

Miss Barbara Jeanne Stahl



—Courtesy Lincoln Journal

Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Stahl of David City have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jeanne, to Rogers Scribner Cannell of Palo Alto, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Cannell of Diablo Heights, Panama Canal zone. Miss Stahl, a graduate of the university, was a member of Alpha Chi Omega and Phi Beta Kappa. She received her master's degree from Columbia university in New York City and is now a member of the faculty at Barnard college. A former university student, Mr. Cannell was affiliated with Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Tau Sigma, Sigma Tau and Scabbard and Blade. He is now attending Stanford university.

Something Can't Be 'Nothing' But Nothing Can Be Something

Articles have been written about many peculiar subjects, but has anyone ever thought about writing of nothing? According to the dictionary, nothing is "anything that does not exist—a non-entity." But if it is anything, it must be something, so how can it be nothing?

Therefore, if nothing is something, I can't possibly write about nothing, and that puts me right back where I started, wherever that it. At this point I'm slightly confused—obviously. But then, who isn't so early in the morning? It is early, by the way—11:30 a. m.

My roommate very cruelly, inhumanely, and inconsiderately woke me this morning by taking her bobby pins out of her hair and dropping them one-by-one into a cardboard box. Have you ever been awakened from a sound sleep by a constant click, click, click, of bobby-pins into a box? My roommate must have lots of hair because it seemed as if there was an endless number of bobby pins.

More About Nothing.

But I'm getting off the subject which isn't hard to do when

writing about nothing. Most people also talk about nothing, and manage to carry on some of the darndest conversations, especially at hour dances. (How did they get in here?) There are numerous types of conversationalists at hour dances.

First, the "I'm much too good for this sort of thing" individual who manages to look as if he were seven or eight feet above you, tries to touch his nose to the ceiling and never says a word beyond "How do you do." Then, comes the "You're wonderful but not half as wonderful as I am and how about breaking your date tonight" character who tries to sweep you off your feet in five seconds flat. Another typical individual is the toe smashing, skin bruising smoothie who makes scathing remarks about your inability to follow his masterful dancing.

I could go on for pages and pages about all the personalities you see at hour dances but that would be talking around my subject which is, by the way, nothing at all. And since I started out talking about nothing I think it's best to do just that.

Quickies

HOLLYWOOD.—Robert Preston has been reopinioned by Paramount for the tenth straight year, three of which he served overseas with the Air Force. Together with his wife Catherine Craig he leaves soon for Christmas in Manhattan. He just completed a starring role in "The Big Haircut" . . . When Burgess Meredith celebrated his birthday last week in New York wife Paulette Goddard gave him a \$1300 oil painting. She's vacationing from her chores in "Unconquered."

They're building a complete night club, not just a dance floor and stage, on Stage Four at Paramount. It's for the Burt Lancaster feature, "Deadlock," and will include cocktail lounge, dining room for 150, dance floor, foyer, check room, kitchen and offices . . . After a minor operation at Hollywood Hospital, Randolph Scott is convalescing at home. He will return to the sound stages

soon in "Albuquerque."

Cass Daley has added to her already extensive real estate holdings. The "Ladies' Man" comedy star is buying a 165-acre ranch, complete with private burial grounds, near Lake Elizabeth, 60 miles from Hollywood. The burial ground goes with the ranch—or the present owner won't sell . . . Paul Mantz, who won the recent Bendix Trophy air race, has finished supervising stunt flying for "Blaze of Noon," the Bill Holden-Sterling Hayden-Sonny Tufts epic of pioneer airmail days. Stunts included a transfer from one plane to another in midair . . . Broadway veteran Luther Adler comes to Hollywood for a top spot in "Saigon," forthcoming Alan Ladd starrer.

Bing Crosby will chant a ditty in Portugese in "Road to Rio," in which he co-stars with Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour . . . Betty Hutton gave secretary Susie Hawkins her Xmas gift early. It's a 1946 Chevrolet club coupe.

Personally Speaking

We have always readily agreed with that old saw, "turnabout is fair play," and accordingly we favor the idea behind the Mortar Board party—of letting the women foot the bill. In fact, we're looking forward to the event with a good deal of anticipation as we consider all the ready cash we won't have to have on hand.

Thinking we might get some inside dope on this big affair of the week we tripped merrily over to the Delta Gamma house to pay Eleanor Knoll, president of Mortar Board, a short visit.

Explaining the purpose of our visit we subtly requested some confidential information, and received a "wouldn't-you-like-to-know" glance in return. "Well, 'fraid I can't tell you who the eligible bachelors are, but I can tell you that the election of them was all fair and square. In other words, if you'll excuse the pun, there were no voting infactions at this election."

Not having the slightest idea what she meant, of course, we in-



ELEANOR KNOLL.

quired about the presentation. "In past years the eligible bachelors have been tapped, but we're doing it differently this year."

"Saving your tapping strength for a later date, perhaps," we injected.

"Everyone by now should know the important facts: That Charlie Spivak is the band, dancing will begin at 8 p. m., and only 1500 tickets are being sold. If we make any profit—and we hope to for going in the red means digging deep into our own pockets—we want to use the money to pay for a paint job on the throne for the Ivy Day Queen. Ask any upper-classmen who has been at previous Ivy Day ceremonies and they can tell you how badly the throne needs to be painted."

Since our allotted twenty minutes were up (not OUR allotment, you understand), we finished our



Miss Patricia Ann Wightman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wightman of Sidney, Ia., became the bride of Jack Wendelin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Wendelin, Sunday, Dec. 8, at a ceremony performed at the Presbyterian church in Sidney. Mrs. Wendelin is a former university student, and the bridegroom served two and a half years in the navy. They will reside at 1855 A.

Eleanor Knoll.

Mortar Board Do's and Don'ts Listed By Eminent Authority

BY BILL PALMER.

Last week the Nebraskan printed an article containing Emily Post advice on conduct for women at the Military Ball. It is then only proper that this week there should be a list of do's and don'ts governing behavior of men as dates for the Mortar Board party.

Emile Stump's Advice.

The eminent authority for the following laws and rules concerning propriety, decorum and etiquette for the vice-versa affair is Emile Stump.

1. Clothing and accessories: Men aren't as concerned with clothing as women. Girls worry about their hats and shoes. Between the two there's enough to worry anybody. But if you have a tux or a set of tails wear it. As for accessories, don't load your escort down with things to carry like the little woman does when you take her out. If you let her carry a razor, shaving soap and brush, aftershave lotion, a comb and a fingernail file, you won't overburden her; and yet you can freshen up during the evening.

Be Prompt?

2. Promptness: This is very important. Start getting cleaned up and dressed for the evening just as soon as your girl calls for you. After you've dressed you should under no conditions play more than one or two rubbers of bridge with the boys before going downstairs to greet your date.

3. Expenses. You've been spending money on your date for some time and this is her only opportunity to repay you. Give her every chance. If she takes you out to dinner, order the most expensive food on the menu regardless of your taste or appetite. She'll be impressed. If she orders only a hamburger, don't say anything; she may be on a diet.

4. Morals: The men of the University of Nebraska can be trusted. Just one word of warning. Block those advances and remember your nine date rule.

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