

Society Notes

August 23 by Mellicia

Promise of Knitting at Lectures.

When we were first plunged into the midst of war and women began to devote all their spare time, and much that is not spare, to the business of knitting for the navy, do you remember how much comment was excited by the presence of a bit of needle work at a serious lecture? The subject was discussed pro and con by all the lecture throng as they tried to decide whether a person really can listen to a lecture intelligently while she knits or crochets, or whether the sight of a person so engaged will annoy the perpetrators of a erudite discourse. Mrs. Howard Baldrige was one of the first to introduce the innovation and Mellicia remembers seeing her in the act at one of the intellectual teas which flowed freely in the Blackstone ball room last year. Then and there she registered the impression that it was an altogether fitting thing to do.

Prof. Stockton Axson, who has been delivering lectures at the University of California summer school, addressed an audience of women the other day on "Phases of the Modern Drama." Almost every listener plied her knitting needles as the learned professor unfolded his subject. San Francisco knitters affirm that knitting serves to concentrate the user's attention on the lecture rather than otherwise.

If the custom has begun at summer lectures, that is what we in Omaha may surely expect this winter. To be able to do something useful mechanically while we are improving our minds will take away the feeling that in wartime to enjoy even a lecture is self-indulgence. Next winter we may look forward to seeing some of the most zealous workers in the war relief cause, who are also members of the board of directors of the Fine Arts society, Drama League and other organizations which sponsor lectures, plying their knitting needles or their crochet hooks while they listen to the speaker of the afternoon. Mrs. Edward Porter Peck, Mrs. Harvey Newbranch, Mrs. Henry Hiller, Mrs. Luther Drake, Mrs. E. M. Syfert, Mrs. William Archibald Smith have all been active in the many forms of relief work. When they return to their winter intellectual interests their busy fingers will be apt to use lecture moments for useful work.

The street car, the automobile, the street corner, the store, almost every place has served the purpose of knitters. When the lecture, too, performs that mission there will be only the church service immune from the click of the needle.

RED CROSS NURSE ASKS HELP FOR SERBIANS.



Mrs. Paul Yestich

Eighty men and women prominent in public work attended the luncheon given at the Commercial club this noon for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yestich, who are here to secure funds for Serbian field hospitals. Twenty reservations could not be filled for lack of space in the south dining room.

At the speakers' table were Mayor Dahlman, R. L. Metcalfe, Dr. E. H. Jenks, who presided, and Mrs. Jenks, Rabbi Frederick Cohn, Dr. and Mrs. Ira W. Porter, Mr. Stanley Serpan, Mr. and Mrs. Vaclav Buresh, Rev. Peter O. Stuyachich, the South Side Serbian pastor and Dr. Olga Stastny, who is in charge of Serbian Relief Flag day on Saturday.

Campfire girls and a band of young people known as Willing Workers have volunteered to help on Saturday.

Latham are motoring in Indiana. They have been gone three weeks and intend to remain away another three weeks.

Mrs. D. R. Mills and Miss Ruth Mills have returned from Minneapolis and the Minnesota lakes. They motored home by way of Des Moines, where they spent a few days.

Y. M. to Teach Telegraphy In Its Night School

There is an urgent demand by the government just at this time for men who have a knowledge of telegraphy to enter the signal corps branch of the army. This demand will increase as the war continues and opens up new fields of activity. This branch of the army service offers splendid opportunities for young men in the draft age who will be called upon to serve in the next draft. The pay is better and the hazard not so great as other departments of service.

Government officers, railroad men and Western Union officials have been so insistent in their demand for trained young men and have expressed so forcibly the need of schools where young men can be properly trained, the Young Men's Christian association has decided to organize a telegraph department in its night school.

Lieutenant Colonel Wildman, department signal officer in the Central department, Chicago, recently wrote to C. F. Shaw, secretary of the educational department in the Young Men's Christian association here, urging the necessity for immediate action in this regard. It was in pursuance of this request that preparations are being made to institute telegraphy as one of the regular courses of the night school which opens on September 10. Complete equipment will be installed.

Church Work

Mr. George Winn, a returned missionary from Korea, will give a talk on leper work in Korea at the home of Mrs. D. L. Johnson Friday afternoon under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary society.

Tonight a lawn social will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Sprague, 4338 Franklin street, by the Altar guild of St. Andrew's church. The proceeds are for the building fund of the new church.

Robel-Hager Wedding

The marriage of Miss Rachel Hager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer E. Hager, to Lieutenant John Robel will take place at the home of the bride's parents this evening.

Miss Lucile Hager will be her sister's maid of honor and Miss Grace Robel will be bridesmaid. Mr. Charles Robel will be best man. Only relatives and a few close friends will witness the ceremony. Lieutenant Robel and his bride will go to Des Moines, where the young officer will be set to work training the draft army.

For Mr. and Mrs. Beveridge

A dinner is to be given in Plattsmouth this evening by Mrs. E. J. Ritchie for her sister and brother-in-law, two young Omaha people, whose marriage took place Saturday at St. Peter's Catholic church. Miss Blanche Clarke, daughter of Mrs. Mary Clarke, and Mr. John V. Beveridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beveridge, were the principals to this surprise, which was witnessed by only a few friends and relatives who shared the secret.

The bride is a graduate of Central High school and Mr. Beveridge of Creighton college and law school. He has been recommended for the second officers' reserve training camp at Fort Snelling and will be accompanied north by his bride.

Richmond-Pagenstacker Wedding

The marriage of Miss Anna Pagenstacker of Council Bluffs and Captain Adam Richmond of the same city was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 by Rev. T. J. Mackay. Captain Hammond has been ordered to Des Moines to care for the draft army and he will be accompanied to that city by his bride.

Social Gossip.

Mrs. E. E. Sterricker and daughter, Martha, are leaving for Deming, N. M., to be near Major Sterricker while the troops are stationed there.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Callias and Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Burgess have returned from a two weeks' motor trip through Colorado. At Long's Peak Inn, in Estes park, they met Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Barlow and son and the E. M. Morsman family, who are spending the summer there. Mr. Barlow and his son were doing a great deal of mountain climbing.

Mr. and Mrs. Waite Squier and daughter, Kathryn, leave today for a ten days' motor trip to Minneapolis and Christmas Lake. They will be accompanied by Dr. McClaren of Duluth, who has been a guest at the Squier home for the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen and Miss Mabel Allen and Mrs. N. C.

DAVIDSON TELLS OF NEW MISSION

Says that the New Enterprise Has No Intention of Interfering With the Others.

O. D. Davidson, chairman of the mission board of the Omaha Christian Endeavorers, makes the following statement in regard to the new mission:

"In organizing a Christian Endeavor mission in Omaha the Christian Endeavor union has no intention of interfering with or antagonizing in any way the work of other missions in the city. We feel, however, that there is need for just the work we propose to do, and since the trustees of the City mission have seen fit to limit the work of our city missionary very materially, and with what seems to us to be with no just cause, we felt justified in asking her to take up this new work for us."

"The Endeavorers of the city are starting in again where they did twenty-two years ago, when they organized the City mission and carried it along over the first few trying years of its existence. During this time the site of the old City mission was purchased with money raised by the Endeavorers. Yet, when what seemed, apparently, to be more capable hands offered to take the directorship, the Endeavorers relinquished their control and were content with merely furnishing some money and workers for the cause."

"No one ever had a better right to say, 'This is my mission,' than did Miss Magee. She founded it. She stayed by it when it seemed that it could not continue to exist. She gave from her own meager salary to help it along. The countless women and children who have been helped through her agency will all bear witness that it was 'Miss Magee's mission.' No one can blame her for this attitude. The City mission was her mission just the same as this is our Christian Endeavor union, that a conductor's train is 'my train,' that an engineer's engine is 'my engine.' If Dr. Leavett did not have the same feeling with regard to his church—'this is my church'—his work as a pastor would not amount to very much."

"No one who has ever watched Miss Magee work can say that her work was not effective. Any one who has taken clothes to the mission and watched while she took little quarter dressed urchins and sent them in for a bath, after which she dressed them in the clothes that had been brought, will always say 'Miss Magee is doing a great work.'"

"We earnestly solicit the support, both moral and financial, of all the active Endeavorers, former Endeavorers, and friends of this great work. In a few days our downtown office will be established. In the meantime mail for the mission can be addressed to O. D. Davidson, 1808 Lothrop street, president-elect of the city union."

Ak-Sar-Ben Hustlers Attend Luncheon and Ball Game

The entire hustling committee of Ak-Sar-Ben, thirty men in all, went to the ball game yesterday as the guests of Frank W. Judson, Ak-Sar-Ben governor, who had promised them a base ball treat when they should have brought the Ak-Sar-Ben membership up to 2,000. They have done this and have surpassed the mark. The total membership now is 2,128.

The committee met for luncheon at the Hotel Fontenelle at 12:30. Frank Judson came in long enough to announce to the boys that this was the day for the crowd to go the game and get the advantage of a double header. He told the boys he thought they had done exceptionally well this year in bringing the membership up so high in the face of the war conditions.

Chairman Charley Saunders announced that there will be but two more initiations and shows at the den this year. One will be next Monday night and the other the night of Monday, September 10, as there will be no show the night of Labor day, September 3.

Husband Charges Infidelity; Asks Separation from Wife

Louis Nielsen is suing Marian Nielsen for divorce in district court on grounds of alleged infidelity. They were married at Council Bluffs, April 10, 1905.

George Brandeis Presents Dr. Fitzgibbon With Mount

No officer in Uncle Sam's army will be able to boast of a finer horse than Dr. H. M. Fitzgibbon, prominent Omaha physician who has enlisted in the army medical corps.

When Dr. Fitzgibbon informed George Brandeis that he had been assigned to Fort Riley, Kan., Mr. Brandeis told Fitzgibbon to select any horse from the Brandeis stables and take it with him.

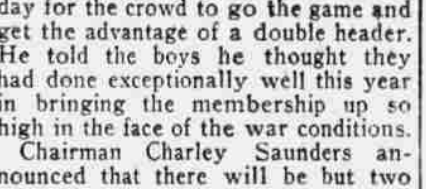
Fitzgibbon lost no time accepting the offer, and, being something of a judge of horse flesh, chose the best saddle mount Brandeis owned.

Peters Held at Fremont On Charge of Being Slacker

Federal Judge Woodrough ordered John Muncie taken to Clinton, Ia., and delivered to the army exemption board there. He is charged with evading the selective draft law.

Charles W. Peters, 26 years old, is being held by the sheriff at Fremont, for the federal authorities, charged with failing to register.

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Is Your Memory a Haunted House?

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

What do you remember? The kind word your friend spoke to you when you came to him in trouble or the irritable ones he jerked out at you when you annoyed him in the midst of an important piece of work? The fragrance of the glowing rose or the green scum on the water you had forgotten to change?

All of us store memory with incidents. The ugly and annoying and terrifying things of life have a way of creeping down into our sub-conscious souls unless we meet and face them and throw them out of our lives. But with this danger to menace memory, why deliberately store it with the unbecomingly?

Memory can easily enough be made a treasure house of real value. First of all you have to dwell on the right things. You have to emphasize beauty and sweetness and your reactions to them. You have to make every lovely thing you see or do feel part of your experience. You can choose or reject what shall be in your storehouse.

One of my proudest friendships is that of a woman who faced the loss of ideals, the loss of love, ugly faithlessness and grim poverty. Deserted and belittled by her husband, left with the sole support of three children, sneered at by those who always despise a woman when she fails to hold a man's love, and tortured by some who took the "I told you so" attitude toward her marriage, she turned and faced life with the same cheerfulness which seemed almost miraculous until you discovered how completely natural it was. There are no lines of bitterness in her face, no ugly black places in her heart.

She simply looked at life this: For the present, she had the problem of earning a livelihood for her children. The future was rich in all sorts of wonderful possibilities—the past? That held happy memories which nothing could take from her. And if she must remember anything, she chose to remember perfect hours—to dwell on them rather than on the humiliation that had followed them. Because a rose fades does not mean it was never a rose.

It is perfectly possible for anyone to determine to get the fullest measure of happiness out of everything that happens. As for disappointments and humiliations, after they have been met as well as possible, they can be wiped off the slate. How can it possibly pay anyone to keep unhappiness or failure in his mind? As examples or lessons of warnings? They don't do any good.

Suppose you went to apply for a position and you were turned away rudely and brusquely. Suppose you dwelt on that and magnified it and remembered it and let yourself expect similar treatment the next time you applied. It would be torture to seek for work and a few failures to secure unimportant jobs might turn you into a sensitive, terrified failure who would be afraid to look for an opening in the world.

History may repeat itself, but life doesn't; its span is so short that it doesn't have to. At 15 you might long to study law and for years you might embitter yourself by thinking of your tragic inability to take up

Anecdote Told On Lloyd George

Mrs. Carey Evans, the newly-married daughter of Mr. Lloyd George, recently told an amusing story of how her father, driving home in his dog-cart one day, came across a little Welsh girl trudging along so wearily that he offered her a lift.

She accepted silently. All the way along Mr. Lloyd George tried hard to engage her in conversation, but could not get her to say anything more than "Yes" or "No."

Some days afterward the little girl's mother happened to meet him.

"Do you remember that my little girl drove home with you the other day?" she said smilingly. "Well, when she got home she said, 'Mamma, I drove from school with Mr. Lloyd George, the lawyer, and he kept talking to me and I didn't know what ever to do, for you said Mr. Lloyd George charges you whenever you talk with him, and I hadn't any money.'"

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