

## SOCIETY NEWS of the WEEK

By MOLLY BRUNK

ONE of the nicest things that I received this Yuletide was a small picture, about the size of a postcard, which came with a simple Christmas greeting. Obviously it was not the intrinsic worth of the card nor yet the written message that has made it a thing treasured.

Coming as it did in mid-winter, this little card brought a golden promise that has daily been renewed—A promise that is at last about to be fulfilled—for the little card told of gardens that were green, with the greenness of Spring, and pink, and lavender, and blue with the vividness of May.

Gray days and dreary—many of them, have marked the calendar since Christmas, but flurries of wind, rain and even a bit of snow have not mattered, for above my desk, the little card has preached bravely of days of warmth and sunshine just ahead.

It was a flock of geese flying north that first gave notice that Spring was nearly here. Only a brief time after this tulips and daffodils began to burst through. And then suddenly came a night when the children of men awoke to find that the great Worker of Miracles had touched the land; for lo, the period of Spring's most delicate, fragile beauty was here; surpassing even the latter odorous, incarnadined season of wood and orchard blossom, for in the last of February is the brief period which a thunderstorm or heavy wind may shorten, or placid weather may lengthen, and which owes its alluring quality to this very uncertainty.

The woods show a mist of green, a virginal filament of it where the most responsive buds are opening. Almost under observation the mist has thickened, until one believes that the transformation is visibly taking place. It is a gossamer veiling of green, a fairy tulle of lightest mesh; a part of the air as well as of the woods and thickets. It has glints of yellow, touches of crimson and dashes of lavender—colors that deepen with May, when the promise of a Christmas card is fulfilled and tiny clusters of green burst into patches of still more vivid hue that on close approach one discovers are full-blown blossoms of wild currant, thorn, apple and quince.

IT IS a far cry from prunes to Grand Opera; however, Oregon folk have spanned the intervening space this week, and have proceeded to fill the material man with the former homely article, while the aesthetic part of him has absorbed the divine ambrosia of "Madame Butterfly," "Carman" and "This."

And speaking of Grand Opera, we may not pass on without a word about the most beloved figure in that world—Caruso. News of his serious illness hung like a pall over the Grand Opera singers in Portland this week, many of whom knew him personally.

"I have been crying until I am a wreck," said Anna Fitzieu, when asked by an Oregonian reporter for a statement of her friendship for Caruso. "Even if I did not know Caruso I would grieve at his threatened demise, and how much more sad then do I feel, I who know him well and love him."

"I cannot think of any personage whose death would so upset a nation. He is universally beloved. Great men there are who might die, even statesmen, financiers and inventors, but some other man can take their places. If Caruso dies, no one can take his place. There is no voice like his, no combination of voice and lovable, charming person as in his case."

"It was Caruso who gave me my first encouragement. That was ten years ago, and he had come at the bequest of my teacher to spend the evening and try out my voice. I was living in New York with my sister and in her family was a baby boy of 11 months. On the evening Caruso elected to visit my young nephew elected to be a howling, screeching performer. He was teething and very cross and we were all upset, with a yowling baby in the nursery and the great Caruso in the drawing room."

"Nothing could quiet the baby, and suddenly Caruso said, 'Take me to where that young man is and I will quiet him.' Agghast and wondering, we led the great singer to the nursery and he lifted the screeching baby from his crib. In his magnificent tenor, subdued as if for the baby's ears alone, he sang little Neapolitan lullabies and soon the youngster quieted and went to sleep, his hands clutching Caruso's thumb. For two hours, afraid of waking the baby, Caruso held him in his arms."

### FEATURED ON NUMEROUS PROGRAMS



Photo by Gunnell & Robb

MISS Margaret White, a popular maid, who has been featured as solo dancer on numerous social programs this winter. Her latest appearance was at the library benefit dance given in Silverton the first of the week, under the direction of the Silverton Woman's Club. Miss White has been asked to present solo numbers at a dance to be given by the Sigma Kappa house at O. A. C. in two weeks.

ONE of the most successful parties given by the Monday Night club was that which took place the first of the week marking St. Valentine's day. This date on the calendar furnished the inspiration for the decorations, which were simply and artistically perfected. Red, heart-shaped sashes screened the lights, hearts appeared in available places, with palms and pussy-willow forming the basis for the decorative scheme.

Miss Martha Powell, wearing a white frock, sprinkled with small hearts and with a cap to harmonize made a pretty figure, presiding at the punch bowl. A large number of outside guests enjoyed the hospitality of club members. The list included Dr. and Mrs. Ray Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Goulet, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Goulet, Mrs. LeRoy Leedy, Miss Nell Thielson, Miss Catherine Carson, Miss Creta Olinger, Miss Helen Ballard, Miss Bliza Nolan, James Young, Dr. Niemeyer and Paul B. Wallace.

A large number of dinner and supper parties marked the date, each being notable from a decorative viewpoint, and from the number of covers laid. The largest of the latter affairs was the one sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirk and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Galloway at the home of the Kirks. Twenty-six guests were entertained, two long tables being called into service. Ropes of smilax made a line through the center of each, imbedded in which were graceful sprays of blossoming Japonica, caught at intervals with fluffy bows of scarlet tulle. Valentines marked the covers and red favor baskets further suggested the date.

Places were designated for the following: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Miller McGilchrist, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Geer, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Grier, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Delano, Dr. and Mrs. Grover Bellinger, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spaulding, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Galloway and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk.

A large art basket filled with red carnations and the handle topped with a broad bow of scarlet satin ribbon, made a most effective centerpiece for the table for the supper which Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Darby and Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Darby sponsored at the residence of the former. Red candles further emphasized the date of St. Valentine.

Guests bidden were Mr. and Mrs. William McGilchrist Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Harding, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brophy, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Glover, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Riches and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wenderoth.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan sponsored a supper of tea covers. A shower of hearts and cupid, fluttered from the chandelier above the table, which was centered with an art basket filled with red carnations. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Compson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stiff, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Busch, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan.

Eighteen guests were entertained at the dinner which Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Myers and Mrs. C. B. Webb gave preceding the dance, at the Myers' residence. A Valentine motif was once again utilized, Japonica centering the board with red candles arranged on either side. Cupids were used effectively and at the places of the women were found pretty floral corsage favors.

For the pleasure of a group of out-of-town people here during the session of the legislature, Dr. and Mrs. William H. Lytle gave a dinner Friday night, arranging ten covers around an attractively appointed table, centered with daffodils.

Guests bidden were Governor and Mrs. Ben W. Olcott, Representative and Mrs. Patrick J. Gallagher of Ontario; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watson of Portland, and John Kelly and James Olson, both of Portland.

Miss Winifred London of Vancouver, B. C. who has been the several weeks' house guest of Miss Margaret Rodgers, returned to her home Thursday, Miss Rodgers accompanied her and will be her guest for an extended visit.

The next Shrine club dance will be Tuesday evening in Moose hall, the event being happily anticipated by Shriners, their wives and friends. Washington's birthday will be drawn upon for decorative inspiration.

Entertaining for Miss Creta Olinger of Everett, Wash., kept the week from displaying a calendar entirely devoid of social activity. Mrs. Charles T. Whitmore and Mrs. Herbert H. Nunn entertained with the largest affair in honor of Miss Olinger, contributing a six-table bridge, on Thursday afternoon at the residence of the former.

The rooms were aglow with a simple arrangement of daffodils and vari-hued hyacinths. Following the game awards were given to Mrs. Raymond Walsh and Mrs. C. B. McCullough. Miss Olinger being given the guest prize. Assistants during the afternoon were Mrs. R. E. Lee Steiner and Mrs. McCullough.

The guest list included Miss Olinger, Mrs. R. E. Lee Steiner, Mrs. Raymond Walsh, Mrs. H. H. Olinger, Mrs. G. G. Brown, Mrs. W. H. Dancy, Mrs. Seymour Jones, Mrs. Ben W. Olcott, Mrs. T. B. Kay, Mrs. John Causbell, Mrs. J. C. McLeod, Mrs. C. B. McCullough, Mrs. W. D. Clarke, Mrs. C. C. Felley, Mrs. S. H. Probert, Mrs. Nicholas Drew, Mrs. Jas. H. Nicholson, Mrs. William S. Walton, Mrs. Russell Catlin, Mrs. G. P. Rodgers, Mrs. Kenneth Hall, Mrs. Louis Lachmund, Mrs. Henry W. Meyers, Mrs. Dan Fry, Sr.

Mrs. G. F. Chambers and Mrs. O. P. Hoff.

Mrs. William H. Burghardt and Mrs. J. L. Van Doren were in Portland during the mid-week, going down to hear Josef Hofmann.

Speaking of Hofmann, the music critic of the Portland Journal said:

"Whether or not Hofmann is the greatest pianist is a matter that never could be settled, for admirers of the pianistic art have their individual opinions all based on different grounds. Three other noted pianists have appeared here in recitals this season and each had his long list of enthusiastic admirers. Hofmann is a profound, quiet and yet very powerful performer. His technique is marvelous and the tone is of the expressive singing quality that convinces one that the piano is not a dead instrument."

Mrs. T. B. Kay entertained with three tables of bridge, Wednesday night, for the pleasure of several out-of-town matrons who were here during the legislature. Card honors fell to Mrs. L. G. Shipley. Those bidden were Mrs. L. E. Bean, Eugene; Mrs. E. V. Carter, Ashland; Mrs. Gus Moser, Portland; Mrs. John Gill, Portland; Mrs. P. J. Gallagher, Ontario; Mrs. Seymour Jones, Mrs. H. B. Thielson, Mrs. W. Carlton Smith, Mrs. U. G. Shipley, Mrs. Charles H. Robertson, Mrs. E. L. Steiner, Mrs. Herbert H. Nunn and Mrs. E. C. Cross.

Mrs. J. M. Griffin of Astoria, arrived Friday to remain over the week-end as the guest of Mrs. George H. Burnett.

A pretty courtesy in compliment to Mrs. Ida Umbach of Lakewood, Ore., was the card party which Mrs. Paul H. Hauser gave in her honor Tuesday afternoon. Jonquils made vivid points of color about the rooms, a yellow motif appearing in all the appointments.

Mrs. William P. Babcock and Mrs. Percy Cupper, accompanied by Mrs. Marie Flint, sang several songs, in their usual pleasing manner. Card honors were given to Mrs. Frank E. Shafer. Miss Gussie Niles assisted at the serving hour.

Those asked to meet the visitor were Mrs. F. E. Shafer, Mrs. George H. Burnett, Mrs. John B. Sites, Mrs. Percy Cupper, Mrs. V. E. Kuhn, Mrs. Ida L. Niles, Mrs. M. C. Pettys, Mrs. William P. Babcock, Mrs. L. K. Page, Mrs. B. B. Herriek, Mrs. Robert Simpson, Mrs. David Wright, Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Mrs. Ida M. Babcock, Mrs. Marie Flint, Miss Mabel Huddleson and Miss Gussie Niles.

Miss Josephine Baumgartner, a student at the University of Oregon, is spending the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baumgartner.

In conformity to a law which the Daughters of the American Revolution were instrumental in getting through the legislature several years ago, each of the public schools in the city will observe Washington's birthday with an appropriate program in the morning, the afternoon to be declared a half-holiday.

During the hour and a half, (from 9 to 10:30 o'clock) that has been set aside in honor of Washington, members of Chemekeka chapter will visit the schools, two being named for each, as follows: High school, Mrs. Seymour Jones and Mrs. U. G. Shipley; Grant school, Mrs. Homer Smith and Miss Ruth E. Holstrom; Yew Park school, Mrs. C. C. Best and Mrs. Edwin Hofnell; Washington, Mrs. Harry Styles and Mrs. F. H. Spears; McKinley school, Mrs. La Moine R. Clark and Mrs. Russell Catlin; Garfield school, Mrs. C. O. Wilson and Mrs. S. C. Dyer; Richmond school, Miss Lillian Applegate and Miss Frances M. Richards; Lincoln elementary, Mrs. C. B. McCullough and Mrs. Carey F. Martin; Englewood school, Mrs. James G. Heltzel and Mrs. O. P. Hoff; Highland school, Mrs. J. W. Harbison and Mrs. C. A. Holstrom.

The 25th anniversary of the founding of Multnomah chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be observed at a gathering of members of the Daughters of the American Revolution from all sections of the state at the University club in Portland next Tuesday. Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, who was the first state regent of the organization and the founder of Multnomah chapter, will be the hostess of the occasion and has issued invitations to all the daughters throughout the state. A number of local women plan to attend.

Multnomah chapter was the first chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the state of Oregon and the 225th in the United States. At the time

of Mrs. Montgomery's regency there were but little over 1000 members in the United States, and now there are over 110,000 members bound together to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American independence."

Following the Elk's dance last night, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Glover entertained with a prettily appointed dinner at their residence on East Court street. Pink carnations were used to ornament the table, around which covers were laid for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Laflair, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brophy, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Brand, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Pomeroy, Miss Inez Flitt, Miss Carolyn Hurst, Budd Welch and Hal Henderson.

Superintendent and Mrs. Harwood Hall of Chemawa are enjoying a visit from their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jaquins of Los Angeles, who arrived about a week ago and who will remain for several weeks dividing the time with friends in Portland and Seattle. Various small social courtesies have already been extended them and the forthcoming weeks will witness many more, in which Saler friends of the Halls will be included.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Legge of Eugene arrived the last of the week to remain until Tuesday night as the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Legge.

Misses Mabel and Ethel Armitage, interesting young high school girls from Eugene, are spending the week-end in Salem attending the legislature, and while here are guests of Mrs. L. T. Harris.

Miss Grace Fawk left yesterday morning for Seattle where she will spend a month as the house guest of Miss Lucy Holt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George F. Holt, former Salem residents. Before her return home Miss Fawk will visit in British Columbia.

While the Elks were in session Thursday night a group of wives of lodges were entertained with cards at the home of Mrs. E. A. Kurtz, Mrs. William Cravatt and Mrs. Lee Canfield serving jointly as hostesses. The rooms were aglow with cyclamen and pussy willow, with a Washington's birthday suggestion introduced. Five hundred filled in the hour, scores being made by Mrs. Clyde Johnson and Mrs. E. A. Kappahn.

Those participating were Mrs. Charles E. Knowland, Mrs. Laurence Simon, Mrs. Frank Loose, Mrs. H. O. White, Mrs. L. W. Gleason, Mrs. Elmer Daue, Mrs. W. Scott Page, Mrs. O. A. Olson.

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