

WOMAN'S SECTION OF THE BEE

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Twilight Hops and Sunset Dinners When Clocks Are Turned

Playing tricks with Father Time has made many changes in our daily lives and turning the clocks ahead is sure to bring invitations to unique social affairs hitherto unknown. A pretty girl never thinks of donning her satin pumps and party cape until the stars are out, for whoever heard of a dance beginning before dark?

But, already we are hearing rumors of "twilight hops" and "sunset dinners." It really doesn't require shaded lights to make a dinner table attractive. What could be lovelier than a gay little party on the porch of one of the clubs chatting over the first course with the friendly sun just nodding good night to them with a few last golden rays as he disappears over the hill? And in the soft twilight of

a summer evening, with a little jazz music and an officer or two—or more, what could be more alluring?

We are wondering who will give the first twilight dance in Omaha.

The summer cottage season will soon be here, and a number of busy Omaha girls will slip away from Red Cross activities for a little breathing space, when the breezes blow Mr. and Mrs. James I. Rountz are planning to occupy their cottage at Minnetonka about the first of August. Mr. and Mrs. William R. Sweatt, who have been the guests of Judge and Mrs. W. A. Redick at various times, will also be at Minnetonka this year. The Harold Pritchett have also been of the Omaha colony at Minnetonka, but Mrs. Pritchett will remain at home this summer, as Lieutenant Pritchett is stationed at Camp Dodge.

The roomy cottages at picturesque Pryor lake are the homes of a number of Omahans for several weeks every summer, and this year quite a number will pack tennis rackets and fishing rods for a vacation at the lake side. Those who are planning to open their cottages this year are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Westbrook.

Browning Club Luncheon.

Rev. G. A. Hulbert was honor guest at a luncheon given by the Browning club at the Blackstone today. The centerpiece was unique, as each member of the club brought some flowers from her garden for the table decoration. Following the luncheon Rev. Hulbert gave a Browning lecture.

Fort Crook Commandant's Family



Seated: Colonel Abner Pickering and Mrs. S. C. Mahin; standing: Mrs. J. K. Pickering. The colonel is holding Margaret Mahin, and Mrs. Mahin the other twin, Anna.

It has been many years since childish voices have been heard at the commanding officer's quarters at Fort Crook, but now the wide stairs echo the patter of tiny feet and Colonel Abner Pickering tosses one sunny-haired kiddie to his shoulder, holding two others by the hand as he comes up on the porch after a day filled with complex military duties.

The three grandchildren of Colonel Pickering are now making their home at the post with their mother. The twins, Margaret and Anna Mahin, with their mother, Mrs. S. C. Mahin, came to the post about ten days ago from Fort Ogilthorpe, where they have been living for several months. The father of the little girls, Captain Mahin, of the infantry, is now in France.

Mrs. J. K. Pickering and daughter, Ciane, are also members of the commanding officer's family, since Captain Pickering of the quartermaster corps is also serving in France.

Mrs. Mahin wears a service pin, which attracts attention wherever she goes, for six stars are emblazoned on the blue ground. The pin was made to order and Mrs. Mahin's sister, Mrs. Smith, who is now living at Fort Sam Houston, also wears one. The six men in the service represented by the tiny stars include the father, two brothers, Captain Pickering and Lieutenant Colonel Pickering of the 15th New York infantry; Captain Mahin and two brothers-in-law, Colonel Sweeble of the British army, now fighting in France, and Colonel Smith of the cavalry, stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

At Episcopal Residence

Bishop and Mrs. A. L. Williams will keep open house this evening for their parishioners and friends. The bishop and Mrs. Williams entertain at a reception of this kind every year, when the annual council of the Episcopal church for the Nebraska diocese is in session. Spring flowers will be used in profusion in the rooms and numerous American flags will give the patriotic touch to the decorations.

Benolken-Williams Wedding.

These war-time weddings may seem very simple; they are planned in such a hurry, with no pink taffeta bridesmaids or gardenia-in-his-but-tonhole best man, but, despite the lack of attendants, the bride-to-be is in a great flurry arranging the great day. Miss Lenore Williams, whose wedding will take place the first week in June, is in great doubt as to the exact date, for these furloughs are such elusive things. Lieutenant Irving Benolken is the next most important figure in this little tableau and Uncle Sam has not yet decided just when the furlough will be granted. Miss Williams' brother, Mr. Gowan C. Williams, who is a student at the Episcopal theological seminary in New York, will be present at the wedding, and the date will be set when he can make definite plans about coming home.

Trinity cathedral will be the scene

of this June wedding and no invitations will be issued. There are to be two little flower girls, we have been told, and there may be a maid of honor, one never can tell. Of course Bishop Arthur L. Williams will perform the ceremony.

Brown-Peterson Engagement.

A war-time engagement of great interest is that of Miss Edna Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peterson, to Lieutenant Carl C. Brown, United States infantry reserves, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brown, of Erwin, Tenn. The wedding will not take place until after the war.

Miss Peterson is a most attractive girl and an expert horsewoman. She attended the Central High school and is a graduate of the Laselle seminary at Aurdurdale, Mass.

Lieutenant Brown is a Yale man, having graduated in 1914. He is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and also of the Wolf Head society of Yale.

The young officer enlisted last summer and received his training at Leon Springs, Tex., where he received his commission in the infantry branch of the service. Lieutenant Brown was at the balloon school at Fort Omaha for three months and it was at the post that the romance with this pretty Omaha girl began. He is now stationed at Camp Dodge with the one hundred and sixty-third depot brigade.

Girls' Summer Camp Near Fort Crook

"Camp Brewster," the Young Women's Christian association summer camp for business girls, will be formally opened this evening, when 70 soldiers from Fort Crook will be honor guests. The picturesque camp, situated on Fort Crook boulevard, was named in honor of Miss Clara Brewster, gymnasium instructor and founder of the colony.

Games, music and refreshments for the soldiers have been planned by the "D. T. A." girls. The champagne will be Mesdames C. J. Hubbard, Charles Offutt and C. K. Smith, who are members of the summer camp committee.

The boarding guests will begin to arrive Thursday, and a public reception will be given at the camp June 29. Over 350 guests attended the spring breakfast given at the Young Women's Christian association this morning. Roses, bridal wreath and snowballs decorated the tables.

Fortune-Telling Tea.

In the depths of a fragile tea cup many futures were disclosed at the fortune-telling tea given by Mrs. Gus L. Hollo at her home this afternoon. After the guests had received their cup of tea from Miss Ruth McDonald and Miss Leola Granden, who poured at each end of the table, Mrs. Hollo used her crystal gazing powers and each tea drinker was given a glimpse into the future. The tea table was very gay with its low jar of red roses and the same flowers were used in the living room. The tea was a benefit affair and the proceeds will be given to the fund which will send one Omaha girl to France to do canteen work.

Drama League Meeting.

The annual business meeting of the Drama league for the discussion of plans for next year and election of officers will be held the second week in September, according to Mrs. E. C. Twamley, secretary.

Personals

Lieutenant George McIntyre is at home for a few days from Camp Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Callahan of Kansas City are stopping at the Sanford for a few days.

Mrs. Myer Frisdein of Chicago arrived Thursday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Bergman.

Mrs. Georgia Harden and Mrs. John Geer of Liberty, Neb., are in Omaha, delegates to the annual convention of the Eastern Star. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dunlap and Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Harden.

Miss Josephine Busch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Busch, left Tuesday for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. G. A. Floersch, in Charleston, S. C. Lieutenant Floersch is a former Omaha man, having graduated from the Creighton law school in 1912. He was recently promoted from paymaster to lieutenant in the navy.

French Motor Unit of New York City Club

The problem of getting 7,500 gallons of gasoline and 200 gallons of motor oil to France—the amount necessary to operate eight trucks for six months—was successfully solved by the motor unit of the New York Women's City club. "It had to be solved," said Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton, chairman of the war service committee of the club, "for our trucks had to have the gasoline and France could not furnish it."

The trucks for which these supplies were needed were the eight trucks sent to France by Le Bien-Etre du Blesse woman's motor unit of the New York Women's City club. "These trucks are of the lorrie type," writes Mrs. Seton, "with canvas cover over the ribs, on a Ford chassis, extra heavy springs, extra equipment, painted French gray, as the unit has been accepted into the French army. Eight trucks have been shipped and 10 women chauffeurs qualified, representing an expenditure on the basis of six months' maintenance of nearly \$30,000. Mrs. Cyrus W. Field has had charge of the motor and chauffeurs tests; Mrs. Robert T. Morris has examined the chauffeurs for French."

"The first two trucks sent over are now operating in Paris, carrying supplies from the warehouse to the diet kitchens; and probably by now the next two trucks are carrying the hot food from the diet kitchens to the first-aid dressing stations on the French front."

Many new restaurants and lunch rooms intended primarily for women patrons are being started in the larger cities as one of the results of the increased employment of women and girls in business.

The number of traveling saleswomen in the United States is estimated to have increased at least 35 per cent since the war began.

Wayne Girl to France for Canteen Work

When Miss Ella King Morrison of Wayne, Neb., goes with the division of Nebraska Red Cross women to do canteen work abroad she will be on familiar grounds. After graduating from Lincoln High school, Miss Morrison spent a year in foreign travel and study.



Ella Morrison

Her Red Cross work for the past year has been devoted chiefly to bandage making. She is supervisor of surgical dressings for Wayne county and has instructed classes in various parts of the state. Miss Morrison makes her home with her sister, Mrs. J. Woodward Jones, since the death of her mother, Mrs. Ella K. Morrison, of Lincoln.

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Gardens in Right Line of Defense

"Liberty Gardens" is a term which will be heard many times in the next few years throughout the land. The Council of National Defense, the woman's committee, and the Department of Agriculture have launched a plan for production which will not be hit or miss, helter-skelter and unthinking. They emphasize the tremendous need for increased production of vegetables and advise the nation's gardeners at work in America this summer to be guided by one uniform plan and to work for one common end.

The difference between the Liberty Garden and the old-fashioned garden is that the Liberty gardener signs a pledge to plan, plant and care for his patch under the supervision of a community garden director.

One of the interesting features of the plan is to secure through the councils the appointment of full time and, where necessary, salaried directors in every town of a population of more than 10,000. There will be several demonstration gardens provided in different parts of the municipality where practical demonstrations of methods can be given.

There will be a "Liberty" list of all local gardeners, who enroll to work under the plan approved by headquarters, with such modifications as local conditions make necessary. The overambitious garden is to be avoided. A sagacious system of well planned planting will result in more food for a given amount of work.

The woman's committee has in charge several features of the scheme, the first being the pledge, which must be signed at the beginning of the season by prospective gardeners. Another is a record card, on which every gardener is to make a report of his summer's progress. Through these records it will be possible to benefit from his summer's experience when making plans for 1919.

The plan fits in with that of the Bureau of Education, indorsed by the president. School teachers may also be taught gardening by these directors, so that those volunteering to teach home gardening to their school students will be better qualified.

Wheatless Week to Be Observed.

In grateful recognition of the action of the government in permitting an extra amount of wheat flour to be used in the making of matzo for the Passover holidays, the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, of Baltimore has decided to observe the week beginning May 19 as wheatless week.

The Old Loveliness

Old books, old friends are best. Old houses are loveliest, and the glamour of old days. The olden peace, the olden, quiet ways. Old gossips and old dreams! With new delight life teems When those are read, when these are told; All youth at last grows old.

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Advice to the Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

"Seventeen."
Dear Miss Fairfax: Please tell me what to do. I am 17 years old and in love with a fine young man 10 years my senior. He loves me dearly, and I don't think there is anything he wouldn't do for me. He has even gone so far as to give me a diamond ring. Now he is, I think, a little inclined to flirt. I have told him many times I am very jealous; and I think if I ever saw him flirting with my own eyes, I would have him. He admits he knows a few girls from his own town, but that is all.

Now, Miss Fairfax, please tell me, is my disposition wrong or what?

Are you engaged to this young man, 10 years your senior, from whom you have accepted a diamond ring? Or is it one of those vague affairs that girls sometimes drift into, and then drift out of again. If you are actually engaged, with your parents' consent, then he ought to be sufficiently loyal to you not to cause you any anxiety by "flirting" with other girls. You say you are very jealous, and that if you caught him flirting you would "hate" him. Doesn't this prove to you, my dear girl, that you are rather young to accept the responsibilities of marriage? If you are genuinely engaged, with your parents' consent, I haven't a thing to say; but if it is one of those indeterminate arrangements, I really believe I'd put the whole thing out of my head for a year or two, at least. Seventeen is just getting to make a lifetime decision. Very get a delightful book by Booth Tarkington called "Seventeen," and read it—perhaps it will make you see things more clearly.

Entertaining Young People.
Dear Miss Fairfax: Omaha Bee: I am coming to you for advice. Is it proper for a girl to dance with her hat on? What could I do to entertain young people, as we have no music? Would it be all right to use a library table as a library table set in the middle of the house? I hope to see this in the Bee. Thanking you for advice, I remain
Cedar Bluffs, B. H.

One does not wear their hat as a rule at a dance, but very often if the dance is an informal one or at one of the country clubs the girls do wear their hats.

It is a little hard to entertain young people without music, but do you play cards? I think nearly everyone enjoys a good card game. As the summer months come and the evenings are long why not plan a monthly picnic? Picnic parties are always popular and corn roasts too, a little later in the season are a jolly way to spend an evening out-of-doors.

A library scarf should be used on the library table which is usually placed in the middle of the living room or at one side.

Visiting a Soldier.
Dear Miss Fairfax, Omaha Bee: I have been a silent reader of your "Advice to the Lovelorn" for quite a while and I want to say to you for advice. My lover, who is a soldier boy, is in a training camp many miles from me. He is unable to get a furlough to come and see me. He expects to leave for France soon and he wants me to come and visit him for a few days before he goes across. He says he thinks it would be all right, but I don't know whether it is the correct thing to do or not. I have no one to go with me. He says he will come and see me every few days. We are engaged and he has asked me to marry him before he goes. We love each other dearly and I want to see him very much. Please advise me, Miss Fairfax, as to what I should do.
BROWN EYES.

If there is a hostess house near the camp where your fiancé is stationed, I should not hesitate to visit him. Here you may stay and enjoy his company in pleasant surroundings. You'll be a motherly woman in charge of the hostess house who will be glad to help you in any way and she will act as your chaperone during your stay. It was for this purpose that these hostess houses were built by the Young Women's Christian association that the mothers and friends of our soldiers could visit them at the canteens.

A Picture.
Dear Miss Fairfax, Omaha Bee: I read your advice to the "Lovelorn" in the Omaha Bee and I thought I would ask you for advice. I received a letter from a young man who has to go to war. He is in the training camp now. In his first letter to me he sent his picture and he asked me to send him my picture and I have never seen him or heard from him before. But I have a cousin that knew him. They were in the same training camp together, but my cousin has gone to France now. The man who sent me the picture asked you to send him my picture. Would you send it to him or not? When he sent me his he said that he would send it just to be friendly, and he wants mine now. I do not know whether to send it to him, not knowing him, or not. Will you please write me and let me know by return mail, because I want to know before he writes again.

I wouldn't send this young soldier a picture. Write him a friendly letter or two if you think it will cheer him a little. Perhaps after you know him better you can send some home-made cards. Nothing pleases a homesick soldier quite so much and as your cousin knew and liked him, I think it would be perfectly proper.

Explain the Matter.
Dear Miss Fairfax, Omaha Bee: I want your advice. I am in a dilemma. I am facing this question that is confronting me, myself.

I went with a young man a few times and I gave him the impression that I didn't like him. At least, I know he took it that way. But I did, and he never called. He did not let me know he was making him think I was cross at him, and wasn't.

And I want to know if it would be all right to write him a little brief note, telling him that I'd like to have him call again?

P. S.—And where could I find out where a certain young man is that went in the draft from Fremont, but resided in Grand Island—at what camp, I mean.

If you feel that you are in the wrong I would write the young man a friendly note explaining the affair and asking him to call. Write to the exemption board authorities at Grand Island for information regarding your friend. In all probability he is at Camp Funston.

Unrequited Love.
Dear Miss Fairfax: I am hopelessly in love with a handsome sailor boy. He has recently gone away and has not written to me. Also, he did not pay enough attention to me when he was here. I paid him very much attention and he did not reciprocate, although he told my friends he liked me. Please tell me what to do. I am heartbroken.
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