

SOCIETY

BY GERTRUDE P CORBETT



Mrs. Fremont Orlando Downing, One of the Attractive Matrons Who Presided At Visiting Nurse Association Tea



Miss Crystal Hyland, Popular Bride-Elect Recently Entertained

BUSHNELL-PICTO

Miss Genevieve Butterfield, One of the Assistants At Tea And Candy Sale for Y.M.C.A.

GRACE-PICTO

SOCIETY with a great big "S" meaning sunny, smiling dispositions radiated happiness and good cheer last week. Of course, the glorious sunshine and clear, crystal atmosphere were responsible for the delightful condition. Matrons and maids alike were just happy, care-free children basking in the glow of the marvelous Oregon weather. True, indoor affairs suffered, for the lure of the great outdoors was too vivid not to have a ready and eager response from all of society.

Long motor trips, with tea at the country clubs, golf matches, horseback rides over the hills and into the valleys filled with the golden sunshine and balmy breezes, were the principal diversions of the latter half of the week. And the nights, made especially for long walks, and again motor trips were too wonderful to remain indoors. Consequently, dancing was in the minority last week, at least it was incidental.

The social calendar showed a diversity of functions, varied enough to please the most fastidious. Beginning with the Valentine tea for the Visiting Nurse Association on Monday and closing with the charming tea for which Mrs. William Hurd Lines was hostess Friday, society walked and visited. They slowly unfolded from the warm, whirly nests, and the sheer joy of living vibrated throughout society. All grouches disappeared, and the spirit of wanting to help and be kindly permeated everywhere.

One of the greatest surprises of the week was the announcement that Miss Lesley Smith's engagement to Charles E. Miller, and on top of that came the news of Miss Nan Russell's wedding to Harold H. Duden, ice hockey on Friday night with many parties preceding and following it, made Friday notable.

Many theater parties filled in much of the evening, followed invariably by dancing at the leading grille, some of the hotels giving bi-weekly dances, on which nights society entertained with large parties at the theaters, choosing the dancing as a fitting close to the gala.

Looking ahead for a few days, there are several philanthropies to claim attention of the unselfish and energetic folk. First, tomorrow night the big benefit for the Florence Crittenton Home at the Hellig theater, in which the entire city is interested; on Thursday a similar event will be given, again at the Hellig theater, the repetition of "Romeo and Juliet" in a great endeavor to make up the deficit suffered by the Baby Home from the recent performances of this opera. The Monday Night Dancing Club will be held in the Crystal room of Hotel Benson tomorrow night, and numerous small and informal affairs will make this week gala.

Mrs. Marion P. Maus' luncheon Thursday was one of the delightful events of the week just closed, the dinner honoring General and Mrs. Maus,

for which the Thomas Kerrs were hosts Wednesday, and the luncheon presided over yesterday by Mrs. Brooke at her home in Fircliff were among the notable functions of the week.

It was difficult for anyone to refrain from attending the lovely tea for which Mrs. William Hurd Lines was hostess Friday afternoon, one reason was the glorious weather prevailing, making everyone very happy to avail themselves of the excellent opportunity afforded them of visiting old friends while attending the smart function. More than 150 women called during the hours of 4 to 6 o'clock, the rooms, filled with happy, chatty women, reflecting the brilliant azure sky and golden sunshine of the outdoors.

Receiving with Mrs. Lines were her sister, Mrs. Marion P. Dolph, and Mrs. George A. Warren (Nan Robertson). The rooms were aglow with lovely Spring blossoms, vying with the brilliant-hued frocks of the charming assistants. The tea-table was most artistic with an airy, Spring-like arrangement of pink tulips and freesia.

Four prettily gowned matrons presided: Mrs. Bert C. Ball, Mrs. Herbert Strong Nichols, Mrs. Donald Ranney Munro and Mrs. William Robertson. Assisting about the rooms were Mrs. Ralph C. Matson, Mrs. John S. Napier, Mrs. Victor A. Johnson, Misses Helen Ladd, Elizabeth Jones, Olive Failing, Mary Robertson, Barbara Mackenzie, Margery Hoffman and Catherine Russell.

One of the most delightful affairs of the week was the party for which Mrs. and Mr. Thomas Kerr were hosts Wednesday night in honor of General and Mrs. Marion P. Maus, who are being entertained extensively since their return to Portland. Covers were placed for the honor guests, Right Rev. Walter T. Sumner, Mrs. Edward H. Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Alving, Roderick Macleay, Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie and the host and hostess.

Miss Maisie and Miss Aliza MacMaster entertained the Wednesday Night Bridge Club last week at their home in Ardour. Owing to the absence of one of the members, Miss Margaret Mears, who is in the East, Miss Claire Wilcox substituted. The club has a membership of 12 of the younger belles and beaux of Portland society and meets fortnightly.

One of the most charming affairs of the week was the luncheon presided over by Mrs. Marion P. Maus on Thursday, at Alexandra Court. The table was adorned with a huge silver basket filled with golden-hued Jonquills,

around which were seated Mrs. William MacMaster, Mrs. Henry Coulter Cabell, Miss Failing, Mrs. Wheelwright, Mrs. Theodore B. Wilcox, Mrs. Peter Kerr, Mrs. Zera Snow, Mrs. Thomas Kerr, Miss Mary F. Failing, Mrs. H. McCormick, Mrs. Sherman Hall, Mrs. Walter F. Burrell, Mrs. F. C. Malpas, Mrs. William C. Alvord, Mrs. Margaret Burrell Bidde and the charming and popular hostess.

Miss Lester Smith's engagement to Charles E. Miller caused quite a furore in Portland society when the news was made known last week. It was such a complete surprise that not even the closest friends of the bride-elect had a suspicion of the secret. Miss Smith is considered one of the most attractive girls in the smart set. She is exceptionally clever at painting, having studied art for one winter in New York at the Art League, since which time she has been an active and enthusiastic member of the Portland Art School. She also is a pretty girl, with a charming manner that has made her a universal favorite. She is the daughter of Mrs. A. F. Smith, a sister of Mrs. Elliott R. Corbett, Miss Lucy Smith and Lloyd Smith.

Mrs. Smith is a devotee of outdoor sports, being a graceful and fearless equestrienne, a lover of golf and motoring. She is a member of the Waverley Country Club, the Multnomah Club and of a number of social clubs, both dancing and card.

The news of the engagement was first made known at an informal luncheon, for which Mrs. Elliott R. Corbett was hostess at her home, Dunthorpe, in Rivera. This affair was attended by a dozen of the bride-elect's close friends, all of whom later motored in to Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett's home.

to attend the tea planned by Mrs. Corbett to make the announcement. Mrs. Smith also made a formal announcement of the engagement at an informal kaffeeklatsch for which Mrs. W. Grelle was hostess at her home in Firland Heights.

Mr. Miller is the son of Mrs. Charles E. Miller, a prominent society matron of New York, and a brother of Danforth Miller, a student at Harvard. He has been in Portland for about three years, and is Vice-president of the Oregon Lumber Company. He also is a Harvard man and a member of several of the leading clubs of Portland.

The wedding will be a brilliant event of mid-April, although a definite date has not yet been set.

Owing to the popularity of the young people, society will vie to entertain them with pre-nuptial affairs.

Following closely on the announcement of the engagement of Miss Nan Pennoyer Russell to Harold H. Duden, of New York, which in itself created quite a sensation in this city February close, Zera Snow, Mrs. Thomas Kerr, the romantic young couple. The wedding was a simple affair at Christ Episcopal Church, in Coronado, on Wednesday, February 16. Rev. Charles E. Spalding officiated. The young people immediately started on a motor trip to Riverside, and will pass the next two months motoring in Southern California.

Mr. Duden is the son of an English father and Belgian mother, and he was born in Brussels, Belgium, but is now a naturalized citizen of the United States. His father died in 1911, and his mother is at present with one of her daughters, who is a Red Cross nurse, Baroness von

Seckendorff is another sister of the bridegroom, and she is also in Belgium nursing her husband, a Captain in the Imperial Guard, who was recently wounded by a shell.

Two of Mr. Duden's brothers died in Mexico where the Dudens have large mining interests. A younger brother, Frederick, was killed by bandits at Bolanes.

Mr. Duden received his earlier education in Paris and London, and afterward took a three-year course in law at Columbia University in New York. He is one of the largest land owners of Westchester County New York, and is a member of the New York bar. He is also a member of the following clubs: Royal Automobile, Prince's, Royal

Motor Yacht, Motor, Motorboat and Saturday Supper, in London; Club Leopold, in Brussels; New York Athletic, Horseshoe Harbor Yacht, Larchmont Yacht and Gramatan County, of New York and many others.

Mr. Duden also distinguished himself in sports, being an expert ice hockey player, having played in the Eastern Intercollegiate League. He also excels in fancy skating, skiing, trap-shooting, airboard riding and sailboat racing, taking 11 first prizes in the latter sport in one season with the Iota.

One of the prettiest luncheons of the week was that presided over yesterday by Mrs. Edward H. Brooke, at her home in Fircliff, her guests numbering about a dozen prominent matrons. The daintily appointed table was adorned with a bowl of primroses, jonquills and tulips.

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