

Home, Kiddies and Acting Interest Her

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Calendar of Club Doings

- Monday—**
Omaha Woman's club, social science department, Y. W. C. A., 2:30 p. m.
Drama league, city hall, 4 p. m.
Association of Collegiate Alumnae, music section, Mrs. H. L. Mossman, hostess, 4 p. m.
Chautauqua circle, Tennyson chapter, Mrs. E. G. Hampton, hostess, 2:30 p. m.
- Tuesday—**
Omaha Woman's club, oratory department, Metropolitan hall, 10 a. m.
Business Girls' council, luncheon and prayer meeting, court house, 11 to 2 p. m.
South Omaha Woman's club, library hall, 2:30 p. m.
North Side Mothers' club, Mrs. E. O. Carson, hostess, 1:30 p. m.
Omaha Woman's club, current topics department, Y. W. C. A., 2:30 p. m.
Association of Collegiate Alumnae, vocational guidance section, Y. W. C. A., 4 p. m.
U. S. Grant Women's Relief Corps, Memorial hall, 2:30 p. m.
Omaha Woman's club, philosophy and ethics department, Y. W. C. A., 4 p. m.
Business Women's club, Y. W. C. A., 7 p. m.
Society of American Widows, Y. M. C. A., 2 p. m.
P. E. O. sisterhood, chapter B. P., Mrs. J. L. Harrington, hostess.
- Wednesday—**
W. C. T. U., Frances Willard society, Mrs. George Young, hostess, 2 p. m.
W. C. T. U., Omaha society, Mrs. W. H. Mick, hostess, 2:30 p. m.
Society of American Widows, Y. W. C. A., 7:30 p. m.
Mothers' Culture club, Mrs. George Mickel, hostess.
- Thursday—**
Wyche Story Tellers' league, public library, 4:15 p. m.
Omaha Woman's club, art department, Y. W. C. A., 10 a. m.
Benson Woman's club, Mrs. W. H. Loechner, hostess, 2:30 p. m.
B'nai B'rith Ladies' Auxiliary, Lyric hall, 8 p. m.
Omaha Woman's club, music department, Y. W. C. A., 2:30 p. m.
Benson B. L. S. club, St. Bernard's hall.
W. C. T. U., West Side society, Jennings Memorial church, 10 a. m.
- Friday—**
West Omaha Mothers' Culture club, Mrs. W. W. Carmichael, hostess, 8 p. m.
- Saturday—**
Association of Collegiate Alumnae, drama section, Miss Bess Dumont, hostess, 10:45 a. m.

Mrs. Karl F. Adams Finds Her Life Interest in Her Home, Little Girl, and Knowledge of the Theater



MRS. KARL F. ADAMS
AND ANN LOUISE

"BABY HEALTH WEEK" was a great success in Omaha last week. Busy physicians gave amply of their time and advice, coming before the public in lectures and health talks as they rarely do before laymen; health officers and health organizations co-operated beautifully in putting on the health exhibit, and all the clubwomen worked together magnificently in making their greatest single venture a success.

To Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm, Nebraska agent for the federal children's bureau and chairman of the health committee of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, belongs especial credit for the success of the exhibit.

Two of Omaha's largest organizations, the Omaha Society of Fine Arts and the Social Settlement association, held their annual elections last week. Mrs. W. G. Ure was elected to the presidency of the Fine Arts society, succeeding Mrs. Charles Kountze. It was under Mrs. Ure's chairmanship of the program committee this last year that several of the finest lectures on the platform, men like Charles Zueblin, Walter Scott Perry, Raymond Wyer, Alfred Noyes, John Cowper Powys, A. D. F. Hamlin and Lorado Taft were brought to Omaha—surely an imposing list of speakers.

Mrs. J. W. Robbins is the new president of the Social Settlement and replaces Mrs. Philip Potter. Mrs. Robbins succeeds to the presidency from the office of secretary in which capacity she served most efficiently the last year. A successful year at the Settlement House is therefore one of the pleasant prospects for those deeply interested in the work.

Clubwomen will lead a more leisurely life this week. Aside from the usual run of club meetings and lectures, principal interest centers in the coming of Miss Helen Bennett of Chicago, manager of the Collegiate Bureau of Occupations.

Miss Bennett will be in Omaha Thursday, en route from Lincoln, where she attends a vocational guidance conference under the direction of the dean of women at the University of Nebraska. She will address the local school teachers and also the girl students at the Central High school, her talks being given under the auspices of the teachers' fund and the college women's organization.

Mrs. Frances Ford, one of the early presidents of the Omaha Woman's club and the "mother" of the social science department of the club, will be an interesting guest of next week. Mrs. Ford is now connected with the children's department of the Chicago Daily News and comes to Omaha for the open program of the social science department, March 27. The Omaha Woman's Press club is planning a luncheon in her honor and the Woman's club will give a tea following the meeting.

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MRS. KARL F. ADAMS has two interests in life—one is her baby, Ann Louise, and the other is the drama. Mrs. Adams is the wife of the new superintendent of the High School of Commerce and is a recent acquisition to Omaha's coterie of earnest young matrons.

In the baby health exhibit at the court house last week Mrs. Adams was exceedingly engrossed, having represented the Association of Collegiate Alumnae on the list of hostesses. Her life is very completely wrapped up in her beautiful golden-haired daughter, whose presence is like a beam of sunshine and always calls forth unstinted admiration. Little Anna Louise is a strictly scientific baby, having been brought up with a wise regard for all the learned doctors had to say with regard to safeguarding her health.

Mrs. Adams is a dramatic coach of no mean

ability and is just now hard at work coaching the senior play of the High School of Commerce, in which each member of the class is to participate. In Springfield, Ill., which was their last home, Mrs. Adams coached the senior plays of all three high schools and was forced to relinquish her coaching of the plays of the Woman's club and the College club because of their removal to Omaha.

In Cleveland, too, where Mrs. Adams taught Latin in the schools before her marriage, in fact wherever she has been, the wife of the new superintendent has been in great demand to coach amateur theatricals. So it is not surprising that this energetic little woman has once more slipped into her work, to the great delight of the high school students with whom she is immensely popular.

The play is Jerome K. Jerome's "Fanny and the Servant Problem" and promises to be a de-

lightful piece of acting. The middle of May is the date set, but rehearsals are already under way, which, with Mrs. Adams' supervision, insures a finished presentation of the comedy. Mrs. Adams does not favor women taking men's parts in public performances, such as caused a great deal of amusement at the Woman's club last Monday.

"I do not oppose it for any foolish reason, but because I do not consider it artistic. When men take women's parts, we expect it to be funny, and it is laughable, but when women dress for men's parts it is apt to verge on the ridiculous."

The wife of the new superintendent is a graduate of Western Reserve college and has found a number of congenial friends in the Association of Collegiate Alumnae and the Drama league, with which organizations she has become connected since her arrival.

SOCIETY

Social Calendar

- Monday—**
Afternoon bridge for Mrs. David Beaton, guest of Mrs. Harvey Milliken, Mrs. Jack Sharpe, hostess.
Benefit card party given by George A. Custer Woman's Relief corps.
- Tuesday—**
Franco-Belgian Relief society, Mrs. Edgar H. Scott, hostess, 10 a. m.
Mendelssohn Choir concert, with Julia Clausen, soprano, Boyd theater.
- Wednesday—**
Church social and candy sale, Unitarian parish house.
Card party at Masonic temple, given by Vesta chapter of the Eastern Star.
- Thursday—**
J. F. W. club, Mrs. Otto Shoers, hostess.
Kensington at Holy Angels club hall.
Luncheon for Mrs. E. V. Arnold, Mrs. C. H. Ashton, hostess.
- Friday—**
Musical and reception given by Scottish Rite Woman's club at cathedral.
Afternoon bridge at Hotel Fontenelle, Mrs. I. Gluck, hostess.
New York Symphony orchestra box parties at Auditorium.
- Saturday—**
Les Ancien Whist club, Mrs. H. M. Barr, hostess.

THE social calendar these days is enough to put one in mind of a famous book by the late Elbert Hubbard. It was a handsome volume, as beautiful a bound thing as ever came out of East Aurora, and the right size, not too big, an excellent thing in a book. This work was entitled "An Essay on Silence," and it usually came to one as a gift from some friend. It was laid away for future reading—one felt, as taking it from its wrappings, that it was something more than passing rare, a special tidbit of philosophy with an underlying vein of the artist in it, a little recurrent note all too fine for the ordinary hour.

At last came the psychological moment when one wanted to read Fra Elbertus on silence, and the book was taken down and opened.

Its pages were clean of a single word; it held—a perfect silence.

If only we might put out such a calendar these Lenten days!

But, speaking of books, reminds me that it is said that many books of divine import are now being read in Omaha, especially among the set that have been dancing, bridging, skating, dining and fitting away the gay season just passed.

In fact, reading seems the popular penance of the season.

The books leading the sale, it almost goes without saying, are the Russian atrocities lately described with such pathological exactness by a certain Oxford man to a select assemblage of Omaha women. In all truth the unprecedented boom in these books is enough to make one give a wonder if their publisher has not found a unique way of sending forth a publicity man.

Since Lent has commenced in all earnest, serious books have come forward with a great bound, and tired business men, who formerly asked for the latest detective tale, are demanding something that will bring back the "deep, deep thoughts of youth" once more to their consciousness.

Other years books for Lenten reading lay on the stalls as a mere matter of form, but this year they are selling as fast as they can be supplied.

Of course it is the war, some are saying. But humanity has always moved to extremes, and, perhaps, it is only time for the pendulum to swing to the other end of mortal's fancy.

It is a reading Lent above everything else, and there is not half the covert afternoon bridging that was hinted earlier in the month.

One book which is getting a quick grasp on select favor is "The Book of the Homeless," sold for the benefit of the Franco-Belgian Relief society and the war orphans.

The brightest spot in the events of the penitential season is the home coming of the school set on their Easter vacations. Two girls got home yesterday from New York, the daughters of two very popular matrons. But there will be nothing doing for the younger set this Easter vacation, the edict has gone out from the mothers.

"The school set were rushed to death during the Christmas vacation," said a prominent woman this afternoon; "there seemed something doing all the time. A girl home from her school last Christmas had an exciting time of it as a debutante. I hardly got a sight of my own daughter during the whole time. Now, when she gets home, she must devote herself to her mother—she must stay with me quietly and talk and answer all the questions I meant to ask her during the holidays."

The Franco-Belgian Relief society, with its all-day sessions and fortnightly meetings, brings added Lenten activities. Much of the sewing of the season is now going to the hospitals of France. The appeal has lately gone out for 5,000 pairs of socks, wanted immediately; shirts, pajamas, unbleached sheeting and cotton flannel for the hospital wards and operating rooms. The wounds of the high-power shells of modern artillery are of such a severe nature that the clothing of the patients is quickly destroyed in the hospitals, and so the constant demand for new garments, especially shirts and underwear.

The Unitarian society give a social meeting and candy sale at their parish house Wednesday evening. A musical program, with readings and recitations, will also be given.

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