

Society

Newport by the Sea

By Florence Elizabeth Nichols

THE budding rose of June is fairly outwitted this beautiful season by the girl graduates, who grow ever sweeter, and the charming bride and bride-elect who win us more deeply each passing year. The week's calendar has been filled with attention for these winsome ones. Probably no higher significance has ever been attached to the gaining of a diploma and hymen's altar than is brought out these tragic days of war. Then, too, the entertaining for the brave young people fills all around them happiness and society bows as its bestows its crown.

The week will open with a reception in honor of the graduating classes of Willamette university which will be given tomorrow night by President and Mrs. Carl Gregg Doney and Dean and Mrs. George H. Alden. Over 600 invitations have been issued for the affair and the eyes of all college people turn toward this festivity. Eaton hall on the campus will be the scene of the assembly and the hours will be from 8 until 11 o'clock. Owing to President Doney's absence in France, Dean Alden will preside as the host.

CULMINATING the social affairs of the week was the announcement of the engagement of Miss Barbara Golden Steiner to Lieutenant Earl Coulson Flegel which was made at an elaborate tea given by Mrs. Milton Meyers, an aunt of the bride-elect, late yesterday afternoon at the Meyers' residence on Court street. Miss Steiner is one of the

most beautiful girls of the younger set and her engagement came as a delightful surprise to her large circle of friends.

Following closely in the footsteps of her equally charming sister, Mrs. Daniel J. Fry, Jr. (Rita Steiner), who was a May bride, Miss Steiner expects to be married the latter part of the month, quietly at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee Steiner. Then she will leave with her soldier husband for Camp Fremont, where he will be stationed for several months.

As the guests arrived yesterday afternoon, at the tea hours which were from 4 until 6 o'clock, the engagement secret was revealed to them. Demurely, they were greeted at the door by dainty little Priscilla Fry and then as they entered Miss Margaret Evans gave each a fragrant white rose upon which was tied the announcement card.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Milton Meyers, the bride-elect, her grandmother, Mrs. Gleason Steiner, and her mother, Mrs. R. E. Lee Steiner. Miss Steiner was radiant in a filmy white gown, almost more the picture of a debutante than a bride-to-be. She wore an exquisite corsage bouquet of orchids and Cecil Brunner roses.

A kaleidoscopic effect was artistically obtained in the decorations. The living room was a symphony in pink with a profusion of carnations, fluffy peonies and snap dragons. The planned adornments were enhanced by two handsome gift baskets. One was a huge grouping of Irish Elegance roses and the other was a tall bouquet of plinks. Blue delphinium veiled the reception hall and the dining room was a riot of pastel coloring, cleverly brought out in shades



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of yellow and pink and blue. Stationed at the samovars were the bride's sister, Mrs. Daniel J. Fry, Jr., and Miss Margery Marvin, the fiancée of another soldier, Fritz Slade. Mrs. Lloyd Shisler (Gertrude Cunningham) and Miss Helen Deckebach assisted in serving. In the rooms were Mrs. H. H. Olinier, Mrs. Frank Spears, Mrs. Curtis Cross, Mrs. Prince Byrd, Miss Ellen Thibault, Miss Teresa Fowle and Mrs. D. J. Fry, Sr. There were a large number of guests, mostly the youngest friends of the bride-elect.

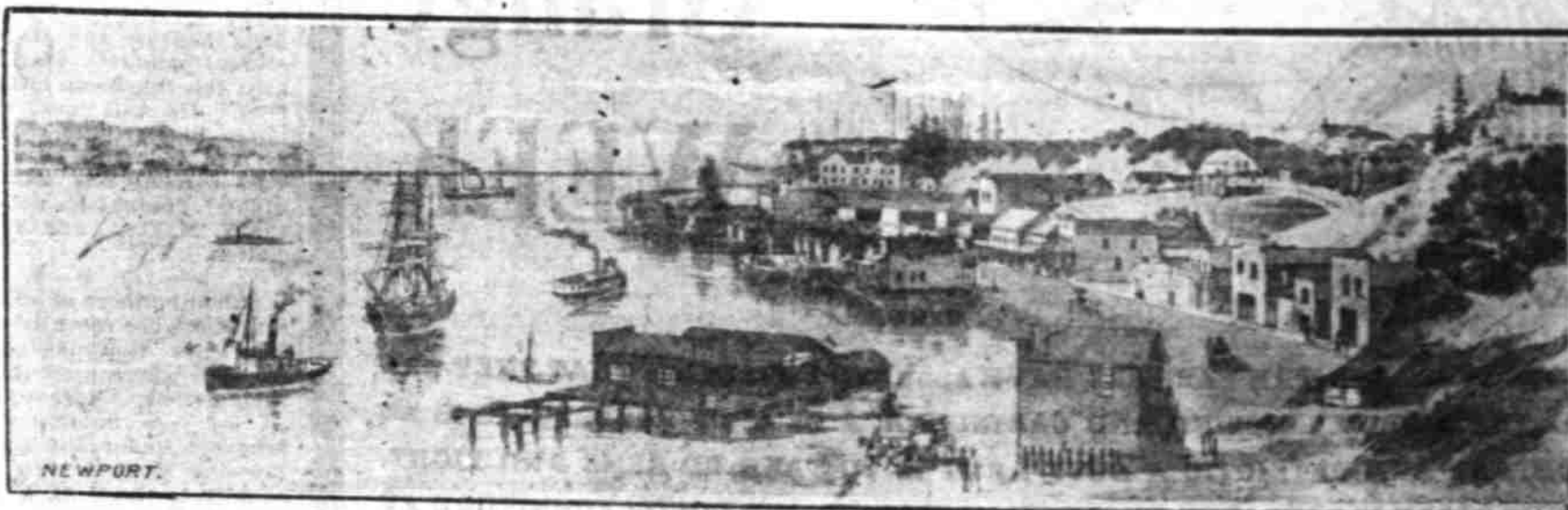
Miss Steiner is the youngest daughter in the Steiner family and has not yet made her debut in society. Recently she returned from the University of Washington, where she has closed her studies as a junior student. She is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Lieutenant Flegel is the son of prominent Portland people, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Flegel. He is a graduate of the 1917 class of Willamette university where he was popular in college athletics. He is a brother of Miss Dorothy Flegel, a University of Oregon girl, who is also a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Lieutenant Flegel entered the Presidio with the May 1917 officers' training class. He has since been in training at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and at the Presidio. He holds the office of first lieutenant in the United States army.

Honoring distinguished Portland guests, Bishop and Mrs. Walter Taylor Sumner, a reception was given last night by Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Gill at the rectory on Chemeketa street. Besides the hosts and their guests, in the receiving line were Mrs. U. G. Shipley and Mrs. Edward Weller. The home was transformed with masses of summer buds and blooms. Mrs. Samuel Mitchell, who accompanied the Sumners to Salem yesterday afternoon was also a special guest of honor. Mrs. Mitchell is passing the summer in the west from Negansee, Mich. She is the mother of Mrs. Sumner, who was a bride of the late fall.

President and Mrs. Henry J. Talbot of Kinnel college were hosts at a reception Wednesday night in honor of Thomas Acheson who is the 1913 graduate of the school.

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NEWPORT.

Captain Jacobsen says he lived before he ever saw the Newport boat and he has no fears but that he can make a living even if the new railroad does put his boat to some other use besides carrying passengers from the present terminal of the Corvallis & Eastern railway at Yaquina across the bay to Newport. Captain Jacobsen has been on this run for so many years that most of us do not remember when he was not there. He does not look a minute older than he did years ago but the old boat has been worked over and modernized in many ways. It was formerly a steam boat and well do I remember one morning years ago when on its usual outward morning trip there was a party of gay young folks on the upper deck having a big time and making life a burden for those who wanted to take a few moments rest in the bright morning air. All of a sudden one of the young men commenced to dance a "can-can" that would do justice to any Indian war dance and the way he "yelled" would make one think the goblins had him. By standing on his head a moment he was soon quieted and it was soon learned that the cause of all this commotion was that there had been a big live eider from the smokestack that had landed on the back of his neck and found its way inside to a place it was not wanted. The other members of the jolly party soon discovered they had also received a sprinkle of the eiders and had numerous reminders by way of small burned holes in their clothing. This is all a matter of history now as the old Newport has modern gas engines and chugs her way across the arm of the bay in a few minutes. Newport has dreamed for years of an extension of the railroad that would land the passengers direct to its doors but it seems that it has remained for the war conditions to bring this about. Today there are great piles of steel at Yaquina and crews of men grading the right of way around the bay. One is told the new railroad is only temporary and

is being built primarily to tap a belt of spruce timber that our soldier boys are busy in getting ready for army use. It is said the survey of this new railroad goes within about a mile of the main part of Newport and then runs north along the beach through Arate beach and on to "somewhere in America." It is perhaps true that the present building of this road is caused by the need to tap the timber belt but when the road is once laid and connected no one should imagine for a moment but that it will be a permanent affair. Then on the south beach across and south from Newport there are hundreds of the khaki clad boys felling trees and it is said the railroad will extend along the south beach with the terminal as indefinite as the one going north. If one wanted to draw on their imagination they might conclude that a railroad up and down the coast could be used for military purposes in case it was necessary to defend the west coast. At any rate there are "several" of Uncle Sam's boys busy now in the timber and building railroad. The ordinary person does not know how many, but Newport plans on a big celebration July 4th and will have a big clam bake and those in charge of the arrangements say they expect to feed 2000 of these boys, on clams. Many amusing stories leak out from the logging camps as to the happenings. The boys are not all experienced loggers by any means. It is thought these camps have a two-fold object—one is to get out the much needed airplane lumber, the other is a training camp for the boys. Instead of an eight-hour drill on parade grounds they drill 30 minutes a day on the camp ground in the regular way, then they "forward march" to the woods. This work in the woods is guaranteed to give as much muscle and staying qualities and powers as twice the time spent in ordinary drilling, besides the boys are quick to learn and soon have a pile of logs ready. One story is told of a company of the boys that had not spent

their earlier days in the woods, to say the least. They were cutting the trees into the desired lengths after they had been downed. Two of them were pulling a big crosscut saw when the log "pinched" and the two could no longer pull the saw. They then called two comrades to their aid and made a few cuts more when it pinched so hard the four of them could not pull it and they called for more help. About that time an old resident, that had his home near, happened along and showed the boys how to use the sledge and wedge in relieving the difficulty.

Another story is of a captain that said he was an experienced "faller" and took his company and went to the timber to fall trees. Later in the day the "higher up" official came around on his inspection trip and found the trees had fallen cross-grain and every other way. He reprimanded the captain and asked him if he could not tell when he was cutting which way the tree would fall, and he replied that he was a timber faller and not a prophet.

The writer can not vouch for the truthfulness of any of these stories, but they all help to give the interest when the soldier boys come to town. All of these things help to make Newport in interesting and lively place this year. The wagon road from Willamette Valley points to Newport is in good condition and many automobiles are coming and going daily. New life is being taken on and everyone is busy. Newport is one of the most attractive summer resorts. It is just large enough to furnish any needed convenience and small enough to allow all the freedom desired. It is on the bay side of the point of land that shuts in at the north of the entrance to Yaquina bay. Just across this point and on the ocean side is Nye beach. There was formerly more of a division in the two places than there now is. It is all Newport, the postoffice being about half way between the boat landing and the beach. It is only a few minutes' walk from the boat landing to Nye beach and there are business houses scattered all along the various routes. To those who want to get down at the edge of the mighty Pacific and see the waves come dashing in, there is no place like the broad clean sands of Nye beach. Those that want the more sheltered spots can find anything to their liking on Yaquina bay. During the proper seasons the various kinds of fish are caught from the waters of the bay and it is only a few miles out on the ocean to the best halibut fishing banks on the coast. During low tides rock oysters, clams and mussels are to be had in abundance. Most people would find it cheaper to buy all of these things from the local markets than to go after them themselves but it is not half as interesting.

One of the best appetizers for clams is to get up at 4 a. m., go out at low tide and spend an hour or so digging them and then clean and fry for breakfast. The rock oyster has a habit of making his home down under about six inches of rock. Yes, they will tell you the rock oyster is soft and with either a pick or a bar and sledge they are easily got, but if you are not careful you will find some blisters on your hands when you get your pall full. Near Newport are numerous places of interest, only a few miles to fresh water fishing, if one tires of the salt water sports. It is said one would not have to go far into the hills back of Newport to find bear and other big game hunting. There is no beach on the coast any more safe for bathers than this beach and hours can be spent on the beach searching for agates and many beautiful stones are picked up. Each new tide washes new ones from the sand.

So far as accommodations are concerned, one can find anything to their liking. There are modern hotels (Continued on page 4)



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