Notes and Gossip from Omaha's Suburban Neighbors

Benson.

Roy Young returned last Monday to his school at Lincoln.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed T. Rouse on last Thursday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thorval Christiansen on last Tuesday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Anderson on December 29.

The Benson schools will open Monday after a two weeks' vacation.

Lew Raber returned on Monday from few days' visit in Mondamin, Ia.

Dr. Ray Lawson returned last Sunday from a two weeks trip to Florida.

Miss Edith Wilson visited among old friends in Benson during the holidays.

Miss Lillian Phelps returned from a short stay in Lincoln on last Tuesday.

Carl Keller has returned to Arlington, Neb., after a few days' visit in Benson.

Miss Lizzie Selling returned Saturday from a few days' visit in Wisner, Neb.

Mrs. Dr. Ryman has been entertaining her cousin, Mrs. Barron of Wisconsin.

The Baptist Junior league will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. Loechner returned last Tuesday from a few days' visit in Ashland.

Foster Sullivan made a few days' visit with his parents in Shenandoah, Ia., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kinkaid have returned from a visit with relatives in Elkhorn.

Russell Walsh has returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Minneapolis.

Mrs. R. H. Cass has returned from a visit with relatives in Stuart, Ia., for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Linder entertained for three guests from Benson and Omaha on last Sunday.

Miss Carrie Seaback entertained at lunch at her home last Sunday for six young people.

Mr. John Wolf has returned to his home in Belgrade, Neb., after a visit at the Harris home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Howard entertained at dinner on Sunday for twelve guests from Omaha.

Ward Walsh was in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. H. L. Rivett in Lincoln on Wednesday.

Mr. A. Zimmerman of Fort Dodge, Ia., has been a guest at the William Zimmerman home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Williams leave tomorrow for an extended trip to California and the coast.

Miss May Rauch of Blair returned to her home on Monday, after a few days' visit in Benson.

Rev. C. A. Allen of Omaha will fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian church at this morning's services.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawson entertained at a family dinner party at their home on New Year's day.

Ira Moran returned to Chicago on Thursday, after a week's visit at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Peterson entertained at dinner last Monday, when covers were laid for four guests.

Miss Nell Howard entertained at a kensington last Tuesday, when eight guests were present.

"Grandma" Huff is recovering from a severe attack of cold, being confined to her room a few days.

Miss Emma Christiansen entertained at dinner Monday evening. Covers were laid for three guests.

Miss Arline Rink has returned to her home in Des Moines, Ia., after a visit at the N. G. Colson home.

The Modern Woodmen lodge will have a program and social for the members and families Tuesday evening.

The Degree of Honor lodge installed its officers last Wednesday and a lunch was served during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zimmerman entertained for eight guests last Monday evening at a New Year's dinner.

Miss Madeline Horton joined a number of Omaha university students in a theater party Wednesday evening to see Mantell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hughes entertained about twenty-five guests at dinner last Monday at their home, a few miles north of Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hitch entertained at a family dinner party on New Year's day at their home. Covers were laid for twelve guests.

A new well is being dug south of the last one. Since the trouble of a few days ago, it was found the one being dug had to be condemned.

The Commercial club held a meeting last Friday evening to discuss the vital civic propositions, which will be taken up further in the future.

The Benson Harmony club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. L. Rewey next Wednesday afternoon, when a successive vice president will be chosen.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fahnstock entertained at their home last Friday evening in honor of Mrs. W. E. Yarton's birthday. Covers were laid for twelve guests.

Misses Jessie and Frankie Bullock, Elizabeth Carrigan, Emma Dunn and Kitty McGovern formed a matinee party at the American on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman of West Evans street have been entertaining Mrs. Coleman's sister and brother, Mr. and Miss Norby of Dakota, during the holidays.

Misses Madge Spalding of Ottumwa, Ia., and Ora Hunter of Mount Ayr, Ia., who have been guests at the home of Mrs. J. M. Bailey, have returned to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lundell, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Lundell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Keller, have returned to their home in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Mrs. Clinton Kellar entertained in honor of her husband's birthday last Wednesday evening. A dinner was served to about eight guests from Benson and South Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Creighton of Bensonhurst entertained about eighteen guests at dinner last Wednesday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Catron of Los Angeles, Cal.

William Frahm is recovering at the Wise Memorial hospital from the effects of an accidental gunshot wound in his breast which he received at his home on Military avenue.

Misses Ruth and Effie McGuire had as New Year's guests Misses Lottie Melchoir, Jo Bonde, Mary Moore, Addie Reuben, Messrs. Paul Moore, William Hina and Harry Knudsen.

The local Woman's Christian Temperance union will meet next Friday afternoon, when Mrs. Iradale will be hostess and Mrs. J. C. Campbell will lead on "Sabbath Observance."

The Methodist Ladies' Aid society held a meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Davey in Bensonhurst last Wednesday afternoon. The time was mostly spent in a musical program and lunch. A large number attended.

The city council meeting was cut short last Thursday evening by the fire alarm given from Judge Sienburg's home. After the crowd got to the home it was found to be a false alarm, the smoke coming from a choked up furnace.

The second death in a month in the Breitenger family occurred last Friday morning, when one of the infant twin daughters died, after a few days' illness. Funeral services were not arranged, but will perhaps take place this afternoon at the home.

The Benson Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. L. W. Raber last Thursday afternoon. The hostess gave the current events, and this being "civil service" day an address was given by Mrs. Russell K. McKelvy of Omaha. A dainty lunch was served and a social session was had.

Mrs. Harry L. Rivett died Saturday afternoon at Clarkson hospital after a four weeks' sickness since the birth of a daughter, who survives her, also a mother and brother of Lincoln, where the body was taken on Tuesday for burial. Mrs. Rivett came to Benson about two years ago as the bride of Mr. H. L. Rivett of the Benson Coal company and had lived on South Lynn avenue.

A junior silver medal contest was held last Friday evening at the Methodist church under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance union. The age of contestants was from 10 to 12 years. The medal was won by Minnie Merman. The contestants were Isabelle Thompson, Minnie Merman, Florence Kneedler, Maura Billingham, Katherine Linneman and Louise Linneman. Miss Allen and E. Clark were the judges.

A union watch night service was held last Sunday by the young people of the Methodist church after the evening sermon. An hour's service was held in the league room, followed by a social hour and lunch, when from 11 to 12 the meeting was held upstairs, where the last few minutes of the old year were spent in prayer.

Florence.

Charles Allen is reported as being on the sick list.

Claud Hixon has gone to his home in Glenwood, Ia.

Mrs. Allison returned from Kansas City Tuesday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Lohr are visiting friends in Benson.

H. E. Sears of Denver was the guest of E. L. Platz Tuesday.

The water company started riprapping across the river Tuesday.

Mrs. Jennie Chambers has returned from a visit in Bartlett, Ia.

George Bird of Saskatchewan, Canada, is visiting Florence friends.

Florence hose company will hold its meeting next Monday evening.

Mrs. George Green, who has had a very severe cold, is improving rapidly.

Mrs. J. E. Brisbin has been spending the last week with Mrs. Akin in Omaha.

John Hendesson, city clerk, has been laid up for a week with a very bad cold.

Miss Zerlina Bristin was the guest of Miss Alice Huntington in Omaha Thursday.

Miss Allie Houston was the guest of Miss Corrine Armstrong of Dundee Tuesday.

The Ponca Improvement club will meet Monday evening at the Ponca school house.

J. P. Grubb and Chris Lyck of Benson visited with Florence friends Wednesday evening.

Mrs. W. H. Snyder, who has been visiting relatives in Indiana, returned home Saturday.

David Andrews, who has been visiting relatives in Des Moines for some time, returned Saturday.

George Siert, the city treasurer, in his report for January 1, shows a balance of $10,256.75 on hand.

The school board met at the school house Tuesday evening and transacted regular routine business.

Miss Grace Lonergan left for Lincoln Wednesday morning to resume work at the University of Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Mancinnl, who have been spending several weeks at Excelsior Springs, Mo., returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kierle and family, who spent the holidays at Kentiand, Ind., returned home Monday morning.

Mrs. R. A. Golding entertained the girls of her Sunday school class of the Christian church at her home Thursday evening.

Albert Rich was taken to the Swedish hospital in Omaha Monday and on Tuesday was operated on for an abscess of the bowels.

Hugh Lonergan re-entered school Tuesday morning at the Omaha Commercial college, where he is taking the agricultural course.

P. J. Barrett and A. J. Lepinsky of South Omaha visited Florence Wednesday evening and installed the officers of the Eagles lodge.

Mrs. J. H. Price and Miss Florence Price, who spent the holidays at Missouri Valley, Ia., with Mrs. Price's parents, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Earnest Travis, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson, left for her home in Morrill, Neb., Tuesday evening.

The Kierle Ice company started its annual ice harvest on the river Thursday. The Omaha Ice and Cold Storage company is cutting the ice on the water works basins this year.

J. H. L. Williams, T. W. McClure and Frank Parker left Tuesday for an extended trip through the south, going by way of Washington, D. C. They will visit Cuba and South America before returning.

Frank Gleason, who has been manager for the Minne-Lusa Lumber company, left Monday to go on the road for the Dietz Lumber company. J. P. Wiiks has taken the place of manager of the Minne-Lusa Lumber company.

The Imogen club of Florence continued the study of "As You Like It" Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. H. Price. Mrs. C. C. Crawford was assisting hostess. Mrs. M. C. Coe and Mrs. C. P. Richardson reported on current topics.

The Odd Fellows installed their officers Friday night at the Eagles' hall. The following officers were installed: Noble grand, Lloyd Saum; vice grand, W. A. Yoder; secretary, W. E. Rogers; treasurer, James Kindred; trustee, C. G. Carlson.

The Bank of Florence increased its capital stock the first of the year to $10,000. At the last report it showed deposits of over $104,000, oians and discounts over $92,000. The capital stock and surplus now amount to over $14,000. A gain of over 30 per cent was made in the number of depositors.

At the Eagles' dance Monday evening a large crowd was present and had a very enjoyable time. The prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tietz for best waltzers. They were a book trough and a stirrup tie-holder. For the best two-step Percy Covert got a stein and Miss Pearl Dodson a leather shopping bag.

R. H. Olmsted returned Friday from Chilo, O., where he was called by the death of his mother. His brother, Thomas, of Dillon, Mont., accompanied him, leaving Saturday evening from his home. Mrs. Olmsted and Robert stayed over in Chicago a few days to visit her daughter, Florence, and will return Sunday morning.

Wednesday evening the Eagles installed their officers as follows: Past president, B. F. Taylor; president, A. E. Groves; vice president, B. C. Andrews; chaplain, W. A. Scott; inside guard, E. A. Cole; outside guard, E. L. Platz; secretary, M. B. Thompson; treasurer, W. B. Parks; trustees, David Andrews, John McGregor, J. B. Brisbin; physician, Dr. W. A. Horton.

The members of the Imogen Study club formed a matinee party at the Boyd New Year's day to see "As You Like It," the play the club is studying this winter. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. George Siert, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wall, Mrs. A. C. Griffin, Mrs. A. W. Reimer, Mrs. A. B. Hunt, Mrs. J. Weber, jr., and Mrs. F. J. Sackett of Minneapolis, Minn., who is the guest of Mrs. A. B. Hunt.

Miss Grace Lonergan entertained at her home in Fairview Saturday evening, the occasion being a farewell party. A portion of the evening was spent in playing games, after which a dainty supper was served and then the rooms were cleared for dancing. Those present were Misses Anna Barsch, Alvina Barsch, Mary Petersen, Emma Bergelt, Edith Raymond, Celia Raymond. Messrs. Percy Vogel, Irwin Vogel, Albert Bergelt, Louis Bergelt, James Raymond, Francis Marrin, Otuf Petersen, Carl Vom Weg, Andrew Drobeck, Adolf Drobeck and Bird Ritchie.

Dundee.

The Dundee school opens Monday, January 8.

S. R. Elson of Toledo, O., was a Dundee visitor last week.

Miss Edna Bartlett left Monday for Wellesley college.

Miss Louise Willard left Monday for Knox college at Galesburg, Ill.

A son was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Burt Whitney, 5010 Isard street.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goodrich is spending the holiday season with relatives in Chicago.

Mrs. Blackley and son of Lincoln were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bell.

The Dundee Improvement club will meet Tuesday evening at the new Dundee hall.

Miss Margaret Dow gave a party Thursday afternoon to a large number of little girls.

A daughter was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith, 818 North Fiftieth street.

Miss Lila Hoke entertained a number of girls at a New Year's party Monday afternoon.

Miss Ada Klopp has returned to her studies at the Northwestern university at Evanston, Ill.

Miss Margaret Howard has returned to Ord, Neb., to resume teaching in the public school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Reed gave a leap year party Monday evening for their house guests.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Dundee Presbyterian church met Friday afternoon with Mrs. F. I. Ellick.

Mrs. L. Hathaway gave a candy pull Saturday afternoon for her class of boys in the Dundee Sunday school.

The Kellstrom Drug company has opened a new store at the corner of Forty-ninth and Dodge streets.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gresly and daughter, Ruth, have returned from a ten weeks' trip through the east and south.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Reed entertained at dinner Tuesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Reed and their house guests.

Sam Ferranto, the village shoe repairer, is installed in his new room in the Harte block and is ready for business again.

For Mrs. H. D. Reed and her house guests, Mrs. Clinton Miller entertained at a small dinner party Thursday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. William B. Lampe of Shelby, Ia., were the guests during the last week of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Lampe.

Herbert Mayer left Monday for Chicago to visit relatives for a few days before returning to his studies at Oberlin college.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walters of Gage Valley, Howard county, spent a few days the last week with J. W. Trebilcock and family.

Mrs. W. F. Norman gave a luncheon Monday at her home, 4914 Underwood avenue, in honor of Mrs. George Marples of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Metzger and daughter, Margaret, of Lincoln, were the guests for Christmas week of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rhoades.

Miss Mary Holdcroft, after a two weeks' visit with Miss Florence Hathaway, left Friday for Randolph, Neb., to resume her school work.

Miss Helena Trimble entertained at luncheon Wednesday followed by a matinee at the Orpheum for Mrs. H. D. Reed and her guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Orange, who have been the guests for a few weeks of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Westerfield, have returned to their home in Chadron.

Willard Lampe, who is taking special work at the University of Pennsylvania, spent the holiday season at the home of his father, Rev. J. J. Lampe.

The Dundee Sunday school held an "at home" all of the afternoon and evening of New Year's day, the different departments meeting at different hours.

The new Dundee Dancing club will give the first of its series of winter dances at the Dundee hall Friday evening, January 15. About fifty guests are expected.

Dr. Maxwell and family of Dakota City, Neb., and Dr. Maxwell and family of Avoca, Ia., were the guests the last week of J. F. Maxwell and family of 5016 Underwood avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Selby and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wood were the Dundee guests at a bridge dinner given last Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Sholes.

The young people of Dundee will give a dancing party at the new Dundee hall Monday evening. The committee in charge includes Messrs. Harley Deems, Louis Harte, Roy Wilcox, George Palmer and Harry Putnam.

Willard Lampe, son of Rev. J. J. Lampe, and Miss Lydia Vallentine of Kendall, Mont., were married Tuesday in Minneapolis, Minn. Rev. Mr. Lampe of Dundee and Rev. William Lampe of Shelby, Ia., attended the ceremony.

The regular meeting of the Dundee Woman's club will be held Wednesday, January 10, at the home of Mrs. W. L. Selby. Mrs. Randell will be leader for the day and Mrs. G. G. Culnter will have charge of current events.

H. S. Keister has sold his home on North Fiftieth street to J. M. Breckenridge of St. Louis, Mo., who will take possession January 15. Mr. Keister and family will occupy the residence of Mrs. Carlson at 1919 North Fiftieth street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. McCarthy returned Wednesday from Chicago, where they spent the holidays with Mrs. McCarthy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mans. They were joned by their son, Harry Helmer, who attends school at Notre Dame, Ind.

Mrs. F. C. Mancourt of Wichita, Kan., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Rush. In her honor Mrs. F. W. Carmichael entertained at an informal bridge Wednesday afternoon, Thursday Mrs. C. O. Talmage gave a small luncheon and Mrs. H. D. Reed gave an afternoon bridge party Saturday.

The old Dundee Dancing club, which has reorganized, gave the first of its winter series of dances at the Dundee hall Friday evening. The following couples are members: Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Talmage, Mr. and Mrs. O. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Royal D. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Upham, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Rush, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Polcar, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kimberly, Mr. and Mrs. George Sumner, Sr., and Mrs. J. E. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Ellick, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ellick, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. T. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Yetser, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Culver, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eberhardt, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Durkee, Mr. and Mrs. George Tunnicliffe, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Judson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sisson, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Peckenpaugh, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. George, Mr. and Mrs. Joel H. Wright, Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Hollister, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Lemere and Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Manning. The president of the society is C. O. Talmage; vice president, E. E. Kimberly; secretary, F. I. Ellick. The executive committee consists of W. J. Miller, George Sumner and E. E. Kimberly, and the membership committee of Royal Miller, A. J. Perry and F. I. Ellick.

Arlington.

Mrs. Estella Barothy is spending the week at Council Bluffs, Ia.

Fred Echtenkamp was transacting business in Omaha on Wednesday.

J. F. May came over from Fremont Tuesday to look after interests here.

Miss Isabel Sprecht spent Sunday and New Year's day with friends in Omaha.

Fred Henermann had a car of cattle on the South Omaha market on Wednesday morning.

L. C. Gaines attended a horse show and sale at the South Omaha stock yards Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Pfeiffer were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Andrews at Hooper Sunday.

Fred Brinkman reports that he has fine ten-inch ice on his lake near the brick yards, which he is preparing to cut for the farmer trade.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ennerson of South Omaha came out Saturday evening and spent New Year's day at B. H. J. Jangbluth's home near Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Burr Comfort of Blencoe, Ia., ate New Year's dinner in Arlington, the guests of Mrs. Comfort's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKibben.

Ivan Mitchell came up from Lincoln Saturday night to attend a class meeting of the high school (1909), which was entertained by Miss Zella Ludwig.

L. M. Utterback and Henry Peters departed for Florida, where they will enjoy a few weeks' respite from zero weather. They expect to be absent about four weeks.

Fred Haws, who graduated from the Arlington High school in 1909 and is taking a course in medicine at the Creighton Medical school, Omaha, was the guest of Arlington friends Saturday and Sunday.

The body of Charles Johnson was brought to Arlington Monday and after an impressive service in the Congregational church, conducted by Rev. J. H. Barnett, they were laid to rest in the family lot in Arlington cemetery. The cause of death was bronchial pneumonia. He died in Safety Harbor, Fla.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodge of this place held joint installation services at their hall last evening, followed by a banquet which was attended by a large number of members from the order. The following elective officers were installed: Odd Fellows—N. G., H. L. McKibben; V. G., F. W. Pfeiffer; secretary, G. I. Pfeiffer; treasurer, F. G. Menking. Rebekahs—N. G., Mrs. Addie McKibben; V. G., Mrs. F. G. Menking; secretary, Gertrude Masters; treasurer, Isabel Hecht.

West Ambler.

Mrs. W. Gleason is ill at her home in Eckerman with rheumatic fever.

Miss Gurthe Long had at her New Year's guest Miss Elma Pearson of North Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. George Claggett left Friday for Chicago to spend a fortnight with relatives.

Miss Enid Nichols entertained a number of her classmates at a watch meeting New Year's eve.

A large party of young people was entertained at the home of Nels Jensen on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Claus Nielson had as her New Year's guest her niece, Miss Amelia Gilbert, of Loup City.

Mrs. John Long and little daughter, Gladys Wisler, were the guests of friends on Sherman avenue Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baarman have taken apartments at Nineteenth and Burdette streets for the winter.

Mrs. M. Moore of Fifty-first and Leavenworth streets had as her holiday guest her daughter from Lincoln.

Lester De Vol of Sheridan, Wyo., arrived on New Year's day to spend the winter with his uncle, Clyde Stultz.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Reybn of Sherman avenue entertained their cousin, Howard S. Miller and wife on New Year's eve.

Robert Oleson left for Chicago on New Year's day after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oleson.

Ralph Nihart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nihart, has been ill with pneumonia the last month at Omaha General hospital.

Roland Daley arrived Friday morning from Topeka, Kan., with the body of his 11-months-old son, Joseph, who died very suddenly. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dodd of Popejoy, Ia., parents of Mrs. Ellsworth Garmen accompanied by their granddaughter, Miss Martha Garmen, are here for a month's visit.

Mrs. James Halpine, sr., died suddenly at Wise Memorial hospital of gall stones. Her funeral was held from the home, Twenty-ninth and Harney streets, Sunday last and interment was at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gross had a house party on New Year's day in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. Calkins of Chicago. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gross, Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomas of Ottumwa, Ia., and Mr. and Mrs. E. Gross and daughters, Mary and Martha.

Ralston.

William Howard of Omaha was visiting friends Monday afternoon.

Dave Ham has been on the sick list for the last week, but is able to be around again.

W. B. Wells left for his home in Savannah, Mo., Thursday and will not return until Monday.

Mattie and Walter Phflug entertained their friends of Ralston with a sleigh ride Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Probst entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Steele New Year's evening at a two-course luncheon.

Frank Mead, who formerly lived here, but now of Omaha, has been visiting at the home of Luther Hawthorne for the last few days.

A delightful evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Meadows Monday evening, when they entertained for a few of their friends.

Mrs. C. Wyrick and daughter, Dorothy, left for their home in Kansas City Monday evening. They have been here for a week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Test of Mitchell, S. D., visited at the home of T. Probst and family last Friday and Saturday. They left for their home Sunday morning.

Dick Carter, who has been visiting at the home of his mother in Gravette, Ark., returned to Ralston Thursday. Mr. Carter has been away for the last three months and returned with a bride.

Mr. Schneider of Quincy, Ill., is employed at the Howard Stove company as pattern maker. Mr. Schneider comes highly recommended and we trust his work will prove satisfactory here.

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THE HOME BUILDERS PAGE

Hillside Homes Attractive

By Arthur C. Clausen.

THE most original and in many cases the most attractive homes are built on hillside locations. The reason for this is the fact that the majority of homes are built on level lots or lots made level, so that when it comes to a hillside location the designer is compelled by the very nature of things to resort to originality in adapting the house to the location.

A hillside home, especially if the background be rugged and mountainous, should by the breaking up of the roof lines correspond in its general contour to the ruggedness of the surrounding country. For this reason a house of colonial type requiring a rectangular shape, with broad lines, always looks out of place on a hillside.

There are three kinds of hillside lots: (1) The lots which slope downward toward the street from the rear; (2) lots which slope to either side, being higher at one side of the front than the other; (3) lots which have their highest point at the sidewalk line and slope down toward the rear. Of the three, the latter is the most difficult on which to build attractively; in fact, the only way to satisfactorily meet the problems presented by a lot which slopes downward toward the rear is to place a wall down the lot line on both sides as far as the rear corners of the house, and then turn them in to meet the rear house corners, filling the space forward around the house up level. A flight of steps can be placed from this artificial terrace down to the lower grade in the rear and doors and windows can be placed in the basement at the rear, the same as in the first story. To reach the kitchen in such a case a door is usually placed in the basement, with a stairway up to the kitchen inside, and no attempt made to reach the kitchen directly by stairs from the outside.

A lot sloping from the rear to the front with the lowest level at the front sidewalk line is also a very difficult one on which to build. The problems are here best met by placing several terraces at the front with a little flight of steps at the wall or back of each terrace and plan the house on the top terrace, practically as though it were to be built on a level lot.

Of the three hillside locations, the lots sloping downward to either side permit of the most picturesque effects. The style most appropriate for a lot sloping downward from side to side is the English domestic style, either the half-timbered English or tudor gothic, the latter belonging distinctly to masonry construction. The English styles can be more easily varied and manipulated by a competent designer than any other. The English have reduced the appropriateness of a home to its location to a fine art, and from them we can often obtain valuable suggestions on the appropriate design of homes for certain locations.

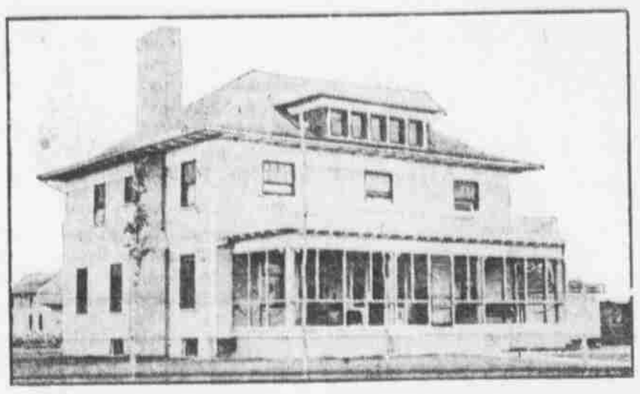
An Englishman's home is not the house alone—it is the house and garden. In England there are but few porches, for the Englishman lives in his garden when out of doors, and both house and garden are designed together.

The lot which slopes from side to side permits of great variety in both design and plan. The entrance and the walk leading to it are usually placed at the highest side of the lot, but the writer knows of one instance where the entrance was at the lowest side of the house, directly into what most people would call the basement. Upon entering you find yourself in an attractive reception hall, which by way of a magnificent staircase goes up to what is commonly called the first floor. Off of this reception hall in the basement is a large billiard room. The kitchen is also in this basement, with dumb-waiter service to the butler's pantry above, the kitchen having an outside door onto the grade. Such an arrangement of course would only be practical in a large home, having servants, so that the cook could send the victuals up to the waiter in the butler's pantry.

In most hillside homes the splendid amount of light and air available from at least one side of the house makes the basement on that side of more value than it would be in a home built upon a level lot. These advantages are in most cases appreciated and used.

Sometimes servants' bedrooms are placed upon that side in the basement, and again, billiard rooms, gymnasiums, dens, home offices, with an outside entrance, and in one instance known to the writer a small ballroom, and in another instance a garage was placed, with the entrance on the lower side of the hillside home.

Using the basement for a garage, however, is not advised. It is almost impossible to keep the gasoline odors from penetrating through to the upper part of the house, and the noise, together with the added risk of fire, makes a basement garage impracticable.



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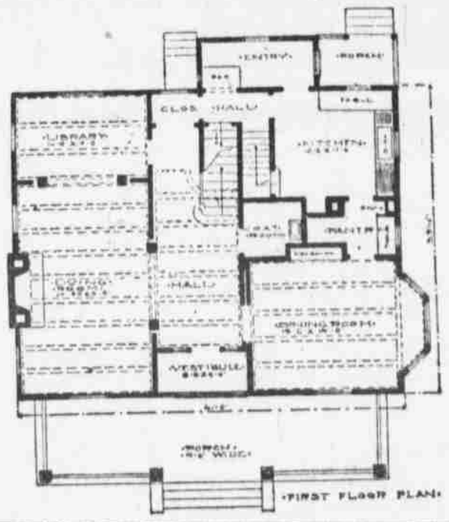

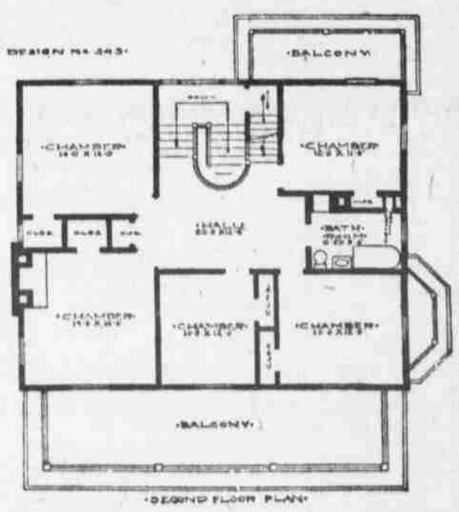

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