

"I Beg Pardon—I Thought You Were"

CLUBDOM

Calendar of Club Doings

Tuesday—
South Omaha Woman's club, literature department, Library hall, 2:30 p. m.
Donation day, old people's home.

Wednesday—
Women's Christian Temperance Union, Frances Willard society, Mrs. George W. Covell, hostess, 2 p. m.

Thursday—
Omaha Woman's Press club Hotel Loyal, 1 p. m.

"SAVE Nebraska Babies!"
With this cry on their lips, Nebraska clubwomen are beginning preparations for the observance of "Baby Health" week, starting March 4, 1916.

The movement for a national baby health week originated with Mrs. Percy B. Pennybacker of Texas, and was launched by the General Federation of Women's clubs, of which she is president. When in Norfolk for the last annual meeting of the state federation, Mrs. Pennybacker outlined her plans in person.

Miss Julia Lathrop, head of the children's bureau of the department of labor, was most enthusiastic in favoring the plan, and has lent governmental aid to the work. The clubwomen are especially proud as a result, for this is the first time the federal government has co-operated with the clubwomen in any such endeavor.

"Baby Health week is to be the first, general popular expression of the scientific attitude of prevention rather than cure, as applied, to infant life," says Miss Lathrop. "Science has no value unless it is applied to life, and the children's bureau has no value unless we can gather the information, prepare it in intelligible form, and get it to the people who want it and who need it.

"Whatever the social and medical causes of babies' deaths, there is immediate opportunity to reduce the present death rate by using methods that we know and understand. If babies are well born and well cared for, the death rate will disappear to the vanishing point."

To this end, the children's bureau has gotten out a special bulletin with practical suggestions for observing baby week in communities of different sizes, drawn from the experiences of communities where local baby week campaigns have been held.

Demonstration of the gospel of how to save babies has been left to the health, civics and home economics departments of the state federations.

In Nebraska, therefore, the work is in the hands of Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm, state health chairman as well as the Nebraska representative of Miss Lathrop's bureau; Mrs. Hugh La-Master of Tecumseh, civics chairman, and Mrs. A. E. Davison of Lincoln, who besides being home economics chairman, is head of that department at the Agricultural college of the University of Nebraska.

Mrs. Davison is especially concerned in this work, and at a recent meeting of the Omaha Woman's club, which she addressed, voiced several instances of infant mortality, as a result of ignorance of the care of babies by young mothers.

A conference of these three chairmen was arranged for Omaha early in the month, but on account of the illness of Mrs. La-Master, the meeting was postponed, to be held in Lincoln, early in January. Immediately after this conference, work on Nebraska's observance of baby week will be launched.

Women's clubs in every city, town and hamlet will be urged to observe baby health week in some manner.

Exhibits patterned after the child labor exhibit held at the court house last year by Miss Josephine Eschenbrenner, under the auspices of the national child labor committee, is one of the ideas that Mrs. Edholm has in mind. It includes charts, photographs and other articles which demonstrate the idea.

Literature bearing on the subject will be gotten out by the children's bureau, and many women's clubs will arrange special programs, and in some, even parents will be gotten up to present the idea forcibly.

For smaller towns, the suggestion has been made that mass meetings at which the speakers should include health officers and prominent officials, should be held.

"The children's bureau is ready to co-operate with any community in the country that wants to hold a baby week, especially those where there are no federated clubs," says Miss Lathrop.

State health officials in almost every state of the union have already written offering help in promoting baby weeks in their states.

For the Omaha Woman's club, Mrs. Edholm, who is also health chairman for this organization; Mrs. F. J. Burnett of the home economics department, and Mrs. F. J. Birs, civics chairman, will be in charge of arrangements for the observance locally.

On New Year's day, the Omaha Woman's club resumes its activities by a large reception to its members and their husbands, at the residence of Mrs. Edward Phelan. The following day, the memorial service instituted during the administration of Mrs. C. W. Hayes will be held in the auditorium of the Young Women's Christian association, between 2:30 and 4 p. m. Mrs. T. J. Gist of Falls City, a prominent figure in state women's clubdom and a gifted speaker, will give the memorial address, musical numbers for which will be by Walter Graham.

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Personal Likeness of Two Well Known Omaha Women that Has Often Confused Their Friends and Affords the Ladies Themselves Much Amusement



MRS. G. W. WATTLES

MRS. WATTLES!
The silvery-haired, kindly gray-eyed woman addressed, turned to the speaker.

"I—I! Pardon me, I thought you were Mrs. Wattles!" But it wasn't.

It was Miss Kate A. McHugh, formerly principal of the Omaha High school, and the most beloved of all Omaha educators, as well as president of the Drama league.

Now, reverse the situation.

"Miss McHugh!"
Another silvery-haired woman with eyes just a trifle deeper than the first woman's, turned to the speaker.

"O-h-h, I beg your pardon, but I mistook you for Miss McHugh!"

But it was Mrs. Gurdon W. Wattles, wife of the well known street railway magnate.

These situations have occurred so many times for so many years that their number is legion. Indeed it is a most striking resemblance in form, features, shape of the face, color of hair and eyes and even in their dignified, though gracious manner, that exists between these two well known Omaha women.

Not casual acquaintances, but persons who have known each of the women for years, often mistake the one for the other.

Mrs. Wattles tells of scores of Miss McHugh's former students at the high school who accost her with a glad "How-do-you-do," not meant for her at all.

At teas, lectures and the theater, in fact wherever they go, the same mistake is always made. Paul Hoagland once engrossed Mrs. Wattles in a lengthy educational discussion, thinking she was Miss McHugh all the while.

At the time that Miss McHugh was principal of the high school, Mrs. Wattles was one of a box party at a local theater one evening. The production was not a light one—but then, neither was it

a Shakespearean presentation or anything particularly "highbrow"—with which things Miss McHugh is principally identified, when a woman in the audience was heard to remark:

"I am surprised that the principal of the high school attends theater parties and so many social functions. She can't be fresh for her work the next morning and it isn't such an excellent example to set for young school girls, anyway." But it wasn't Miss McHugh at all, though the woman didn't know it. It was Mrs. Wattles.

Away back in the days of the exposition, Mrs. Wattles says they were taken for each other so much. At the time Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt was here, Mrs. Wattles was with her a great deal, since Mrs. Catt and Mr. Wattles were old classmates at Ames college in the days when the now famous suffrage leader was Miss Carrie Lane.

In the " morgue " of The Bee, there is a photograph of Mrs. Wattles taken at a reception given in honor of Mrs. Catt, who with the late Mrs. George Tilden and Mrs. Damon, also appear in the picture. When the photograph was resurrected just the other day, every one in the editorial rooms of The Bee vowed the photograph was that of Miss McHugh, although the identification on the reverse of the picture proved that it was Mrs. Wattles.

Another photograph of Mrs. Wattles taken before her hair was tinged with silver, impresses one as a youthful picture of Kate McHugh.

Miss McHugh also tells of numerous instances when she was taken for Mrs. Wattles, "especially when I have my good clothes on," she laughingly remarked.

Both Miss McHugh and Mrs. Wattles themselves recognize their strong resemblance to each other.



MISS KATE McHUGH

SOCIETY

Society the Coming Week

Monday—
Treis Kaldeka dancing party, Chambers' academy.
Oberlin Glee club concert, St. Mary's Congregational church.
Rehearsal for Smith college playlet, Y. W. C. A., 10 a. m.
Dinner party, Miss Dorothy Wright, hostess.
Luncheon for Miss Helen Rhodes of Chicago and Miss Vivienne Barkalow, Miss Stella Robinson, hostess.

Tuesday—
Dance at Hotel Fontenelle for Joseph, Ray and Willard Millard, given by Mr. and Mrs. Barton Millard.
Cornwell-Trimble wedding.
Les Hiboux banquet and smoker, Henshaw hotel.

Dinner at Hotel Fontenelle given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Page.
Dinner for Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Cowgill, Mrs. E. W. Nash, hostess.
Tuesday Bridge club, Miss Gertrude Metz, hostess.

Luncheon for Miss Wilma Damon, Miss Nell Ryan hostess.
Luncheon for Miss Louise Fort of Chicago, Miss Elizabeth Barker, hostess.

Auction bridge party, given by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sherman.
Bridge party for Miss Myra Cole of Atlantic City, given by Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brownlee.

Wednesday—
Wilson-Moore wedding.
Dance for Miss Olga Metz, given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Metz.
Nevin-Damon wedding.

Dinner and theater party for Miss Helen Smith, given by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Smith.
Les Hiboux dancing party, Chambers' academy.
Luncheon for Miss Harriet Walters, Mrs. Frank Walters, hostess.

Brandeis matinee party, Miss Marion Hamilton, hostess.

Thursday—
Subscription club dance, Turpin's academy.
Dinner for Miss Eleanor McGilton, given by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. McGilton.

Dinner-dance for Edward and Virginia Crofoot, Mrs. E. W. Nash, hostess.
Dinner party for Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Cowgill, given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Kountze.

Tea dansant for Miss Florence Neville and Mr. Eugene Neville, Mrs. Elmer Neville, hostess, Phi Lambda Epsilon dance, Rome hotel.
Luncheon at Commercial club for Mrs. R. E. H. Stevens of Syracuse, given by Equal Franchise society.

Friday—
New Year's Eve celebration at Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha club, University club.
Tea for house party of Lincoln girls, given by Miss Ruth McDonald.

Dancing party, Miss Grace Siabaugh and Miss Margaret Williams, hostesses.
Le Mars club dance, Turpin's academy.
Elks' dancing club, Elks' club rooms.

La Salle club dance, Chambers' academy.
Dundee Friday Dancing club, Harle hall.
Orpheum theater parties.

Afternoon bridge, Miss Mabel Allen, hostess.
Watch party for Harmony club, given by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Benson.
Smith college play, Y. W. C. A., 3 p. m.

Orpheum party and supper at Fontenelle for Miss Florence Hill of Lincoln, by Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Bean.

Saturday—
Korsmeyer-Tukey wedding.
Phi Delta Theta fraternity dance, Turpin's academy.

D'nal B'rith dance, Chambers' academy.
Tea for Miss Dorothy and Miss Janet Hall, Mrs. R. S. Hall, hostess.

Tea for younger set, Miss Alice Duval, hostess, University club dance.
Les Amies Whist club, Miss Sophia Rauber, hostess.

THE festivities of the week so gaily announced last Sunday with the debutante set in prominence came to a sudden halt at noon Thursday.

It was a week of guests for Omaha society, and from all cities they seemed to come, welcomed and bidden, according to man's proposing.

But another guest was coming, unheralded and unwelcomed, while all the time the floors were waxing for the dancers' feet, the flowers were culling for the debutante's decking, and the musicians tuned their instruments for the hour of playing.

Cancelled on the week's calendar stands out the debutante ball of Monday evening—like an unfinished picture it appears, as something beautiful about to be realized, when Death stayed the hand before its canvas.

The social plans for the coming week are principally pre-debut affairs of the school set home for the holiday vacation. Many of the events will be more of the nature of reunions than festivities, it will be a week, too, when the boy will come into his own socially, and have things pretty much his own way; so, being the week of the boy, there will be more or less action to distinguish events. Boys like to dance, if they can't go on the track or into the field, so there will be dancing.

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