

SOCIETY



Nebraska Folks In Washington Are Active

Many Are Helping on Housing Committee for Newcomers.

(By Staff Correspondent)
THE colony of Nebraskans in Washington is constantly increasing, the chancellor of the University of Nebraska and Mrs. Avery being house guests. Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, superintendent of playgrounds of the District of Columbia and formerly a school teacher in the Omaha public schools, Chancellor Avery is chief technical adviser in the chemical division of the war board and is now on a trip to Canada examining into the question of explosives.

The Lenten season, inaugurated Wednesday, will see little less activity among society people, as they are all so busy with war work and housing propositions that they have had little time for teas and real festivities. Tea drinking, however, is fast becoming a national habit in the east and middle west. Washingtonians are acquiring it because they feel it a necessity. Everybody is at work—real work—and when four-thirty in the afternoon arrives, and it is still two hours or more until dinner, the tea room is the most enticing spot in the world. Therefore Washington is a tea-drinking community just now. The cup of fragrant beverage, with a dainty sandwich or tea cake, is very grateful after many hours' work, and preceding perhaps a long ride or a long walk, for nearly everybody lives far uptown in these crowded days.

Folks from Home

Representative Lobeck has been joined here by Mrs. Lobeck and Miss Marguerite Lobeck. Mrs. Lobeck's mother, Mrs. Cook, is also with them at the Winston. They are expecting a visit soon from Mr. and Mrs. Lobeck's other daughter, Mrs. Raymond G. Young of Omaha.

Representative Stephens and his family are at 1645 Newton street this winter. Major M. O. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert are settled here for the remainder of the winter. Major Gilbert has been made one of the assistant judge advocates in the War department.

Mr. Herbert Daniel, custodian of the alien enemy property, has Mrs. Daniel with him now and they are renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

Mrs. Russell Harrison had a short visit this week from Mrs. James Robert McKee of New York, her sister-in-law. Mrs. McKee spent a few days here on her way to Palm Beach for a two-months' stay. Mrs. McKee has been very active in the work of the Militia of Mercy of New York, who take care of the families of the sailors and marines. Mrs. McKee is treasurer of the organization of which Mrs. John Hays Hammond was president and recently resigned.

Workers

Representative and Mrs. Shallenberger are at Congress Hall for the season, and have their two daughters, Miss Shallenberger and Miss Dorothy Shallenberger, with them. They have all been active in the ladies' housing committee of the Nebraska association in finding abiding places for new clerks organized to help.

Pierce-Moulthrop.

A pretty home wedding took place Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. C. H. Moulthrop, 2332 North Sixtieth avenue, when his only daughter, Miss Irene, was married to Mr. Loyd C. Pierce of Omaha. Rev. John Calvert of the Methodist church performed the ceremony. The bride wore white satin and tulle and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. The color scheme of the decorations and dress was pink and white. Mr. Harold Pierce attended the bridegroom; Miss Ellen Erickson, dressed in pink, was the bride's attendant. Misses Madeline Gross and Gladys Titzel, dressed in white, were ribbon stretchers. Miss Mildred Titzel played the wedding march and Miss Elizabeth Coffman sang "At Dawning" and "To Thee." A reception for about 40 guests followed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce will be at home at 2470 Laurel avenue, Omaha.

Omaha Girls in France.

Miss Louise Dinning and Mrs. Charles Turner, who have been in France since July, have recently spent a week or two at Nice enjoying a vacation and rest from their work, the former as a nurse's aid at the American hospital at Neuilly and the latter at a certain one of the American army headquarters near Paris. Miss Dinning may join the hospital unit with which she went over last summer, and which is now established in Belgium.



Mrs. E. A. Higgins
Rinehart-Steffens
Photo

Mrs. E. A. Higgins is one of Omaha's most charming young matrons. She is an active Red Cross worker, her activity being centered on the work at the warehouse. Mrs. Higgins is petite and blonde.

Lent is Clutching at Society's Coat Sleeve

By MELLIFICIA

EVERY week we must chat for a while about the social doings of our town, but with Lent clutching at our coat sleeves and Easter and her charming sister, Spring, several weeks away, society is not so hot. However, the gladness spring is surely just around the corner for those cheery harbingers, the daffodils, are blooming in profusion in the florist's windows. The centerpiece for the luncheon tables are now always spring flowers, a large number of the young girls are wearing their straw chapeaux, and with all these signs the long winter must be nearly over.

Miss Mabel Allen's guest, Miss Alice Pelzer, who comes from the sunny south, has been a very popular visitor. Every day of her stay so far has been filled with affairs for her. Miss Allen entertained informally at bridge Tuesday evening. Wednesday she shared the honors with Miss Nan Barrett at a delightful tea given by Mrs. Earl Purkett. Miss Allen invited seventy-five of her friends in for a cup of tea Friday and a bit of a chat with the southern visitor, and Saturday

the Misses Helen and Dorothy Smith were hostesses at a luncheon for her. Although our climate may be cold, our hearts are warm, and the younger set will regretfully say goodbye to the little lady from Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Canfield, who are at the Blackstone for a short stay, have been honor guests at a number of parties during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kountze entertained at dinner at their home Monday, followed by a party at the Orpheum on a supper at Fontenelle. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Fairfield made up the rest of the party. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin entertained at dinner in their honor Friday evening, and Saturday a dinner party was given by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Fairfield.

Miss Nan Barrett, whose marriage to Mr. Jack Hughes will take place February 28, has changed her wedding plans. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's parents instead of at St. Andrew's Episcopal church, as formerly planned. An informal wedding breakfast will be given after the ceremony and the reception will be omitted. Mrs. Edward Leary will attend the bride, but Lieutenant Paul Mueller, who was to have been best man, will be unable to attend, as he has gone to Washington on service orders. Mrs. Eugene Duval will entertain at a handkerchief shower for Miss Barrett Tuesday, and Thursday Mrs. Harold Thomas will entertain at an afternoon tea.

Washington Birthday Dinner.

Arthur P. Guioi, president of the Omaha club, has sent out notices to members of the annual Washington birthday dinner at the club on next Friday, when Congressman Dan V. Stephens of Nebraska and Hon. R. R. Brewster of Kansas City will address the members on topics related to the war, and many army officers will be guests of the club.

Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock, and acceptances must be in not less than 24 hours in advance.

Movie Party.

Mrs. H. M. Thomas entertained a box party at the Strand theater Friday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. A. A. Watts, Mrs. Gerald Akers,

Mrs. Lyne Kilgore, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. C. E. Bronson, Mrs. Charles Steiken and Mrs. R. C. Fadden.

Military Dinner.

Mr. M. C. Peters entertained at dinner at his home last Saturday evening in honor of Colonel Douglas Settle of Fort Crook. The table was military in its decorations, flags, soldiers and cannon playing an important part, and the guests included Colonel Settle, Colonel F. A. Grant, Major Robert Hamilton, Major Stern, Major Frith, Everett Buckingham, Ward Burgess, Frank Judson, George C. Smith, E. P. Peck, C. S. Montgomery, A. J. Love, C. N. Robinson, Frank Hamilton and Ralph Peters.

Old People's Home Benefit.

For the benefit of the Jewish Old People's home a dance will be given tonight at the Auditorium.

Abandon Colonial Tea.

Major Isaac Sadler chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has abandoned plans for its annual colonial tea on Washington's birthday. The members attended in a body the

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- MONDAY—**
Dinner given by chapter BS, P. E. O., at the Blackstone, followed by evening party at the home of Mrs. E. H. Luikhart.
Luncheon and tea given at the Fontenelle in honor of John Masefield by the Fine Arts society.
Luncheon for Dr. Owen Lovejoy given at the Fontenelle.
- TUESDAY—**
Handkerchief shower for Miss Nan Barrett, Mrs. Eugene Duval, hostess.
Card party given by the women of the Holy Angels parish at their hall.
- WEDNESDAY—**
Subscription dance at the Prettiest Mile club.
Wellesley club meeting, Mrs. J. C. McClure, hostess.
- THURSDAY—**
Afternoon tea for Miss Nan Barrett, Mrs. Harold Thomas, hostess.
- FRIDAY—**
Dinner party at the Blackstone given by Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Alldredge.
- SATURDAY—**
Qui Vive club dancing party at Turpin's academy.
Dinner-dance at the Prettiest Mile club.

Live and Laugh with Gabby Detayls Today-- Tomorrow We May Cry

By GABBY DETAYLS.

SAD THOUGH IT IS, we must report that another young woman who resides in Dundee has contracted that engagement disease. Doctor Cupid reported the case to Gabby the other day. The girl is one of the prettiest girls in town, a lovely blonde with a most charming way. The man is in the service and we will even go so far as to say that his picture is in the window of one of our large stores right this minute. We will go even farther—the girl was the "belle of the ball" dressed in a Red Cross nurse's costume at a Red Cross ball given in the city about two years ago. It would be a stupid person who could not guess the young woman's identity after all these broad hints!

WHEN the conversation discussion reached the point where no deliveries of foodstuffs seemed imminent, a well-known Omaha matron told her grocer, near Thirty-sixth and Farnam, that if such a thing came to pass he would lose her patronage.

"I shall trade at a store on Leavenworth street," she announced.

When the tradesman queried "Why?" she looked at him in amazement.

"You don't suppose I would carry

patriotic Lincoln program at the Auditorium last week.

Patriotic Party.

A party was given Friday evening by the seniors at the University of Omaha in the chapel hall. Patriotic decorations were used and progressive card games were played. Sam Slotky, an alumnus of the school, now in the United States navy, was an honor guest at the affair. Seventy-five students were present.

Army Notes.

Lieutenant E. T. Ferguson, who left Fort Omaha with the second balloon squadron, now in France was prevented from sailing with it by an attack of appendicitis after he reached New York, and after recovering was ordered back here and arrived last week. He is at the Fontenelle awaiting assignment.

Lieutenant John Hanighen was ordered from Fort Morgan, Ala., last week to duty at Pascagoula Bay, Miss., in command of a detachment of 50 men of the coast artillery.

Lieutenant Victor Caldwell, who is an officer in the Fifth squadron under orders to leave Fort Omaha at any time, will be retained here, according to a change of orders received last Saturday.

Lieutenant Paul Mueller and Lieutenant Smith of the Fifth squadron, received orders Thursday, calling them to Washington, D. C., for duty with the other officers of the Fifth, and they left Thursday evening.

The Rev. Lloyd Holsapple, rector of St. Barnabas for three years, has accepted one of the volunteer chaplaincies in the army which he was offered by the war committee of the Episcopal church. However, since wiring his acceptance, he has received no further instructions and is waiting orders.

Lieutenant Tupper Wyman has gone from Camp Coffey to Fort Sill, where he has been transferred to the aviation corps.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Philip Metz are at the New Willard in Washington, where he is on duty in the paymaster's department.

Mrs. Smith's Party.

Mrs. Arthur Crittenden Smith will have in her party at the Auditorium February 20 Colonel and Mrs. Douglas Settle and Dr. and Mrs. Goodrich. "A Day of Military Life" will be the attraction.

St. Valentine Party.

The Misses Delphe and Edna Nelson entertained 30 guests at a Valentine party Friday evening at their home, 3191 Meredith avenue.

any packages past the Blackstone hotel, do you?"
The woman to whom the story was told wonders whether every occupant or just a few in the big apartment hotel watch from their windows to note the passings of the person whom the story concerns.

SOLDIER boys at Fort Omaha and Fort Crook are "fighting" for the "Maud May" sweaters, as the beautiful sweaters knitted by Miss L. Maud May of Fremont, Neb., have been dubbed. Miss May sends the sweaters in packets of one dozen each, the knitting being done in a distinctive fashion.

Mrs. H. E. Newbranch, who analyzed the knitting, said the stitch was accomplished by "knitting one, purling one, then taking the stitch off on the wrong side of the needle."

Miss May furnishes all the yarn herself and attaches her card to the sweater.

RICHARD HILLER, 5 years old, doesn't understand the United States army system of promotions and doesn't hesitate to say so.

Little Richard heard the family discussing the promotion of his uncle, Morton Hiller, from second to first lieutenant at Camp Dodge.

"How is it, mother, that they made Uncle Morton second lieutenant first, and first lieutenant second? I should think he would be first lieutenant first and second lieutenant second. I call that a fine army!" interposed the 5-year-old.

FRENCHMEN have always been fascinating, but since France is now our ally and close friend, they have become more alluring than ever.

At a meeting of the L'Alliance Francaise the other evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Offutt there was a very debonair little man in the company who spoke with a very delightful French accent. All the girls hovered around him and vied with each other for his smiles and glances. Finally one of the young women asked him where he was stopping while in the city.

"At ze Fontenelle—I am ze pastry cook!" the "lion" replied. Oh, girls, beware, all is not gold that glitters!

COMMISSIONER JARDINE made a resolution Wednesday. He resolved never to hand out any money but the exact change when charitably-inclined ladies approached him to buy tickets.

Two women attended a council meeting to sell tickets for an old people's benefit dance at the Auditorium. Mr. Jardine handed the women a \$5 bill (the tickets are \$1) and was blandly informed there was "no change."

MR. BUMBLE BEE GROH, the versatile and witty young newspaper scribe, received a Valentine this week. We must tell you that the sentiment on the said Valentine was decidedly "mushy." Mr. Groh, who claims to be a confirmed bachelor, denies all knowledge of the sender, but Gabby has had her eyes open and she has her own thoughts on the subject.

"CALL in the chairman of vice."

This order given by an official in Red Cross state headquarters one day last week nearly threw one of the out-of-town callers into a panic.

Mrs. A. L. Reed was the woman who came forward in reply to the call. Mrs. Reed was named vice chairman of the woman's service bureau to assist Mrs. Charles T. Kountze. Facetiously some one dubbed her "chairman of vice."

DON'T you love these fellows who go to a show and then tell you about it? Few of them, however, are as frank as one young Omaha man.

"Have you seen the Orpheum this week?" he asked a girl of his acquaintance.

"No, I haven't," she replied.

"Well, you go so we can talk about it," said the unabashed young man.