

# Society



Mrs. A. C. Stokes  
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Mrs. Alanson  
I. Root with  
Frank and Chester  
Rinehart-Steffens Photo



Ruth  
Gordon  
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## Bits of Humor In All Busy Red Cross Circles

Gabby Hears Interesting  
Little Tales as She  
Flits About the War  
Relief Quarters

By GABBY DETAYLS.

RED CROSS has become first thought, second nature and sixth sense to Omaha women, so much so that they who formerly led the fashions now wear their fur hats long after the historic first robin has built and furnished its nest.

Mrs. O. C. Redick is a shining example of this careless though patriotic abandon to fashion. Indeed she might even yet be wearing a moleskin turban but for a chance meeting.

To add spice to the story, it all happened on a Sunday. Mrs. Redick arrived at the Baird building to superintend the moving of her desk to the new Masonic temple. She chanced to see a milliner entering a neighboring hat shop with arms laden with the very latest arrivals in Easter chapeaux.

The chairman of Red Cross supplies and auxiliary formation hadn't been in a store since Christmas, so the thought really hadn't occurred to her that the straw hat season was upon us. She lay aside the milliner, remembering that blue is her favorite color, she immediately selected a model in that shade and wore it home, Sunday and all.

GABBY has found out a little something that she's been wondering about. Perhaps you've wanted to know yourself.

It's the reason why the Red Crossers are so awfully fond of that billous shade of green oil cloth which shrieks at you from the table tops in the new rooms in the Masonic temple. They used to have it on the tables in the state instruction room in the Baird building.

The answer is that it's the cheapest and most plentiful because nobody will buy it. The quality is even better than that in a sanitary white or a lovely resful green. They are going to acquire awnings after while and then the glare won't be so hard on the eyesight.

"CONDUCT unbecoming an officer" is a very common expression in army circles. But it remains for a very conceited young chap who had just received his commission to introduce something new in the dignity line. The young man is well known in Omaha and he received his bars at Fort Snelling. His lady love lives here, too, and imagine the poor girl's feelings when Lieutenant So-and-so informed her that he could not kiss her as often as he had before, owing to the dignity of his new position.

"I RAN into a case of meningitis today," Dr. Hollister was telling his wife the other day, in the presence of their small son, Russell, 4 years old.

"O, father, why didn't you stop the car?" exclaimed the youngster.

His parents laughed, but when the doctor was called out of the room, little Russell approached his mother and asked with bated breath:

"Mother, did father kill the man?"

GOULD DIETZ has the proverbial three hands. A right hand, a left hand a little behind hand. Mrs. Dietz was entertaining the other evening. Dinner was to be served at 7 o'clock. The guests arrived, but no Mr. Dietz. The tall clock in the corner boomed out seven, the consommé was growing cold, and—Mrs. Dietz was growing anxious.

A telephone call brought no clue of the missing Mr. Dietz, but, finally, at 20 minutes after 7 the lord

## Social Calendar

- Monday—  
Matinee party for Mrs. I. L. Longworth, Mrs. George Lamoreaux, hostess.  
Luncheon for Mary Boyle O'Reilly, given by Omaha Woman's Press club at Fontenelle.  
Luncheon and matinee party for Miss Helen Van Dusen, Miss Elsie Storz, hostess.
- Tuesday—  
Dinner given by directors of Omaha National bank at Blackstone.
- Wednesday—  
Card party at Prettiest Mile club.
- Thursday—  
Cinemas Dancing club at Scottish Rite cathedral.
- Friday—  
Subscription dance given by Unitarian club.
- Saturday—Subscription dance at Prettiest Mile club.  
Harmony club dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harding and Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Pollard.

and master arrived, unruffled and unperturbed.

He forgot, that was all, and it was Mrs. Dietz's birthday, too!

MRS. GEORGE MCINTYRE has taught her 3-year-old daughter, Mollie, to say her prayers, but has been troubled by the fact that Mollie persisted in saying her prayers to her mother instead of addressing them to God.

One night Mrs. McIntyre decided she would leave the room when her little girl was about to say her prayers and then see what little Mollie would do.

"To whom did you say your prayers, Mollie?" she asked.

"To Hoover," replied the little maid nonchalantly.

Her older brothers had teased Mollie, telling her that "Hoover" get you" because she ate only the soft part of her bread and always left the crust.

Her childish mind conceived the idea of placating Mr. Hoover by saying her prayers to him.

A "FOR RENT" sign in the windows of the Red Cross public workshop in the Keeline building caused Gabby to stop still in her tracks, for Gabby labors for the soldiers in the shop Tuesday evening and would hate to think of the shop moving away.

So she stopped in and asked Mrs. Lee Huff if the shop was to move.

Then Mrs. Huff told her the secret. The agent for the building rents it to the Red Cross at a reduced rental, but with the understanding that the Red Crossers must vacate if the opportunity for him to rent at more money offered itself.

"Every morning the agent rings out the 'for rent' sign and right after he leaves we take it down. We just forgot to take it down today," Mrs. Huff explained.

## Capital Society Will Entertain New Members of Diplomatic Corps

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WASHINGTON'S spring season promises to be an unprecedented one for society, with weddings, benefit balls and dinners for new members of the diplomatic corps, such as the British ambassador and Lady Reading; the new minister from the Netherlands and Mme. Auguste Philips; the new minister from Paraguay and Mme. Gondra, and the new minister and Mme. Lopez.

The vice president and Mrs. Marshall and the secretary of state and Mrs. Lansing are back again from their visits in the south, and the first named are off again this week-end for a visit westward.

Senator and Mrs. Norris have settled again into their routine, the latter in her active work in the housing of the Nebraska young women here for the war period and for Red Cross work, after the wedding of her daughter, Marian, and Lieutenant Harvey Nelson of Omaha. The young people are on their way to the former's post of duty at Camp Dodge, Iowa. He is due to go to France shortly, and then Mrs. Nelson will return here to spend the time of his absence with her parents.

Mrs. Russell B. Harrison has as her guest her cousin, Mrs. George Moore of Indianapolis, who arrived Friday, to spend a month or more with her. Mrs. Harrison's brother, Mr. Charles Saunders, has returned to his home in Omaha after two months in Washington, and a week's visit to Norfolk with his niece, Mrs. Harry A. Williams, jr., and her family of three little girls. He showed a keen delight in the society of his three tiny nieces, Sally Ann, Mary Jane and Marthana, named for her own great

grandmother, Mrs. Alvin Saunders, who is spending the winter with Mrs. Harrison.

**Omahans in Capital.**

Mrs. Frank Bacon of Omaha, who has been in Washington, left this week to return to her home.

Mrs. T. F. Kennedy of Omaha is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Kalk, who has an apartment this winter in the Balfour. Mrs. Kalk and Mrs. Kennedy are daughters of the late General Stanton, who was well known in Omaha for many years. Mrs. Kalk's recent bereavement has placed the family in deep mourning. Her son was lost on the Jacob Jones.

Miss Claire Helene Woodard, daughter of the assistant postmaster of Omaha, who has been the guest for ten days of Judge and Mrs. Constantine J. Smyth, left Wednesday for New York to visit her aunt, Mrs. E. W. Nash. Miss Frances Nash made a short stop in Washington during the week, on her way back to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Penfield have returned from a week-end visit at the Hotel Chamberlin, Old Point Comfort. They expect to spend Easter at Atlantic City.

The Nebraska Women's Washington club is planning a large reception for the chancellor of the University of Nebraska and Mrs. Samuel Avery, who are here for the war period.

Miss Ida H. Melcher, who was a teacher in the public schools of Omaha, has come to Washington to take a position as clerk in the War Risk bureau of the Treasury department. She is living at 639 I street.

L. C. Jensen, son of Iver N. Jensen of Omaha, has been commissioned assistant paymaster, with the rank of

ensign, in the United States navy, and been assigned to the United States steamship "Oklahoma." Jensen entered the naval academy in 1916, but "bilged" in mathematics in his freshman year. Congressman Lobeck gave young Jensen another chance by a reappointment, but he was too old to accept. He went to the munition works at Eddystone, and after seven months there enlisted in the navy as a third class electrician. He was promoted to second class electrician three months after his entrance in the navy. Later he took an examination for a first class electrician, when he received his appointment as assistant paymaster, and now holds the same rank he would have had had he stayed with his class at the naval academy and graduated with it in 1920. Jensen was exceedingly popular at Annapolis and made a record as a foot ball player.

**Wedding Dates Set.**

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Orloff of Grand Island have sent out invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Sylvia, to Charles H. Spiegel of this city. Rabbi Frederick Cohn will officiate at the ceremony on the afternoon of Monday, March 25, at the home of the bride's parents in Grand Island. After a trip to Minneapolis, the young couple will be at home in Drake court, Omaha.

The wedding of Miss Helen Van Dusen and Lieutenant Paul Mueller is to take place Easter day at half past two at St. John's Episcopal church in Washington, the Rev. Roland Cotton Smith to officiate. Miss Van Dusen and her mother will reach Washington Easter morning and Lieutenant Mueller has five days' leave, which he and his bride will spend in New York and Atlantic City before returning to Washington, where they have taken a house for several months.

Mrs. A. C. Stokes is the wife of Major Stokes, director-in-chief of the University of Nebraska Red Cross base hospital unit No. 49, which mobilizes today for Fort Des Moines, preparatory to service in France. Mrs. Stokes is active in local Red Cross work.

Miss Ruth Gordon is a talented young singer whose voice is attracting a good deal of attention. After several years' study here Miss Gordon continued with the Aborn Grand Opera company school in New York. Her voice is a deep contralto. Miss Gordon will appear on the students' program of the Tuesday Musical club, which is to be held in April.

A beautiful family group is that of Mrs. Alanson I. Root, and her two sons, Frank and Chester. Mrs. Root is the possessor of a beautiful contralto voice and she never refuses when asked to sing for charity or for the entertainment of the soldiers. Mrs. Root is one of Omaha's best dressed women; her clothes are not only always very becoming, but they have a distinction about them which is unusual. The two little boys have everything which love and wealth can give them and are two of the handsomest little fellows in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Root and the two boys left Thursday for Chicago; from there they will go to Hot Springs, Ark., and then on to New Orleans, their trip taking five or six weeks.

## Celebrities and Brides of Easter Hold the Interest of Society

By MELLIFICIA.

NEWSPAPER folk, as well as the lecture-attending contingent, are waiting with particular interest the coming of Mary Boyle O'Reilly, who will speak at the Fontenelle Monday under the auspices of the Fine Arts society. The Woman's Press club will entertain at luncheon in honor of Miss O'Reilly Monday and all the feminine newspaper scribes in town are planning to give their overworked typewriters a rest and let their telephones ring while they run away for an hour or two to hear the well-known newspaper woman. While we are on the subject of celebrities we must mention again Sir John Fraser, who spoke last evening at the University club. Sir Fraser has such an interesting way of giving you glimpses of the great world that he has seen on his extensive travels and, of course, his talk about the war was of great interest to us all. Right here we must register the Associated Charities' note of regret that Sergeant Empey will not speak in Omaha.

With a really-true Easter bride in our midst, we must chat about her a little. Miss Helen Van Dusen's engagement was announced some time ago, but her decision to have her wedding in Washington on Easter Sunday comes as something of a surprise and a bit of a disappointment, too, for who doesn't love to see a military wedding? We can picture just how pretty it will be in the capital city, however, in that famous St. John's Episcopal church, where a number of the White House brides have taken their vows. The wedding will be a very quiet one, with no veil or orange blossoms, nor even a pink taffeta bridesmaid, but this is really the military way, isn't it? After the ceremony Lieutenant Mueller and his bride will run away for a honeymoon in New York and Atlantic City, for kind-hearted Uncle Sam has given the

young officer five whole days for a holiday.

A number of the pretty bride-elect's friends have entertained for her this week at afternoon teas and showers and Monday she will be honor guest at a luncheon and Orpheum party given by Miss Elsie Storz.

Mellificia is very sure that there will be a number of engagements announced Easter. They have a faculty of bursting into bloom with the Easter lilies, and then you must watch very closely, for the weddings fairly take your breath away these days. We could go on and tell you at some length just who they will be, but we will give you a whole week to guess just who Cupid has ensnared this spring.

A military wedding of this week which took place in St. Augustine was very interesting and a bit surprising. Miss Alice Prondit of Lincoln is now Mrs. Will Noble and the friends of the young couple are still gasping, although their engagement has been known for some time. The young officer will probably have to leave his pretty bride very soon, for he expects the orders almost hourly that will mean service in France. Just at present they are enjoying the balmy breezes of Florida.

Just as we were about to say adieu for this week we remembered a most important item, the opening of the Fine Arts exhibit at the new Masonic temple. The Fine Arts members will hold a private view Saturday afternoon, but Sunday it will be open to the public and the art lovers can feast their eyes and soul, for we are sure that this collection will be a most wonderful one.

Mrs. Fred W. Clarke, jr., arrived Tuesday from Hoquiam, Wash., and is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Thummel. Lieutenant Clarke is still at Hoquiam supervising the cutting of lumber for air planes, but is likely to be transferred soon.