

# SOCIETY

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MRS. WILLIAM S. BIDDLE, WHO ENTERTAINED ON THURSDAY



MISS SUSAN D. BIDDLE, OF DETROIT, GUEST OF MRS. Wm. S. BIDDLE'S RECEPTION

**T**HE activity usually attending the opening of the winter's gaieties is progressing but slowly, and very little has been recorded in the annals of social Portland this past week. Mrs. William S. Biddle's reception and tea on Thursday for her guest, Miss Susan D. Biddle, of Detroit, was the most important event of the week. Portraits of both Mrs. Biddle and her guest, who is Mr. Biddle's sister, are given on this page.

A large number of Portland folk have gone to San Francisco to be in attendance at the Portland, and several society members who usually are active in beginning the season's entertainments, are absent from the city for either the entire winter or at least the early months.

Over Episcopalian circles the death of Mrs. E. Wistar Morris and her sister, Miss Clementine Rodney, has cast a gloom which will prevent much entertaining immediately in their ranks, since many prominent people are thrown into mourning by these events.

The largest and most brilliant reception of the early autumn season was that given Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Biddle at her beautiful residence on Marshall street. The attractive interior of the home was further enhanced by the use, in large masses, of autumn leaves, their golden reds and brilliant yellows, the foliage lending themselves strikingly with the rich dark wood and warm tones of the furnishings. Quaint old-fashioned bouquets in Dresden effect further ornamented the various rooms. Mrs. Biddle and her guest received alone, the former wearing a beautiful gown of soft silk of pastel sprigged tint, with an overdress of hand-sewnly hand-painted chiffon cut on the effective new curtail lines. Miss Susan Biddle was charming in a Deveraux gown from Paris of old rose liberty satin, with handsome hand-made trimmings. In the dining-room the table was particularly attractive with a massed centerpiece of mixed flowers in an abundance of colors. Here Mrs. Gordon Voorhies, Mrs. Arthur C. Minott, Mrs. David Loring and Mrs. Henry C. Cabell served tea and coffee. Mrs. Henry Ladd Corbett and Mrs. Hunt Lewis dispensed punch in the library, while Mrs. Thomas Kerr and Mrs. Walter F. Barrell served trappes. Assisting about the rooms in receiving and entertaining were Mrs. William L. Brewster, Mrs. William Morrison (who was Miss Kate Tallner), Miss Sally Lewis, Miss Alice Strong, Miss Hazel Dolph, Miss Becky Biddle, Miss Ise Koehler, Miss Dorothy Morrison, Miss Maida Hart and Miss Frances Wilson. Many handsome gowns were in evidence. Mrs. Walter Barrell was particularly striking in a gown of black jet, with paillettes, trimmings of the same somber tones, and worn with a handsome black hat. Mrs. Arthur Minott was in white lace, and Mrs. Henry C. Cabell wore a gown of white embroidered crepe. Mrs. Gordon Voorhies was especially admired in a frock of white ingers over palest pink, and Mrs. David Loring was in white brocaded satin. Mrs. Henry Ladd Corbett was lovely in a gown of raspberry chiffon broadcloth, with a black jet overdress. Mrs. Thomas Kerr wore a robe of satin in pastel tints, with a beautiful black hat. Mrs. Sally Lewis was in gray silk chiffon; Miss Frances Wilson was also in gray, her gown being of crepe de chine; Miss Hazel Dolph was attractive in a gown of the new green tones. Miss Maida Hart's blonde type was effectively enhanced in lavender and white. Miss Ise Koehler was striking in a gown of blue panne velvet. Miss Becky Biddle, the charming young daughter of the hostess, wore blue crepe de chine, and Miss Dorothy Morrison was noticeably handsome in a gown of lavender, worn with Irish crochet lace.

Prominent among the events of the week's social calendar was the reception given by the executive board of the People's Institute Club to the helpers in charge of the clubs and classes. The reception was given by Mrs. L. Allen Lewis at her handsome residence on King street and Park avenue. In the receiving line were the members of the executive board: Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett, Mrs. H. Tanner, Mrs. George Simon, Mrs. T. B. Wilcox, Mrs. J. G. Gauld, Mrs. W. B. Ayer, Mrs. Harriet McArthur, Mrs. A. E. Rookney, Mrs. Charles E. Ladd, Mrs. Allen Lewis, Mrs. Gordon Voorhies, Mrs. H. C. Wilson and Miss Valentine Prichard, who is the director of the institute. The reception rooms were veritable banks of white flowers and greens. In the library red roses were combined effectively with maidenhair ferns, and the dining-room was decorated with yellow and white chrysanthemums, a charming note of autumn's beauty. Those who poured the wine were Mrs. A. Barker, Mrs. A. H. Tanner, Mrs. Gordon Voorhies and Miss Valentine Prichard. Miss Curtis, who is in charge of the literature classes at St. Helen's Hall, and who has only recently arrived from California, where she carried on extension and literary classes, was heard in selections from Wordsworth, Browning and the "Golden Legend" of Tennyson. The invited guests were: Mrs. Bingham, Mrs. Sally Lewis and Miss Clark. The helpers at the institute, for whom the reception was given, included: Miss Frances Wilson, Miss Jean Gray, Miss Louise Carey, Miss Alice Carey, Miss Mildred Nichols, Miss Vida Nichols, Miss Clara Taylor, Miss Helen Tipes, Miss Biddy, Miss Houghton, Miss Cook, Miss Wentworth, Miss Westinger, Miss Koehler, Miss Bruere, Miss Bellman, Miss Gretchen Klotzmann, Miss Frances Knappe, Miss Hannah Connell, Miss Mabel Weidner, Miss Hazel Weidner, Leella Weidner, Miss Goss, Miss Croker, Miss Gauld, Miss Meta Buehner, Miss Doornbecher, Miss Fox, Miss Livingston, Miss Landon, Miss Gilbert, Miss Teal, Miss Raab, Miss Sawyer, Miss Henson, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Myer, Mrs. Raley, Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. Jay Smith, Mrs. Fletcher Linn, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. W. L. Wood, Mrs. Frank Kerr, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. George H. Nottage, Mrs. Charles Kamm, Mrs. Frank Gollebur, Mrs. Bertha Davis and Mrs. Harry Corbett, Mrs. Dolph.

Brigadier-General Maus, Commandant of the Department of the Columbia, was the guest of honor at a dinner tendered by several of his old college associates and friends at the Arlington Club Wednesday evening. General Reede acted as toastmaster, and C. E. S. Wood occupied the position of principal speaker of the evening. Colonel Wood was a classmate of General Maus at West Point. Colonel Dyer, another classmate, told of cadet life where the trio was much younger. Among the officers present were: Colonels McGuinness, Dyer and Dravo, Lieutenant-Colonel Ebert, Rodgers and Majors Cabell, Lane, Conby, Noble, Captains Bradley and Fredenhall.

Judge and Mrs. Henry B. McGinn are in Lakewood, where Judge McGinn is in attendance on the grand jury.

Much interest is being displayed about the second tax day, which takes place October 30, for the benefit of

Portland's Baby Home. Many leading society matrons have signified their willingness to act as chaperones for the bevy of girls who will sell tags all over the city. Each of the many large buildings will have at their entrances groups of attractive femininity tagging for charity. The tags, which bear a group photograph of the 48 babies in the home, will sell for 10 cents each. Among those who have donated their services are: Mrs. David Lewis, Mrs. Russell Sewell, Mrs. John Latta, Mrs. A. A. Morrison, Mrs. David Honeyman, Mrs. Chaucery Winslow, Mrs. J. D. Hart, Mrs. William MacMasters, Mrs. Walter Holt, Mrs. N. J. Levinson, Mrs. Charles Ladd, Mrs. Louis Burke, Mrs. L. W. Sinton, Mrs. E. A. Rookney, Mrs. William S. Biddle, Mrs. W. J. MacRae, Mrs. Frank Warren, Mrs. John Koolock, Mrs. Ralph Hoyt, Mrs. Allen Ellsworth, Mrs. Milton W. Smith, Mrs. P. H. Allison, Mrs. Walter Cook, Mrs. Sidney Vincent, Mrs. Samuel Lockwood, Mrs. D. C. Burns, Mrs. Elliott Habersham, Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Thomas Richardson, Mrs. Curtis Holcomb, Mrs. Dan Malarky, Mrs. R. T. Brookings, Mrs. Elmer Colwell, Mrs. J. N. Fitchner, Mrs. James Muckle, Mrs. Wynn Johnson, Mrs. H. Powers, Mrs. Jerry Brougham, Mrs. Walter Matthews, Mrs. C. W. Hodson, Mrs. J. C. Hare, Mrs. A. Tietner and Mrs. H. W. Goddard. This year the sale will continue into the evening hours, and it is anticipated that the 150,000 tickets that have been printed will be easily disposed of.

The Commercial Club are perfecting plans for an elaborate reception and banquet on Thursday evening in compliance to General Marion P. Maus and other officers of the United States Army stationed at Vancouver. In days gone by the courtesies extended by the Commercial Club to the Army were notable features of Portland's social life, and in this revival of the pleasant entertainments the commercial body is to be congratulated. Dr. J. R. Weatherbee, president of the club, has ap-

Mrs. Fletcher Linn and Miss Elizabeth Patterson Sawyers, at their home on Portland Heights. Miss Sawyers has recently returned from a visit with Mrs. Kerry in Seattle, where she was the recipient of much attention, several dinners and luncheons being given for her.

Invitations to an old-time harvest dance on Thursday evening, October 28, have been issued by the Irvington Tennis Club.

Miss Celeste Moore will leave shortly for Seaside, where she will reside this winter.

Miss Geraldine Courzen is spending the winter in Minneapolis as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. Draper Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sharp, of Prineville, Or., are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a baby girl at their home last Sunday morning. The newcomer has been named Jenn Morrison Sharp, for Mrs. Sharp's younger sister, Mrs. Sharp was the attractive Miss Margaret Morrison, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Morrison, and a popular member of the younger set. Many Portland society folks have been the recipients of the hospitality of the Sharps at their Prineville ranch.

Miss Louise Mesick, who has been the guest of Lieutenant and Mrs. E. E. Farnsworth at Fort Stevens for the past month, returned home Thursday.

Miss Mabel Ayers and Miss Bernice Ayers, of White Salmon, were guests of Miss Judith Scott prior to her departure for Seattle to attend the Kahle-Robertson nuptials.

Mrs. George E. Chamberlain, with her two daughters, Carrie Lee and Fannie, and accompanied by Mrs. Chamberlain's sister, Mrs. Renner, left on Monday afternoon for an extended visit among relatives and friends at their old home in Natchez, Miss., prior to removing to Washington, D. C., for the winter. They plan to reach the Capital City about December 1, when the house recently purchased by Senator Chamberlain will be ready for their occupancy.

A wedding of unusual interest which occurred in Seattle on Tuesday evening was that of Miss Belle James Robertson and Clay Orion Kahle. Mrs. Kahle is the daughter of Mrs. O. Robertson and a sister of Miss Conith Robertson and Mrs. John Campbell, at whose residence the service was read, the bride party standing in a bower of chrysanthemums, palms and autumn leaves. The only attendants were Miss Conith Robertson and Will Collier, the bride being given in marriage by her brother-in-law, John Campbell. After the ceremony, which was followed by a supper, the guests danced until a late hour, when Mr. and Mrs. Kahle left for the East. They will be at home after a few weeks in Seattle. Mrs. Kahle's father, the late Captain Hugh R. Robertson, was prominent on the Coast in connection with the Robertson Lumber & Raft Company, as he was the first successful inventor of the sea-going raft. The Robertson girls have frequently visited here as guests of Miss Judith Scott, and they have many friends here. Miss Scott went up to attend the wedding.

Mrs. W. O. Fouch left on Wednesday for San Francisco to visit her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Reed Davis (Mabelle Fouch). A telegram from Mrs. Davis announcing the serious illness of her husband hastened Mrs. Fouch's departure.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Plagemann are being congratulated on the arrival on Thursday morning of a small daughter, who will be called Mabel, for her mother, who will be remembered as Miss Mabel Devereux daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Devers.

Miss Lucia Sloan, of St. Louis, arrived on Thursday for a brief visit with Miss Hannah Connell, Miss Alice Benson, national delegate of the Alpha Phi Society, of which Mrs. Frank Branch Riley and Mrs. C. Edward Greille are prominent members. Miss Connell entertained her guest on Friday afternoon with a tea from 3 to 5.

Thomas S. McGrath left last evening for New York, where he will remain several weeks. Mr. McGrath's visits to the city are treasured by those who know him, and he is surrounded always with much pleasure, as his popularity there is parallel with that which he enjoys here.

Mrs. Holt C. Wilson is attending the opera season in New York. She has apartments at the Seville.

A wedding of much interest next week will be that of Miss Alice Benson to George Beach, which will take place at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral in Los Angeles on October 28. Miss Benson is the eldest daughter of S. Benson and a social favorite. She is a graduate of Oregon University, president of the Alumni Association, and a prominent sorority girl. Her fiancé, Mr. Beach, is a structural engineer who has lived in Portland for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Beach will return to Portland and reside at 230 Clay street after December 1.

Mrs. J. H. Page was hostess on Saturday afternoon at a bridge party at her residence, at Twentieth and Clifton streets. There were four tables, and prizes were won by Mrs. Philip Schuyler and Mrs. J. G. Gauld. Later a large number of women came in to tea.

In another part of the society page will be found accounts of the Tremaine-Chandler wedding, and also that of Miss Corlaine Crook and Harold Johnson.

Mrs. Clyde B. Atchison, assisted by Mrs. R. A. Letter, entertained at the Portia Club at her home, 687 Wasco street, last Tuesday afternoon. Five hundred was played, the highest honors going to Mrs. R. R. Graham. Mrs. George E. Fitch has cards out for an evening meeting of the members and their husbands on Saturday evening, October 26.

Mrs. Charles E. Sitton will leave this evening for a visit in New York, Boston and other Eastern cities. Mrs. Sitton expects to remain away for six weeks.

Mrs. Elfrida Weinstein has returned from San Francisco, where she went to attend the wedding of Herman Weinstein, the violinist, and Miss Blanche Stearns, which was celebrated last Sunday in that city.

An unusually interesting and pleasant meeting of Multnomah Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was held Wednesday at the beautiful home of Mrs. E. A. Sommer in Oregon City. In

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