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Miss Isabel Powell Surprised

Mr. Alfred Elliott honored Miss Isabel Powell at a surprise party at his home, 2134 N. 27th street. And was it a surprise! Offering Miss Powell suitable excuse for taking her by his home, after having made a false start to the show, she found a room filled with persons who began singing "Happy Birthday To You." A delicious cake was baked by Mr. Elliott. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Carter, Mrs. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elliott, Dr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Neely, Mr. and Mrs.

Bruce Vanoy and son-in-law, Mrs. Hattie Page, Mr. Harry Mason, Mr. J. Coleman, Miss Annabelle, Mrs. Laura Armstrong, Miss Thelma Morton and Mrs. Flossie Clark. The guests departing exclaiming what a very nice time they had.

When our reporter called Rev. M. K. Curry, pastor of Zion Baptist church, for news etc., he asked that others be told of the "Loyalty of the Zionites" for despite the very inclement weather, his flock is loyal.

Fabric "Firsts" Arrive for Spring

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



FABRIC "firsts" for mid-season and spring are even at this early date staging a great show in big stores as well as stores not so big. If nerves are tired and winter gloom begins to pall why not slip away for a few hours from dull care and go meandering down aisle after aisle of the new materials? It will act like a tonic. Try it.

There are quite a few things to learn about the new fabrics. Generally speaking both the lines and the cottons are taking on a soft crepe finish which is "different." Then, too, there is a tendency toward rough spongy finishes and novel nubbled weaves. Patterning shows decided originality and in instances are almost amusing. The modernized prints depict bars and music notes, or perhaps shell or fish motifs and the newest thing is vegetable designs, and they are wonderfully good looking. Very new, too, is the Tyrolean button motif which takes its cue from the bright painted wooden buttons that adorn peasant frocks and smocks and jackets.

It is well to keep in mind that cottons are scheduled to play a tremendously important role in the scheme of things. You will thrill at the sight of them. The newer types are positively baffling in that they so often give the impression of being handsome wool suitings or spongy soft uncrushable linens. They are that good looking they may be smartly worn about town, the new nubbled cotton tweeds making up most satisfactorily into tailored jacket suits.

For the do-your-own-sewing group the new materials are nothing less than inspirational. One of the newcomers in the realm of smart cottons of which you will be wanting to order a dress length at first

glimpse is twin-twine print, which looks more like a soft spongy loose woven linen canvas than anything else. You'll love this rough-surfaced cotton. It is cool and casual, doesn't crush, has practically no wear-out to it and is every inch smart and attractive in appearance. It has a hand-loomed effect with brilliant print on either white or natural grounds. The patterning is interesting, including square dot motifs in bright peasant blues and reds on natural, also florals in orange, green and brown. An allover scroll patterning in deep red on natural is, perhaps, handsomest of all.

The smart tailored coat frock pictured to the right is fashioned of dark-red-on-natural scroll-pattered twin-twine. Black grosgrain binds the collar and front closing. Black bar buttons and patent leather belt are used as trim accent.

The other gown pictured is a spectator sports mode done in a soft jersey type fabric of bengberg with narrow white stripes on deep toned grounds. The convertible neckline, ascot scarf and graceful cape sleeves are each fashion-right. This handsome fabric wears beautifully, resists wrinkling and is cool, sleek and slim under your topcoat. It is shown also in white grounds with bright colored stripes for wear when the warmer days come. It tubs or dry cleans nicely and easily presses slick and suave as new. Jersey type fabrics are fashion news this year and are sponsored by leading designers of Paris, London and American style centers.

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Mr. Wigington Visits City Hall

Returning to Omaha to attend the funeral of his brother, Mr. Clarence W. Wigington, a former Omaha boy had the pleasure of visiting the City Hall as the guest of Frank Frost, commissioner of parks. Com. Frost extended every courtesy of his department, including his private office and the drafting room to Mr. Wigington. Mr. Arthur Fritzgerald, chief engineer, Carl A. Wearhahn, assistant chief engineer and Emmett Daly, architect for the Park Department were delegates by Mr. Frost to show Mr. Wigington plans and specifications for the entire park system of this city. These courtesies were extended because Mr. Wigington, has been chief designer for the park department of St. Paul, for the past twenty-one years. Mr. Wigington has made a mighty fine record for himself not only in that department but in the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Gas Users Set New High Mark

The unusually cold weather that has prevailed for the past month will produce substantially higher gas bills for those using gas or any other form of fuel to heat their homes, it is pointed out by Col. T. A. Leisen, general manager of the Metropolitan Utilities District. Consumption of all types of heating fuels is far above normal for this time of the year, and gas is no exception. Col. Leisen reported the largest gas consumption in the history of the Utilities District. Average daily consumption for the month of January was 10,343,755 cubic feet. A new all-time 24-hour record was set at 7 o'clock Tuesday, Feb. 4, when gas sendout totalled 12,684,900 cubic feet.

January of this year was 28 per cent colder than normal temperature in Omaha. It was 3 per cent colder than last year and 56 per cent colder than January, 1934. "Naturally," Col. Leisen explained, "that means it takes considerably more fuel to keep our home warm and comfortable." Weather records show that in did not fall below zero once. In January of last year there were four days of below zero temperatures, and this January, fourteen days in which sub-zero readings were recorded.

Mrs. Gladys Mitchell Stamps entertained at a beautifully arranged surprise birthday party Jan. 30th, in honor of her mother, Mrs. L. F. Mitchell, 1112 S 8th St., and it was a surprise. The guests included Mesdames Goldie Downing, W. B. Bryant, Lewis Johnson, LeRoy Porter, J. Springer, Ira Stewart, Edward Fletcher, Earl Jones, P. H. Jenkins, J. Townsend, and L. Kelley. The guests departed declaring having spent a very enjoyable evening, making the party a huge success.

Mrs. Dorothy Kibbe, 2518 N. 31 St., was honored at a birthday party given for her by Mrs. Dora Brown on Jan. 23rd. Eighteen couples attended. An elaborate menu was served. The evening was spent playing games and dancing. Mrs. Kibbe was the recipient of many useful presents.

Miss Clarese Harrison of 2720 Franklin St., who had her tonsils removed Saturday morning, is now home, and is getting along nicely.

Messrs. Frank B. Wigington, Clarence W. Wigington, Architect and Paul P. Wigington, Conservator Draftsman of St. Paul and Walker, Minnesota, left for their homes Saturday, after attending the funeral of their brother, Frederick D. Wigington. While in Omaha they were house guests of Mrs. Martha Taylor Smith, 2211 Ohio street.

SICK LIST

Little Carl Storks, grandson of Mrs. Ed Jackson, 2545 Drexel St., is confined to his bed with a touch of pneumonia.

Miss Lucile Stewart, 2115 Madison St., is confined to her bed with a severe cold.

Mother Reed, 717 S. 17th St., who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, is much better.

Miss Nellie King 1218 Pierce St. who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, is now able to be up.

PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Hester Wilson, 2228 Seward St., died Jan. 29th, after a lingering illness. The funeral was held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church of which the deceased was a member Monday, Feb. 3rd at 2:00 p. m., the Rev. F. S. Goodlette, officiating. Interment was made in the Prospect Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Wilson was born in Brooklyn, Alabama, moving to Omaha in 1919. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, Mr. Charles Wilson: four sons; Dock Williams, Omaha, Mark Williams, Detroit, Mich., John Williams, Winsor-Salem, N. C., James Gray, Mobile, Ala., three daughters: Mrs. Erma Smith, Mobile, Ala., Mrs. Nellie Gray, Brewton, Ala., Mrs. Anna Blackseer, Omaha; two sisters: Mrs. P. Horton, Brooklyn, Ala., Mrs. Geneva Nord, Brooklyn, Ala., and one brother, L. T. McCarty also of Brooklyn, Ala., some grandchildren and a host of friends.

FLOWERS IN MODE GROWING IN FAVOR

Seemed to Have Entered Every Phase of Fashion.

By CHERIE NICHOLAS
The fad for wearing flowers has grown and evolved until it seems to have entered every phase of fashion. It adds to the importance of the theme that flowers are as important for daytime wear as for evening.

This year Paris made the fad for wearing and trimming with flowers a fashion feature. Corsages and boutonnières were outstanding in the style picture while hats were decorated with artificial flowers from violets to huge poppies. On the new fall dresses necklines and evening décolletage effects emphasize flower treatments.

In England, fresh flowers, particularly the stephanotis, that lovely white and velvet flower so difficult to grow here, was a daytime favorite, but for evening in Europe just as in America, orchids lead.

Enthusiasm for flowers in the mode has proved an urge to create copies to doles similar novelties to hold flowers such as hair clips, fan stems, corsages and boutonnières. These are made of simulated crystals, are light weight and when worn are almost concealed by flowers.

The little brown, green and pale yellow orchids (botanical name is cymbidium) are terribly smart with tweeds. Velvet daytime suits and dressy furs demand the other varieties.

Clusters of cymbidiums, star like, make fascinating and new corsages. It is a little early for them but florists will be showing them soon.

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SIGNING OFF



"Oh, Ben, dear, am I really the first girl you ever loved?"
"The first brunette, dearest."

Poor Milton
Louise—Mother, I'm afraid Milton is too careless about his appearance. His buttons are always coming off.
Mother—Perhaps they aren't sewed on properly.
Louise—That's just it. Milton is so careless with his sewing.

Dog Is Master of Smell: Sight Is Not Important

It came with something of a shock to people of the Occident to discover that their personal odors made it somewhat difficult at first for the more delicately sensitized orientals to remain near them.

It is a fact, asserts a writer in the Minneapolis Journal, that every one of us, whether of the Orient or Occident, has his own aroma, as distinct and personal as his carriage or countenance. The dog recognizes his master not entirely by his appearance, but by something else peculiar to him.

A biologist, who has made something of a study of these facts, points out that we constantly exude products of metabolism and that in the composition of these products we all differ. Not only do we differ from one another, but in no individual are these results constant. No chemical laboratory is sufficiently equipped to distinguish such minute differences. The only experts on the subject, the biologist continues, are the dogs. With their highly developed olfactory organs, they are impelled to confirm their vision, when they see their masters, by making a searching investigation directed toward confirming their impression. Of their two senses, for complete knowledge, they prefer the sense of smell to that of sight.

The Basques Speak Most Difficult of Languages

What is the most difficult language in the world to master? Prof. Watson Kirk Connell of Wesley college, Winnipeg, Canada, has studied the problem for years and asserts that the language of the 800,000 Basques, who live in the Pyrenees mountains, between France and Spain, is the hardest to learn. More than that, he says its origin is unknown, learned professors having tried for decades to relate Basque to Hebrew, Japanese, Celtic, Arabic and other tongues, but without success.

Professor Connell, acquainted with 35 languages, asserts that Basque has such a complicated grammar that only the natives can handle it correctly.

The Basques do not merely but their words up the back like other people do," he says. "They also have prefixes and suffixes and infixes, and exceptions are more numerous than rules. By the time a word gets out, nobody can recognize it, not even its own mother." In a mystery, as the language they speak. They are a distinct ethnic group, rugged mountaineers, with customs, folklore and folksongs peculiarly their own.

"Windfall" Is Regarded Good Luck to Peasants

In the year 1066, William, duke of Normandy, led his forces into England. His cousin, Edward the Confessor, king of England, had died, and the opportunity of adding to his domain could not be overlooked by the ambitious young William.

In the battle of Hastings, Harold, the other contestant for the throne, was killed. Thus William became ruler of England. He set about remaking the laws of the land and succeeded in putting into effect many excellent ideas.

From this time dates our expression of a "windfall" in reference to a piece of good luck, notes a writer in the Washington Star. Under the laws of William it was a criminal offense to cut down timber in the forests. The poor people, therefore, were allowed to pick up for their fires only the branches which had been brought down by the wind. A windstorm, bringing a "windfall," was always welcomed by the peasants as good luck, and in this sense we use the phrase.

Huge Statues on Easter Island

Easter Island, some 45 square miles in area and 2,000 miles off the South American coast, has long intrigued archeologists who have fruitfully attempted to solve the origin of the hundreds of huge stone statues with which the area is literally covered. Some are upright, imbedded in the scant soil. Others are on stone platforms; others are carved out of the rocks and have been positioned. They vary in size from a few feet to almost forty feet in height. They show evidence of a high degree of art, but science has yet to discover how they were chiseled or who were the sculptors, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The population of the island, a few hundred of the Polynesian type, has no knowledge of either, as it has been established that those now native to the island are not even of the same race as those who fashioned the statues, no doubt in their own image.



PICK UP CLUB

The Pick-up Club met at the home of Mrs. King, 1846 N. 22nd St., the president presiding. After the meeting was over, Mrs. Irene Oliver rendered a wonderful program, which was enjoyed by all. We had two visitors, Mother Howard and Mrs. Devro, both gave an encouraging short talk. The club is doing excellent work despite the bad weather we are having. Twenty-one members were present. Everyone is invited to attend the next meeting of the club, which is to be at the home of Deacon and Mrs. Spencer, 25th and Indiana Ave.

Mrs. V. Moore, Reporter
Rev. P. J. Price, Pastor

Ask Virginia Gov. To Name Educator

Richmond, Va., Feb. 5—(ANP)—A request that Gov. Peery appoint a division of Negro education to fill the vacancy created by the death of W. D. Gresham, white, ephus Simpson, local business man. "Such an innovation, if innovation it can be called, would be nothing more than a simple act of elementary justice long overdue in favor of the loyal colored citizens of this oldest of commonwealths," Simpson declared. "Such an appointment for Southern states as North Carolina has already made a similar appointment." If the governor does not know Simpson urged that he consult with leading Negroes of Virginia the position.

Hold Boston Physician For Drugs

Boston, Feb. 5—Dr. Edwin Asbury, a well known local physician, was arrested Monday on a federal grand jury indictment charging him with violation of the narcotic laws. Judge George C. Sweeney in United States District court held him in \$2,500 bail for trial after he had pleaded not guilty.

Franchise Not Drawn By City

City Attorney Seymour Smith, in answer to a letter from Commissioner Harry Trustin Monday regarding the proposed O'Connell bus franchise, said that no member of the city legal department, which is hired to protect the rights of the city of Omaha, had any part whatever in the drafting of the franchise.

Smith said that he himself, as city attorney, had not even seen the O'Connell franchise until after the petitions were in circulation.

Smith's letter said also that there was nothing in the franchise which gave the city council power to decide what streets should have buses, nor any authority to decide what extensions of service to new sections of the city should be made, or decide where buses should stop to take on and discharge passengers.

Smith said, in his letter, that the O'Connell franchise did not even give the city council express authority to require that buses run often enough to give good service.

Pullman Company Employs 12,000

While not a railroad, the Pullman Company according to figures made public employs more than 12,000 men and women of the Negro race. Perry B. Parker, president of the Pullman Porters Benefit Association, in a statement to the Associated Negro Press, Wednesday said: "Our membership list includes more than 8,000 porters and this is below par. Due to the decrease in traveling, hundreds of men have been furloughed in order to reduce operating expenses. These 8,000 however, are employed regularly and rendering satisfactory service."

The Willing Workers Club of the Pleasant Green Baptist Church, met Thursday, Jan. 30, at the home of Deacon Bostic. Despite inclement weather, thirty-one were present. The club's meeting was an Up-side-down party. A number of persons were dressed comically—ladies with dresses up-side-down, men with trousers on backward. Mr. McDonald won the prize for being the most comically dressed. A shirtwaist contest was also a very interesting one. Mrs. King and Mrs. Oliver were the winners in this contest.

Through the efforts of the chairman of the membership committee, Mrs. Bessie King, four members were added to the club.

A very interesting paper on the "Principles of a Church club" was read by Mrs. McCormick, a visitor. This paper was filled with information and inspiration. The club is growing rapidly under the leadership of its very able president, Mrs. Viola Wilhite.

A very delicious luncheon was served at the close of the meeting. Everything was served backwards, the dessert which was up-side-down cake and coffee were served first. Preceding the luncheon, a drawing of tickets was held. Each ticket represented a different article. Some persons drew glasses of milk others kisses, (candy), a pair of slippers (banana peelings), etc. Everyone enjoyed the evening, which was laden with fun.

The Club will hold its next meeting Feb. 6th, at 8:00 p. m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Pearl, 1105 N. 19 St. Visitors are always welcome. Come and enjoy yourself each Thursday with the Willing Workers.

Mrs. Benola Pearl, Reporter
Rev. P. J. Price, Pastor

DINING CAR WAITERS TO GIVE DANCE

The Union Pacific Dining Car Waiters' Local 465 will stage their Third Annual Dance at the Dreamland Hall, Monday, Night, Feb. 10, 1936. Music will be furnished by the Synco Hatters.

The Willing Workers Club of the Metropolitan Church held its regular meeting Thursday evening, Jan. 30, in the home of the president, Mrs. G. Mayberry, 2242 Erskine Street. There was a short business meeting. Sue Johnson was the hostess.

Mr. Gertrude Mayberry, Pres.
Mrs. Willa Varner, Reporter
Rev. R. W. Johnson, Pastor

The Trustees Helpers Club of Bethel A.M.E. Church, 2430 Franklin Street, wishes to thank members and friends for their part taken in the contest program, on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2nd, which made it a success.

Mrs. L. Harrison, Pres.
Rev. A. Phillips, Pastor

DRAMATIC CLUB

The Emanon Dramatic Club met Monday, Feb. 3rd. The meeting was called by the Pres., Hattie Northington. The regular procedure was gone through. The Club will produce several pantomimes and plays in the future. They have planned a social gathering for Feb. 21, at the Urban League Center, which is invitational. This club feels that its plays and pantomimes will be successful under the direction of Buddy Deleach.

Hattie Northington, President
Mason Devereaux, Reporter

CHEERIO GIRLS

Mrs. Dela Mae Bruer was hostess to the Cheerio Girls Jan. 30. Mr. Nellie Myers and Mrs. Geneva Garland won prizes.

Mrs. Fannie Lee, Pres.
Mrs. Amy Ousley, Sec'y

Mr. Walter Davis, chair car porter for the U. P. Railroad, has been very sick in the St. Joseph hospital, but is now recovering.