

# Society

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## Holidays Influence Social Life

With Christmas but little more than a month off, and Thanksgiving a much nearer date, social life shows renewed activity, and from now on until well after the holidays, things will be thick and fast. A brief glance backward shows a number of interesting affairs, including small, informal attentions in honor of out of town visitors and the evening which the Brooks gave in welcome of several newly married couples—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Thompson (Gene Belle) and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hicke.

The musical high light was, of course, the initial concert by the Apollo club last night. And we had Dadmun scheduled for the 17th of this month, with several other celebrities following close after. Among the young folk there was a general exodus to Eugene, beginning yesterday, graduates and former students of the university, returning for the annual homecoming. O. A. C. will not have its homecoming until Nov. 17-19th.

The International Livestock exposition in Portland claimed a large number of Salem folk, many motoring down for the night horse show programs, in which the participants, for the most part, had all appeared in state fair horse shows.

## Poet Is a Splendid Reciter

In his preface to "Tramping With a Poet Through the Rockies," Stephen Graham says, "Vachel Lindsay is the poet. He is best known as the author of 'General William Booth Enters Heaven,' 'The Congo' and 'Johnny Appleseed.' He also wrote a highly comical piece called 'The Daniel Jax.' He is a wonderful reciter, and is aided by a sonorous, heaven reaching voice. All his poems are written to be read aloud, chanted or declaimed; in some cases they are written to be danced also, and played as games. . . . When you have heard the poet you can well understand that he did not starve when he used to tramp in America and recite to the farmers for a meal and a night's lodging. He gained great popularity."

He is, however, something more than an entertainer. He has a spiritual message to the world, and is deeply in earnest. In a large experience of men and women in many countries, I have rarely met such a rebel against vulgarity, materialism, and the modern artificial life.

"Vachel Lindsay visited England in 1920, and recited his poems at Oxford and Cambridge and to several groups of friends in London. . . . At Vachel's invitation I visited him last summer, and we went to the Rockies, and tramped to Canada, and this volume is a record of our holiday. A mutual friend of ours is Christopher Morley, who brought us together. . . .

"A last point: Vachel is pronounced to rhyme with Rachel, and is spelt with one l. It does not rhyme with satchel."

Vachel Lindsay is scheduled to appear in Waller hall, Monday evening, November 27th, under the auspices of the Salem Arts league and Willamette university. On that occasion he will autograph copies of his book.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gleason were hosts Thursday evening, entertaining as their guests, members of the Tano club at their regular session and community dinner. Three tables were arranged, with covers laid for twelve. At the card games which followed high score fell to Claire Lman, with low score given to Roma Hunter.

Those who participated were: Mr. and Mrs. Roma Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Inman, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kappbahn, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson and the hosts.

The Junior Auxiliary of the First Congregational church is to meet with Mrs. John J. Roberts next Tuesday afternoon, for luncheon and sewing for the annual church bazaar, which is scheduled to take place early in December.

The members of the bridge luncheon club were guests of Mrs. T. S. Livesley Thursday afternoon. Mrs. William Boot, Mrs. Anabel Bush and Mrs. James Dusenberry being bidden additionally. Covers were laid for twelve around the luncheon table, which was ornamented with white and yellow chrysanthemums, yellow tapers and shades.

Two of the oldest members of the First Congregational church—Mrs. Josephine Taylor, aged 81, and Mrs. Frank Thompson in her seventy eighth year—were delightedly surprised Thursday night, the eve of Mrs. Taylor's birthday anniversary, when church members, following the regular service in the church, escorted the two to the social room, where the large banquet table was laid and decorated in true birthday manner.

The guests for whom the affair was arranged were seated in the places of honor. Miss Constance Kanter, in charge of decorations, utilized autumn leaves and berries to decorate the tables, and also to brighten the room. Red tapers beneath shades of the same hue, added a festive touch, as did also the two large birthday cakes at either end of the board, which were lighted by tiny candles.

Members of the Missionary society of the First Congregational church met for their annual thank offering services yesterday afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. R. J. Hendricks, Mrs. Chas. F. Elgin, Mrs. D. W. Matthews and Mrs. George Brown assisting the hostess, Mrs. Alice H. Dodd was in charge of the regular program, Mrs. W. C. Kanter conducting the candle lighting services in memory of Congregational missionaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lapschers celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Thursday evening at the home of their daughter, Mrs. G. F. Walker, 145 north 21st street, 32 guests being present. After Rev. G. S. Roeder of the Center street Methodist church made a brief address, and a purse of gold was presented the honored couple, supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Simons, Mrs. Rush and Mrs. Blumenauer entertained the guests with music and various informal diversions were also enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lapschers came to Duluth, Minn., from Germany in 1872. In 1911 they removed to Salem where they have lived ever since. They have four daughters, two sons, fourteen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Lapschers are, Mrs. C. E. Rush, Chas. Lapschers, Jr., Mrs. J. Simons, Mrs. A. E. Robertson and Mrs. G. T. Walker all of Salem and Max Lapschers living in Minneapolis, Minn.

A meeting of the Salem branch of the American Association of University Women is scheduled to be held in the Chamber of Commerce, next Saturday afternoon. Miss Flora M. Case is chairman of the program committee, on which also is Mrs. Grover Beltinger and Mrs. C. A. Kells.

Miss Euzenia Ziebler is home from the University of Oregon, and will remain over the week end.

Viewing of the entire house followed, with a collation being served later. Mrs. Roberts was assisted at this period by Mrs. Harry Weiss, Mrs. Henry Morris, Miss Edna Hall and a group of small girls.

It comes as pleasing news to their friends that Professor and Mrs. Roberts are planning a series of similar musical evenings during the winter.

The acoustics of their auditorium are described by local musicians as being of particular excellence. Mrs. Hinges, in commenting upon the room, said: "Salem may well be proud to have in its midst a home of such splendid equipment for musical affairs. It seems wonderful to me that someone has had the ingenuity and spirit of altruism to create such a place and open it to his friends. Both vocal and instrumental music can be heard at its best there, and I dare say that not many private residences are equally equipped in any other city the size of Salem."

Mrs. Ada V. Millican, who has recently removed to Eugene, was a visitor in Salem this week, being entertained during her stay as the guest of Mrs. O. B. Hoff. Mrs. Millican is the donor of the large collection of Indian relics just added to the University of Oregon.

## Apollo Club Delights Audience

The Apollo club is like wine—or that rare sort of friendship that improves with age. Six years ago, at its inception, we thought that we had a most creditable organization; and so we had. A year or two later the club had doubled, then trebled in size, and in the quality of its work, and we said: now it can be no better. But we figured inaccurately, for the Apollo club has grown splendidly since that time, until Salem now has a singing group of men that is not only a credit to the city, but better still, a singing group that is par excellent from an entertainment point of view.

It has remained for Dr. John R. Sites to whip the club into its present splendid shape; has remained for him to bring up its membership to over sixty voices, and this all in the space of two short years. Under his baton the club is capable of almost anything. There were times last night at the initial concert for this season, when those sixty voices slid down to velvet pools of sound, and times when they swelled to tremendous volumes of melody that seemed to tax the capacity of the big auditorium of the armory.

And how vividly were the pictures that their music conjured. One did not have to tax one's imagination greatly to visualize the tender eyed Senorita in the "Serenade to Juanita," to see that little brown road winding over the hill, and the quaint little cot by the sea, in "Smilin' Through" and in "The Spring Breeze," one saw, as well as felt that day—"when all the smells are new and delightful. . . . when, perhaps, a little rain falls, and all the trees and bushes and the mosses and the juicy leaved plants wake with a noise of growing that you can almost hear."

There were a lot of other numbers that were favorites, "Now the Night in Starlit Splendor," written for six voices, and rearranged so that sixty voices could ring out in all the glory of their rhythmic splendor. There was "My Heart is Thine," that was at once lilting and musical, with its lyrical refrain running through it. There were negro folk songs, and "The Hand Organ Man," a piece, that like all things supremely artistic, seemed the least difficult of all, but which, in truth, was one of the most difficult, a five part song, that took weeks and weeks of rehearsing to perfect.

Closing, there was "The Stars and Stripes Forever," with its complement of martial figures, and the presence of the stars and stripes themselves. Like all programs, there was a divergence of opinion concerning the high lights, as personal tastes will differ, but all agreed that the concert throughout was the best of the many fine ones that the Apollo club has given.

The club has ever been happy in its selection of assistants, and last night was no exception, for in Read Miller, New York tenor, as fine an artist as could be secured, was heard. In his opening numbers he completely captivated his audience, singing in Italian, in the true Italian manner. He sang with excellent expression and feeling throughout, and at times was highly dramatic. He was compelled to respond with a number of encores, among these contributions being, "Neapolitan Folk Song," "Recompense," by Hamilton, "The Lilac Tree," "It's Heaven at the End of the Road," and by special request, the "Trumpeter Song," by Dix. His accompanist, Stewart Wille, was an attraction in himself, giving the best of support at all times to Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller sang with the club in one song, a number that was, of course, a great success. Of the club's official accompanist, Miss Ruth Bedford, too much cannot be said, for she is alertness itself, sensitive to every mood of both director and singers. She has been with the organization a number of years now, and it is not easy to believe that anyone else could exactly fill her place.

Thursday evening the girl reserves of the Grant school, under the captaincy of Miss Jeanette Vandever, were entertained at a masquerade and potlatch supper at the Vandever home. Those enjoying the affair were, Thelma Hewitt, Mildred Graybill, Bernice Bunce, Dorothy Smith, Delphine Johns, Beverley Wygant, Bonny Schaefer, Willa Sampson, Alice Claxton, Viola Bailey, Constance Smart, Frances Lees, Mildred Barber, Virginia Billings, Elsie Raymond and Meryl Kruetz.

Miss Eunane Craig left for Portland last night, and will be away over the week end spending the time with friends.

Miss Josephine Baumgartner, who is attending the University of Oregon, is home to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baumgartner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Stolz departed for California Wednesday evening, planning to be away the greater part of the winter, stopping off at all the principal points of interest.

Miss Bernice Craig is among the former students of the University of Oregon who went to Eugene yesterday to attend the annual homecoming celebration.

Miss Ruth Gage left Thursday evening for Vancouver, Wash., where she will spend the week end.

## Members New Club Meet Here

The second meeting of the Willamette Valley Photographic association met in Salem last Saturday evening, representatives from the various valley towns from Portland south to Corvallis being present. Over thirty in all were in attendance at the banquet which was served at the Argo hotel, and the business session which followed later in the Parker-Schrode studio.

At the banquet impromptu speeches and songs were given, special features being the vocal numbers by Miss Sadie Pratt, and violin solos by Miss Viola Ash, Dr. John R. Sites accompanying them.

Retiring to the Parker-Schrode studio, A. C. Barbour put on his colored slides and later he was given an honorary membership in the organization.

Two subjects of importance were discussed, that of commercial photography standardizing rates, and the revision of the postal rates regarding photographic negatives. The state association will work in conjunction with the national organization in the interest of these measures, and to that end a committee composed of Miss Kathryn Gunnell and W. H. Parker, was appointed to outline the method of procedure, which will be presented at the next meeting, to be held in Albany in January.

Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Ventura of Forest Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Chester M. Coffey and the Trullinger sisters of McMinnville; Mr. Spears of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Davidson of Monmouth; Mr. and Mrs. William Ball and Mr. Lamb of Corvallis; Mr. Clifford of Albany; Mr. Evans of Newberg; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cronise, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Trover, Mrs. L. M. Shrode, Miss Frances Shrode, Mrs. N. E. Gunnell, Miss Kathryn Gunnell, W. H. Parker, B. B. Robb, A. C. Barbour, all of Salem, and a number of assistants from the various studios represented.

Mr. V. E. Kuhn is entertaining next Wednesday afternoon with eight tables of bridge, the affair being anticipated as one of the interesting contributions to next week's social program.

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