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Peace Address Is Not Expected to Bring Results

Omahans Praise Eloquence of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, but Are Doubtful of Organized Campaign.

Will Omaha women take up the challenge to a "woman's crusade for peace" flung down Tuesday night by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt in her lecture on "War or Peace, What Are We Going to Do About it?"

Mrs. Catt definitely put the responsibility upon the women to demand a constructive program for world peace from the Ameircan government, and to keep at work until they get it. While she advocated no new organization for this end, and made no specific demands of existing organizations, she left it in the hands of the local women to take or leave her challenge.

Omaha club leaders were unanimous Tuesday in praising Mrs. Catt's eloquence and expressing their interest in her speech. As to what local practical results are likely to follow from her call to a local peace crusade they are more doubtful.

Organization Not Probable.

An urgent wish that Omaha women might respond by an organized and concerted effort for world peace was expressed by such women leaders as Mrs. H. C. Sumney, Mrs. John Sebree, Mrs. Halleck Rose, Mrs. Carrie A. Campbell, and Mrs. H. C. Bailey, although they admitted no great confidence that such results would follow. Others, like Mrs. Draper Smth, Charles E. Johannes, and Mrs. C. J. Horn, while expressing more or less general agreement with Mrs. Catt's ideas, pointed to the peace work already endorsed by the various women's organizations as evidence that the women are already thinking along such lines and are doing all that can reasonably be expected of them. One or two took issue with some of Mrs. Catt's policies.

The presidents of Omaha's two most influential women's civic organizations were enthusiastic about the address, but noncommittal about the "crusade." Mrs. Phillip Potter, president of the Woman's club, pointed out that world peace was one of the first subjects taken up at the last national convention of the Woman's clubs in Atlanta, and that a peace program had been adopted there. Whether the Women's League of Voters took up the issue any further than they have already done, said Mrs. R. E. McKelvy, president, will depend upon the wishes of its members.

Speech Was Thrilling.

"It was a wonderfully thrilling speech," commended Mrs. Sumney. "I wish every man and woman of human intelligence in Omaha could have heard it. Whether any practical consequences will follow is beyond me. There is so much confused thinking in the world, so much willingness to drift, that it is hard to tell. But, there should be some practical response from the women to so great a call to battle for peace."

"In challenging women to action for universal peace," comments Mrs. Halleck Rose, "Mrs. Catt not only recognizes the added responsibility participation in politics has given woman, but sees in her very nature the reasons why she must oppose war. Mothers have paid a high price to construct the man power wasted in war. They deny its return. A time has arrived when, as Mrs. Catt said, women 'may' co-operate with men in abolishing war. I do not believe the women can do it alone. But I hope Mrs. Catt's suggestion may result in organized effort for peace among Omaha women."

Agrees With Program.

Mrs. Carrie A. Campbell, general secretary of the Y. W. C. A., said the address "made her feel like being a shouting Methodist," in order to express her complete agreement. There absolutely should be a practical response to the feminist leaders' appeal, she admitted, but she feared that many are too apathetic. Mrs. Campbell explained that the Y. W. C. A. endorsed a definite peace program at its national convention in Hot Springs, Ark., and that it has a national legislative committee which keeps the local chapter informed about developments looking toward world peace. Local chapters are instructed to co-operate in every possible way with any recognized peace movement.

"Mrs. Catt is the only speaker, man or woman, who has the courage to tell us what is the matter with us," declared Mrs. H. J. Bailey. As for a follow-up, she was not sure. The League of Women Voters was the natural organization to pick up the challenge, but she did not know whether it could in Omaha.

Mrs. John Sebree hoped the Omaha Woman's club would take up the problem. She expressed herself as "perfectly charmed" with the speaker, and felt that giving women something they could do for men was the strongest point made by Mrs. Catt.

Too Much Organization.

The women are "organized to death, complained Mrs. Draper Smith, although she praised the speaker. Mrs. Smith specially enjoyed the way Mrs. Catt let the men know the women could act separately from them at need, she said. "Men don't like women to know all the dirt there is in politics," she commented. "But the women know it anyhow."

Mrs. Warren Blackwell was "awfully interested in the speech," but felt that Mrs. Catt had overstated the case. "I don't think a lot of women can bring world peace by themselves," she objected. "And I don't see any sense in going into the league of nations as long as Europe holds to its secret treaties."

Mrs. C. J. Horn did not care to express an opinion on the speech, but pointed out that the Omaha College club, which she represents, had endorsed the world court.

Lectures in Lincoln.

Mrs. Johannes felt that "the bringing of peace is women's work, and it is the biggest work in the world." She believed that Omaha women already want to help as much as they can.

Mrs. Catt lectured in Lincoln last night. She was the guest of Mrs. Hardy in Lincoln at luncheon yesterday

Women Voters Re-Elect President

Eligibility Clause Killed and Constitutional Amendments Reconsidered.

MRS. R. E. McKELVY
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Mrs. R. E. McKelvy was re-elected president of the Omaha Women's League of Voters yesterday afternoon at the annual meeting in the Y. W. C. A.

Other officers elected are: Mrs. Harry J. Holmes, first vice president; Dr. Jennie Callfas, second vice president; Mrs. William Berry, third vice president; Dr. Idelle Stoddard, secretary; Miss Elizabeth McClure, treasurer. Mrs. Holmes and Miss McClure were re-elected.

Two constitutional amendments, passed at a recent business meeting, were reconsidered on account of the larger attendance. The first, which raised the membership fee from 50 cents to $1, was passed. Mrs. John Sebree and others argued that it cheapened the league to be the only women's organization with a fee less than a dollar, and Mrs. D. G. Craighead pointed out that the entire 50-cent fee went to the state organization, leaving nothing for the local chapter.

The second amendment, requiring that members of the league be registered voters, was voted down. It was argued that the purpose of the league is to educate women to citizenship, and that any woman sufficiently interested to join the league would easily be awakened to her civic duties.

The report of the treasurer, Miss McClure, showed the league coming through the year financially with flying colors. With all bills paid, a balance of $158 was reported, aside from receipts from the Carrie Chapman Catt lecture, which had not yet been turned into the treasury. The committee in charge of the lecture reported $557 in hand from that event, after paying $100 to Mrs. Catt and other expenses.

Mrs. Sebree brought a message from Mrs. Catt concerning the future usefulness of the league. Many persons, said the Omaha woman to Mrs. Catt, had argued that the Women's League of Voters is a temporary affair, which will die as women become used to the vote. To this Mrs. Catt had responded, "You can't kill it. The league is the most vital organization among American women today."

Mrs. Sebree and Dr. Jennie Callfas pleaded for an active policy and a spirit of co-operation among league members during the new fiscal year.

Mrs. McKelvy announced that at the next regular meeting, on the third Thursday of the month, Mrs. Craighead would tell of her experiences in London and Scotland, while Mrs. Harrison would present material about the new child labor bill being prepared for the 68th congress.

Folk Song and Dance Program Is Presented

A tuneful and varied program of folk songs and dances was presented by the music division of the Omaha Women's club yesterday afternoon in the auditorium of the Y. W. C. A. Welsh, French, German, Irish, Swedish, Sicilian, English and negro songs were sung in solo, duet, or trio while the recital concluded with the singing of "Old Folks at Home" by performers and audience.

Two folk dances in striking peasant costumes, danced by Miss Elizabeth Fry and Miss Alta B. Walcott, brought a flash of color to enforce the effect of the music. The first was a Russian "Hapak" and the second a Swedish folk dance.

In the prologue, Mrs. H. J. Sickler told the stories of the songs in the program, some of which are too old to be assigned any date. She also recounted the life of Stephens D. Foster, composer of some of the best known American folk songs, including the words and music of "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Old Folks at Home."

Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Payne are planning a trip to Chicago after the holidays.

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Ukrainian Chorus December 29

The critics of two continents have enthused over the singing of Ukrainian National chorus, which Max Rabinoff has brought to this country, and which will be heard here at the Omaha auditorium December 29.

This unique body of vocalists appears in the picturesque and colorful costumes of their native land, that far-distant Ukraine formerly known as little Russia, which has long been famous in song and story. It is a land of romance and that spirit imbues the folk songs that they sing. Under the direction of their Cossack composer-conductor, Alexander Koshetz, the chorus archieves the most marvelous effects. The chorus has been called a human symphony orchestra.

The soul of music is really to be found in the folk songs of a nation. From that source many of the greatest of composers have derived their inspiration. Certain it is that in no land can there be found more entrancing melodies than in those of the Ukraine. No wonder that America has joined in the world-wide praise which has greeted them since they began their transoceanic tour four years ago. In all of the great European cities they have created a sensation and that is now being duplicated in the United States.

One of the delights of these concerts is the great novelty of the offering. Such singing is different from anything that you have ever heard. Though you live to three-score years and 10 you will never forget the ineffable charm of their outburst of song, the expression of the life, love and aspiration of a great people.

Mrs. A. S. Pinto and her sons, Sherman and Harvey, are planning a trip to Europe next summer in the Anna Z. Ross party. They will sail June 21.

Hope Chest Should Be Banned

No Need to Have Anything So Tangible to Mourn Over—Money in Hand Safer Than Useless Articles for Home in Clouds.

By MARTHA ALLEN.

Hope chests are bad things. The person who ever brought forth this plan for collecting furnishings for the home ought to be punished. It is just another way of mourning over lost loves. The habit of keeping love letters is bad enough, but this one of keeping a pillow that John bought for you or a luncheon set that Bill gave you for Ned's home when you marry him is all wrong. A better plan, it seems to me, is not to collect large dinner napkins of a certain pattern that this fellow likes, or to have doilies instead of tablecloths because that man you knew years ago expressed a dislike for the large cloths, but to deposit money in the bank or invest it so that when the time of marriage does come you can buy anything that would suit you and your prospective husband.

Articles for the home go out of style just as quickly as your clothes. Why pile up a lot of house furnishings that won't suit at all when the time comes to use them? The girl may be expected to provide the linens for the household at the time of marriage, but money in the bank will provide for this just as well as the collection of several years in a scented box.

Of course hope chests are not supposed to be collections of too many years, but any girl who does have such a chest is usually one who waits in vain for the day of marriage. In the end this patient kind of girl is sometimes overburdened with a lot of "junk" that isn't at all suitable for the new home that is planned. The "hope chest" in the bank is much more satisfying and more sure. If the girl doesn't marry at all, those things in the chest will probably be distributed among those of her friends who are married. The little "hope" account is much safer. A sensible couple not long ago "pooled" their extra expense money before their marriage and had a neat little sum for house furnishings at the time of starting life together. That seems a fairer way in which to start together if it is to be a true partnership.

L. R.: Address on an envelope, including the name, street, number and city and state, should begin just below the middle of the envelope and near the left edge. These lines should slope to the right, spaces between the lines the same, and the last line should end near the lower right-hand corner.

Ruth: Always drink bouillon from the cup, never sip it from a spoon. The bouillon spoons are only used to stir in the salt, according to the last authority on table manners.

H. H.: Gray, brown and black seem to be the prevailing colors for dress used this winter.

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Bushnell Guild Forms Chapter

Alumni members of Bushnell Guild fraternity, University of Nebraska, living in Omaha, met Tuesday night at the home of R. L. Mockler, 2307 South Thirty-third street and formed an alumni chapter. Franz Paustian of the class of 1916 was elected president, and J. Wilbur Wolf, 1923, was elected secretary. Joy T. Berquist, president of the active chapter at Lincoln, spoke as its representative. The following men, all of Omaha, were present:

Roger A. Jenkins, D. M. McLellan R. L. Mockler, J. Wilbur Wolf, P. T. Barber, L. H. Redelfs, G. W. Loomis, L. E. McBride, R. E. Russell, J. W. Redelfs, Lawrence Metzgar, J. P. Petersen, T. L. Frank, F. H. Paustian, W. H. Judd, J. H. Judd, Kenneth Ross.

The next meeting will be held January 2.

Betrothal Broken.

Miss Ella E. Schaffer, daughter of Mrs. Al Schaffer, of Council Bluffs, announced today that her bethrothal to E. R. Fink of Omaha and Kansas City has been broken. The engagement was announced July 18 while Miss Schaffer was spending the summer at Lake Minnetonka.

Sew for Minerva Home.

Mrs. A. S. Pinto was hostess this afternoon at her home to 50 members of a Sunday school class of the First Methodist church. They sewed for Minerva home.

Clubs for the Day.

J. F. W. Club—Thursday, 1 o'clock, with Mrs. S. R. Elson, Fairview apartments.

Alice R. Howard Chautauqua Circle—Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Y. W. C. A. Miss Florence Johnson, leader.

Parliamentary Law Department—Thursday, 2:30 p. m., Y. W. C. A. Lesson, first and second amendments as outlined in Mrs. Mary Redfield Plummer's "Practical Lessons in Parliamentary Procedure," based on Robert's Rules of Order. Mrs. John Haarmann, leader.

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