

# Society Notes

April 18

## New Class for Commissariat.

One of the qualities of good literature, the students of that art-tell v., is a "universal appeal." Allow me to claim that one quality for my effusion today, for it deals with what Omaha women are doing for the Red Cross and the National League for Woman Service, a matter of interest to all of us just now.

A group of girls, members of the Browning club of Central High school and some of the faithful members of the Junior Musical club, as you no doubt remember, were the only Red Cross members in Omaha at the time of the first stir for Red Cross work this winter. They have been working away steadily all this time, and since the organization of other Red Cross movements have co-operated in splendid style. Their work has been so neat, and carefully done that Mrs. Charles T. Kountze, in charge of the first aid and bandage rolling division, complimented them highly upon it. They have various schemes for raising the money for the purchase of materials and have had several successful candy sales for this purpose. They meet every Friday afternoon after school in the Browning room.

The girls are eager for recruits who will help them to increase their work. Mrs. C. W. Astell, mother of one of these girls, has organized a class of twenty-five workers in the commissariat department under Mrs. R. Beecher Howell. The list is complete with the exception of two friends, who are out of town at present. There are:

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| Messengers—        | Messengers—        |
| George Mickel,     | Carroll E. Reiden, |
| Jay Barnes,        | Frank Boyd,        |
| C. W. Pullard,     | R. V. Drake,       |
| T. W. Austin,      | J. Van Rossum,     |
| C. W. Noble,       | J. J. McMillan,    |
| A. A. Arder,       | Charles Lutz,      |
| James W. Metcalfe, | A. D. Cloud,       |
| Philip Welsh,      | Frank Norton,      |
| M. D. Hunsell,     | George Platter,    |
| T. M. Pritchard,   | R. E. Davies,      |
| John R. McDonald,  | James M. Patton,   |
| Misses—            | Misses—            |
| Ruth Thompson,     | Neil Ryan,         |

## Spring Brides Honored.

Miss Gertrude Aikin, a bride of next week, was guest of honor at a beautiful luncheon given at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Norris, by Mrs. Frank Selby, herself recent bride. At one end of the luncheon table was erected a small white altar covered by an arch of asparagus fern. Back of the altar and rising above it was a tall pink taper and smaller candles stood on each side of the altar. On both sides of the steps bud vases held sweet peas and Mrs. Ward roses. On the lowest step stood a tiny clergyman with a miniature bride and bridegroom before him.

Mrs. Chester Nieman and Mrs. Harold Sobotker entertained at a bridal tea at the home of the former in honor of Mrs. Warren Howard, an Easter bride. Pink was the color noted throughout the house, pink and white roses being arranged in baskets in the parlors and a Dresden basket for the centerpiece on the dining room table. The lights, too, were shaded in pink.

Mrs. H. R. Gould and Mrs. F. A. Howard poured in the dining room the first hour and were assisted by Mesdames Mel Uhl, Jr., C. L. Sykes, Paul Wadsworth and E. B. Drake. The second hour, Miss Mildred Marr of Kansas City and Miss Alice Duval poured, assisted by the Misses Katherine Gould, Loa Howard, Margorie Foote and Ruth Slabaugh. Over a hundred guests called between the hours of three and five.

## Morarity-Hofmann Nuptials.

A pretty pink and white wedding suitable for these first warm days of spring, was solemnized this afternoon at 5 o'clock at St. Mary's Magdalene church by Father Sinne. The young people united in marriage were Miss Clara Hofmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hofmann, and Mr. Edward Morarity, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Morarity.

Miss Margaret Hofmann was her sister's maid of honor and the Misses Agnes Barnable of Le Mars, Ia., and Lucille Hofmann were the bridesmaids. All were gowned in dainty frocks of pink georgette crepe and finished at the waist with the popular obi bows. They carried shawer bouquets of pink roses and pink sweet peas. The bride's gown was of white and she carried a shower of white roses and lilies of the valley with tiny streamer drops of pink ribbon. The gifts of the bride to her attendants were gold bar pins and the bridegroom presented his best man and the ushers, Mr. Milton Morarity and Mr. Emil L. Hofmann, with tie pins. Mr. Julius Thiele and Mr. Ralph Kovesy played the Lohengrin wedding march during the ceremony following the Mendelssohn wedding march played by Miss Edith Beckman on the organ. The musicians will play at the reception at the home of the bride's parents this evening from 7 to 9, for which 200 invitations have been issued. Mr. and Mrs. Morarity will be at home in Omaha after May 1.

## Sheehan-Leydecker Nuptials.

An early morning service marked the wedding of Miss Christine Katherine Leydecker, daughter of Mrs. E. Leydecker, to Dr. John F. Sheehan of Waterloo, N. Y. Father Ryan performed the ceremony at St. John's church at 6 o'clock today. Miss Leydecker was attended by Miss Margaret Claire Dinneen, who wore a gown of pale green taffeta made in hoop effect, with basque and sleeves of georgette crepe. She wore a picture hat with facing of green and tiny moss roses on the crown. She carried coral colored sweet peas. Mr. B. H. Sheehan was best man. Mr. Raymond Leydecker gave his sister in marriage. A wedding breakfast for sixteen guests at the home of the bride followed the ceremony. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stork of Mason City, Mrs. John Reichardt and Miss Blanche Loan of

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## BRIDE WHOSE WEDDING TAKES HER EAST.



SHOULDER PHOTO  
Miss Catherine Leydecker

Iowa City, Dr. and Mrs. Sheehan left this afternoon for an eastern trip, after which they will be at home on June 1 at Lamoni, Ia.

## Green-Sterrett Wedding.

The marriage of Miss May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sterrett of the South Side, to Mr. Leo C. Green, son of Mrs. Sarah Green, took place this morning at 8 o'clock at St. Mary's church. Rev. Father Muga officiated. Miss Esther Berrey was bridesmaid and Mr. John Sterrett, jr., was best man. At a wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's parents after the ceremony fifty guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. Green left this afternoon for Kansas City. They will be at home after May 1 in Omaha.

## Jottings on the Calendar.

The Carter Lake Swimming and Bowling club will have luncheon at the Wellington Inn next Tuesday. The opening of Carter Lake club is scheduled for Memorial day.

Auxiliary branches of the Episcopal churches of Omaha will meet at All Saints' church Friday afternoon at 2:30. Juniors of Good Shepherd's church, Miss Alice Fry, director, will have charge of the program.

## The Day's Entertaining.

Mrs. Joseph Zifel, who won high score when the Carter Lake Swimming and Bowling club met to bowl Tuesday, entertained the officers at luncheon at the Fontenelle.

Mrs. Alvin F. Johnson entertained two tables at a bridge luncheon.

Mrs. T. F. Hagley and her sister, Miss Margaret Cullen, entertained at a large bridge party similar to the one which they gave Saturday for their sisters, Mrs. J. A. Cullen, who has recently come to Omaha from Hollywood, Cal., as a bride, and Mrs. E. J. Cullen, who has come from Kansas City to make her home in Omaha. Sweet peas formed fragrant decorations. Thirty guests were present.

Mrs. E. W. Nash entertained the members of the Christ Child society and others interested in the work at tea at her home this afternoon for the purpose of reorganizing in such a way as to increase the usefulness of the organization and enlarge its membership. Archbishop J. J. Harty talked and Mrs. L. F. Crofoot gave a piano program. Decorations were in sweet peas. Mrs. Louis C. Nash is chairman of the membership committee.

## Social Gossip.

Mr. John Bladon of Cincinnati, O., will arrive the latter part of the week to be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Potts.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Selby are with Mrs. Selby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Norris, until the completion of their new home about June 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Bergman and daughter, Henrietta, who have spent the winter in the east and Chicago, are expected to return Sunday. Miss Frances Nash and her mother, Mrs. E. W. Nash, leave Sunday for the east, where Miss Nash will play in Philadelphia, Brooklyn and several other eastern cities. Mrs. Nash will return in ten days, but her daughter expects to visit with friends in the east for a time before going to her summer home at Heath, Mass., where she will remain until fall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wise, who have been staying with their daughter, Mrs. Jesse L. Root, expect to leave Thursday morning to spend the summer in Chicago.

## Marriage Rush Wanes; Officials Are Puzzled

The marriage license clerk at the court house had a breathing spell Tuesday morning for the first time in a week. Despite the fact that it was the most "marrying" weather since the so-called "war bride-slacker" rush started a couple of weeks ago, only a handful of couples had applied for certificates up till noon. County officials were at a loss to explain the lull in marriage license activities, unless it could be traced to a sudden wave of patriotism enveloping the consciences of prospective bridegrooms between the ages of 19 and 25.

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## What is Life's Holiday?

By ADA PATTERSON.

A European ruler was pushed gently but firmly off his throne last month and the world is far on its way toward forgetting him. His realm is readjusting itself and the former ruler is doubtless happier than he ever was as the sovereign of a discontented people. Something of his piteous swan song remains in the memories of those who read it.

"Let the people have their way," he said, "I want to live in my house with the big garden. I always loved flowers."

The ruler, weak, ineffective, a failure as he was, uttered the wish that is in the hearts of most men and women, his superiors in strength. It was a longing for life's holiday. It was the yearning of harassed maturity for the peace of old age.

Why dread age? As well dread calm after a storm. The nub of the matter is that we dread the passing of the scepter of strength. If our energy might remain unimpaired none save a few vain women would wish to avoid life's evening. For, as to many twilight is the most beautiful part of the day, old age is the most inviting period of life.

But the bogie of lessening vigor is ever before us. That time when we can no longer do the day's work without weariness, when our heavier tasks must be given to the younger generation, when persons about us make a manifest effort to spare our efforts, is the day of dread to those who feel much and think too little, and that applies to ninety-nine of every hundred of us.

Would we pity the man who is going for a long vacation in the woods or by the sea? Would we sympathize with the woman who has set sail for a long journey across the western ocean, to loiter for uncounted months amid the poppies of the Orient? On the contrary we would envy them and covet their goods. Then why sigh with those who have earned such holiday?

Old age is the truly prosperous period of the well-regulated life. Then, if ever, a man reaps the harvest of his toilsome serving. Unlike the young or middle-aged man, he

knows how much he can afford to spend for his comfort and pleasure. The enjoyment of the younger man is disturbed by the fear of what may happen before old age is reached; he scans the horizon for the cloud that heralds the "rainy day."

In the closing days of the winter I tarried for a too short while in a health and pleasure resort of the south. Thither came Americans from homes in every state of the union. Most of them had passed the three-score mark and some had passed the boundary of the fourth. The ample trousers of the men showed a blemish effect in legs. Most of them had white beards, and seemed as proud of them as women of their costly ostrich plumes. One fact I noted. Seldom was one of these men of the curving limbs and the snowy white beard alone. Beside him, leaning upon his arm, or sometimes he might be leaning upon hers, was a silver-haired woman upon whose features was a faint foreshadowing of the great peace.

Passing an old pair, I caught a fragment of chat of a tender epithet uttered in a voice that had lost its sturdy timbre. It was the era of fine companionship, following the stress and harshness of earlier life. They were sights to convert a bachelor of either sex or any age to matrimony. A man may be ever so self-sufficient, a woman ever so self-reliant, but as you begin to descend the steps of life it is good and consoling to borrow strength from a faithful arm. Success of active cares, the time for enjoyment of one's world's goods, companionship that has been tried and proven true—these concomitants of age are not to be dreaded but craved.

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## Women's Activities

In one day 1,000 Philadelphia women offered their services to the Red Cross.

New Jersey this summer will have a coast patrol composed entirely of young women.

Thirty girls of the state college of Washington are given instruction weekly in the use of firearms.

Mrs. George Dewey, widow of Admiral Dewey, is conducting an active campaign in Washington to promote recruiting in the navy and marine corps.

Miss Maraget N. A. Donahue of Boston, who was the first woman in the country to obtain a radio license has offered her services to the government.

Prominent New York society women with country homes on Long Island have organized a comprehensive movement for agricultural preparedness.

Miss Kate Davis of Cleveland has undertaken the task of recruiting 1,000,000 women in Ohio to take the place of men in industrial pursuits during the war.

Mrs. Waldo Pierce, wealthy New York society and sportswoman, has volunteered to organize an aviation corps under the auspices of the New York State women's suffrage party.

The day after congress had declared war, Mrs. Ida M. R. Stewart, a widow of Elk River, Minn., sent her three sons to join the United States navy.

Mrs. June Haughton, a noted rifle shot, is organizing the American Defence Rifle club, to afford women of all classes an opportunity to learn practical marksmanship.



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