

SOCIETY NEWS of the WEEK

BY MOLLY BRUNK

FEATURED ON WOMAN'S CLUB PROGRAM



MISS Lulu Rosamonde Walton, who gave Drinkwater's Lincoln at the meeting of the Salem Woman's Club, yesterday afternoon. Miss Walton, who is a gifted reader, presented the English author's drama with splendid success.

and keen attention was very noticeable. Fully one-third were men, many grey headed, young boys and business men. When the program was finished, the entire audience rushed to the platform and crowded around the artist, demanding encores. It was most delightfully informal. Miss Byrd received a host of admirers in the reception room. She remained for nearly an hour and left her surrounded by a crowd. "Salem and Oregon, too, for that matter, should be proud of Winifred Byrd."

Drinkwater's Lincoln was the feature of the afternoon, and was splendidly given by Miss Lulu Rosamonde Walton, who caught the spirit of idealism and sympathy which the English dramatist has sought to emphasize. Her presentation was simple and sincere. Preceding her Miss Lena Belle Tartar sang in excellent voice "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," by Julia Ward Howe, and responded to a demand for an encore with "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia." Mrs. William H. Burghardt was at the piano. As a final number well known southern melodies were given by Miss Marion Emmons and Miss Iva Claire Love, violinists, with Miss Lucille Emmons playing an accompaniment. Tea was served from a long table made distinctive with its beautiful old silver, some of it dating back to Lincoln's time. Silver sticks held the tallow-colored tapers, and garlands of smilax and bowls of daffodils were combined as decorations. A full damask cloth was used in place of the daisies of the modern tea table. Smilax and candles also ornamented the mantel. Introducing a pretty detail were the quaint mid-Victorian costumes worn by the girls who served. Low coiffures of the period were likewise noted. The group included Miss Catherine Carson, Miss Helen Pearce, Miss Nell Thielsen, Miss Elizabeth Halley, Miss Mildred Garrett and Miss Ada Miller. Presiding at the urns were Mrs. J. H. McNary, Mrs. S. A. Koser, Mrs. R. J. Hendricks and Mrs. William E. Kirk. The following new members were admitted to the club: Mrs. L. S. Geer, Mrs. C. A. Lytle, Mrs. Chester Cox, Mrs. Lenta Westcott, Mrs. Elmo White, Mrs. Mary Yockey, Mrs. John M. Clifford, Mrs. Walter Kirk, Mrs. John Caughill, Mrs. E. L. Tillinghast, Mrs. David Eyre, Mrs. H. S. Gile, Mrs. H. H. Olinger, Mrs. John R. Sites and Mrs. W. Connell Dyer.

club's first and present president, Mrs. C. P. Bishop and Mrs. George J. Pearce were stationed at the tea urns, the following group assisting in service: Mrs. Frank Spears, Miss Helen Pearce, Miss Nell Thielsen, Miss Eliza Nolan, Miss Elizabeth Halley of Portland; Miss Grace Bean and Miss Constance Cartwright. Mrs. W. Carlton Smith delighted with songs which she contributed. "Thank God for a Garden," "The First Rose of Summer," "Morning" and "Springtime." Mrs. William H. Burghardt, Jr., playing the accompaniment. Several readings by Mrs. W. H. Bliss, a visitor in the city from Worcester, Mass., were also notable details.

Once again the Illache Country club is to be the setting for a large social function, the event to be a formal dance, on the evening of February 22. Washington's birthday will furnish the motif of the decorations, and various other details of the affair, which will be for club members, and out-of-town friends exclusively. The date will mark the first formal event for the season of 1921. A committee named to perfect plans is composed of: C. B. Webb, chairman; P. E. Fullerton, Herbert L. Stiff, Roy H. Mills and Frank G. Myers.

Announcements have been received in Salem of the marriage of Miss Arlene Ohm, formerly of Salem and William Purdue, which took place in San Francisco, January 14. The wedding culminates the room and forming a background for the stage. A picture of Lincoln and a bowl of golden tulips, forming a bit of color, was placed on the table on the platform. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, former Salem residents are extending a most cordial welcome to them upon their arrival in the city the last of the week. They are being entertained as house guests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Burghardt, Jr., planning to remain in the city about six months. Leaving Salem several years ago they spent some time in the Orient, later taking up their residence in London, England, where they spent a year. Upon their departure Mr. Wilson will again visit the Orient and India, completing the circuit.

Mrs. Thomas G. Halley and Miss Elizabeth Halley returned to their home in Portland last night after spending the week as the house guests of Mrs. H. B. Thielsen and Miss Nell Thielsen. Numerous small affairs made the stay of these charming visitors pleasant, for the most part calling together a few long-time friends for either a luncheon or an afternoon over the tea cups. Of the former courtesies Mrs. John Gill, wife of Senator Gill of Portland was the sponsor, the luncheon being given at the Hotel Marion on Thursday. Covers were laid for Mrs. Halley, Miss Halley, Mrs. Harold Gill of Portland, Mrs. H. B. Thielsen, Miss Thielsen and the hosts. Saturday before the departure of the Halleys Mrs. Ada Strong gave a small luncheon at the same place for Mrs. Halley.

Mrs. P. C. Patterson of Portland is a guest of Governor and Mrs. Ben W. Olcott. The dinner which Mrs. Louis Lachmund gave Thursday night for a group of legislative col-

leagues and a few close men friends of Senator Lachmund was a distinctive and interesting affair. The table displayed wonderfully attractive floral ornamentation. A long art basket that conformed to the outline of the board was employed as a centerpiece being filled with a combination of daffodils and blue hyacinths. A large golden bowl topped the handle in which violets were artistically entwined. Beneath this was a hand-dyed square of silk in blue and yellow which further revealed the color motif. Blue and yellow candles in single sticks, east a mellow light, and at each place were violet buttonholes, and cigarette favorites with harmonizing ribbon. Covers were laid for: Senators R. L. Eddy, Roseburg; W. T. Vinton, McMinnville; G. W. Joseph, Portland; W. T. Hume, Portland; V. G. Hare, Hillsboro; C. M. Thomas, Medford; W. H. Strayer, Baker; Henry Hansen, representative of the Portland Telegram, John H. McNary and Senator Lachmund.

Mrs. John H. McNary entertained the members of the bridge-club and Mrs. H. G. Terry of Portland and Mrs. W. H. Dancy additionally, Thursday afternoon. For the luncheon table a Valentine suggestion was made with the centerpiece of crimson carnations, and red candles on either side. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Terry of Portland are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Melvin Plimpton, the latter arriving Thursday, Mr. Terry coming up last night. Members of the Monday Night club are happily anticipating the next number on their program, to be given tomorrow night, in Moose Hall, and which will be a Valentine dancing party, with hearts, and the insignia of the date in evidence in decorations. A number of dinner and supper parties will claim the hour before and after the affairs, one of the largest of the latter to be the one sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirk and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Galloway, covers to be laid for 26, at the home of the Kirks. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan are entertaining with a supper of 12 covers. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Webb will give a supper, arranging places for 18. Still another supper will be the one given by Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Darby and Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Darby at the home of the former. 18 guests to be bidden.

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THIS being the season of Lenten contemplation, time for leisure and repose is at hand, matrons and maids, who have put in an arduous winter with innumerable dances and attendant festivities, apparently adjusting themselves to the new order of things, for the past fortnight has been peculiarly lacking in social activities, with little on the forthcoming program until well after Easter. The springtime suggestion in the atmosphere is turning thoughts out-doorward, and as a result there is a stir of life on the green, south of town at the country club, that presages a renewed life in the sport of golfing.

INASMUCH as a local theater as well as a foremost American magazine have been featuring for some time the work of James Oliver Curwood, the following sketch of the life of the author, by a Salem woman who knew him personally, will be of timely interest. Mrs. D. Eason lived for many years in the same town as Mr. Curwood and was well acquainted with him before he became a national literary figure. She says of him: James Oliver Curwood does not live in the frozen north of which he writes, but his home is in Owosso, Michigan.

In Michigan he could easily stand on his doorstep any January morning and, closing his eyes, believe himself in upper Canada. There would be the same nip at his nostrils and biting into his lungs, and he really goes on expeditions after local color nearly every year, and any Hudson's Bay Post—or the stretches between—furnish his store house of make-believe. In a recent Owosso paper I noticed two items about him. In the "Twenty years ago" column it gave: "James Oliver Curwood has had a short story accepted by the 'Gray Goose.'" This magazine has been dead for so many years that it is forgotten by all except the proud authors and editors who contributed to its demise. In the personals of the same paper, I read that Mr. Curwood has purchased a high-priced limousine. The conclusion is obvious.

Twenty years ago he licked his stamps thoughtfully for the return envelope which he always enclosed; but now that he has progressed to limousines, I imagine editors approach him humbly. I talked to him a few years ago in our home town, Owosso. He was at his mother's where he does most of his writing. He comes from his own house each morning and walks to his old home, which is a quiet, maple-shaded street. His mother, Mrs. Curwood, met me at the door and she remembered me. I was surprised because I had been away for some time. She is a dear elderly lady who has done much toward her son's success.

"Go right up," she said, "turn to the left and you'll find him." I found him tipped back in his chair and in a mood for talking. "Do you think higher degrees at college would help for literary work?" I asked. He smiled humorously and tilted his chair back still farther. "I had three years at the University of Michigan and I got out just in time. They would have had me turned into a mummy by another year and then where would I be? Education, up to a certain point, is necessary, but after that, imagine and write constantly."

Then he told something of his plans for launching a moving picture company to produce his own scenarios. Salemites have enjoyed some of his specialties, "God's Country and the Woman" being one of his fine productions. Then he repeated the recipe for his own success: "Imagine, write constantly, work and submit to editors. When one remembers that he followed this rule for a score of years and that it bore him up from the anaemic 'Gray Goose' to opulent limousines, the advice must carry some weight. You will notice that not once did he mention inspiration, for he believes—with many others—that success is based on hard work."

It was the delightful privilege of a number of Salem folk visiting in New York City, to hear Miss Winifred Byrd, when she appeared in concert in Aeolian hall, Wednesday, February the second. Among those in attendance were Mrs. W. F. Lord, Miss Elizabeth Lord, Mrs. H. C. Schultz, Miss Mary Schultz, Miss Mabel Robertson and Mrs. Florence Holbrook. Writing to friends here concerning the concert, Miss Lord says: "I've just returned from Aeolian hall, where I have heard the foremost American pianist—our own Winifred Byrd. While the ecstasy of her wonderful renditions of a most difficult program lingers with me, I wish to give friends at home some idea of Winifred Byrd's artistic program, and the great enthusiasm which was displayed."

"The opening group of Debussy made evident her originality in execution. Her delicate tone in the 'Cathedral' 'Engoutie' was very worthy of De Pachmann. 'Danse de Puck,' so like herself, dainty, unexpected and spontaneous reached the audience in just the manner the name implies. The audience fairly chuckled over her rendition of this delightful composition. The Liszt numbers brought forth a storm of applause. Never have I heard Winifred Byrd play better and never have I seen an audience more enthusiastic and appreciative. "A capacity house greeted Miss Byrd, evidently music lovers, for as I glanced over the hall during her numbers the absolute stillness

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hofer were dinner hosts Thursday night, entertaining with the first of a series of similar affairs which they will give. Covers were laid for fourteen. Mr. and Mrs. James Trent of Danbury, Iowa, arrived in Salem last week, and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Meyers, until their removal to their new home which they have purchased near Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Handley have with them over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McCannish of McMinnville. Mrs. Colon R. Eberhardt of LaGrande arrived in Salem the first of the week to remain until the end of the session with her husband, Senator Eberhardt. A large number of local folk are planning to motor over to Silverton tomorrow night to attend a large dance which the Silverton Woman's Club is giving as a benefit for the city library. Mrs. R. L. White and Miss Margaret White have been asked to assist with solo dances.

Yellow daffodils and candles in silver sticks made a simple, effective decorative motif for the table when Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spaulding entertained with a dinner Monday night, laying covers for 13. Places were arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Spaulding, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Leadbetter, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. James Kaster, Major and Mrs. Frank G. Andrae, Miss Ava Miller and the hosts. (Continued on Page 2.)

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