention it, as I am so dreadfully indebted and many of my friends will wonder why they were not asked."

Feeling that a hostess has a perfect right to entertain whom and when she chooses, I could scarcely believe that women were so sensitive, but recently when a hostess paid her social debts by a series of parties, but invited no one to whom she was not indebted, one lady who was thus left out, remarked: "Well, I think Mrs. S— is very particular and I shall see that she is one of the very last to be invited to my house"—and thus the merry war is waged.

One Lincoln woman, at least, has been disenthralled, and said last week when she was giving some small parties: "Yes, write them up; I'll probably get around some time, and if I don't it doesn't matter."

Social ambition must be a glorious cheat when it causes so much discomfort over such small matters. Happy are they who can rise above trifles.

The Thanksgiving football game brought many visitors to the fraternity houses.

Among the guests at the Delta Gamma house were Mr. H. A. Mulliken of Fremont, Mrs. C. L. Stone of Hastings, Mr. Joseph Bunt of Fremont, Miss Hallie Wilson of Ashland, Mr. Con Younge of Omaha.

Beta Theta Pi entertained Mr. C. W. Dirks of Auburn, Mr. D. A. Moore of Omaha and Mr. Harry Simms of Hastings.

Guests of Sigma Alpha Epsilon were Mr. Harvey Ostenberg, Mr. Lloyd Killian of Wahoo, Mr. Fredrick Du Frene of Omaha and Mr. D. O. Stewart of Humboldt.

Visitors at the Kappa Sigma house were Mr. Charles Weeks of Fairbury, and Mr. George Jenkins of Weeping Water.

Delta Tau Delta had a long list of visitors, some of whom were: Messieurs C. R. Crowell, L. Crowell, A. D. Smith and Bennie King of Omaha, Mr. Fred Gould of Council Bluffs, Mr. Fred Kelley of Syracuse, Zac Marr, R. W. Hammond, Frank Hollenbeck, George Gage, Arthur Christensen, Will Rine, L. Denslow and E. M. Hahn of Fremont, and Mr. Charles Lyman of Hooper.

Most of the Kappa Alpha Theta girls who live at the chapter house sought their Thanksgiving pleasures at their homes. Among these were Miss Marie Nettleton, who went to Kansas City; Miss Ena Brach went to Hastings, Miss Claire Dovey to Plattsmouth, Miss Ethel Norval to Seward, Misses Alice Towne, Zola Dellecker and Mary Bedwell to Omaha, Miss Martha Cline to Minden, Miss Martha Post to Columbus, Misses Laura Woodford and Jeannette Post to York. Several of these young ladies went to York to attend the wedding of Miss Hallie Post before going to their homes.

The Pi Beta Phi's are busy at present with pre-nuptial functions for Miss Jeannette Thorpe, whose marriage will occur in a fortnight.

Young ladies who came to attend the Tri Delta banquet last night and remained for the ball game are Miss Erskin of St. Paul, Miss Lauffer of Fremont, Miss Wilson of Ashland, and Miss Grimison of Schuyler.

The reception and dance to be given next Thursday evening by Mrs. and Miss Putnam and Miss Saunders for Miss Truax will be the largest function of the week, but many pleasant affairs are on the tapis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Burr will arrive from New York and there will be entertaining for them, and from now until

the tenth, when the Burr-Meadows wedding occurs, there will be a round of gaieties for the bridal party.

To choose an appropriate wedding gift for a friend is sometimes a difficult matter. That inappropriate gifts are not appreciated as much as brides declare is apparent from these incidents taken from the New York Tribune:

"How could any one imagine that I should like any thing like this," said the



MISS LILLIAN DOBBS,

Whose engagement to Dr. H. Finley Helms was recently announced.

prospective bride, holding up a newly arrived wedding present. "One would have thought that Mr. X. would have had more taste. Isn't it perfectly hideous? I think I will send everything I don't like to the auction rooms some day in the future when it is safe. Well, I suppose I must write the polite thing, however." And this is the note received by Mr. X.: "Dear Mr. X.—Thank you a thousand times for your lovely present. It was just what I wanted. How did you happen to think of it and how good of you to remember me."

"Aunt Elizabeth, in the country, was delighted with the warm hearted letter which she received from her niece's daughter acknowledging her old-fashioned gift, but she would not have been so pleased if she had seen its reception or heard the amused comments it evoked.

"The choice of a wedding present is very perplexing, especially to men, who have little time and less inclination for shopping. For such as these, the suggestion of a popular bachelor who has many such gifts to bestow might prove useful. 'You ought to adopt my plan,' he said to a friend. 'I have regular articles which I always duplicate on every occasion—a \$10 article and a \$25 one—and I give either the one or the other, according to the degree of intimacy I hold with the family.'"

The marriage of Miss Mae Adelia Burr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Calvert Burr, to Mr. John Stamper Meadows of St. Joseph, which will be celebrated Wednesday evening December 10, is the subject of special interest among society folk at present. The ceremony will occur at half after seven o'clock at Holy Trinity Episcopal church and will be followed by a reception at eight o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burr, 1503 H street. A large number of invitations have been issued for both functions and both will be fashionable and brilliant affairs.

In Miss Burr's train of attendants will be some of Lincoln's prettiest girls, and some equally pretty from other cities. The matrons of honor will be Mrs. William Grant Morrison and Mrs. Charles L.

Burr. The bridesmaids will be Misses Gahan, Hoover and Outcalt; Miss Dorothy Miles of Chicago; Miss Julia West Anderson of Taylorville, Illinois; Misses Agnes Doyle and Marie McDonald of St. Joseph. Little Miss Katharine Beeson of Omaha, will be ring bearer. Doctor John M. Doyle of St. Joseph will be best man and the ushers will be Messieurs Charles Farish, W. X. Donovan, Ralph Costigan, William Griffith of St. Joseph; Messieurs Robert Joyce, Edward R. Butler, Lewis Marshall and W. G. Morrison of Lincoln; Messieurs Stockton and James L. Paxton of Omaha. Miss Stella Rice will play the wedding music.

Pre-nuptial functions for Miss Burr will be a luncheon on the eighth, given by Mrs. William Leonard at the Lincoln. A dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Curtice on the seventh. A dinner at the Lincoln for the entire bridal party given by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burr after the wedding rehearsal the evening of the ninth.

The annual banquet of Delta Delta Delta was given Wednesday evening at the hotel Lincoln. Thirty-two fascinating young ladies in evening gowns were seated at the prettily decorated banquet board. The table was strewn with ferns and white roses, and an American beauty was at each plate. Silver, gold, and blue candles, in crystal candelabra, illumined the festive scene. The place cards bore pen-and-ink sketches done by some of the sorority artists. The menu was served in seven courses. Mrs. O. E. Rector, the only one of the tri Delta patronesses in town, was present, and guests from out of town were Miss Veda Wilson of Ashland, Miss Daisy Bonnell of Omaha, Miss Margaret Grimison of Schuyler, Miss Myrtle Lauffer of Fremont, Miss Grace Losch of West Point, and Miss Erskine of St. Paul. Miss Winifred Chadwick was toastmistress and in a happy vein introduced the following subjects and speakers: "Initiation," Miss Inez Crowe; "Days—Past," Miss Grace Salls; "Days—Present," Miss Clare Mackin; "Days—To Come"; Miss Alice Auld; "Thanksgiving," Miss Margaret Grimison.

A novel and delightful party was given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Morris Friend and Mrs. Samuel Wessel at the home of the former. One hundred ladies were present. From a box were drawn slips of paper on which were written the things the guests were expected to do. One was asked to sing a song, another to recite a poem, another to play on the piano, and so forth. All were different, and ludicrous indeed were the efforts of some of the guests to do as they were bidden. Mrs. Friend's drawing room was decorated with white chrysanthemums, the sitting room with red roses, and the dining room with pink carnations and ferns. Delicate refreshments were served. The hostesses were assisted by Mesdames M. Weil, E. B. Finney, F. B. Harris; Misses Bernice Hutchinson, Gertrude Friend, Babette Weil and Alice Wessel.

Yesterday afternoon, and this afternoon, Mrs. M. F. Meeds entertained at six-hand euchre in her pretty new home near Nineteenth street on E. The dec-

orations were chrysanthemums and ferns. There were thirty-six players each afternoon, and the prizes at each party were a handsome picture and a plate. An elaborate luncheon was served each day. All of the linen used was decorated with Mexican drawn work, and the china was white and gold, giving an exquisitely dainty effect. Miss Helen Hoover and Miss Olive Graham assisted Mrs. Meeds.

A handkerchief shower and heart party was given yesterday afternoon by Miss Elizabeth Marshall in honor of Miss Jeannette Thorpe. The house was decorated with chrysanthemums and violets and with myriads of tiny hearts. The bride elect was compelled to search for the pretty kerchiefs given her by her friends, in many a nook and corner where they were hidden. After she had found them all the game of hearts was played for a time and a luncheon in two courses was served. Twenty active and alumnae members of Pi Beta Phi were present.

It is the custom of the Van Brunts of Lincoln and Beatrice to dine together on Thanksgiving and Christmas at the home of one of the families. Professor and Mrs. Albert L. Candy were the entertainers on Thursday—Mrs. Candy was born Van Brunt—and guests were Mrs. M. E. Van Brunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Van Brunt, and Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Van Brunt and three children of Beatrice.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Kimball gave a Thanksgiving dinner to the families who formerly lived in Grinnell, Iowa. A yellow color scheme was carried out, chrysanthemums being the chosen flowers for the decorations. The grown-ups were seated at one table, the children at another. After the repast music and games were participated in by all. Twenty persons were present.

Miss Mabel Hays entertained the members of a small card club and a few other young people at euchre Monday night. Those present were Misses Bates of Tacoma, Outcalt, Jessie Outcalt, Hargreaves, Raymond, Gahan, Locke, Funke; Messieurs H. Shedd, Joyce, Paine, Holmes, McCreery, Edmiston, Hays, Marley, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Marshall.

Sigma Chi fraternity entertained the following Thanksgiving visitors: Mr. A. A. Bischoff of Nebraska City, Mr. D. B. Sheldon of Nehawka, Mr. George Burgers of Kearney, Mr. A. J. Stratton of Denver, Mr. Charles Patterson of St. Joseph, Mr. R. R. Rainey of Omaha, Mr. R. D. Montgomery of Oak, Mr. Ralph Saxon of Edgar and Mr. H. B. Arens of Elmwood.

The ladies' aid society of the First Presbyterian church will give a reception in honor of Reverend and Mrs. H. C. Swearingen, in the church parlors, Tuesday evening. All members and friends of the church and congregation are invited to be present to welcome the new pastor and his charming wife.



DOROTHY ODELL,

Aged seven years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Odell. This little miss was "Queen of the May" at the Clinton school entertainment in May last.