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WOMAN'S SECTION OF THE BEE

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By MELLIFICIA—Nov. 21

Would-Be Nurses Witness Operation. If you are a member of one of the Red Cross home-nursing classes these days you know what the trainings means, but there may still be a few unenlightened ones who still cling to the idea that to be a war nurse means simply the donning of a becoming nurse's uniform and of performing duties no heavier than smoothing some (mattuline) sufferer's brow. Let me tell you that there is a far more serious side to it than that.

One of the home-nursing classes of the city, whose instructor is Miss J. E. Graham, head nurse at the Presbyterian hospital, had to witness an appendicitis operation at this hospital Monday, the operation being performed by Dr. L. A. Dermody.

It was not a pleasant experience, I assure you. As the members of the class are some of the prominent young girls and matrons, many social engagements were canceled Tuesday as a result of the morning's harrowing experience.

I think you will agree with me that the brow smoothing stunt is quite obsolete and that in these strenuous times the would-be nurses must deal with facts—or, rather, appendices. If you really wish to know what the sensations are while watching an operation you might ask any of the following young women: Miss Margaret Baum, Miss Grace Allites, Miss Florence Neville, Miss Regina Connell, Miss Hedwig Rosenstock, Mrs. Frederic Rosenstock, Mrs. R. L. Hamilton, Mrs. Carlisle Whiting or Mrs. Arthur Rothschild.

State Conference of N. L. W. S.

A state conference of the 20 branches of the Nebraska League for Woman's Service will be held at the Fontenelle Tuesday, December 11. Arrangements for the meeting and a luncheon at the hotel were planned at a special meeting of the Omaha directors held Tuesday in the league's new quarters, second floor of the court house.

Mrs. W. G. Langworthy Taylor and Mrs. James T. Lees of Lincoln, state chairman and secretary, will be among out-of-town women present. Changes in the heads of departments were sanctioned at Tuesday's meeting. Mrs. Lowrie Childs, head of the social and welfare division, was made a vice president, but no one was named to fill her position. Mrs. Milton T. Barlow was named to succeed Mrs. H. E. Newbranch as head of the general service division, which includes knitting. Mrs. Newbranch will take up some state work.

Up to date the service league has turned over 2,000 knitted articles to the Red Cross, besides 150 sweaters distributed at Fort Omaha. The following board members have volunteered for duty at the court house rooms: Mrs. Louis Clarke, Mrs. L. J. Healey, Mrs. E. P. Peck, Mrs. Frank Hamilton, Mrs. Lowrie Childs and Mrs. M. T. Barlow.

Mrs. Metz in Concert.

At a concert given for the benefit of the soldiers who have been blinded in the war, in Buffalo, Sunday evening, Edmund Grasse, the distinguished blind violinist, assisted by Mrs. Philip E. Metz, soprano, gave the program.

Some of the society girls of Buffalo acted as ushers for the affair. Regarding Mrs. Metz' part in the program the Buffalo Courier says: "Mrs. Norma Mack Metz, a charming young soprano, was a lovely picture in a rose satin and tulle gown, as she appeared upon the stage escorted by Dr. von Bergen. Her simple, unaffected manner and clear, sweet voice with its fresh lyric tones made all her numbers delightful, which included 'Si Mes Vers Avenides Allies,' by H. Clough Lighter; also the aria, 'Vissi d'Arte,' by Puccini, which she sang with intelligence of a finely schooled singer. "As an extra Mrs. Metz sang 'The Long, Long Trail' and, recalled for an encore, repeated the chorus, in which she asked a number of young people present to join, and the effect of youthful voices, in which hers stood out lively and clear, was charming. She was given a handsome basket of roses."

Woman's Club Affair.

The first of a series of musical and literary entertainments planned by the public speaking department of the Omaha Woman's club was given this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thor Jorgensen, 4514 S. 16th, for the benefit of the Red Cross. Aside from the social benefit of the afternoon's affairs will have another purpose; that is, to accustom the members of the department to appear before large audiences. Those who took part this afternoon were: Mesdames—Thor Jorgensen, F. W. Norvall, John Mullen, W. E. Shafter, O. Y. Kring, Paul Hickmanson, O. W. Maistrom, Ray J. Abbott, George W. Shields.

Benefit Card Party.

A benefit card party will be given at St. John's school hall Thursday evening. The proceeds of the affair will be used to help in the building of the chapel to be erected by the Knights of Columbus at Fort Omaha.

Church Women's Luncheon.

"Home" session day will be observed by the Omaha Women's Missionary federation Thursday at the First Presbyterian church, when 200 women will attend the meeting and luncheon, which Mrs. M. H. Blackwell has in charge. Mrs. E. G. Jones is chairman of the program committee and has arranged for an address on "The Reformation" by Dr. J. Frank Young; book reviews by Mrs. O. D. Baltzly and Miss Cora Hemery; a talk by Dr. E. H. Jenks and music by Mrs. Frederick Clark. Devotionals led by Mrs. Homer Stuntz, wife of Bishop Stuntz, will begin at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Settle's Luncheon.

Mrs. Douglas Settle, wife of Colonel Settle, commanding officer at Fort Crook, entertained at luncheon today the eight women from the National League for Woman's Service who go out to the fort each week to mend the clothes of the soldiers. Among them were: Mesdames—H. J. Root, George Woolley, T. J. Mackay, W. E. Shafter, M. E. Andrews, Frances McElliron.

No More Sherbets in K. C. Word has been received from Kansas City to the effect that "in compliance with Food Administrator Hoover's request for all possible conservation of sugar, the Kansas ice cream

High School Pupils Doing War Work



LEFT TO RIGHT—THELMA POTTER, CLARIE WISNER, HAZEL LAKE, VIRGINIA MOORE, AN-NIE JENKINS.

These patriotic girls of the Central High school had charge of the boxes for old magazines which were collected today at the High school. Each pupil, although only asked to bring one magazine apiece, brought several and put them in the boxes, while the cadet band played the "Star Spangled

Banner." The money from the sale of them will go to the fund for high school boys who are now in the service of Uncle Sam. Paper and magazines will be collected during the remainder of the week as the first step toward raising the fund. Other lines of economy and service will be emphasized next week. Thirty-four boys have pledged themselves to earn \$10 each and donate it to the Young Men's Christian association fund. This will bring the total given by teachers and pupils of the school up to about \$750.

When Milady Goes Shopping

As dull draperies cast gloom over the grandest homes, so do dull clothes sadden the brightest spirits. We cannot afford to lose our interest in becoming dresses.

By ADELAIDE KENNERLY.

From the latest report of a Woman's club meeting in Omaha, where more than 200 women were present, only two held up their hands when the question was asked—how many women in this audience have servants. Quite different from last year when most of the housekeepers "signified by the right hand."

Economy? Yes, economy! The curtailing of elaborate entertainment, of groaning tables and unnecessary pomp. Back to simple living and the heart of things. But are women less lovely? you ask.

No, indeed! Women are holding their own in the world of fashion, but while battling under economic conditions they are becoming efficient, and splendid.

Already the queen mother of many a home is preparing to open her sewing machine and start its wheels to running so that her little girls may bloom in the springtime with new frocks.

"Isn't it early?" asks one woman who intends to make her little girls' dresses for the springtime. "I do not know what materials will be used and in style so far ahead."

Listen, Milady! to a wee bit of information gleaned from the Dry Goods Economist and personal observation: Beautiful ginghams, in plaids,

stripes and solid colors, are beginning to come out on the shelves and tables of retail houses. They will lead in spring materials. Advance styles in school dresses show surprise with pleated skirts and collar and cuffs of pique or contrasting materials. The bustle drape, which has appeared in the afternoon frocks for the 14-year-old girl, is also in evidence in the advance showing of ginghams.

Beauty undomestic loses more than half its loveliness and no one realizes this more than a mother of growing girls. It behooves each of these mothers to figure on expense, time and material. To leave the spring wardrobe until the last minute would be extremely unwise.

It would be a mark of inefficiency—in these strenuous days when American women are Hooverizing, economizing and at the same time becoming 100 per cent efficient.

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Mrs. A. B. McConnell leaves Thursday for Camp Funston to spend Thanksgiving with her son, Harold McConnell, who is stationed there. Mrs. McConnell says that if any of the mothers or friends of any of the Omaha boys who are at Camp Funston wish to send any messages to the boys that she will be glad to deliver them.

The Technique of Milady's Fan

What can be done with a fan has been the theme of poets, essayists, novelists and rhapsodists the world over, and ladies had better brush up on these authorities, for fans are coming back. Judging by the Broadway plays, says the New York Evening Mail, which are always a fairly straight steer on coming fashions, the big feather fan is blowing back to popular favor in a whirlwind. The ostrich feather fan, the fan made of three or four big plumes, or even the quill fan, are quite being done.

But beware. Just having a fan isn't more than half the battle. Give an expert a large ostrich feather fan, and she can get away with murder in the first degree, but the same fan in the hands of an untried debutante will be a stumbling block. Don't try to do a thing with that fan till you have watched and practiced privately. Most women, coming into possession of a beautiful fan, will be prompted by natural vanity to practice privately.

If you carry a fan into a drawing room for the first time, you will have a bad minute wondering what to do with it, and you will never have the nerve to wave it slowly and confidently during a telling conversation—not, that is, unless you are the "type that had a Spanish mother." Wondering what you are supposed to do with it when you obviously are not too warm will cramp your style for a whole evening. You'll feel as if you had brought an alligator with you, and that everyone has got his eye on it, and is wondering what you think you are doing with it.

The approaching charity ball will be an event of the season and milady should begin her fan rehearsals early.

PERSONALS

Colonel Height will arrive from Chicago this evening to be stationed at Fort Crook for some time.

Mrs. Mary Canon left Monday evening for Huron Lake, Minn., where she will be the guest of Mrs. J. H. White. Mrs. Canon expects to remain all winter.

Lieutenant Milton Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Peterson, is expected home tonight from Fort Douglas, Utah, to recuperate from a surgical operation in which infection set in.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert C. Fowler expect to leave the latter part of the week for New York to be gone about two weeks. Mr. Fowler, who underwent an operation about three weeks ago, is greatly improved.

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