

Mrs. MacDowell Here Today; Life of Great Unselfishness

Mrs. Edward MacDowell, who is being accorded a reception this afternoon at the home of Anna Cornish Metcalf, has received special recognition recently for having been awarded the Pictorial Review prize of \$5,000 as the American woman making the most outstanding contribution to American life during the year.

Mrs. MacDowell is widow of the eminent composer, considered by many the greatest our country has produced.

Mrs. MacDowell's achievement consists in the establishment at Peterborough, N. H., of a colony where creative artists—musicians, painters and writers—can live in ideal environment at the nominal cost of \$10 a week. It is the only colony of its kind in the world.

An article by Ida Clyde Clarke in the Pictorial Review for March, tells the beautiful story of Mrs. MacDowell's faith in her husband and her effort to carry on his ambition. It says in part:

"The whole Peterborough idea is based on MacDowell's absolute faith in the latent talent among the people of the United States. . . . This talent is so often unaccompanied by money. . . . we must keep the prizes at Peterborough as low as possible. . . . Mrs. MacDowell takes her royal title from the MacDowell music, as well as the proceeds from her concerts, and pays Peterborough bills with them! And because she not only manages the colony, but gives into its treasury her earnings, she has worried as to how they will get along in case of her death. She earns one-third of the income and has never drawn one penny for salary."

Mrs. MacDowell married her husband only upon agreement that he would give up teaching and take \$5,000 she had earned with her own music, to live on. At first he proudly refused, but finally consented, with what justifiable results as the world knows.

The MacDowell association now has, according to the magazine article, "700 acres of ground, 19 studios, a woodland pageant stage with permanent cement seats holding 900 people; a guest house, the assembly hall, the woman's house, residential annex, the men's house. Last summer the colony numbered 50 residents, 35 writers, 10 composers and five artists."

"The life of the colony is very simple. Once in his studio a worker knows he has a long day before him, safe from interruption. He has not even the interruption of lunch, for lunches are delivered at the studios."

Sadler Chapter to Meet Saturday

Mrs. Isaac Sadler Chapter will entertain Saturday, April 4, at the home of Mrs. Samuel Hanford, 102 North Forty-second street.

Miss Rozetta Anderson will give the following piano selections: "Lento" by Cyril Scott, "Valse" by Mokry.

Mrs. Frank Baker, Mrs. J. T. Harmon, and Mrs. R. N. Robertson will report on the recent state conference at Beatrice.

Mrs. Jessie Tucker will give a paper on patriotic work in the public schools.

Plans will be completed to observe the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord bridge.

Tickets on Sale Monday for Community Play.

Tickets for "The Enchanted Cottage," to be given April 13 and 14 at Miss Cooper's studio-theater by Omaha's community playhouse, may be had Monday, March 30, and thereafter at Orchard & Wilhelm's, Kilpatrick's and Matthews stores, also at Barnes and Baum's drug stores at Fifteenth and Underwood.

Members of the Community Playhouse association who have paid their dues will be admitted free but it is necessary that they present their membership cards at Matthews look store and receive tickets for the performance desired.

Gregory Foley, director of the play, says rehearsals are "shaping up" in a very satisfactory manner.

Washington Girls' Club. The Washington girls' club will hold their monthly business meeting and bridge party at the home of Miss Amy Palmquist, 616 North Forty-first avenue, on the evening of Wednesday, April 1, at 8 o'clock.

Calvary Baptist Mission. Woman's mission circle, Calvary Baptist church, will hold its annual meeting Friday, April 3, at the church. Luncheon at 1.

Reports of the year's work will be given and officers will be elected. Mrs. Edward Johnson will report the convention of foreign missions held in Washington recently.

Miller Park Society. The Woman's society of the Miller Park Presbyterian church will hold its next regular meeting at the home of Mrs. C. H. Stanton, 2570 Yates street, April 2, at 2:30 p. m. Installation of officers. Hostesses the Mesdames Griffith and Archer.

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Mrs. Anson Bigelow

Mrs. Anson Bigelow will play the role of Nelle Gwynn in the court drama to be presented Monday afternoon at the Omaha Woman's club by the speech education department. She has directed the production.

Chi Omega Pi. Chi Omega Pi gave a cozy at Hotel Blackstone Friday afternoon and chose the hotel for its year-round home.

Invitation Recital. Miss Ida Lustgarten will give an invitation piano recital at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Hotel Blackstone.

Famous Nelle Gwynne to Be Revived at Club Program

"A Court Comedy" of the period of Charles II in England will be the drama presented on the program of the speech education department of the Omaha Woman's club at the open meeting Monday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

Famous Nelle Gwynne will be played by Mrs. Anson H. Bigelow who also directs the play. Mrs. A. S. Harrington will appear as Lady Francis Stuart and James Doy as Charles II.

Nelle Gwynne, it is remembered, was first a tavern singer, then an orange girl in Drury Lane theater. She gradually became the most popular actress in England. The king saw her every performance, discussed and studied literature with her and finally became her constant visitor and admirer. She brought him to recognize his duties. Nelle Gwynne has left memories long cherished by the English people of kindly acts, gracious morals and enduring charity.

Mrs. J. B. Kelkenny wrote the prologue for the play to be given tomorrow. Elsie Simpson Hauser will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Deyo Crane. Mrs. O. Y. Kring will speak on personality. An instrumental number will be given by Mrs. A. F. Anderson, flute; Miss Helen Miller, violin; John Mack, cello, and Miss Ida Powers, piano.

Mrs. George C. Pray, leader of the speech education department will preside over the entire program.

Junior Girl Reserve April Fool Hike. The second annual All-Junior Girl Reserve hike will be held April 1, leaving the central Y. W. C. A. at 10 a. m. and going to Camp Brewster. Each girl will bring her own lunch, including wafers or bacon to roast.

This hike will take the place of Triangle meetings during the week. The object is to get all Junior Girl Reserves together during the spring vacation. Registrations must be made not later than Monday, March 30, at J.A. 2748.

Miss Frances White and Miss Louise Hatch, Girl Reserve secretaries; Miss Pauline Hanicke, Mrs. E. G. Whitlock, Miss Dorothy Horn and Miss Dorothy Light will accompany the girls on the hike.

Mother Training Class at Yates School.

On Monday, March 30, at 2 p. m., at the Henry W. Yates school auditorium, Mrs. Eva Morse will organize a mother's training class, to be given in six lessons. This will be free, under the vocational department of the

board of education, and all who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

City Mission Notes.

Tuesday, April 28, has been decided on by the committee, of which Mrs. M. D. Cameron is president, for the date of the annual open house celebration. Details of this affair have not yet been announced.

Dundee Ladies' Aid. Ladies' Aid society of the Dundee Presbyterian church will have a regular meeting at the church Friday, April 3. Luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock.



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D. A. R. Chapter Food Sale. Omaha chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold an all-day sale of home-cooked foods at the Orchard & Wilhelm store on Saturday, April 4. Mrs. T. H. Tracy, chairman, will be assisted by Mesdames J. B. Reynolds, J. M. Robertson, Miss Grace Thomas, and a number of others.

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