

BETHLEHEM CHAPTER

HOLDS BAZAAR
The bazaar given by Bethlehem chapter, O. E. S., Monday night at Masonic hall, Twenty-fourth and Parker streets, was a very delightful and successful affair from every point of view. It was well attended, and the display of fancy and useful articles was most attractive, while the chattering supper was most popular. The fancy work booth was in charge of Mesdames Lulu Wheeler and Rachel Woods and the Misses Myra Parker and Susie Scott. The refreshments, and these included chitterlings, corn bread, etc., were dispensed by Mesdames Hattie Hill, Martha Turner, Eliza Turner, Essie Bell, Ballew, Eliza Beth Howard and Ellen Jenkins. Mrs. Frances Smith and Miss Josephine Ballew with persistent and persuasive eloquence sold many chances on a jar of fruit. Mrs. Jennie Williams had charge of the grab bag. The general management was under the worthy matron, Mrs. Alice Smith.

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

A large congregation was present Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and a fair sized congregation at night. Father Williams preached at the morning service on "The Christian

Ministry," closing with an earnest appeal to parents to direct the attention of their sons to the priesthood. In the evening he spoke on "The Day of the Lord."

Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered to several children. There will be the customary midnight mass Christmas eve or, strictly speaking, Christmas morning, with special music. Other services on Christmas day will be at 7 and 10 a. m.

ST. BENEDICT NOTES

The regular meeting of Girls' Guild club was held Sunday afternoon at St. Benedicts.

Thursday at 8 o'clock Young Men's club will hold its regular meeting at the community home. All members are urged to attend.

Wednesday evening the Boy Scouts will hold their regular meeting.

The St. Benedict society held their regular meeting Sunday afternoon at the community home.

The catechism classes are every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, under the supervision of Miss E. Thomas.

Saturday afternoon the sewing class will meet as usual.

Midnight mass will be held Christmas eve at St. Benedicts.

Evening services will be held every Sunday evening at 7:45 during Advent.

The aid club met at Miss Ruth Johnson's home, 2327 North Twenty-seventh street. Two new members—Misses Ireta Walker and Audra Trueheart—were admitted.

The club will have their Christmas tree at St. Benedict's community home Sunday, December 26.

All club members and friends are invited to midnight mass Dec. 24.

Miss Lillian Williams, our new reporter, is able to be out after a week's illness.

Owing to the absence of our chaperone, Mrs. E. D. Todd, Mrs. G. Giles took the young ladies down to South & Thompson's for luncheon.

FOR MEMORIAL BUILDING TO COLORED SOLDIERS (By the Associated Negro Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A delegation of colored men appointed by the governors of the various states conferred on Thursday, December 9, with Representative L. C. Dyer of Missouri, author of the bill providing for the erection of a memorial building in Washington, in honor of the Negro soldiers and sailors who participated in all the wars of the country. It is expected that as a result of this conference plans will be effected for the early erection of the proposed memorial building.

ED F. MOREARTY, Atty., 700 Peters Trust Bldg.

LEGAL NOTICE
To David F. Hazen, non-resident defendant:

Notice is hereby given that on the 2d day of August, 1920, Kate Maud Hazen as plaintiff, filed her petition in the district court of Douglas County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to obtain an absolute decree of divorce from you on the ground that you have wantonly, cruelly and grossly failed, refused and neglected to support the plaintiff and her minor children, though amply able so to do. You are further notified that on the 3d day of November, 1920, leave to serve serve on you by publication was given the plaintiff by the judge of the district court of Douglas County, Nebraska. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 20th day of December, 1920.

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"A Kiss"

By JACK LAWTON

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The house loomed desolate as Cynthia came toward it. The branches of the trees shedding their summer leaves were desolate too. The leaves crackled beneath Cynthia's feet as she went on up the garden path to the pillared veranda, years of silence and decay showed everywhere. She drew her fur about her throat as she sat upon the highest step to look the old place over, the dear old place that had been her girlhood's home, this wistfully sweet woman had but to close her eyes to people, the deserted rooms with faces, long absent. There her square piano had stood, and at the opposite end of the impressive parlor had been the pier glass. A winsome picture that pier glass had often reflected, a girlish vision of floating ruffles, with happy shining eyes beneath softly wavy hair, Cynthia remembered the vision of herself, as she sat, and saw it again at its fairest clad in bridal array.

In satin slippers the girl Cynthia had danced down the room, her white veil sweeping after, and he had called her "the loveliest vision in the world." But that was before the kiss. Such a simple happening to change the tenor of one's life—as it had changed Cynthia's. There were two suitors, you see, big Will Lefton, poor, adoring and unrequited, and Barton Swift, rich by inheritance, successful in business. By no virtue of his riches had Cynthia chosen, but because of her love for him, with all the time a regretful ache at the back of her happiness, because of poor Will's sorrow. Not that Will was cowardly in defeat, his outward manner was his bravest best; Barton was wildly triumphant, his laughter rang out all the day long, the day of his wedding to be.

With other friends he and Cynthia had festooned the hallways and rooms with flowers. In her white robes she had laughingly defied superstition for the admiration of her lover's gaze, and Barton left enraptured, before the few brief hours preceeding the ceremony. As he reached his own home in a blissful daze, he found that he had forgotten to execute a certain commission, and returned. Entering the long room, his steps muffled by the thick carpet, Barton Swift beheld reflected in the pier glass, the picture which he never forgot, and which no explanation could satisfy. Cynthia, still in her bridal robes, was clasped close in the arms of Will Lefton, and as Barton watched, Will bent for her kiss. When he raised his face from hers, Cynthia gave him no words of anger, tears were on her cheeks.

"You had better go now Lefton," Barton said sharply from the doorway, and Will waiting only for Cynthia's motion of dismissal had gone. "Well," Barton asked her with a sneering smile, "so it was my money after all, is they said, and you loved Lefton all the time." White to the lips with wide horrified eyes, Cynthia made no reply. His sneering smile changed to a harsh laugh.

"Well, forewarned, forearmed," Barton said cuttingly, his own pain making him cruel. "Better to have found out in time—good-bye."

When the girl found her voice she was alone in the flower decked room. Later, as the wedding hour approached she had in desperation thrown a cloak about her shoulders and gone to Barton's home to seek him, only to learn that he had rushed in to the house and out again with the brief word that he would be long absent.

So Cynthia like a crumpled white flower was found unconscious on the floor of her room, when the wedding guests came, and the wedding had never been. Immediately, a kind father had taken her to travel abroad, since then she had been here or there as her fancy or friends dictated. And as the years passed the old home bereft of its owners was sold, and the money divided between the sisters. Now that Cynthia's sisters were married, and scattered far, the old house was to be sold again. Cynthia read the advertisement in her city apartment, and a whimsical desire had seized her to view the old place once more. She could think now of that dreadful day with a smile, and wonder that it had seemed to mean so much. But after all the years her cheeks burned hot at memory of an impulsive farwed kiss. Poor Will, he had grieved deeply over the tragedy his rash act brought about. Cynthia wondered what sort of woman he had married. Then, as she stood up to go, a man came through the great house doorway, and stood speechlessly looking at her. She recognized Will Lefton at once, the same serious eyes, the patient face that years could not touch with sternness.

"Will," cried the woman, "how strange to meet you here, and unchanged."

"Why, I am quite gray," Will Lefton said, as he caught her hands, "but you are just Cynthia still. I came to buy the old place," he told her.

"For—your—wife?" Cynthia questioned.

"There has never been but one woman in the world for me," he answered sadly, "and I spoiled her life—with a kiss."

Then Cynthia raised to him shining eyes.

"Will Lefton," she asked, "Oh! are you sure of that?"

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