

## SOCIETY NEWS OF THE WEEK

BY MOLLY BRUNK

**T**HE calendar for the week shows a number of unusually interesting affairs, although it could not be called a busy week socially speaking. The Monday Night club's dance, was easily the largest affair of the week, and also one of the most delightful contributions. The affairs complimenting Miss Marjorie Kay, bride-elect, were other things of a city that brought to memory "The Deserted Village," for everybody and everybody's friend had motored to Corvallis to witness the Oregon-O. A. C. football game.

Next week we shall have our own home-coming, and instead of all the young and older folk hurrying away for Eugene, Corvallis or Portland we shall have those who are away at school, or who have married and taken up their residences elsewhere, returning to spend a few days—at least Thanksgiving—under Salem vines and fig trees. There is also the state music teachers' convention and the Teachers' Institute that will bring another large group of out-of-town people here.

**S**INCE the publishing of the first chapter in the Atlantic monthly "Journal of an Understanding Heart," by Opal Whitley, discussion concerning it has never abated, and now that the "Story of Opal" is really out, the original sensation has been eclipsed in the present furor that the book is creating both here and abroad.

Massfield and Lord Gray have succumbed to its charm, the latter who wrote the preface to the book, asserting that in his mind it is not a matter of authenticity, but of its place in literature, for literature of the first rank he considers it.

Oregonians, of course, feel a personal interest in Opal and her work, because of the fact that she is an Oregon girl, and her story finds its setting here. Latest interest locally is aroused over the disclosure that the State Library has many letters on file from the author, which represents a number of years of her life in a Southern Oregon lumber camp. The earlier years are written with growing maturity both of letter form and manner, until the handwriting develops through various childish changes to her present chirography.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, early noted the child's inclination for natural history and kindred subjects, and through several years carried an extensive correspondence with Opal, in which she suggested books to read and study, and directed her literary endeavors in general.

Two of Opal's letters follow, revealing the early tendency of her mind and effort. The first is dated Dorena, Jan. 6th, 1913 and the second, Star, Sept. 8th, 1914:

Dear Miss Marvin:  
I appreciate the little book about the publications of the United States Geological Survey which you sent me. I write to Mr. Hawley for a number of these publications, which I received about three weeks ago.

I desire to take up as my life work the training and teaching of children. I want also, to teach them about the beauties of God's outdoors, of the birds, trees, flowers, of insects, shells and rocks. I want to help them to be a blessing to the world, to make the hearts of their parents glad, and to grow into a noble pure manhood and womanhood. Would you please send me a list of books with illustrations about flowers and about birds? Also other nature books? And would you please tell me what the postage or expressage on these books would be?

I desire to write for other people the lessons I have learned from little children and of the great things I have gained from God's outdoors, and to write for little children. Could you tell me of two or three good books on this subject which would be well for a beginner to study?

I have a great many child-friends and I keep their sayings and little stories of their daily life in note books for future reference. I have found this very helpful.

Thank you for writing me about the geology books. I would be glad to get some of these later in the spring and in the summer. I have over four hundred rocks which I have collected from the hillsides, fields and river. My teacher thought it best that I should not take up geology as a regular study till next summer and then I know I will enjoy it very much as I love the study of nature.

I am not getting any books from any loan library at present, although our teacher Miss Lily Black who often gets books from you is sending for a library of histories, and a few books which will help me in my study of physical geography and will help me with my collection of rocks for this district.

I would appreciate these favors in lists of books etc very much, and would take the best of care of the books.

Dear Friends:  
Enclosed please find fifteen cents amount due for postage on nature books sent to me the first of the month.

I will be glad to receive the four books soon and "Social life in the insect world" by Fabre, which you wrote in your letter of August 1st, and the other books when Miss Marvin returns.

I am finding "Harper's book for young naturalists" very helpful on mounting wood specimens, in making labels for the minerals, and in arranging my Indian arrowheads, and in many, many ways in my study of nature.

I am busy collecting autumn leaves now and am getting specimens of wood. Among the trees we have in our valley, Row River Valley, are: Douglas fir, white fir, pine, spruce, yew, cedar, golden-rod chinquapin, oak, laurel, maple, cottonwood, balm, elderberry, dogwood, wildcherry, wild crab-apple, chittim and poplar.

During the winter I am going to build several more bird houses. The blue birds built homes in all our bird houses this summer and we certainly enjoyed watching them rear their young. They often come on the porch for food and I learn many interesting things about bird life while watching them.

**T**HE horse show in Portland to break the tenth commandment. This week attracted many, and for their entertainment were many performers that have become familiar through previous appearances in Salem at the state fair horse show. Reports were told through the newspapers told us that Miss Dorris Oxley McCleave, whom Salem folk admired, was again the idol of the nightly crowds. And the idol of her own heart, "Toy," the little pocket-edition Shetland pony that was also shown in Salem, once more caused youthful hearts to yearn, and small folk generally

to break the tenth commandment. Among this group was little two-and-one-half-year old Jeanne West, daughter of ex-Governor and Mrs. Oswald West, who really had the honor of being the first performer at the Portland horse show, for with her father and sister, Miss Helen West, both of whom are clever riders, she went out to the big stadium last Sunday and evidence of an undoubtedly inherited fondness for beautiful horses, expressed a desire to ride "Toy."

Consent was readily forthcoming, and the tiny rider, who was

### HOME FOR THE WEEK



**M**ISS IRENE CURTIS who is home from Cottage Grove to spend Thanksgiving week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Curtis. She returned by way of Corvallis, where she was entertained for the football game and dance, by her sorority, the Pi Beta Phi.

outfitted with glistening little spurs and regulation riding accoutrements, started out around the ring, much to the delight of the big Sunday crowd of on-lookers. All would have gone well, but—perhaps Jeanne became a bit flustered by so much laughter and applause perhaps—well, anyway, just as she was finishing the circle she fell off. It was an inglorious finish to so splendid a beginning, but seeing that the small equestrienne was unhurt, none the less enjoyable from the point of view of the audience.

Quite the most important and interesting event in the social calendar for November will be the wedding of Miss Marjorie Kay, and Hollis Huntington, which will be a large affair taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Kay, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, November 29. One hundred invitations have been issued, including a large number of out-of-town college friends.

Miss Catherine Wilson of Portland, a Gamma Phi Beta sorority sister of Miss Kay will be bridesmaid, and Charles Huntington, will stand with his brother as best man.

The wedding will culminate a romance of University of Oregon days, both being graduates. The engagement was announced last spring, just before Miss Kay's graduation.

Both young folk were exceedingly popular on the campus, Mr. Huntington being one of the best known athletes of the northwest. During the war he was commissioned as lieutenant of the marines.

Miss Marjorie Kay was the inspiration for the large bridge tea which her sister-in-law, Mrs. Erceel Kay, gave as a pre-nuptial attention Friday afternoon.

The rooms were aglow with white and yellow chrysanthemums which were arranged with charming effect. Four tables were utilized for the game, the honors being given to Mrs. Harry Hawkins. Later in the afternoon additional guests dropped in for tea. Mrs. Kay being assisted by Mrs. T. B. Kay, Mrs. E. C. Cross and Mrs. Prince Byrd.

The invitational list included: Mrs. W. Connell Dyer, Mrs. Harry Hawkins, Mrs. Arthur J. Rahn, Mrs. John Hargreaves Carson, U. G. Shipley, Mrs. David Eyre, Mrs. Ben Olcott, Mrs. Milton Meyers, Mrs. Prince Byrd, Mrs. Allan Bynon, Mrs. E. C. Cross, Mrs. Charles Robertson, Mrs. Frank W. Spencer, Mrs. Carl Nelson, Mrs. Paul Hendricks, Mrs. Kenneth Hall, Mrs. W. Melvin Plimpton, Mrs. Frank Spears, Mrs. John Dolph of Pendleton, Miss Elizabeth Lord, Miss Catherine Carson, Miss Bernice Craig, Miss Margaret Rodgers, Miss Grace Bean, and Miss Nell Thielson.

Another affair in compliment to Miss Marjorie Kay was the luncheon Thursday given by Mrs. Paul R. Hendricks and Mrs.

Carl Nelson, Gamma Phi Beta sorority sisters of the honoree, as were the guests for the most part. The luncheon table was charming in all its appointments. A large mound of Cecil Brunner roses, combined with tiny button chrysanthemums in pink and lavender, and maiden-hair fern perfected the floral centerpiece, fluffy bows of tulle, candles and place cards further bearing out the pink and lavender color note. A pretty departure was the pre-nuptial, none the less enjoyable from the point of view of the audience.

Circling the board were: Mrs. Alan Bynon, Mrs. John Hargreaves Carson, Mrs. Erceel Kay, Mrs. Kenneth Hall, Miss Grace Bean, Miss Catherine Carson, Miss Bernice Craig and the hostesses.

San Francisco papers received in Salem tell of the engagement of Miss Mary Creed Howard, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Howard, former Salem residents, now of Palo Alto, to George Louis Davis of Pittsburgh, Pa., who is connected with the Oliver Iron and Steel company of that city. He is a graduate of Lafayette college and a Chi Phi fraternity man, and during the war was a lieutenant in the aviation service.

The wedding will take place in the spring. The bride-to-be was immensely popular during her years in Salem, and is a pretty and charming girl.

The recently-organized bridge club, formed of a group of the younger married folk, and which is holding sessions throughout the winter, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. David W. Eyre Wednesday night who arranged six tables for the players.

Card honors fell to Mrs. R. M. Hofer and W. Connell Dyer. Additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Lamport. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins will be hosts at the next meeting of the club.

Members are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bynon, Mr. and Mrs. William Connell Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hofer, Mr. and Mrs. David Eyre, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spears, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fry, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Keith

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Governor and Mrs. Olcott returned home Wednesday night from Portland, where they had been since Monday visiting at the home of Ex-Governor and Mrs. Oswald West, and taking in the Livestock Exposition and Horse Show.

Yesterday Mrs. Olcott, with the children, Richard, Chester and Gordon, returned to Portland to attend the matinee of the Horse Show. They are expected home this evening.

The Bridge-Luncheon club was entertained at its meeting Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. John J. Roberts, who asked in addition, Mrs. Harry Hawkins and Mrs. Will H. Bennett.

The luncheon which preceded the game was served at a table particularly attractive with its motif of yellow, chrysanthemums in that color forming the centerpiece, with additional appointments harmonizing.

Mrs. David W. Eyre will open her home to club members at the next session.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller have returned to their home in Portland, after spending the week in Salem as the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rahn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Allen extended delightful hospitality on Tuesday night, when they opened their home to the members of the Merry-go-Round club. Seven tables were arranged for the card games, awards falling to Miss Ruth Johns and R. B. Fleming.

The club will assemble again in two weeks, when Mr. and Mrs. William Brown will entertain.

Mrs. F. A. Wiggins of Toppensish, Wn., who arrived in Salem on Tuesday, was joined by Mr. Wiggins Thursday night, who arrived from a business trip to California. The early part of Mrs. Wiggins' visit was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Albert. The latter part with her sister, Mrs. George F. Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins will return to their home the first of the week.

An affair brimming with gaiety and sparkling animation was the November dancing party the first of the week of the Monday Night club, the event taking place in Moose Hall. A specially selected decorative committee utilized the approaching Thanksgiving holiday as a motif in adorning the big room, emblems of the date being employed in various effective ways. Scarlet rose tips, gave a gay dash of color to the light fixtures, and centering the room, was a fountain that threw its crystal spray above the palms that circled its base. The Swart orchestra furnished the music for the delightfully arranged numbers.

Following the dance a large group of the merry-makers were entertained at one of the largest supper parties of the year, which was given in the Rose Room at the Spa, for which Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Glover, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brophy, Mr. and Mrs. George Riches and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wenderoth were hosts. The place was particularly attractive with its arrangement of the eleven tables, each centered with pompon chrysanthemums and trailing greenery. Covers were laid for 60 guests.

The list included: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weidner, Mr. and Mrs. Linn Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schmidt, Dr. and Mrs. Grover Bellinger, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs.

H. V. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Grier, Miss Eliza Noland, Miss Roach, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Darby, Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Darby, Mr. and Mrs. William McGilchrist, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunoon, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lamport, Mr. and Mrs. Will T. Neill, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKinnon, Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Garnjobst, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Page, Mr. and Mrs. Armin Steiner and Graham Griswold.

The dinner over which Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spaulding and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mills presided preceding the Monday night dance was another charming affair which the date inspired. A color scheme of yellow was perfected and large chrysanthemums and French marigolds being utilized as a table centerpiece, and with place cards and other appointments in the same color.

Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Henry V. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding.

The college set will claim a large portion of the social stage during the coming week, maids and men coming home for the entire week in many instances, owing to the various institutes, and the Thanksgiving holiday. The outstanding event that will be purely their own is the third annual dance to be given by the members of the T. A. club of the Salem High School, who are high school students no more, but who still retain club membership and loyalty, and therefore will endeavor to make the forthcoming party, which will be on Thanksgiving night, a repetition of the tremendous success of the two similar affairs that have gone before.

It will be quite informal, and will be attended by about forty couples. The committee named to perfect details is composed of Miss Letha Wilson, Miss Nellie Rowland, Miss Ruth Griffith and Miss Leta Baumgartner.

Members of the T. A. club are: Miss Ina Proctor, Miss Mary Elizabeth Bayne, Miss Edna Ackermann, Miss Grace Humphreys, Miss Mary Talmadge, Miss Alice McClellan, Miss Helen Lovell, Miss Joanna James, Miss Ruth Barnes, Miss Jeanette Meredith, Miss Frances Schrele, Miss Olive Moores, Miss Lucille Moore, Miss Leah Ross, Miss Martha Powell, Miss Ruth Griffith, Miss Leta Baumgartner, Miss Margaret McMahon, Miss Ruth Page, Miss Mabel Ackermann, Miss Marjorie Mellinger.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Chambers entertained as their guests the last of the week, classmates of the Oregon Agricultural College, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bates, and daughter Barbara May, who were on their way to Eugene to see the football game, and also Corvallis for the week-end where they were

to be entertained by their fraternity and sorority brothers and sisters, Mrs. Bates being an Alpha Chi Omega.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burton and their son Alvin will be among Salem folk represented at the Thanksgiving day game in Portland.

As the first contribution of a series of similar affairs which they plan to give during the winter, was the dinner over which Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Webb presided Wednesday night. Yellow was the predominant note in decorations, chrysanthemums, candles and minor details of appointment being in this color.

Places were designated for Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith, Mrs. Margaret Lovelace, Dr. and Mrs.

C. E. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Meyers, Dr. and Mrs. Grover Bellinger, Dr. and Mrs. Prince Byrd, C. B. Clancey, Hugh Elliott and the hosts.

Mrs. Hugh McCammon left on Tuesday for Sacramento, Calif., where she will join her husband, whose business will keep him another month in the south. They expect to return by Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Boise, accompanied by Mrs. Frank E. Smedscoer, motored to Corvallis yesterday for the O. A. C. U. of O. game.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. McNary were others who went to Corvallis for the football game, motoring over.

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