

Woman's Section



Gertrude Kountze
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Girls of Younger Set
Now in Foreground

It is quite the customary and usual thing to picture the life of the debutante as one succession of teas, luncheons, dinners and dancing parties, with a few odd moments devoted to charity work, but one of this season's debutantes is making very different plans for herself. She is Miss Mary Gifford, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Gifford. On Monday evening, December 27, Dr. and Mrs. Gifford will entertain at a large dancing party at the Hotel Fontenelle to introduce their daughter. Like her sister, Mrs. Newman Benson, formerly Ann Gifford, this debutante has determined to follow the profession of nursing and will leave early in January to enter the Roosevelt Hospital in New York City, where she will remain two years in order to complete the prescribed course. Miss Gifford spent four years at Dana Hall, Wellesley, Mass., and during the past year she was a student at the University of Wisconsin, where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta. She was an Ak-Sar-Ben princess of this year at the coronation of Miss Gladys Peters.

With the month of December comes the exodus from eastern schools and colleges of Omaha's school set and the holiday season is ever one of unusual gaiety for those freed for a few short weeks from the routine and discipline of their alma maters. Among those who are planning to return home for the Yuletide season is Miss Gertrude Kountze, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Kountze. She arrives in Omaha the morning of December 19 from Washington, D. C., where she is enrolled in Miss Madaria's School for Girls. This is Miss Kountze's second year at school in the nation's capital. Miss Helen Rogers, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Rogers, arrives home the third week in December from the Bradford Academy near Boston, Mass., where she is taking a preparatory course for Vassar college. Miss Rogers was graduated last June from the Downer Seminary in Milwaukee, Wis.



Mary Gifford
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Helen Rogers

Holiday Festivities Are
Crowding Social
Calendar

The Christmas season of 1920 promises to be one of unusual gaiety judging from the calendar of events at the present time and numerous other affairs will, without doubt, fill the few vacancies now on the social calendar for the last three weeks of December. The school set is returning, there will be numerous guests entertained by the younger set, and a number of Omaha girls who have left here as brides during the last several years will be home for the Yuletide. At present the following events are scheduled:

Saturday, December 11.
Mrs. Norris Brown, dinner for the Harmony Club in the Blackstone Oriental room.
Phi Chi fraternity of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, dancing party at the Blackstone.

Thursday, December 14.
Phi Rho Sigma fraternity of the Creighton College of Medicine, dancing party at the Blackstone.

Wednesday, December 15.
Mrs. H. H. Baldrige, informal tea for home honoring Mrs. C. A. Haffel.
Nu Sigma Nu fraternity of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, dancing party at the Blackstone.

Thursday, December 16.
Phi Beta Pi fraternity of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, dancing party at the Blackstone.

Saturday, December 18.
Omaha Club tea dance.
University Club, Christmas party, formal dinner dance.

Monday, December 20.
Dorothy Balbach and Elizabeth Robertson, Orpheum party and supper dance at Athletic club for Frances Billings, of Venice, Cal., the guest of the former.

Tuesday, December 21.
Phi Rho Sigma fraternity of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, dancing party at the Blackstone.

Wednesday, December 22.
Margaretta Grimmel and Dorothy Balbach, tea at Grimmel home for Frances Billings, a visitor.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Head, formal dancing party at Fontenelle for debut of their daughter, Miss Vernelle Head.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crittenden Smith, dinner at the Fontenelle in honor of Miss Marian Hamilton, a debutante of November.
Marjorie Cavers, dinner party.

Thursday, December 23.
Omaha club tea dance.
Alpha Sigma Lambda of the University of Omaha, dancing party at the Blackstone.

Kappa Phi Delta sorority of the University of Omaha, annual Christmas party for alumnae and active members.

Plans Made
For A. T. O.
Party

Elaborate plans are being made for social affairs to be given during the national congress of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity here December 29, 30, 31 and January 1.

The event in which society is most interested is the formal dancing party to be given at the Hotel Fontenelle, Thursday evening, December 30. The following women have been named to act as hostesses for the dance: Mesdames John W. Towle, Paul Kuhns, A. C. Kennedy, E. A. Urdland, William L. Ross, Jr., Earl W. Porter, S. A. Harris, J. Kessler Jones, William Newton, W. L. Pierpoint, Howard Kennedy, George Greib, D. T. Ford, S. B. McDowell, William Marsh and Edson Shaw, all of Omaha; Mesdames S. R. McKelvie, Guy Reed, Ralph Wevering and Chandler L. Trimble of Lincoln, and Mesdames Charles H. Parks, John C. Pryor and Paul J. Vollmar of Council Bluffs.

More than 300 invitations are being issued to Omaha girls to act as partners for the Alpha Tau Omega bachelors. It is expected that there will be 500 couples attending. Miss Addy Fogg is in charge of a program to be given between dance numbers, several of which will be fraternity songs arranged for dancing. Dancing will be in the dining room and the ballroom.

Wednesday afternoon, December 29, at 2 o'clock, an open meeting will be held at the Fontenelle to which invitations will be issued to a large number of local men. Governor S. R. McKelvie of Lincoln and Mayor Ed F. Smith of Omaha will each deliver an address of welcome. Other speakers will be Claude T. Reno of Allentown, Pa., and Professor Harry Harrington of the University of Illinois.

On Wednesday evening, December 29, all the visiting delegates and alternates and their wives will be entertained at a theater party to see "Honey Dew," at the Brandeis.

Friday evening, December 31, a smoker will be held at the Blackstone when a program will be given by the chapters from University of Nebraska, University of Wyoming and Simpson college.

The banquet for the men will be held New Year's evening, at the Fontenelle. In a smaller room a banquet will be given for the visiting women.

Nebraska officers of the fraternity are: John W. Towle, president; S. A. Harris, secretary, and Earl W. Porter, chairman, of the congress committee. Chairmen of the local committees for the congress include John C. Pryor, S. B. McDowell, William Newton, E. A. Urdland, Rex E. Edgcomb, W. A. Sells, S. A. Harris, Lyman Thomas, John Cutright and Paul W. Kuhns.

at Hotel Fontenelle for delegates and alternates to their national convention here.

Omaha club, tea dance.
Friday, December 31.
Mrs. George W. Platner, luncheon

Christmas at the New Organization
University Hospital
For Business
Girls

At a meeting of the Hospital Christmas committee of the Women's Faculty club of the University of Nebraska, College of Medicine, Wednesday at the Blackstone hotel, the following committee chairmen were appointed: Mrs. B. W. Christie, refreshments; Mrs. C. A. Roeder, decorations and Mrs. Alfred Schalek, gifts.

Members of the Hospital Christmas committee are: Mrs. Frank Judson, chairman; Mesdames B. W. Christie, B. R. Owen, W. P. Wherry, C. A. Roeder, S. R. Gifford, Irving Cutler, Alfred Schalek, H. M. McClanahan, E. L. Bridges, Amos Thomas and W. A. Baxter.

Junior League members will have full charge of the entertainment for the children's ward and finance the project as well. Music will be furnished by the Junior League entertainment committee. Mrs. W. A. Baxter will have charge of the maternity ward.

at the Athletic club for her daughter, Josephine.
Omaha club, tea dance.
Midloth Street, "watch party" at her home for members of Kappa Psi Delta sorority of the University of Omaha.
Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barker, tea dance at their home for their daughter, Elizabeth, a debutante.
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Casady, "at home."
Theta Phi Delta fraternity of the University of Omaha, dancing party at Blackstone.
Alpha Tau Omega, banquet at Fontenelle.

Thanksgiving
Merry at
Capital

Washington, Dec. 4.
Bureau of The Bee.

Washington society which was widely scattered last week-end is gathering together again and by Monday will almost be settled in the capital for the winter. The Thanksgiving season was a merry one, with scores of college boys and girls here for the two large charity balls. Thanksgiving eve and Thanksgiving night, and who went in parties, large and small, to the Army and Navy game in New York which was the culmination of almost a week's festivities. The secretary of war and the secretary of the navy and their families had large parties of guests, mostly young people. They returned to Washington Sunday night, while the college boys and girls returned to their studies for Monday morning. Miss Lucy Maury of Roanoke, who spent the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Wilson, at the White House, returned to her school the middle of this week after a lovely visit here. She attended the concert with Mrs. Wilson and went to drive each afternoon with the President and Mrs. Wilson, when the weather was at all mild.

Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Emory D. Stanley, formerly of Nebraska, are settled in their pretty home on Otis Place for the season. On Tuesday evening Mrs. Stanley had a surprise supper party for her husband to celebrate his birthday. The guests were eight of his former classmates stationed now in Washington and their wives. Commander and Mrs. Stanley were among the guests at dinner last evening of Commander Collins, who entertained a company at the Army and Navy club preceding the subscription dance of naval and marine corps officers at the Willard.

Commander and Mrs. Stanley went over for the Army and Navy football game on Thanksgiving day and were guests of Commander Bertha.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Penfield were among the guests of Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh in her box at the navy relief ball on Thanksgiving night.

Mrs. Frederick F. Rogers, wife of Commander Rogers, U. S. N., also a former Nebraskan, is entertaining at bridge on Monday afternoon in her home at 2711 Connecticut avenue. She also has cards out for "at homes" on the second Tuesdays in December, January and February.

Norman S. Nye, a sophomore at Princeton, spent Thanksgiving with his cousin, Miss Katharine Brooks, in Washington and attended the balls and a few of the small affairs during the holidays. He is a son of Rev. Benjamin M. Nye of Muncie, Ind., who has been called to and has accepted the pastorate of a large Presbyterian church in Lincoln. He and his family will go there the first week in January. His family consists of his wife and their one son, and Mrs. Nye's mother, Mrs. N. H. Strong of Shelbyville, Ind., who

Are You One of the Early
Shoppers?—Silk vs.
Wool Hose

By GABBY DETAYLS.

Do your Christmas shopping early. It is a good slogan, a very creditable one, and its admonition should be heeded, but don't do as one of Gabby's friends did last season.

This matron always has a lengthy list of friends to whom she sends gifts and a more extensive one of acquaintances to whom she sends cards. Early in the fall of 1919 she decided to avoid any rush at Christmas time and she made her purchases, wrapped, addressed, and stamped them and prepared her greeting cards. Ah, that was done; for once she need not worry until the very last minute about the matter of Christmas.

She is one of those women who still cling to the idea of a semi-annual general hurricaneous house cleaning. One bright day last spring, in the arduous task of unsetting and settling her household, she came upon a large box. What had she ever put in that? She investigated—the Christmas presents! Shame, dismay, rage, mortification and, and a dozen other emotions shook her until economy, one of her strongest traits, came to the rescue.

She will just send them out this year—if she does not forget.

TRAINING a boy in the ways of etiquette, when he is at that age synonymous with flapperism in girls, is a difficult task, as many a mother has found. A matinee audience was much amused one afternoon during the week at the actions of a freckle-faced lad who appeared to have just entered long trousers. His mother is one of those rarely wise persons who knows that her criticisms avail naught with him but that ridicule from strangers is indeed bitter.

They had made their way to the proper aisle and row when our young hero (?) discovered that he should have removed his overcoat. Being very heavily burdened with a small package and a cap, he pushed these articles without so much as "your leave" into the hands of the mother. She stood silently holding them until the son had divested himself of wraps while those nearby laughed and enjoyed the little scene. Suddenly he came to life, blushed furiously, took the cap and packages, and stood aside for his mother to enter.

"SILK hose for working girls, preposterous! Silk hose are not among the necessities of life," roared a well-known local king of finance. It was noon and the man was hungry, and that surely accounted in a measure for his anger. Once out on the street, the I. K. suddenly noticed that a number of girls were wearing woolen hose, several passed him who were friends of his young daughter. Adventure called the man.

First he stationed himself near a huge office building to which scores of girls were returning to begin the

Fine Arts

Special interest is being shown in James Weber Linn of Chicago who will lecture on "The Americanization of Literature" before the Omaha Society of Fine Arts, Friday, December 10, in the ball room of the Fontenelle hotel.

Reports of Mr. Linn's geniality and splendid delivery have been heard by a number of Omaha people, according to Mrs. Anna B. Darlow, chairman of publicity. The author is a nephew of Jane Adams of Hull House fame.

PAGE Sir Walter Raleigh, cries the modern Elizabeth. Just a moment. We hear too many answers. There are only three of him in Omaha, Gabby is certain. A number of university freshmen boarded a street car. With their entrance the car was filled to capacity, not to "bursting," as is often the case. At the next stop a plump matron, perhaps 30 or 35 years old, entered.

"She was pretty and had very slim ankles even though she was fat," confided one of the "freshies." As one, the three boys rose. Oh! horrors, they had not meant to imply what their action did. How embarrassed they were! But not so the little matron, she dimpled good-naturedly and laughed, "I thank you one and all."

AN ENGLISH youth who received his degree from Oxford a few months ago has been furnishing amusement for his fellow workers at a local business house. Not long ago the boss asked several of the force to work overtime. Before leaving the office he remarked, "Have any of you fellows anything to put in the vault, but be damn' awks' if I had anything coming out."