

# Woman's Section

## QuiveraQueen Is Happy Girl

By GABBY DETAYLS

SOMEWHERE in Omaha is a happy girl. Perhaps there are many happy girls—Gabby hopes so—but there is one who is particularly to herself right now, thinking do not know who she is, and yet within the next week her name will be on every tongue.

She is probably smiling complacently to herself right now, thinking how surprised her friends will be when the doors are flung aside at Ak-Sar-Ben den Friday night and she bursts forth Queen of Quivera! Doubtless she is getting hours of beauty sleep in the interest of bright eyes and clear complexion. She may be practicing a stately tread in front of the largest mirror in the home. She may be spending considerable time at the modistes—though if Gabby's prediction of several weeks ago is true, the gown to be worn this year was made in a northern city some weeks ago.

Strange, is it not, that with as much interest as there is in the identity of Ak-Sar-Ben queen, the secret can be kept up to the very day of her crowning. Gabby maintains that women can keep a secret and cites this striking example as proof.

One year, however, the secret leaked out. Few people ever knew how or whence it came. The girl who was queen that year is married now to the young man who innocently caused all the trouble. This young man was ill at the time of the festivities and his bride-to-be called on him the day before the crowning to tell him the joyous news. On account of his illness she had to see him in a darkened room.

The nurse present overheard the choice bit. She seemed to recognize its value and passed it to a housemaid, who in turn told the grocer's delivery boy. The boy, like any faithful employe, reported his information to the owner of the store. And the owner of the store, like any good tradesman, deprived not his customers of any news which might make their visits to his place of business more pleasant and enticing. One by one as his customers came in they were told what the grocer said his delivery boy had said the housemaid had said the nurse had said the queen-to-be had said to her fiancé.

Gabby can account for the spreading of the tale no further. It shot forth from the main trunk and its branches, growing as fast as Jack's famous and magic bean stalk. But on it went until everybody knew the name of the queen. Whether the queen herself ever knew that the secret was revealed in advance, Gabby does not know. Perhaps she did learn that somehow or other the news was "out." Mayhap she shed a tear. But if she reads this story now she will probably smile with sweet remembrance, realizing that the crowning at that time, with its glitter, glamour and joy, was, after all, of less moment than another crowning later on, when she began another reign to last through life in the heart and home of her Ak-Sar-Ben confidant.

"I am eligible to join the Colonial Dames," said a highly cultured woman of this city, "but I won't join because it seems to me rather a snobbish thing to do."

"Then you are truly a snob," her daughter replied. Which set Gabby to wondering what really is a snob. The commonest conception of a snob seems to be one who "passes up" people whom he regards as inferior.

"Snobbishness" is self-protection," according to one Omaha girl. "Where would we get in life if we dissipated our time on everyone who would steal it from us?"

"I say snobbishness is a sense of discrimination carried too far," declared another. "Too far beyond me," she added.

"Snobbishness is unadulterated ego," volunteered the pretty blonde. "The fellow who considers things important which I do not is a snob," said the girl who had sufficient humor and frankness to admit that her definition was colored by her own personal preferences and prejudices.

"A snob is a fraud-cat," the little sub said solemnly, "fraud of what other folks will think."

"A snob is always an upstart," decidedly announced the elder sister. "Real people are sure of themselves and their position, only those on the fringe of the fabric of society lack the nerve to live their lives in a grand, big, independent way."

Gabby heard recently of one young society matron who married for money and lived thereafter in fear and trembling over her social position. She told a handsome League of her acquaintance (whose husband was not wealthy) that she was very fond of her and enjoyed her society so much that she would like to go places with her. "But of course I just can't do it," she hastily interjected. There was a snob of yellow hue.

Gabby knows a woman who is not a snob about money, but she is about education. It was a bitter disappointment when her son, who was educated for the practice of law, became a farmer. The daughter, who married a professor on a small salary, married to her mother's keen satisfaction. The daughter who married an exceedingly prosperous traveling man caused her mother many a headache. That woman was a snob. She measured people only by their years in really live friendships. One thing is sure. Snobbishness is not confined to the "socially prominent." They may exercise more of it than others for the reason that their very prominence makes them victims of attention and false friendships. An incident which happened some time ago, illustrating an individual in snobbishness all up and down the social ladder.

It was a hot September day. Mr. Shopper and the youngest shopper had boarded a street car homeward bound after a trying afternoon of purchasing shoes and stockings, hair ribbons and frocks for the little buyer of the day who would be a kindergarten the next week. The cars were fairly well filled and the two were forced to stand. Miss Chubby One gazed about and a pout soon spoiled her pretty mouth.

"Mamma," and she stamped her sandaled feet, "all those mens have seats and I want one, too."

All those mens got up immediately.



ELIZABETH RINGWALT



CATHERINE HASTINGS



MARGARET WATTLE



ESTHER SMITH



VIRGINIA PIXLEY

WALKING leisurely along on a West Farnam street a few evenings ago Gabby was very nearly upset by a young man whose acquaintance who rushed madly past without so much as a nod of recognition. Gabby turned just in time to see him toss a letter into a mail car—just rounding the corner on its last run for the day.

It was a very "inspired" Romeo, who greeted her and offered his apologies a few moments later.

Now Gabby heard a rumor some time ago and the mail car episode confirmed the report. A charming Juliet from out of town has captured this young bachelor's heart and "his said, the wedding is to take place as soon as she has finished her course at Nebraska "U."

Romeo, who was a student there, and a member of a prominent fraternity, will not return to school this year, as it takes much industry to feather a nest nowadays.

The letters are a daily ritual and on numerous occasions friends who have called at this Omaha home have been prevented from starting an interesting bridge game until the passing of the mail car.

TEARS welled from the young man's eyes as his sister glared at him. "And I was just trying to go. I think you're perfectly horrid. You never thought of us girls might want to do one of those and then you 'staged' it. Just remember, I'll not forget it," she continued as the young man made a hurried search for one of some half-dozen handkerchiefs reposing in as many pockets.

Temporarily recovering, the sad-eyed youth attempted an explanation.

"Well, Sis, it was this way. I ke-r-cho-o-o, didn't want to ask any of the girls I know having this beauty ke-r-cho-o-o! and if I took you the fellows would kill me and say I couldn't get any one to 'step out' with me. Really I'm sorry, but—"

He got no further for with a disdainful "humph" Sis sailed away leaving him to his own devices and hay fever.

Field Club

The closing dinner dance of the Omaha Field club was held Saturday evening. Over 250 guests attended the affair. A special musical program was given during the dinner, and the regular dance music was played until midnight. The orchestra stage was elaborately decorated with ferns, palms, and potted plants, and in the lounge room, autumn foliage was used extensively.

One of the largest parties of the evening was composed of Messrs and Mesdames: A. V. Shotwell, L. J. Millard, L. H. Drishaus, E. P. Rogers, W. R. Wood, Harvey Milliken, E. P. Boyer, R. H. Manley, Jack Sharp, C. W. Martin, Mrs. John Fox

of Chicago and Harley Conant. A Dutch Treat party included, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pulver, Messrs, and Mesdames W. G. Nicholson, Harold W. Downey, Bert L. Clough and Frank J. Bender.

Dining with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Masters Saturday evening were: Messrs and Mesdames Fred Shotwell and Lyle Grey.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Best entertained, Messrs, and Mesdames C. H. Swanson and Carl Palm, Council Bluffs.

The guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Giller Saturday evening included: Messrs, and Mesdames Robert Trimble, Lee Huff, Harry Weller,

P. W. Mikesell, O. M. Smith, and Mrs. M. H. Conant.

Mr. and Mrs. Alban M. Sommar entertained Dr. and Mrs. Glen D. Whitcomb, Messrs, and Mesdames J. J. Rossbach, L. J. Welsh and John R. McCarville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jackson entertained Messrs, and Mesdames Wilson Atkins, Hale Bixby and Mr. A. J. Vierling.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knapp's guests were Messrs, and Mesdames C. Ash-ton and David Larsen.

Another Dutch treat group was composed of Messrs, and Mesdames Shirley H. Wilson, J. B. Fradenburg, R. W. Walter, W. C. Sample, James



RUTH MCCOY



MARY MORSMAN



ELIZABETH BARKER



VERNELLE HEAD



MARY GIFFORD



PEGGY REED



BERNICE BLACKWELL

## Omaha Council of Campfire Girls Active

"You know of the splendid achievements of the Boy Scouts in the making of manhood."

"Campfire is playing the same part in the development of future women. It aims to strengthen the wholesome influences surrounding girlhood; to bring into the years of character making, between the ages of 12 and 17, the love of service and the spiritual relations on which the home is founded.

"It means love of outdoor life—not an imitation of boys' drills and sports, but those that belong naturally to girls—and knowledge of simple household tasks, combined with a reverence for beauty. Thus Campfire seeks to offset the false standards so frequently mirrored through the wrong kind of fiction and motion pictures, to the young."

The Guardians' association and executive board of the Omaha council of Campfire Girls met for luncheon Saturday at the Chamber of Commerce to outline plans for the coming season.

A report of last year's work was given by Miss Bertha Vaughan, president of the Guardians' association. Miss Mary Louise Guy, executive secretary of the Omaha council, gave a report of the summer encampment at Valley.

Mrs. F. S. Teal of Lincoln, field secretary, gave an interesting report of her work.

Saturday, October 2, the Omaha council will hold a tag day for the purpose of raising funds for campfire work in Omaha.

Guardians of Omaha Campfire groups are:

Mesdames Virginia Davidson, Mildred Hamilton, L. A. Hornburg, Guy Hoyt, Charles McGinnis, W. Hoagland, J. Frank Carpenter, H. Herbert Rogers, George Roberts, Edgar Scott, Paul G. Goulet, Charles Elueter, Robert Leavens, W. T. Coates, Benjamin Newman, O. H. Hartmiller and G. C. Cunningham, and the Mesdames Gladys Shamp, Nell Ryan, Ruth Kinser, Mary Louise Guy, Gladys Goodman.

Mesdames Charles Hubbard, Howard Baldridge, Conna Ak-Sar-Ben, Clara Carpenter, W. W. Hoagland, J. Frank Carpenter, H. Herbert Rogers, George Roberts, Edgar Scott, Paul G. Goulet, Charles Elueter, Robert Leavens, W. T. Coates, Benjamin Newman, O. H. Hartmiller and G. C. Cunningham, and the Mesdames Gladys Shamp, Nell Ryan, Ruth Kinser, Mary Louise Guy, Gladys Goodman.

## Younger Set Holiday Plans

Though the splendor of Ak-Sar-Ben is not yet at its height and though excitement mounts daily concerning the future king and queen, already thoughts of holly and holiday time are protruding themselves into our midst. Autumn days are not yet past, but on every hand plans for the season of ice and snow are being whispered.

The affairs of the younger set are always of the most important in the yuletide and a number of parties are calendar. Two debut dances lead. They are those of Miss Mary Gifford on December 27 and Miss Vernelle Head on December 22. Both will be held at the Fontenelle ballroom.

Miss Dorothy Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Judson, is also planning a formal dancing party for the Christmas holidays. The date has not as yet been definitely settled and Miss Judson has not decided whether or not it will be in the form of a debut party. Another dance of interest will be given by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. T. Belt for the debut of their daughter, Dorothy, December 28.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Todd, who in past years have given a dance during the holiday season at their home, will probably entertain this year for their eldest daughter, Miss Charlotte Todd.

Each year Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pixley and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar M. Morsman, jr., give a dance for Miss Virginia Pixley and Miss Mary Morsman. It will probably be repeated this year.

Misses Mildred Weston and Mildred Rhoades were honor guests at a dance last holiday season given by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Weston and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rhoades. This event may take place again during the coming holidays.

One of the largest luncheons for the school set is that given by Mrs. A. A. Arter and Mrs. J. H. Conrad for Dorothy Arter and De Wenta Conrad. Others for whom luncheon parties are usually given include Miss Virginia Crofoot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludovic Crofoot; Miss Catherine Cartan, granddaughter of Mrs. E. W. Nash; Miss Emily Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Burke; Miss Helen Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crittenden Smith; Misses Helen and Emma Hoagland, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hoagland; Miss Katherine Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Latham Davis, and of Mr. and Mrs. Latham Davis.

## Omaha Woman's Club Offers Scholarship

A \$200 scholarship in the University of Omaha is open to any graduate of the Omaha high school, whose mother is a member of the Omaha Woman's club. This scholarship is known as the Mark D. Stoddard scholarship and is payable in four annual installments of \$50 each. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Charles L. Hempel, Douglas 6600.

An endowment fund of \$10,000 is being raised by the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs, the interest of which will be used to defray expenses of state clubs. It is the plan of the organization to have each member of federated clubs in the state contribute \$1 toward the fund. A club is placed on the honor roll when it has raised its quota.

The Omaha Woman's club will make a big effort during the month of October to raise the balance of its portion, according to its president, Mrs. C. M. Clark, 2562 Sherman street, is chairman of the endowment fund.

## Maids to Ak-Sar-Ben Queen

When the leaves of autumn drop gently, fluttering one by one in a myriad of brilliant shades, red and yellow and a bit of green, the royal colors of our kingdom, Quivera, then the buds of society burst into blooming, for on the eve of the crowning of our future rulers, they will make the pathway for the fairest rose of the land, Her Highness, the twenty-sixth queen. Twelve prominent girls have been chosen by the Board of Governors for this honor and in demure costumes they will appear at the Coronation ball as the special maids to the queen.

Some of these charming girls will grace Omaha society during the winter season, others will fly away to their books almost before the strains of music from the Ak-Sar-Ben ball have died away.

Miss Elizabeth Ringwalt, daughter of Mrs. Theodore L. Ringwalt, is a former student of Smith college. Miss Ringwalt will be at home during the winter.

Catherine Hastings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron R. Hastings, will remain here this winter. She formerly attended Monticello Seminary at Godfrey, Ill., and was graduated from Beechwood school near Philadelphia. She spent the last year in New York, where she continued her studies.

Miss Margaret Wattle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gurdon W. Wattle. During the past four years she has been a student at Dana Hall and has now entered upon her freshman year at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Miss Esther Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cassells Smith, is a former Brownell Hall student and was graduated from that school in 1918. Her engagement to Richard Mallory was announced during the past week.

Virginia Pixley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pixley, is a graduate of Dana Hall and has taken postgraduate studies in Pine Manor, Wellesley, Mass. Miss Pixley will remain with her parents for the forthcoming season.

Miss Ruth McCoy will leave the day following the Coronation ball

for Northampton, Mass., to enter her senior year at Smith college. She will return here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. McCoy.

Bryn Mawr will claim Miss Mary Morsman during the coming season as she will return to that school at Philadelphia, shortly after the ball. She formerly was a student of St. Timothy's school at Catonsville, Md. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar M. Morsman, jr.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barker, Miss Elizabeth Barker, attended Miss Howe's and Miss Maro's school in Thompson, Conn., last year. She was previously enrolled at the Wolcott school in Denver. Miss Barker plans to remain in Omaha for the present.

Miss Bernice Blackwell, who is to spend the winter in Omaha, formerly resided in Muscatine, Ia. She was graduated last June from National Park seminary, Washington, D. C. Miss Blackwell is a niece of Warren Blackwell and will be with Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell while in Omaha.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Head, Miss Vernelle, was graduated in 1919 from Rosemary Hall, Greenwich, Conn., and last year was among the Omaha students at Bryn Mawr. In October she will go to New York to study voice under Witherspoon. She will make her formal "how" to society at a dancing party given by her parents at the Fontenelle, Tuesday evening, December 22.

A debutante is Miss Mary Gifford, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold A. Gifford. She was graduated from Dana Hall and attended the University of Wisconsin last year, where she was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Her debut party will be a dancing party at the Fontenelle Monday evening, December 27.

Among the maids is a Vassar girl, Miss Peggy Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Reed. Miss Reed leaves September 25 to return to school. She is a sister of Mrs. Isaac Carpenter, jr., a former queen of Ak-Sar-Ben.

## Ak-Sar-Ben Ball Dinners

The well-known hostesses of Omaha are very much occupied at present planning dinners or suppers for Friday evening. From the calendar of events it seems that every member of society will dine at home or club in celebration of the formal opening of the 1920-1921 social season.

Our friend, H. G. Wells, tells us to select our dinner guests as we would a bouquet of posies. And as great care is taken to have only flowers that blend together, like care should be taken in the selection of dinner guests.

And let it be remarked, irrelevantly, Mr. Wells added, "very large bouquets to me are never beautiful."

Just whether or not Omaha femininity is arranging dinners accordingly we do not know, but we do know that many dinners are planned.

The Country club has just announced that it will serve a buffet supper following the ball for its members.

Mrs. Howard Baldridge will give a dinner at her home Friday evening preceding the Ak-Sar-Ben ball in honor of her guest, Miss Dorothy Allen of New York City.

Miss Dorothy Kiplinger will entertain at dinner at her home Friday evening complimentary to her guest, Miss Ann Kelleher of Des Moines, Ia., who will arrive Wednesday of next week for a short stay.

Mr. Porter Allen will give a dinner after the ball at the Country club in honor of Miss Erna Reed's guest, Miss Claudia Zaynard of Kansas City. Miss Reed will be hostess at dinner before the ball for her guest.

Harry S. Byrne is planning a sup-

per after the ball in honor of Miss Clara Schmeidler of Fremont.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bernard Prinz will entertain at dinner at their home before the ball of Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton Millard will entertain at dinner at their home preceding the ball.

One of the largest parties after the ball will be given at the Country club. It will be a Dutch treat affair and will be composed of Messrs, and Mesdames Louis S. Clarke, John Redick, George Redick, Barton Millard, Walter Roberts, Ross B. Towle, Edward Creighton, Albert Sibbersen, Henry Luberger, Charles E. Metz, Newman Benson, Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Koeder, Mrs. Edith Scott Magna, Holyoke, Mass., and Dr. Karl Connell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bernard Prinz will give a dinner at their home Friday evening, after which their guests will attend the Coronation ceremonies at the Den. Among those present will be: Messrs and Mesdames Luther L. Kountze, W. A. C. Johnson, A. L. Reed, Herbert Wheeler, Mrs. F. A. Nash and Charles W. Hull.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beaton will entertain at dinner preceding the ball in honor of Mrs. Irving Beaton of Los Angeles, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Metz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lord are planning a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. Prentiss Lord of New Hampshire, who are their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Exley will entertain at dinner Friday evening in honor of their guests, Mrs. Benjamin Exley and Miss Martha Exley of Wheeling, W. Va.