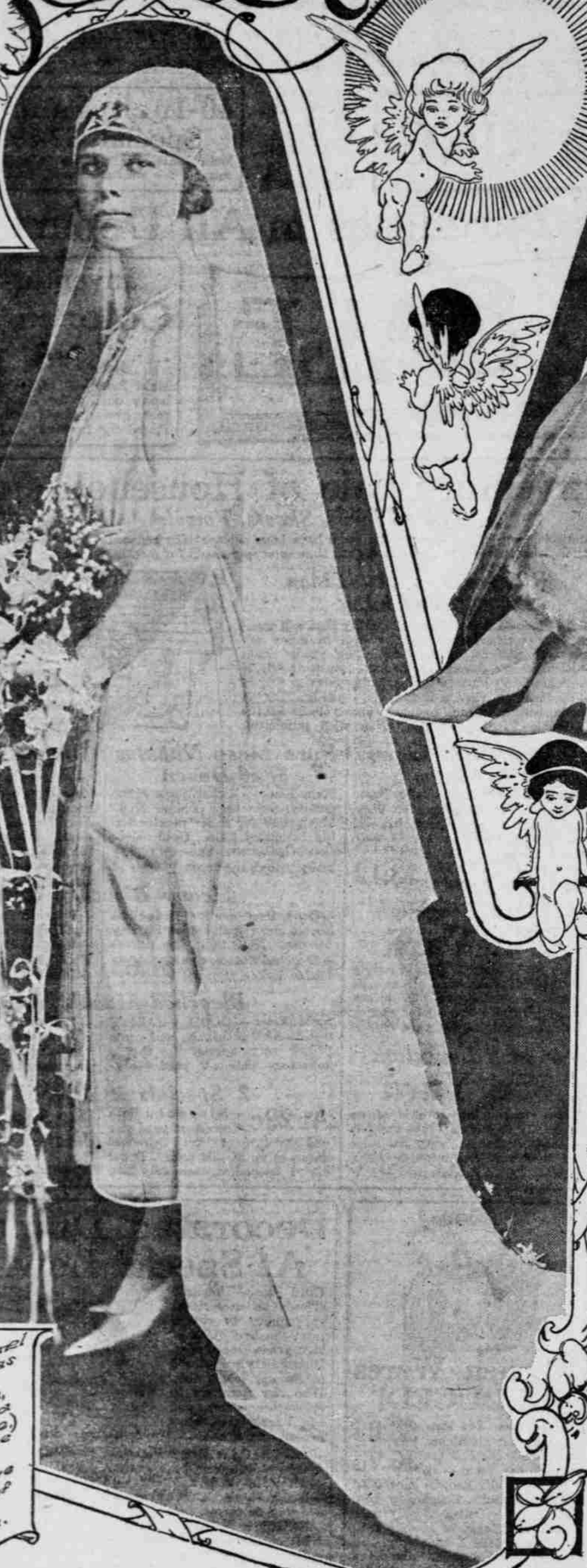


Society

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Edith Menefee, Who Made a Charming Little Flower Girl for Her Sister

Miss Elizabeth Menefee, Her Maid of Honor

Mrs. Karmel Douglas Cole, Beach, Virginia Menefee, One of the Most Attractive Brides of the Season.

A MEDLEY of festivities and gala celebrations sums up the past week socially. The week opened with the Kuchins-Shea wedding and closed with the Kuchins-Shea wedding last night. There were many New Year's eve celebrations which invariably mean "open house," by prominent residents of the city, and this year the Waverley Country Club added its quota in the greeting of the new-born year. Establishing the delightful custom of keeping "open house."

There were in addition a number of private dinner-dances, watch parties and supper dances, as well as the gala celebration at the University Club, which started with a dinner-dance. In some charming informal manner many of the parties finally merged into a few big festivities in the different hotel grills, ending at the residences of some of the members of the parties. Theaters received their share of attention, both the regular performances and the special midnight celebrations. During the week numerous pre-nuptial affairs were given by prominent matrons and maids for Miss Ivelou Shea and some of the other brides-elect.

The wedding of Miss Ruth Plummer and Lieutenant Terry, although anticipated by their friends for some time, was quite a surprise of the week, the ceremony taking place last night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Plummer.

Miss Gladys Ross also left Friday night to join her fiancé, Captain Schuy-

ler, U. S. A., in Washington, D. C., and their wedding will take place about January 19.

Kenton Club season dances for members and their friends will start Wednesday night, January 8, in their clubhouse in Kenton. A large attendance is expected. This is the first of a series of ten dances to be given on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

New Year's eve was gaily celebrated by the members of the University Club and their friends, about 200 of whom assembled at the prettily bedecked club Tuesday evening for a dinner and dance. The club was in its most festive holiday garb, wreaths, garlands and clusters of holly and mistletoe, combined with flaming poinsettias, making an artistic background for the hundreds of beautiful evening gowns worn by the fair sex.

A huge electric sign at the west end of the ballroom flashed the 1919 numerals just as the new year was born, and a joyous welcome was given the infant, with the bands playing the

many noise-making devices with which each guest had been provided being put to the best possible advantage by the merrymakers. A group of soldiers from Vancouver Barracks entertained the guests with songs and at intervals during the evening a huge spotlight flashed colored rays on the broad balcony at the side of the lounge.

The largest party of the evening was a "no-host" party, made up by a group of prominent men and women of the city, and the next largest was one presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew D. Norris for 16. Donald J. Sterling entertaining a similar number of friends. Others who entertained groups varying in size from four to 16 are:

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Burrell, Alblon L. Gile, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Nat McDougall, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stubbs, P. A. Narramore, Lieutenant H. McLeon, Robert E. Scott, Lieutenant Harry L. Kuchins, R. C. Angell, T. T. Munger, Homer C. Campbell, L. Baker, Dr. Herbert S. Nichols, M. C. Woodward, Walter Kendall, Charles F. Swigert, C. A. Hart, E.

W. Lasell, Major and Mrs. T. A. Mills, F. E. Grigsby, J. R. Holman, Mrs. Forrest Fisher, Dr. A. W. Chance, Captain Coniff, W. C. Holman and F. A. Cobbs.

Mrs. Harry L. Kuchins as Ivelou Shea was one of Portland's most extensively feted brides-elect. Each day since the announcement of the engagement of this charming maid some social affair was arranged in her honor. On Monday her sister, Mrs. Irving Stearns, entertained in her honor with a luncheon; Tuesday Miss Margaret Porter was hostess for a tea in her honor, about 50 of the younger contingent calling during the afternoon. The tea table, which was most artistic in appointment, was presided over by Mrs. Guy Porter, and Miss Ruth Shull, fiancée of Lieutenant William S. Fur-

gard, Miss Sara Patrick, Miss Mary Westaway and Miss Isabel Clark assisted in serving.

Thursday Miss Jean Stevens entertained the bridal party at luncheon at the University Club, and Friday night there was a rehearsal of the wedding, preceded by a dinner at the Shea residence, the wedding rounding out the festivities last night.

That the custom of "open house" on New Year's day will be an established event of the Waverley Country Club is the wish of the 400 or more persons who motored out Wednesday afternoon to participate in this charming event. Between the hours of 1 to 4:30 there was a happy stream of men and women continuing the celebration of the New Year, all being greeted with a diminutive messenger boy, labeled with the numerals "1919."

The board of directors and their wives received the guests informally, the reception, dining and ballrooms being festively decked with holiday wreaths and garlands. A stringed orchestra was stationed in the drawing-room and they gave a charming programme during the reception hours, and several professional vocalists contributed to the gaieties with groups of songs. A buffet luncheon was served, the table in the dining-room being arranged to display all sorts of delicious viands, salads, roasts, beverages and dainties. These were served in true English fashion, and the latter part of the afternoon was passed in dancing in the ballroom. President Graham Glass was keenly disappointed when the real surprise of the afternoon did not materialize. He had arranged with William E. "Billy" Boeing, of Seattle, a well-known aviator, to fly from the northern city and light in the polo field at the Waverley, bearing New Year's greetings from the Seattle Country Club to the members of the Waverley.

Mr. Boeing was unable to get a land machine set up, and the trip would have to be postponed until the annual election of the Waverley Club, which is scheduled for January 18.

Many well-known matrons and their consorts, who have for years kept "open house," changed their plans this year and took their friends to the Waverley instead of entertaining them at their own homes, the plan meeting with unanimous pleasure by the different groups who were able to celebrate together.

About half a hundred of Portland's most prominent young matrons and maids called Thursday in response to the invitation of Miss Ruth Peak, for tea at her residence. The affair was part of the holiday celebration, and it was one of the most delightful informal affairs of the season. The rooms were gaily decked in keeping with the season, garlands of mistletoe, holly and greenery suggesting the Yuletide. A miniature Christmas tree bedecked with tiny lights and sparkling trinkets adorned the tea table, at which Mrs. Cameron squires and Mrs. Olan Green presided. Miss Rhoda Rumeltin and Miss Sara McCully assisted in serving.

The wedding of Miss Virginia Menefee and Varnel Douglas Cole Beach was solemnized on one of the most perfect wedding days that ever a bride could wish for. Warm, glorious sunshine added a blessing to the impressive ceremony, which was read by Dr. John H. Boyd in the residence of the bride's parents Monday at high noon. The ceremony was read in the music-room before a screen of delicately tinted blossoms suggestive of the holiday season, also giving a touch of Springtime. The fireplace in the music-room was a bank of pink and white bouvardia, heather, frezias, orchids and maidenhair fern. All about

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