

## From the Land of the Shamrock



Miss Ruth Beattie. Richard Worsden photo.

Were green not so fashionable this season that the "wearing" of it passes almost unremarked in the spring costumes, Saturday would have seen Miss Ruth Beattie, Mrs. R. Mills Silby, Mrs. T. J. Dwyer and Miss Juliette McCune flaunting it in commemoration of St. Patrick day and their own Irish forebears.

Mrs. Dwyer, however, could very well have worn it for her own sake. She is Irish born and bred.

As Miss Mary Flanagan, she had her schooling at Roscommon in the County of Connought, and came to America soon after, leaving two sisters to grow up on the Emerald Isle.

Further interest in her family's connection with the Shamrock is offered in her brother, Rev. P. A. Flanagan, also a resident of Omaha, who was born on March 17.

Another who was born on Irish soil is Mrs. Harry Nicholson, whose father met and married her mother while he was consul in that country. Her mother, also a St. Patrick day baby, first saw the light of day on the island. When Mrs. Nicholson, then Hilda Barrows, was 3 years old, her family brought her to America, and, though her age was too tender to harbor many memories of the land of her birth, she brought with her the priceless Irish heritage, a beautiful soprano voice.

Mrs. Nicholson has won many to her with her singing and is a member of the Amateur Musical club, and is also membership secretary of the Friends of Music.

A frequent voyager to Ireland is Mrs. R. Mills Silby, whose father, J. Arthur McGuire, was a native of the island. Summers on the Irish lakes and visits to Dublin have increased her natural love of the land of the green, whose daughter she is. While in America Mrs. Silby keeps in contact with her native land through visits with her godfather, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, lieutenant governor of Quebec, who is of the purest Irish ancestry. Mrs. Silby's friends admire her not only for her charm, but also because of her ability as a linguist. She, however, is very modest of her talents, and attributes her skill with the Spanish tongue to her mother, who was herself a Spaniard. Mrs. Silby also speaks French with ease.

Miss Ruth Beattie's very blue eyes and ready wit are her most tangible connection with St. Patrick's day. However, out of the past step her grandparents, who were born in Ireland and who lived there for a time before coming to the states.

A descendant of "Madcap Jack McCune," heroic Irishman of French and Indian war fame, is Miss Juliette McCune, who as supervisor of music in the public schools, is interested in the Music Memory contest.

In Omaha's social life there are many others with the best of Irish names. Prominent among them are the Allison, Creightons, McShanes, Daughertys, Conds, McCaffreys, Swifts, Murphys, Haydens, Forays, Byrnes, Gallaghers and Quilans.

### South American Travelers Buy Unusual Souvenirs

Touring and shopping have come to be synonymous terms when applied to Americans traveling in foreign lands. Women, more than men, are lured by the sight of unusual things and the chance for a bargain, but even the sterner sex succumbs to clever vendors and attractive merchandises. With generous purse and open mind the American pleasure seeker launches forth, and be it in Honolulu where jade and amber shine, or Rome where vivid cashes sway in shop windows, every land has something distinctive for which the American is ready to exchange his cash.

South America has enjoyed unusual popularity from Omaha tourists this winter and no one has returned without a souvenir from the triangular continent below us on the map.

Mrs. E. S. Rood brought back some remarkable character dolls made in a Presbyterian English speaking mission school in Venezuela. They are about six inches long and come in costumes representing monks, sisters of charity, policemen, soldiers, house maids, cooks and woodmen. The woodman is particularly delightful. He carries a huge bundle of fagots on his head, just as the natives do, and at his side glitters the strong knife which both men and women in that country have always with them, probably for chopping off bunches of bananas or sugar cane.

Three tall fighters, a toreador, matador and banderillero are in Mrs. Rood's collection. The banderillero wears blue hose, red satin trousers, a blue bolero with white blouse, red necktie and black velvet cap. His hair is done up in true sportsman style with a ribbon across the back and his coat is richly embroidered.

Bags of Brilliant Grasses. Grass bags were purchased by most of the women from Omaha, who touched the West Indies this winter. Porto Rico, Jamaica and Panama were the best markets for these. Cocoanut grass bags some of them are, made with graceful loops which swing over the arm. Miss Agnes Scott will carry her fireweed in one of these baskets of natural sugar cane color. Others bought Henequen bags made by the Indians, and still others, purple, lemon, red and henna shaded straws.

Syrup from the cane of Barbados is the unusual though sweet choice of purchase by T. F. Stroud. Mrs. Hood also liked the idea and brought back not only syrup but guava jelly. Mrs. Stroud is the possessor of several handsome drawn work dresses as well as carved ivory beads. Seed necklaces were purchased by many of the tourists, dazzling colors finding favor.

The Spell of the Spanish Shawl. On summer evenings Mrs. Harry Steel will wear a silk shawl of pink and rose tones on white. It came from Cuba and is one of the largest of Spanish shawls and will be a handsome heirloom if it doesn't prove too use-



Mrs. R. Mills Silby

Miss Juliette McCune

Mrs. T. J. Dwyer

Mrs. Harry C. Nicholson

### Purchases Antique Lamp

Mrs. John H. Lionberger has a beautiful antique lamp. She found it in the furniture store of the Andes country, where so much that is purely Castilian exists. Though the furniture was purchasable, it was not transportable. The big boats cannot dock at La Guira, the port for Caracas. A truck could have taken the furniture to Caracas, but the journey from there to La Guira and the choppy water trip in small boats from the town to the ship presented the difficulty. In fact a big wave drenched all our Omahans as they transferred from the large boat to smaller ones at La Guira. Mrs. Lionberger did secure a very old lamp having considerable interest. She visited antique shops at every stop. "Everything was cheap in the canal zone," travelers declare. Laces, Indian silks and vegetable ivory they mention especially. The vegetable ivory is very attractive and some times it is passed off for the elephant's tusk variety, but seasoned travelers are not to be fooled. They buy it, but they buy it for what it is. Gorgeous roses could be purchased for 20 cents a dozen and clove orchids, growing as parasites on trees, could be had for very little.

India Prints Will Be Worth. Panama hats were seen ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$400. C. S. Stephens and Mr. Stroud took more than a look. Probably May 1 will witness the result. Louis Horstwick brought back a helmet which he says is the coolest kind of a headdress. Mrs. Bock has presented her sons, Albert and Lewis, with hats from Panama. For herself she brought a genuine tortoise shell comb from San Jose, Costa Rica, known for its tortoise shell.

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### Y. W. C. A. Health Week Program

A health week program will be given this week under auspices of the Y. W. C. A. at central building.

"Foot Anatomy and Defects" is the subject of the opening talk, Monday evening at 6:45 in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium. On Wednesday evening at 6:30 Dr. Margaret D. Norfield of New York, who is in Omaha this week representing the Women's Foundation of Health, will be the speaker. A motion picture, "High Road of Health," will be shown, and there will be a booster meeting in the interest of Camp Brewster, the Y. W. C. A. summer camp.

A style show featuring correct shoes and clothes is scheduled for Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Dr. H. W. Weeks will talk on "Foot Anatomy" and W. S. Stryker on "How to Fit Shoes." Friday evening at 6:30 Dr. Amelia Brandt will address the girls in the gymnasium.

South Omaha Woman's Club Music Department.

Ben Stanley, organist and chairman of Trinity cathedral, will give an informal talk on "Composers I Have Known, Some of Them English" and "Cathedrals I Have Visited" before the music department of the South Omaha Woman's club Tuesday, 2:30 p. m., at library hall, South Side. Grace Poole Steinberg, contralto, will illustrate the work of Sullivan, one of the most popular of modern English composers, accompanied by Mr. Stanley. Miss Jess Watson will sing a group of Scotch folk songs, accompanied by Mrs. J. Dean Ringer.

Old People Entertained.

Fontenelle Kensington club, Order of Eastern Star, will give their annual party for the residents of the Old People's home, on Fontenelle boulevard, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. J. S. Parker will have charge of the program.

Mrs. Edwin Davis Hostess.

Mrs. Lee Johnson of Kansas City, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Coit, was honor guest at a bridge given Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Edwin Davis at her home.

### Hindoo Professor, Brilliant Speaker, at University Club Dinner Thursday.

S. L. Joshi, exchange professor at the University of Nebraska from Bombay, India, will give a dinner lecture at the University club at 7 o'clock Thursday night, March 22.

Prof. Joshi finishes his work at the university Tuesday. He will spend the three following days in Omaha as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Young, going on from here to Kansas City and the east. He is considered a brilliant speaker and has been much appreciated by Omahans who have heard him previously.

Mrs. Henry Doerly will give a tea for Prof. Joshi Wednesday afternoon and Mrs. C. C. George will be dinner hostess for him Friday, followed by the Kreiser concert.

The lecture at the University club is open to all interested. Members may phone in their reservations. Non-members may secure theirs by mailing a check, or calling at the club.

Miss McHugh to Review Galsworthy's "Loyalties."

Miss Kate McHugh will review Galsworthy's "Loyalties" before the Drama League Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Burgess-Nash auditorium. This will close the reading class for the season.

L'Alliance Francaise.

Mme. August Borglum will give an illustrated lecture on "Paris in the Sixteenth Century," Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of George Barker. South Thirty-second street. This is the third of a series of talks on Paris.

Episcopal Auxiliaries Sew for Missions.

The Omaha, South Omaha and Florence branches of the Women's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church, will hold an all day session to sew for missions, Friday, March 23, 10 a. m., at the Trinity Cathedral parish house.

Alpha Omicron Pi.

Alpha Omicron Pi alumnae will meet for 1 o'clock luncheon Saturday with Miss Laura Peterson, 3115 Underwood avenue. Mrs. Henry Slattery and Miss Helen Ayers will assist.

### Memorial Service Feature of Woman's Club Meeting Monday

The civic committee of the Omaha Woman's club, Mrs. W. S. Knight, chairman, will have charge of the program for the general meeting Monday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock in the Burgess-Nash auditorium. Dr. George A. Miller, pastor of the First Christian church, will speak on "Lessons Gleaned from the Orient, With Local Applications." Dr. Miller has made two trips to the near east. He came to Omaha recently from Washington, D. C.

Proceeding the business hour a memorial service will be held in memory of deceased members of the club, especially the following, who have died in the last two years: Rosa E. Ralph, Eva Bedie Haight Gaylor, Lucretia S. Bradley, Catherine Lee Rich, Tema M. Yates, Ada M. Mead, Tenn. Schmitt, Addie Gladstone Groes, Mary O. Bradford, Harriet A. Jensen, Jennie I. Porter, Nellie W. Smith, Ivy May Hussie, Emma B. Manchester and Mary E. Dempster. The service will include a reading by Mrs. Grant Williams, vocal solos by Mrs. O. E. Ames, accompanied by Mrs. Willis Redfield with violin obligato by Mrs. Lillian Gould Faber. Mr. Charles Johannes, president of the club, will preside.

Mrs. Faber, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Redfield will also give musical selections preceding Dr. Miller's talk.

The club directory meeting at 11:30 a. m. will be followed by luncheon at 12:15 o'clock in the tea room of Burgess-Nash store complimentary to Mrs. Margaret Nordhoff of New York, who is spending the week in Omaha in the interest of the Women's Foundation of Health.

Literature Department. Dr. G. W. Dishong will speak on "Psycho-Analysis from the Medical Standpoint" at a meeting of the literature department Tuesday, 2 p. m., at the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Millard Langford, who is in charge of the program will talk on "Psycho-Analysis from the Scientific Viewpoint." A musical program will be given under direction of Mrs. Willis Redfield, leader of the music department. The meeting is open to all club members.

Speech Education Department. Extemporaneous talks on "Bools in the Home," "The Spirit of Home-Making," "Great Mothers," "Children of the Street," and "Mothers' Devotions" will be given at the speech education department meeting Tuesday morning, 10:15 o'clock, in Burgess-Nash auditorium.

L. S. Montgomery of Chicago will also address the department. On Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock divisions A and B of the department will entertain division C and D at the home of Mrs. Ben Marti, 344 Park avenue.

Music Department. The woman's club chorus will meet Wednesday, 10 a. m., in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium and the women's symphony orchestra will meet for practice at 8 p. m. Wednesday, under direction of Robert Cascard.

Home Economics Department. Carl A. Taylor, landscape architect, will speak on "Architectural Landscapes" at the meeting of the home economics department Tuesday, 10 a. m., in the Y. W. C. A. The department has been studying interior decorating during the club year and will close the season with a study of the garden.

Art Department. The art department will meet at the Y. W. C. A. Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Miss Lucy Harie will speak on "European Gardens, Flower Markets and Castles," and Miss Olive Ferguson will speak on "Art Abroad."

Walter Head Speaks Thursday at the Burgess-Nash Auditorium. Walter Head will be the speaker at the 10 o'clock lecture, Tuesday, 12:20 o'clock in Burgess-Nash auditorium. Mr. Head speaks under the auspices of the children's school of the theater, Miss Marguerite Beckman, director.

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Gabby Scents Two Engagements

By GABBY DETAILS.

ROMANCE some time ago pointed her finger at one of Omaha's most interesting daughters, but it is only very lately that news has come to Gabby's ears of a ring sparkling, as only the right ring can, on the right finger. The girl, who is the daughter of one of Omaha's most prominent banking families (we really mean it this time), is at school in the east, and were the little tatter to a from recently at the famous college with which her fiance is connected, and from which he very recently has been trying to get a leave of absence for a golf tournament in England. She'll be home in a week or so. Wonder if she'll wear it here?

GABBY has heard gossip of another engagement. This time conditions are reversed, the male home talent has been captured by the charms of a girl from an adjoining state. Same state by the way that the youth golfer mentioned above holds from.

At an announcement tea given a short time ago the visitor, who accompanied the wife of an Ak-Sar-Ben governor, attracted as much attention as the honor guest for she has extremely interesting brown eyes and a very charming expression. The other guests speculated on a probable betrothal when they realized that the Lady of Ak-Sar-Ben is the mother of an attractive and distinctly eligible son, as well as hostess to the girl. Sounds reasonable doesn't it?

THEY were discussing a friend who had finally obtained divorce from her husband. Sympathily seemed entirely with the friend, and the poor cast off man was being warmly panoned. Finally, as if to settle forever the wife's innocence and the husband's guilt, one of the women exclaimed: "Why, he was the kind of a man who comes home to lunch!"

ONE should not judge the devotion of a couple by calling the roll at high class concerts. Many a husband who would otherwise measure up might be found missing on such occasions. The more sure of his place in his wife's affections, the more likely he is to beg off at such times, no doubt.

Gabby has just had a view from the other side of the fence, the wife who not only accedes to her husband's wish to remain at home, but who actually prefers that he do so. "Was your husband at the concert last night?" asked the well-meaning, though aggravating friend. "No," was the reply. "I'd rather leave him at home than take him and see him wiggle."

THEY were discussing the social requirements of a tea. The safest rule to follow in any case is to be perfectly natural," said the small brunetette. "Wrong again! When I am absolutely natural I talk about nothing but myself!" confessed her light complexioned friend.