

Society

Nebraskans Who Whirl in Capital City's Society

Nebraska Women's Club Formally Organized to Help Women and Girls Who Go to Capital

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—There are no busier women in all Washington than Nebraska women. They do little else but war work, and this is now concentrated upon women having knitted themselves almost into nervous prostration for soldiers and sailors.

There is a great army of women and girls who have come from all parts of the country, to take positions in the extra work attendant upon the conditions of today. The Congressional club, composed of the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of representatives and senators, conceived the idea a few weeks ago of organizing into state groups for the protection and aid of these new-comers.

Last week there were 20 of the Nebraska women, wives of the members of the delegation in congress and some of the residents of Washington, originally Nebraskans, met in the office of Representative Shallenberger and formally organized into the Nebraska Women's Washington club.

Will Locate Girls.

Every effort is being made to locate women and girls who have come here from that state and plans have already been made for a tea for them, at which they may meet the wives of the members of the delegation and other women worth while who are interested in the same work. It will be given on Saturday afternoon, March 2.

Mrs. George W. Norris, wife of the senator from Nebraska, is the president of the club; Mrs. C. Frank Reavis, wife of the representative from Falls City, Neb., vice president, and Mrs. John L. McGrew, wife of a resident of the state, is the secretary. The next meeting will be held in the office of Senator Norris in the senate building next Tuesday, when the members will report to each other the names of all women and girls they have been able to locate.

Mrs. Harrison's Tea.

Mrs. Russell B. Harrison had a pretty and interesting tea on Friday afternoon of last week, in her handsome apartment at 1868 Columbia Road. She asked only Nebraska women outside the congressional circle, who are staying temporarily in Washington. Mr. Charles Saunders arrived from Omaha just in time to be the lion of the occasion. He will spend some time with his mother and sister. Mrs. Charles Green of Omaha poured tea for Mrs. Harrison and there were something over a dozen women in the company. Mrs. Alvin Saunders, mother of the hostess, was quite the guest of honor. She has recovered from a slight illness.

The chancellor of the state university of Nebraska and Mrs. Avery who have recently come to Washington for an indefinite stay, are with Mrs. Root Rhodes, prominent in all civic and philanthropic work in Washington.

Smart Set Doings.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison of Lincoln are recent arrivals and are settled at 112 New York avenue.

Miss Grace Shallenberger, daughter of the representative from Alva, will have as her guest for a time Miss Jess Killian of Wahoo, who arrived this week. The Shallenbergers are at Congress hall, which has a real colony of congressional people.

The speaker and Mrs. Champ Clark have been here for many years, with several interruptions when they spent a winter or so now and then in a house in Washington and at several other places the last two summers, where women and girls are taught military tactics and Red Cross work.

Mrs. Russell Harrison entertained a dinner company of young people for her son, William Henry Harrison, last night.

Mrs. Victor B. Caldwell left Thursday for Jacksonville, Fla., to see her on and his wife, Lieutenant and Mrs. John Caldwell, the former having been at the quartermaster training school there since December.

Mrs. Lee Huff
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Mrs. Lee Huff is vice chairman to Mrs. Frank W. Carmichael in the Red Cross public workshop. Here Mrs. Huff's business experience, for she was associated with her husband in the automobile business for six years, is particularly valuable, for the public shop has many workers and a great output of hospital supplies each week.

Mrs. Huff was one of the many patriotic women who adopted the war-time custom of giving no Christmas gifts to friends, but many to the soldiers. She sent a great number of Christmas packets weighing seven pounds each to our soldier boys at the front. Not long ago she received two "Thank you" notes. One was from Captain J. C. Foster of the Seventh company, United States Marines, who had given one of Mrs. Huff's packets to a very young soldier who otherwise would have had no Christmas.

The other letter was from Major G. A. Edmonds of the official quartermaster's department, American expeditionary forces. "If you could have seen the joy on the boys' faces it would have repaid you for your efforts to make the soldiers' Christmas a happy one," wrote the major.

Mrs. Huff gives Monday and Friday and part of each other day in the week to service in the public workshop.

It Was Ever Thus With Men and Maids and Military Life

By MELLIFICIA.

THE interest of the younger men and maids centers around the wedding of Miss Nan Barrett and Mr. Jack Hughes, which will take place Thursday morning at the home of the bride. In keeping with the Lenten season it will be a quiet home affair, but it will be a most charming wedding, you may be sure. Little Miss Barrett will make a lovely bride and we have it all "visioned" out in our minds just how pretty the wedding will be. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barrett will entertain at dinner at their home Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Barrett and her fiancé. Every day this week has been filled with affairs for the popular bride-elect.

Prof. Fling "No Pink Tea Lecturer" Comes To Omaha Friday

"Alsace-Lorraine" will be the first of "Problems of the Peace Settlement" Prof. F. M. Fling will discuss in his lecture Friday at 8:15 o'clock in the court house. This is one of a series to be given under the auspices of the Equal Franchise society.

Prof. Fling is head of the department of European history, University of Nebraska, and is a recognized authority on problems of the war.

Prof. Fling has the further distinction in Omaha of being about the only lecturer who draws large numbers of men to his talks.

The professor is no "pink-tea lecturer," as one of his admirers expressed it.

English Woman Will Lecture for the Vassar Club Monday

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State Conference of N. L. for W. S. in Omaha Thursday

The first state conference of the National League for Woman's Service will be held in Omaha Thursday with three national officers, who are in Kansas City this week for the national meeting, in attendance. They are Miss Grace Parker of New York, commandant; Miss Maud Wetmore of Rhode Island, chairman, and Mrs. Coffin Van Rensselaer of New York, a director. Mrs. J. Langworthy Taylor of Lincoln, state chairman, will also be here.

There will be a business conference of the visitors with board members in the morning in the league's rooms in the court house; a large luncheon at the Fontenelle at 1 o'clock, for which reservations are being taken by Mrs. L. J. Healey, and an open meeting in the afternoon in the Fontenelle ball room.

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Winter Dancing Club.

The Winter Dancing club will give its last party Saturday evening at Harte hall. Sixteen of the members of the club are now in the service of Uncle Sam, and so at the closing party every member may ask another

man and a girl to make up the deficiency of those who are gone. Service flags for the men in khaki will decorate the hall and the music will be of a patriotic character. A number of Fort Omaha officers and cadets have been invited, so that the

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

MONDAY—Luncheon for Miss Helen Fraser given by the Vassar club at the Omaha club.

TUESDAY—Afternoon card party given by Vesta chapter at New Masonic temple.

WEDNESDAY—Dinner given for Hughes-Barrett bridal party by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barrett. Parties for Bauer concert at Boyd theater. Card party at the Prettiest Mile club. Comus club, Mrs. George Morris, hostess.

THURSDAY—Hughes-Barrett wedding at the home of the bride's parents. Original Cooking club, Mrs. Moshier Colpetzer, hostess. Cinosam Dancing club party at the Scottish Rite cathedral. Luncheon at the Fontenelle given by the National League for Woman's Service.

SATURDAY—Formal dancing party given by the Winter Dancing club at Harte hall. Dinner-dance at the Prettiest Mile club.

Gabby Detayls Sees Only the Humor of Every Situation

By GABBY DETAYLS.

"ARE you going to work in the warehouse on Washington's birthday?" came the voice of a woman worker over the telephone.

Mrs. Howard Baldrige, state censor in the Red Cross inspection warehouse, one day last week.

"Do you think the kaiser will lay off just because it is Washington's birthday?" countered Mrs. Baldrige.

"Well, then, I think we will not let up on the work."

The Baldrige family is enlisted 100 per cent against the German foe. Mrs. Baldrige gives her entire time to Red Cross work. Mr. Baldrige made speeches all over the state in the war savings certificate campaign and their son, Malcolm Baldrige, is now getting ready to go across the water.

"The kaiser hasn't a ghost of a chance with all three of us after him," the young captain wrote his parents in a recent letter.

A DOTING relative presented little Margaret Thomas, niece of our "City Ed," with one of the new knitted sweater blouses. Margaret immediately began to beg permission of her mother to wear the new blouse to school and did not desist until her mother asked her:

"Margaret, why are you so eager to wear it to school?"

"Well, you know, mother, teacher doesn't let the children wear their sweaters in the school room, so she will say: 'Margaret, take off your sweater.'"

"Then I will say 'it isn't a sweater, it's a middy blouse, teacher,'" replied the kindergartner.

CENTRAL High school students are in a quandary. They love their teachers so it's hard for them to decide in which one to place their confidence when it comes to a matter of choice between two of them.

Miss Jessie Towne, head of the English department, and Miss Susan Paxson, head of the Latin department, are the principals in this story.

Miss Paxson told her Latin classes 60 per cent of the words in the English language are derived from the Latin. Miss Towne told the same students in their English classes that 99 per cent of the words in the English language are derived from the Anglo-Saxon.

Help! Who will referee this high-brow argument?

SPECIAL bulletin from headquarters of General Dan Cupid:

A most charming girl, right under our very noses, is even now planning just how the white satin gown will be fashioned and whether the white chiffon mist commonly known as a veil will be long or short. She is a very pretty blonde and he is one of our most popular bachelors. Gabby is going to let you guess the rest this time for these are war times; and these special bulletins are always censored.

ONE mudday day last week little Thomas Austin came into his home with 10 or a dozen boys trailing after him. A more bedraggled

lot of youngsters never climbed the steps of any house. They evidently had sham battles or real battles in the mud.

"Thomas," said Mrs. Austin, "why do you bring all those dirty children into the house?"

"Aw, well, we gotta play, don't we?" said little Tommy in self-defense.

"But why bring that little colored boy?"

"Why, mother, he is the best fighter in the whole school," defiantly announced the juvenile leader.

Now Mrs. Austin knows that every cloud has a silver lining somewhere.

AT THE Masfield lecture on the "horrors of war" and the suffering of people who now merely exist in the war-ridden nations of Europe two prominent women of Omaha sat staring at each other. Finally in desperation one said to the other: "You have a hat almost exactly like my last spring hat."

"Well," said Mrs. Party-of-the-Second-Part, "looks to me like you had one like my last spring hat."

Timidly breathed the Lady-of-the-First-Part: "I got this at the White Elephant sale and fixed it a little."

"It was mine," laughed the Lady-of-the-Second-Part.

So they agreed that during these days of H. C. L. and conservation it would be all right and patriotic for society folks et al to give and buy at White Elephant sales.

ONE of Omaha's "beautiful blond" matrons whose sense of humor is as keen as her wits has decided to come down to earth and quit trying to put on airs.

A new Bohemian servant was employed. Said our brown-eyed, gold-en-haired matron: "You must dress in uniform. Here is your black dress and white cap-apron suit. When the door bell rings take this tray, present it to the caller and bring it to me."

In an hour the door bell rang. The maid took the tray, opened the door and presented her mistress with a caller's card. A quick glance for madam disclosed the fact that the maid was ununiformed, but her feet were very large and bare.

"What's the use to be swell anyhow," said our friend, who has decided that her natural charm will take her farther than any pose.

JUDGE BRYCE CRAWFORD is the champion man knitter of the state, his friends assert. They are even willing to arrange a knitting contest between him and Judge Curtis L. Day of Pender, who has ambitions along the knitting line.

The Omaha legal light's friends would bet money on him, because so far Judge Day has only knit a muffler, while Judge Crawford knits socks, an infinitely more difficult task.

Judge Crawford has but one fault to find with the soothing pastime. That is that he can't talk and purr at the same time. Whenever it is very quiet in the house the family knows that the judge is busy at his knitting.