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By MELLIFICIA—Dec. 24.

Christmas "Giving" a Different Sort.

Is the Christmas spirit dead? We have heard so often in the weeks past, "There won't be any Christmas this year."

"Christmas" means "giving" and surely that has been done this year. Think of the men and women who have pushed their own affairs in the background and have worked night and day to make this great Red Cross campaign a success; think of the women who have cooked and sewed and planned that our soldiers at the front might not be forgotten on the great day; think of the numbers of women who have worked untiringly for months making surgical supplies that our fighting men might be saved.

There will not be so many gaily wrapped packages exchanged this year nor so many dainty greeting cards left at our doors by a burdened postman, but there is a warmer, deeper feeling of kinship among us all this year than ever before.

The Christmas spirit is here, it's everywhere! It's an epidemic, and we have all caught it! Watch the people on the streets, in the shops, everywhere you go and you will see it, it shines from their eyes and radiates from their smile.

Dickens' immortal Christmas carol always comes to our minds at this happy season and so I'll say with Tiny Tim, "God bless us, everyone!"

New Engagement Rings.

Interesting rumors come of two engagements. The two young women in question attended the University club dinner-dance Saturday evening and both wore their new engagement rings. One of the young women, who is of the petite brunette type, is a well-known society girl and her oldest brother's engagement announcement was made Sunday. Her fiance is an officer at the balloon school. The wedding will be postponed until after the war.

The other girl, who lives in the Field club district, is engaged to a former young business man of the city, who has recently enlisted in Uncle Sam's service. It is whispered that he will leave the city very soon for a training camp on the Pacific coast and the wedding plans will be delayed until after the war.

Engagement Announced.

Mrs. James P. English announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Margaret, to Richard D. O'Neill, the wedding to take place January 10 at 9 o'clock at St. Peter's church.

Miss English is the eldest of seven attractive daughters in the English family. She is a graduate of Sacred Heart academy and has been very active in various charitable organizations since her graduation. Mr. O'Neill is a prominent young business man of Omaha.

The wedding will be a very quiet one, with the relatives and intimate friends present.

Christmas Dinners.

Among those entertaining at dinner at the Blackstone Christmas day will be Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Milroy, who will have seven guests; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coit, who will entertain a party of six, and Mr. D. P. Benedict, who will entertain a party of 13 guests.

Flesch-Gross Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Anna Gross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gross, to Arnold Flesch, was solemnized last night at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, 2762 Burt street, by Rabbi Frederick Cohn.

Tea Dansant New Year.

Mrs. Clement Chase and Mrs. Waite Squier will give a tea dansant New Year's afternoon at the Chase home in honor of their daughters, Miss Helena Chase and Miss Katherine Squier. The party was formerly announced as a New Year's eve dancing party.

Dinner for Helen and Grace Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Smith will entertain at dinner at the Blackstone this evening in honor of their daughters, Miss Helen and Miss Grace Smith. The guests will be seated at small tables which will be without decoration as Mrs. Smith does not believe in elaborate decorations in war time. Thirty-five guests will be present at the affair and following the dinner will attend the dancing party given for Miss Mary Morsman and Miss Virginia Pixley at the Blackstone.

Chi Kang Club.

The Chi Kang club, composed of high school girls, will give a dancing party at Turpin's academy Friday evening.

Nurse Club to Give Dinner.

The Nurse club of Omaha will give a dance Friday night at Kepp's academy for the benefit of war nurses in France. The fund is to build huts for them and supply a few comforts during their rest periods.

A committee composed of the following nurses have charge of the dance:

- Messes: Jeane Goodman, H. L. Skaven, Lola Lewis, Mary Gill, Jennie Christensen, S. A. Perry, Elizabeth Grady, Anna Andrews.

Tobacco Flavor

Smokers will learn with interest that tobacco owes its flavor largely to the process of curing which the leaves undergo after being stripped from the plant. This process has generally been attributed to the action of bacteria, which have been found in considerable numbers on the dry leaves, or to that of ferments developed by the leaves themselves. Recently, however, it has been shown that the so-called fermentation of tobacco is simply a process of oxidation in which iron salts play an essential part as catalytic agents, without the intervention of either bacteria or ferments.

Numerous Family Reunions in Omaha Will Be Feature of Today

Numerous family reunions will take place in various homes today. Mrs. E. W. Nash will have a family dinner party. Mr. and Mrs. George Meyers and daughters, the Misses Barbeau, Esther and Mary Mathilde, arrived Friday to spend the week with Mrs. Nash and will be honor guests at the dinner party. Other out-of-town guests will include: Mr. and Mrs. Kremer Bain of Butte, Mont., and James Woodward of Round-Up, Mont. Twenty-six relatives of Mrs. Nash will gather about the Christmas board.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Congdon will entertain at a family dinner today. Christmas greens will decorate the table and covers will be laid for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert French of Baton Rouge, La., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forgan of New York, Miss Josephine Congdon, Master Edward Rogers, little Misses Martha Ann Rogers and Joan French and Mrs. J. R. Lehmer.

The C. C. Allison home will be the scene of a happy reunion today. Gathered around the family dinner table will be: John D. Creighton, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Creighton, Miss Ellen Creighton, Masters John, Edward and William J. Creighton, Mrs. F. A. Nash, Master F. A. Nash, Jr., Miss Emma Nash, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Daugherty, Edward Daugherty, George Daugherty, Miss Claire Daugherty, Master John Martin Daugherty, little Miss Mary Edith Daugherty, Miss Grace Allison, Mr. Charles Allison and W. J. Connelle.

Omahans Attend Four Conventions in One Week At the National Capital

Attending four national conventions in one week is the record made by two Omaha women, Mrs. C. J. Roberts and Mrs. William Berry, who are home from Washington, D. C., where they went as delegates to the national Women's Christian Temperance union convention.

When not at the temperance session Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Berry were in attendance at the national suffrage, Council of Women and Anti-Saloon league meetings. There was an anti-suffrage convention in Washington at the same time, but this meeting the women did not attend.

Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Berry were in the house of representatives when the whole Nebraska delegation voted "aye" on the temperance amendment. Mrs. Roberts visited in Baltimore en route home.

C. L. Samuelsons Announces Engagement of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Samuelson announced the engagement of their daughter, Lillie Wilhelmina, to Arthur W. Wahlstrom, at a dinner given Sunday night at which only relatives were present. No date has been set for the wedding.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanford Hoffert, jr., of St. Joseph, Mo., arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with friends and relatives in the city.

Mrs. Byron B. Oberst and two daughters of North Platte will spend the holidays with Mr. Oberst's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Oberst. Lieutenant Byron Oberst, who is stationed at Camp Cody, will be unable to reach home for Christmas.

Joseph V. Johnson, assistant cashier at the American State bank, leaves shortly after the first of the year to enter the officers' training camp at Fort Riley.

Lieutenant Commander N. W. Post, who is with the Atlantic fleet, will arrive Christmas morning to spend a few days with his family.

Miss Marjorie Menold arrived home Sunday morning from Bradford academy, Bradford, Mass.

Miss Erna Hadra left Thursday for Kansas City, where she will spend the holidays, returning January 2.

Miss Arline Abbott, Wilson Bryans, Willard Green and Talcott Carnaby are home from the state university for the holidays.

Jarvis Offutt, who is in the aviation branch of the service, expects to sail for France some time in January, as he has received his sailing orders.

Miss Mary Julia Crocker of San Francisco, who was to have returned home with Miss Olga Metz for the holidays, will not be able to come, as she has contracted the German measles and will be forced to stay in Chicago. Miss Metz, who has also had the disease, is much improved and will arrive home Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Baker of Chicago, formerly of Omaha, are spending the holidays with Mr. Baker's mother.

Lieutenant Everett Burke who is stationed at Camp Dodge is home for the holidays.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Winfield O. Shrum, also of Camp Dodge, arrived Monday morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Shrum's brother, Mr. Charles Gardner and Mrs. Gardner.

Omahans who are stopping at the Hotel Clark in Los Angeles are: W. H. Smith, Mrs. Madeline Krug, L. G. Beanland, Charles M. Dobson and F. W. Smith.

War May Hit Mulberries

The threat to the Lombardy plains recalls Addison's explanation why the inhabitants of northern Italy especially dreaded that these fertile lowlands should ever be a field of battle.

In that dire event, he tells us, the rows of white mulberry trees, which are notable features of the landscape, would be destroyed, and their destruction would spell ruin to many industries, says the London "Chronicle." For the leaves fed swarms of silkworms, and the trunks of the trees were props for the vines, and the spreading, umbrageous branches gave to the cornfields desired protection from the fierce heat of the summer sun. All which is as true today as two centuries ago.

Soliloquy of Modern Eve

Christmas is a great day or a mockery just as we individuals choose to make it.

By ADELAIDE KENNERLY.

THERE is but one way to enjoy Christmas, and that is the entirely unselfish way—thinking of others. The practice of giving presents, if for selfish or obligatory reason, is abominable and destroys the spirit that would probably find a little, or a great big, place in the hearts of most persons.

Christmas does not mean a day set apart on which to gorge oneself—a day on which to become a glutton and the day following, a grouch. Not Merely Horns and Holly.

Christmas doesn't mean merely a lot of horns and holly so often used as an excuse for hilarious conduct.

Christmas should not only be a happy day but a holy day. It should be filled with love—unselfish love—for the human kind. A love to permeate throughout the year.

Today we should be thankful that we are able to give so much to our boys in the trenches, to the great humane work, Red Cross.

Our Home Poor.

Our home poor should receive assistance—a "little from our spilling cup."

Above all things, send messages of love to all parts of the country and help to build the spirit of Christianity, truly and sincerely.

Christmas is a great day or a mockery, just as we individuals choose to make it, and we should be willing to take full responsibility for the outcome.

Honor Guests at Dancing Party



Mary Morsman Virginia Pixley

Miss Virginia Pixley and Miss Mary Morsman will be honor guests at a Christmas dancing party which will be given this evening by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Pixley and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Morsman, jr. The ball room will not be decorated as the party will be made as simple as possible and supper will be served in the Chinese room at small tables. Colonel and Mrs. Douglas Settle of Fort Crook will assist as will Colonel and Mrs. Louis Nuttman of Fort Riley, who are expected.

The out-of-town guests will be Miss Ellen Catlin of St. Paul, and Miss Betty Mitchell of Fort Riley, who are the holiday guests of Miss Pixley.

One hundred and twenty guests will attend the affair. Beside the school set there will be some of the debutante set and officers from the balloon school, who will be guests at the party. Among them will be Miss Virginia Offutt, Miss Esther Wilhelm, Lieutenants Philip Chase, David Hammond, Jarvis Offutt and George Stocking of Camp Dodge.

Temples in Japan

The choicest examples of the marvelous art crafts of Japan are to be seen in the temples founded by the shoguns of old Japan. An extensive traveler, visiting the sanctuaries of Shimba, remarks: "One is overwhelmed at each step by the richness of materials, the prodigality of the decoration, the fineness of details and the solemn magnificence of the entire spectacle."

Idols, or sacred images, as they are sometimes called, are much in evidence. Millions of sculptural Buddhas of all sizes, both wood and stone, embellish the buildings and the temple grounds.

There are today more than 200,000 sanctuaries, both Shinto and Buddhist, scattered up and down the island empire. There are 10,000 in and about Kyoto, once the sacred capital of Nippon.

For thousands of years it has been a Japanese custom to build a shrine by the roadside where the wayfarer may enter and refresh the soul. Here the rank and file go to pray and woo the favor of the gods. A priest dressed in a long robe of red silk conducts the service, preaching two short sermons for the edification of a handful of women, girls and old men.

In the large temples of the cities a company of priests in white, yellow and brown robes takes part in the services, regularly held on the 1st and 15th of the month, usually in the afternoon or evening, says an exchange. The opening hymns are sung, accompanied by flutes and other instruments. Of late years some of the Buddhist leaders have introduced the organ to aid them in making the temple music more pleasing and inspiring.

Do You Know—

The mountain regions of Cuba include many ridges and valleys of extremely fertile land, nearly all untouched, and existing practically as they did before the time of the Spaniards?

The two main ingredients in the manufacture of linoleum are cork and linseed oil, to which are added smaller quantities of kauri gum, resin and pigments of various kinds?

A Danish physician named Svindt, who has made many artificial legs out of paper mache is now making artificial feet out of paper pulp?

O, Boy of Yesterday

O, little lad of yesterday, O, boy who used to be, Who used to come at twilight and lean against my knee, Or snuggle close against my breast with drowsy little sigh, While I would sing the song you loved, the tree-top lullaby; You told me all your boyish joys, untouched by life's great fear, Your eyes were frank to meet my own, your laugh was sweet and clear; My kisses used to soothe and heal your fingers brused at play— But you have grown apart from me, O, boy of yesterday.

O, little lad of yesterday, O, boy who used to be, No more you come at twilight to lean against my knee; Your eyes have lost the dust of dreams, you pass my yearning hand, You do not tell your griefs to me—"I would not understand." You look into the face of life as though you were afraid, I cannot heal with kisses now the bruises time has made; You've locked the portals of your heart, and I must turn away, For you have grown apart from me, O, boy of yesterday.

—CAROLINE REYNOLDS.

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Christmas Games For Merry Folks

AFTER the Christmas dinner when the family is assembled from far and near, there is usually an hour or two of games. Most families include such mixed ages that the sole requirement of a good Christmas game is that it shall be easy and shall create mirth. The stunts and games described below all have these two qualifications; and in addition most of them can be done at a moment's notice.

A pleasant idea for seating guests at the Christmas dinner—instead of the usual place cards—is to hand each guest a slip of paper before he enters the dining room. Each slip of paper bears a line from "The Night Before Christmas," the hostess holding the first line. As she reads it, she takes her place; then the guest holding the second line takes the place at the hostess' right and so on, each succeeding line directing to the next place at the table. Of course care is taken in giving out the lines that the guests will occupy the places originally intended for them.

Easy Stunts. The guests, in twos, go through the following dialogue without smiling. If one smiles he must pay a forfeit. Two people, each carrying a lighted candle, solemnly approach each other from opposite ends of the room.

First speaker: The king of Hunky Bunky is defunct and dead. Second speaker: Alas, alas, alas, alas. How did his majesty? First speaker: Just so, just so, just so.

Second speaker: How sad, how sad, how sad. The speakers then bow away from each other bowing as they go.

The Song Stunt. Someone plays a familiar song on the piano, for instance "Dixie." Then the company sings the song, each person singing one word. The first person sings "I," the next, "wish," the next "I," and so on. If anyone makes a mistake either in word or tune he must drop out and the object is to see who can stay in the game longest.

The Parliamentary Speech. One leader starts a speech on, say, "Suffrage," for instance, and he has to be watched very closely; for when he throws out his left hand, in gesticulation, all must shout "Hear! hear!" and when he throws out his right hand, his hearers clap their hands. When he throws out both hands, his hearers both clap and cheer. If a listener makes a mistake with the cheering or clapping, that listener must make the next speech.

Christmas Races. The company is divided into two groups, each of which forms a line. To the leaders are given baskets of apples, and to the people at the ends of the lines are given empty baskets. The object is to see which side can send all the apples down the line into the empty basket first. But if an apple is fumbled, it must be returned to the head of the line and started down again.

Hoop Race—The company is divided as for the apple passing race. To each leader is given a large hoop wound with Christmas colors. The leader holds the hoop above his head then drops it over his body in such a way that it does not touch the person. If it does touch, he must start over again. Each person in succession does the same thing with the hoop, and the object is to see which line can send the hoop down first.

A Nonsense Track Meet. The company may be divided into two groups for a mother nature track meet. In each contest a person from one side is pitted against a contestant from the opposite side. If there is plenty of time, each person may take part in each stunt; but it is possible to have just two people do each separate part.

1. The Grasshopper Race—Who can make quickest time hopping across the floor on one foot. 2. Bumblebee Contest—Who can say B-z-z-z-z longest without drawing a breath. 3. Pig-rooting Contest—Who first can push a tennis ball across the room with his forehead. 4. Weeding the Flower Beds—Who can pick the most black beans from a bowl full of red, white and black ones, in a given time. 5. The Cross-Cockatoo Contest—Who can keep longest from smiling. 6. Ant Hill Building Contest—Who can be the speediest in putting small shot into a bottle without spilling any. 7. Catching Fireflies—Who can blow out the most candles at one breath. 8. The Heron Contest—Who can stand on one foot on a small footstool and keep his balance the longest. 9. The Nibbling-Mouse Contest—Who, by tasting, can guess most of the following ingredients: Salt, powdered sugar, cornstarch, borax, flour, soda.

Little Tots' Birthday Book Seven Years Old Tomorrow (Dec. 26) Name School. Lohse, Gale Windsor. Bonacorso, Sena Pacific. Moore, Harold Walter Saunders. Lavine, Axis Pauline Clifton Hill.

Eight Years Old Tomorrow: Polifka, Helen Lincoln. Moyer, Stewart Long. Sweigard, Amelia West Side. Pivonka, Zdenka Comenius. Winans, Marie Hawthorne. Lyon, J. Stevens Franklin. Tolrn, Joseph Holy Family. Lazaranitch, Mollie West Side. Edmunds, James M. Central Park. Bosanck, Charles Lincoln.

Nine Years Old Tomorrow: Isard, Harold Druid Hill. Heavrin, Ralph So. Lincoln.

Eggs a la Creole

- 1 can tomatoes, 1 small stalk of celery, 1 Bermuda onion, 1 tablespoonful chopped chives, clove of garlic, green pepper, 1/2 teaspoonful of salt.

Chop the onion and celery together with the pepper and put them into a stew pan with the tomatoes. Cut the clove of garlic in half, tie it up in cheesecloth and add, letting the sauce simmer for at least half an hour. Then add the salt and the chives. Toast a full slice of bread for each egg and then heat a batter-cake griddle as you would for breakfast cakes. Merely wipe the griddle well with a greasy cloth and break the eggs in it. They will cook almost exactly like batter cakes and when they have bubbled up, turn them for an instant to keep the yolk whole. Put one on each piece of toast, browned side up, and cover all the eggs with Creole sauce. A dash of paprika adds to the flavor.

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