

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Society

CLUBS ORGANIZATIONS



Mrs. R. M. Erving, 2616 Seward, gave a season dinner party Saturday, December 28th. Covers were laid for 12. Everything was in keeping with the season. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Calloway and son, Mr. Eugene Skinner, who is a student at Iowa university, home for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. N. Anderson, and Mr and Mrs. O. Reed.

Miss Addie George of Pensacola, Florida, is spending the holidays with her grandmother and aunt, Mrs. Alice George and Mrs. Carrie Thomas, 2531 Charles. Miss George is a school teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. John Curtwright entertained friends at their cozy apartment, 418 So. 38 Ave., New Years eve. Lunch was served at 12 m. The color scheme was carried out in pink and green. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John T. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hammonds, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Long.

Everyone reported a lovely time.

Mr. H. Gastan, 2812 Charles, gave a family reunion dinner Christmas day. The guests were: Mrs. Mary Brashear and daughter, Delores, of Chicago; Rev. M. C. Clark and Mrs. Mary Beshears of St. Joseph, Missouri. Rev. Clark and Mrs. Beshears returned home Xmas night. Mrs. Brashear and daughter will leave Saturday, January 4th.

Mrs. C. H. Ward and granddaughter of Shreveport, Louisiana, arrived in the city December 31 to make their home with her son Mr. Willie Ward, 3024 Pinkney.

The dance given by the Aloha Social Club at the Dreamland hall on Monday, Dec. 30, was one of the season's biggest events.

Never has the Dreamland hall been more beautifully decorated. Omaha society turned out en masse for this big occasion. Music was rendered by the well known Siman Harrold's Melody Boys.

Mrs. Ed Patton, 4610 Patrick Ave., is spending the holidays in Denver with her sister.

Robert James, Jr. left for Muskogee, Oklahoma, to spend the Xmas holiday with his relatives.

A musical festival will be given Sunday, January 5th, at 3 p. m., under the auspices of Bethel A. M. E. church. The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission free.

Mr. Avery Washington, 1714 N. 28 street, was brought home Monday from the Lutheran hospital. Mr. Washington is recuperating from a fall which occurred a few weeks ago.

More Work; Less Pay

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 4.—With an admitted 30 per cent reduction in the number of direct relief cases, local authorities were claiming that relief clients had been transferred to WPA.

Meanwhile, W. D. Twing, district WPA director, viciously denounced workers for preferring WPA to private jobs financed by the government. The private contract jobs were reported to demand much harder labor with no increase in pay.

Twing, irate, instructed foremen and superintendents to drive the WPA workers and "to get a full day's work from every man on the job—If men now on the job won't do a full day's work, someone else will."

Twing threatened that men refusing to give what he termed "a full day's work" would not be transferred, but discharged.

Short Veils, Long Trains

The bride who marches to an altar bedecked with chrysanthemums and gladioli will wear white satin, velvet or moire. Her train will be long, her veil quite short and her bouquet decorations will furnish the color for the scene. It is possible, of course, to order exquisite bridal dresses in any shade under the sun from the deep Renaissance blues to rich marigold yellows.

BIGGER 'N' BETTER



Pelican—Yes, Mr. Fish, you just fill the bill!

This Will Be a "Shrine of Shrines"



Before long this niche in the new archives building in Washington will be one of the most frequently visited of all American shrines. It will hold the nation's two most important documents—the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. They are now in the Library of Congress.



ROYALTY HONOR MARIAN ANDERSON—Marian Anderson, Internationally famous contralto, surrounded by Royal Dignitaries after recent concert in Budapest. Reading left to right: Princes Hohenloe, Kosti Vehanen, accompanist, Miss Marian Anderson, Mr. Szasz, The Hungarian Impresario, Baroness Herzog and Mr. Julian Hart of San Francisco. —ANP.

Ancient Memorials Mark Certain Parts of China

Wherever one goes in China he sees evidence that China is an old, very old country. In the heart of Hangchow there are tombs and memorials so ancient that the weather of the centuries has worn the stone statues and carvings to smooth surfaces. In the country are disintegrating walls enclosing what were once rich estates and imposing buildings, the ruins of which are overgrown with semi-tropical jungle.

The "coffin houses" along the paths in the hills, where repose the remains of the departed awaiting an auspicious day for burial, are in better condition than the houses of the living. These mausoleums, writes Mason Warner in the Chicago Tribune, are rows of 12 to 20 attached buildings, 10 to 12 feet high, each having one room, with space for either one or two coffins. Sometimes the burial of husband and wife is postponed until the death of the survivor, and that occasions the waiting of one for the other in the coffin house.

For the peace of the departed soul and the good luck of the surviving members of the family, a day when all the elements of nature are in harmony in relation to the departed one must be chosen by a learned geomancer for interment in the earth. That is always difficult, for what would be a lucky day for one son might bring disaster to another. It is not unusual for a corpse to wait five, ten, or twenty years for burial. Very rich families have been known to wait fifty years for the right day.

Lightness and Strength Make Aluminum Popular

Aluminum is used wherever a combination of lightness and strength is desired. The pure metal is highly reactive with various corrosive substances, yet in actual practice it resists corrosion very much better than the theoretically more resistant iron. The reason for this, writes Dr. Thomas M. Beck in the Chicago Tribune, is that aluminum on exposure to the atmosphere forms a microscopically thin, tough, air-tight coating of aluminum rust which gives the underlying metal perfect protection against corrosion. Iron, on the other hand, forms a brittle, porous rust that flakes off and exposes more metal.

Along with the advantage of lightness and rust resistance, pure aluminum has the disadvantage of being relatively soft. For a long time this limited its use to the manufacture of kitchen utensils, sheet aluminum and similar uses in which it was not subjected to very great strain. However, there have been developing some highly successful aluminum alloys, in which the metal has a strength approaching that of steel, with no sacrifice of lightness. Oddly enough, in the case of some of the most useful of these alloys the aluminum, in gaining strength, loses much of its resistance to corrosion. This fault, however, can easily be remedied by giving the alloy a thin coating of the pure metal.

Peace

Peace on earth the world is praying,  
But the world is not obeying  
The words of the Blessed Master,  
And it must turn to Him  
If it is to escape disaster,  
And accept His teachings, obey His word  
Before their prayers for peace are heard.  
Good will toward all men  
And peace shall reign again  
When love rules the hearts of men.  
—By Myrtle M. Goodlow.

CROCHET GIFTS

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



The beauty about the crochet suggestions offered in the illustration is that each item shown takes but a short time to make and the cost of the materials is trifling. The dainty, lacy round collar at the top is crocheted of fine mercerized cotton. Among the five belts shown is one to suit every taste and requirement—tailored ones, less tailored ones for sports dresses and fanciful ones to wear with dress-up silks. They are all crocheted of knitting and crochet cottons, which is the same as telling you they will wash perfectly. An exquisitely carved ivory mounting is a perfect complement for the bag which is crocheted of knit-crochee. In an effective shell stitch. These handbags are creating a stir among women who appreciate handwork.

Strange Animal

Four-year-old Bobby was taken to see the circus parade. At dinner his father said to him, "What did you see in the parade, Bobby?" "Oh, daddy!" exclaimed the youngster. "I saw elephants and they had their tails on the wrong end."—Indianapolis News.

Indirect

"And now," asked the teacher, "will anyone give me an example of an indirect tax, please?" "The dog tax," announced the pupil. "Why do you term that an indirect tax?" "Because the dog doesn't pay it."

Faint Heart

Dentist's Daughter—Have you asked papa for my hand? Candidate—No. But I've tried four times. Every time I step into his office I lose my courage. Today I allowed him to pull my fourth tooth as an excuse.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Take Another Look

Suspect—Well, boy, what are you looking at me like that for? Zealous Boy Scout (on guard at a reservoir)—Please, sir, we're looking for a foreign gentleman with 50 tons of chemicals concealed on his person.—Pearson's Weekly.

SPECIAL ORDER



Mrs. Justwed—I'll take that chicken, and then I want two pounds of beefsteak, and have it rare, please.

Flowers From Bulbs

Jimson was relating his experiences in India. "I was taking my usual morning dip when I spotted three gladiators making for me, so I had to swim for dear life!" "You mean navigators—something like a crocodile?" interposed Johnson. "Well, what are gladiators?" "Gladiators? Why they're a sort of flower grown from bulbs."—Pearson's Weekly.

Wanted Full Details

"Here," said the sightseeing guide, "was fired the shot heard round the world!" But the studious young man fresh from college was far from being satisfied. "Is the specific consumption of time required for the reverboration of the trajectory to circumnavigate the terrestrial sphere also within your scope of knowledge?" he inquired.—Pathfinder Magazine.



J. B. Stradford Dies

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(ANP)—John B. Stradford well known citizen died here Sunday evening, December 22, 1935, at 6:00 p. m. Chicago. He was born in Versailles, Kentucky, September 10, 1861. Educated in Oberlin Academy, Oberlin, Ohio; taught school in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he completed the regular course at the Indianapolis Law School. In 1900 he located in Alexandria, Indiana, and there established and conducted a hotel, achieving considerable financial heights.

Thereafter he went to Tulsa, Okla., the heart of the great south western oil belt where in the hotel business he amassed a fortune of \$150,000. During the Tulsa riot of 1921 his hotel was burned to the ground along with forty-four square blocks of Negro property, while he fled to Kansas to save his life. Efforts were made to return him, having been indicted for rioting by the inflamed Tulsa Grand Jury. Through the ingenuity of his son, Atty. Cornelius Francis Stradford, however, his release was secured by habeas corpus proceedings. A little later he came to Chicago, the American haven, with all its short-comings, for the Negro. Though the police tried to get him back to Oklahoma but to no avail.

He tried to launch a hotel here in Chicago but capital was not forthcoming in sufficient quantity, so he returned every dollar of the money which had been subscribed. In recent months he organized the Chicago Civil Rights League to fight for his race's civil rights. This was in keeping with the militant attitude which had characterized his whole life. Having observed what the denial of training meant in his early manhood he had a burning desire to see young men of the race well educated. As a result, he sent his son, C. Francis Stradford, prominent Chicago attorney, recently much discussed in connection with the Virgin Islands Federal judgeship, to Oberlin college, and thence to the Columbia University Law School in New York.

He had a wide circle of friends throughout the country. He leaves three sons, Henry, John and Cornelius, a daughter Ann Emanuel, a talented pianist; a sister Mrs. Bettie Fortune and a brother Rev. B. M. Stradford of Columbus, Ohio, to mourn his loss.

Origin of Lighthouses

The earliest lighthouses of which records exist were the towers built by the Libyans and Cuschites in Lower Egypt, beacon fires being maintained in some of them by priests. Lesches, a Greek poet (600 B. C.), mentions a lighthouse at Sigeum, now Cape Inchisari, in the Troad, which appears to have been the first light regularly maintained for mariners. The famous Pharos of Alexandria was regarded as one of the wonders of the world. The tower is stated to have been 600 feet in height. It was destroyed by earthquake in the Thirteenth century, but remains are said to have been visible as late as 1350. The name Pharos became the general term for all lighthouses, and the term pharology has been used for

LADIES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Ladies Friendship club met at the residence of Mrs. Thresa Anderson, 2883 Maple street.

The larger part of the evening was spent in electing new officers for the year, which are as follows: president, Florence Morris; vice-president, Emma Bush; secretary, Joan Ramirez; assistant secretary, Buelah Watts; treasurer, Christine Sturdevant; reporter, Sadie Shaw.

Those present were: Florence Morris, Christine Sturdevant, Joan Ramirez, Buelah Watts, Minnie Burns, Emma Bush, Louise Hill, Janey Howell, Ida Fontaine, Thresa Anderson, Sadie Shaw and Mary Turner.

The club will meet next Thursday, at the residence of Mrs. Minnie Burns, 2932 Grant street.

A delicious luncheon was served.

Sadie Shaw, Reporter.

THE JUST WE CLUB

The Just WE, social and charity club met at the residence of Mrs. Jessie Vann, 2403 N. 22nd street, Thursday, Dec. 19th, with the president, Mrs. Edith Todd presiding. The club opens with song and prayer. All members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The home was decorated in Xmas colors and a Xmas dinner was enjoyed by all. The members exchanged gifts and wished each a merry Xmas and a happy New Year. The club meets at the residence of Mrs. Ida Artison, the third Thursday in Jan. Edith Todd, President. Viola Turner, Secretary.

THE FRIENDLY 16 BRIDGE CLUB

The club met December 23 at the home of Mr. D. R. Willis, 2025 Ohio, with Mr. T. R. Turner as host. After business, contract bridge was played with Mr. Laster and Mr. Avant wianing the prize. Meeting next week with Mr. A. Smith, 2811 Miami.

Union Forces Employment Of Technician On WPA

New York—(CNA)—Another battle against discrimination against Negroes in the WPA set-up was won this week when the Federation of Engineers and Architects forced the employment of Solomon Harper, industrial electrical engineer, as a senior investigator on a WPA project.

Following a hearing in the office of Mr. Kaufman of the National Re-Employment Service, at which charges of discrimination were brought by the Federation, Harper was assigned to the job, with four days back pay.

For months he had been given a run-around, held off with arguments of "inefficiency", which were supported by all WPA officials. Marcel Scherer and Mr. Harper of the Federation effectually and finally spiced the jim-crow argument.

Mr. and Mrs. Elver Neely, of Topeka, Kansas, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Needy, 3107 Corby street, during the holidays.