

Woman's Section

Put on Your Thinking Caps

By GABBY DETAYLS

"To arms! To arms!" they come. Get ready with your alibis, husbands. Your wives are coming home. You summer widowers who have been forming these delightful little parties at the clubs, take stock of your imagination. Is it able to withstand the coming strain? Don't you remember the evening you and Bill and John and Bob and Jim and Harry invited that pretty visiting girl and her hostess to dine with you following golf. And then there is the evening on which you escorted Mrs. M.—and that pretty little widow home from a movie. All quite accidental—but someone is sure to tell—so "Preparation First."

HEART-WHOLE and fancy-free, maybe heart-whole, but this one is a million-dollar one. He scarcely ever misses one of the dances during the summer at either Field or Happy Hollow club and he is seen with a different girl on each occasion. He appears to be chasing the bluebird and which girl will prove to be the one Gabby cannot say. He is a very clever dancer and is a well-known athlete. He recently won—but that would be telling.

GABBY hears that the well-known and revered kitchen table oilcloth long cherished in the hearts of pioneer Omahans, is due for fame if the suggestion of a New York woman is acted upon.

In addition to attaining fame this same oilcloth when not adorning the table may be used to adorn the midriff of Omaha's outgoing skirt. A manufacturer of linoleum recently received from a New York woman a suggestion like this:

"If you carry a thin white linoleum of an easily handled quality for women's dresses or skirts, please send me a sample with width and price."

"Unfortunately," said the manufacturer, "we were unable to comply with her request. It is possible that she confused linoleum with oilcloth."

The rise in the cost of cloth has been responsible for a good many economic changes in styles, and it is hardly possible that the manufacturers of oilcloth might be able to put out a style that could be used for skirts. They would certainly be durable, and in addition absolutely water proof until the oilcloth cracked.

Other dealers in women's wear think that many women in the country might adopt oilcloth as material for skirts, but they doubt if such gowns will ever be seen on Fifth avenue.

"Still," said one dealer, "some women who engage in sports might fall in for the idea, for you must admit that a sports suit made of oilcloth would be serviceable and easily cleaned. There are many attractive patterns of oilcloth which would make good looking sports skirts."

Judging from the vast amount of time even the Omaha Country Club may be the setting for many oilcloth clad golfers and tennis players, though it seems to Gabby that high prices would never merit such extremes.

HOSTS and hostesses, be explicit. Two prominent girls were recently talking over the telephones. Said one: "Are you going to the dinner dance at the club tonight?" The answer was: "Well, I really don't know. I have a date for the evening, but whether it includes dinner I do not know. However, I intend to be ready."

Another—a third voice—came in cool masculine accents over the wire: "No, the invitation is for the dance only; I will be unable to go earlier."

The young man had been "cut in" on the line.

WHEN you are house planning, do you try to provide a place suitable for your family or for your friends? According to a recent article, a prospective householder said to his architect:

"I want a house to fit a seven passenger touring car." The architect gazed at him, wondering.



Miss Mary Gant

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Chicago. He certainly is one golfer, that chap, and a shark at betting. He had me out to the country club and I saw a lot of classy driving and putting. We played with a couple of fellows, Brown and Wills, neighbors of his and fellow church members, for everybody in that town seems to go to church. My friend, for instance, is a vestryman.

"Well, sir, we played, and the bet per hole was just twice what we play for. But when it came to settling, I noticed that no money changed hands. My friend, the vestryman, just jotted down the amounts of wins and losses in his notebook, remarking that he would see them in the morning. Next day was Sunday, and he routed me out in time to go to the little Episcopal church.

"This will make us feel all the better when we get out on the links this afternoon," he assured me. So I went—what else could I do?

"As I was enjoying the music of the offertory I was surprised to observe that friend of mine march down the aisle with several other men and begin taking up the collection. I slipped him my little old dollar when he reached me, but I noticed that he halted for a few seconds after Brown, who sat across the aisle, had deposited what looked like a \$5 on the plate. Then he whispered a few words to Brown, who flushed, nodded violently and instantly dug up another \$5 bill and placed it beside the first. Now, as it happened, \$10 was my share of the winnings of the game we had played and I reflected with some pleasurable satisfaction upon the fact.

"My surprise was all the greater when as we were going home after church my friend handed me a slip of paper, which turned out to be his receipt for Brown's two \$5 bills. He had another acknowledging payment by Wills of a like amount. He kept that one."

Omaha School Forum at Work

There was a time when girls were turned out of rooms because they couldn't pay their rent. They were jobless, hence roomless. Such a thought presents a pitiable picture. A girl, heart sick, poorly clad, perhaps hungry, turned away from a sheltering roof.

How comfortable you who read this feel, knowing that jobs are plentiful and that no such sad plight confronts the business women of today in Omaha. Aye, they have the jobs all right, but where are the jobs? For verily, 'tis easier to find work in our city than a place to live.

The Omaha School Forum perceives, and has concerned itself with, this situation, and through its welfare committee, Miss Elizabeth Ryan, 2916 Ohio street, chairman, is working on the problem.

"Within the next two weeks," says Miss Ryan, "hundreds of teachers will come to Omaha looking for places to live during the coming year. A large part of the success of the schools depends upon the comfortable housing of these teachers, it behooves the business men, as well as the patrons of the schools, to interest themselves in this problem; for the teachers are not only an asset to the educational interests, but also to the business interests of the city."

The Omaha School Forum is listing all rooms suitable for homes for teachers. An office will be opened on the sixth floor of the city hall, the first of September, where a bureau of information concerning rooms and apartments will be maintained for the convenience of the teachers.

This is one of the many ways in which the Omaha School Forum is attempting to be of service to the Omaha teachers and the community.

They got their money, too, for they didn't have to go to church the next day.

Dundee Woman's Club—Aims And Plans

The Dundee Woman's club has thrown open its doors to all women sympathizing with their aims. Mrs. Helen K. Morton, chairman of program, says of the club and its work for the coming year:

"The Dundee Woman's club will hold their first meeting of the season at the home of the president, Mrs. W. T. Johnson, on September 29, beginning the year with a membership of 60. According to the constitution of the club, the membership has always been restricted to residents of Dundee, but last year this article of the constitution was changed so that any woman sympathizing with the aims of the club—intellectual development, unity and good fellowship—may now become a member.

"This year the members of the club decided also to enlarge the scope of their work, so the program presents studies in the novel, short story and one-act dramas, also current topics and music, and where the author in anyone of these three lines of work, novel, short story and drama, touches on modern up-to-date problems, the current events of the following meeting will be carried out in the same direction.

"The first study of the year is 'The Heart of a Fool,' by William Allen White—an American novel by an American writer with an American labor problem before this country entered the war. The current events at the following meeting will be 'What progress, if any, has been made in bettering labor conditions, not so much in the country at large, but here in our own city.

"Another one of the studies—one of the short stories—deals with the problems of the foreign mother and on the same day this study is presented the problems of the foreign mothers of Omaha will be considered. In this way the members of the Dundee Woman's club are combining the 'beautiful' with the 'useful' in the study of good literature, the useful in the study of current problems and showing the truth of the following quotation made by a prominent club woman at a recent state federation.

"The beautiful is as beautiful as the useful, and sometimes more useful."

City Tennis Champion

MISS MARY GANT is the charming as well as very efficient tennis "shark" and city champion of Omaha. She is one of the "guiding spirits" in staging the first state tennis tournament which will be held in Omaha, beginning August 24.

The tournament, which is foremost in the minds of many Omaha girls, will also include players from out state who are reputed to be experts. Miss Anita Curry, a newcomer in Omaha who learned the game on Kentucky courts, is a possible future champion, according to those who have seen her play, and Miss Louise Pound, golf expert from Lincoln, is a likely competitor. Grace Shallenberger of Alma, will come across the state to contest.

Singles will constitute a large part of the contest, and mixed doubles, with state champions among the men as participants, will be an interesting feature. Men who will compete are Ralph Powell, George Stocking, Lawrence Green and Guy Williams.

Omaha girls who will play are Florence Riley, runnerup in the last city tournament, Helen Bradley, Ruby Swenson, a university girl, Anita Curry, Eleanor Hamilton, for three years champion of Central High school, Katherine Shelby, Almarine Campbell and Alice Kimberly.

Will Enter State Tourney

MRS. H. L. ARNOLD is one of the expert women golfers in Omaha. Her game is 96 this year, and in a recent game she made the outer nine of the Field club in 44. Her score, and that of a number of Omaha women is formidable when the approaching state tournament which begins August 30, is considered.

Due to the war activities of patriotic women, no state golf tournament has been held since 1918, when Mrs. J. T. Stewart won the state championship title from Miss Louise Pound of Lincoln, holder for 1917, who did not appear in the 1918 meet. Miss Pound has therefore not been defeated for the championship and her probable appearance this year adds interest to the occasion.

This year the country clubs of Omaha have been making a specialty of women's golfing days, and even in unsettled weather, many women have been on the courses putting themselves in trim for the approaching tourney. These events were also social, with luncheon and bridge to follow.

The games for 1920 will be held on the Field club course, which is the most difficult of the Omaha club links. Three flights of 16 women each will compete, including players from Lincoln, Fairbury, Beatrice and Fremont.

Among Omaha women who are playing games in the low 90s and who will prove their prowess in the tournament, are: Mrs. Mark Levings, Mrs. H. L. Arnold, Mrs. K. A. Linger, Mrs. Howard Goodrich, Mrs. E. V. Arnold, Mrs. E. H. Sprague, Mrs. H. H. Harper, Miss Daphne Peters and Miss Mildred Morris.

Mrs. Walter Silver is president of the Nebraska Women's State Golf association and Miss Louise Pound of Lincoln is vice president. Mrs. H. H. Roberts is secretary and Miss Mildred Morris is acting treasurer for Mrs. F. J. Despecher, who is ill.

Everyone On Tiptoe In Anticipation of the Ak-Sar-Ben Ball

Tempus fugit! The hour draws near. The Ak-Sar-Ben ball will be held Friday evening, September 24, beneath the wide-spreading roof of the den of Quivera. New rulers will be acclaimed and will receive the homage of the land. Maids and misses are all excited—just on their tiptoes. Expectation is at its height. Who—who will wield the sceptre next year? Which of Omaha's beautiful young women will grace the throne? Ah, would we knew. A million conjectures may be made, but uncertainty remains.

Of course, the queen has been chosen, as the day of coronation is only one short month away, and what queen, even though she be a modern one, could prepare a coronation robe in less time? Those who possess the coveted information guard the secret with jealous love. The king of Quivera is never the cause of much enthusiasm. Just as the groom at wedding, he is unimportant, yet essential at the ceremonies. But the queen! That is a different story. However, a king we must have, and suspicion is at present being directed toward Charles L. Saunders, the only bachelor on the board of governors. His majesty, the reigning king, Randall K. Brown, is also a bachelor, being the second unmarried man to have been given this honor. Gould Dietz was unmarried at the time of his coronation. Mr. Saunders has just returned from a vacation trip and more than one has been heard to remark that he is probably "girding on his armor for the occasion."

But speaking of queens, wouldn't it be a surprise if the board of governors had been unable to choose from the heavy of blossoms among the girls of the young set, and the younger set and had made their selection from the young matrons. Of course, it would be unusual to say the least, but then why not? The bachelor kings have been the exception rather than the rule, but throughout the history of Ak-Sar-Ben the governors have clung to the idea of a virgin queen. Omahans would probably gasp to see a matron usurping the throne, but certainly there are plenty of young married women who would be charming rulers. A list of the possibilities might include Mesdames Albert Sillerssen, Robert Garrett, Fritz Binholz, Fred Hamilton, John Madden, Jack Summers, Paul Gallagher, Herbert French, Jack Webster, Lawrence Brinker, Ross Towl and John Caldwell.

Nevertheless, the board need not be put to extreme measures, for without doubt a gracious ruler could be selected from the younger girls. Claire Daugherty, Dorothy Belt, Dorothy Johnson, Olga Letz, Peggy and Erna Reed and Helen Walker would be lovely "your majesties." Dorothy Kiplinger, whose petite blonde beauty attracts much attention, could not qualify as a stately ruler, but as someone put it, "She would be a wonderful fairy queen."

And then our next ruler may come from yet another group of girls, Daphne and Gladys Peters, Marian Towle, Meliora Davis, Louise Dinning or Josephine Congdon might well become the royal household and succeed Helen Murphy, who has left the vanities of the world for the seclusion of the cloister.

The Ak-Sar-Ben races, which will be one of the big social events of the coming month, are to be held September 14, 15, 16 and 17 and many a pretty maid may be seen early in the mornings cantering on the park boulevards. A number of these young women will be asked to ride and the girls evidently wish to be prepared for the invitation.

All in all Omaha is to be the scene of much speculation and wonderment during the next four weeks. Even now fair ones are flocking home from afar and who shall say it is not with the oncoming festivities in mind.



Mrs. H. L. Arnold

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Ringling Note From State Chairman

Mrs. Charles H. Dietrich of Hastings, chairman of the Nebraska League of Women Voters, has been asked many times since the ratification of the federal suffrage amendment by Tennessee whether or not any change would be made in the Nebraska league program. She makes a ringing reply through the press:

"I have been asked whether the Nebraska League of Women Voters will make any change in its program because of the ratification of the federal suffrage amendment by Tennessee and my reply is that our plans will not be changed in any way except that in carrying them out we will be more thorough and more enthusiastic.

"We are leagued of the Tennessee ratification. I was so rejoiced that for the moment I could only think of celebrating. Second thoughts brought the expectation of delay through reconsideration or an appeal to the courts. We have become accustomed to the tactics of our opponents, who know they have lost, but still play for time. If the action of the Tennessee house is final and all the women of the United States are enfranchised, the Nebraska League of Women Voters has an even greater responsibility than before. There could be no question then that our votes in the September election would be counted and our solemn conscientious study of the proposed amendments to our constitution becomes of vital importance.

"The first purpose of the league is citizenship education for women, realizing our need as new voters. We have been carrying out that purpose by sending organizers over the state to form leagues that take up for their first study the amendments to the constitution. More than 40 counties have already formed organizations since our convention in Omaha last June. We have two organizers busy in the state, Mrs. Cooper King of Wichita, Kan., and Miss Clarissa Delano of Lincoln. A third organizer will come to Nebraska for three weeks, commencing September 1, Miss Marie Ames of St. Louis.

"Miss Ames is an experienced director of citizenship schools for the National League of Women Voters. She is now conducting a school for citizenship teachers in St. Louis and she was one of the assistants at the Chicago School for the Political Education of Women, which followed the first convention of the National League of Women Voters last February. At that time we tried to secure Miss Ames for Nebraska, but her extra time was engaged until September. Miss Clarissa Delano is preparing herself to teach citizenship schools, and she will assist Miss Ames while she is in the state. Miss Delano specialized in history and political science while in the State university and has made a study of political parties and machinery of government.

"It is still important that we carry proposal No. 18, which provides equal suffrage in the amendments to our state constitution, for although the federal amendment enfranchises all the women of the United States, we want the Nebraska constitution to be in line with the times."