



At left is Miss Frances Clinton, newcomer to Salem, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Rieder, who were hosts at a smart "at home" Wednesday night honoring Miss Clinton.—(Jestten-Miller).

Here 'n' There with Roby

SPRINGTIME . . . tea at the home of Mrs. James Walton, Jr., Tuesday was given for the pleasure of Mrs. L. Harter Markwood (Gwen Pantan) of Berkeley, Calif., who is here visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. James J. Pantan. . . . About twenty Salem maids and matrons, all friends of the guest of honor, called during the afternoon to welcome her. . . . The table, an attractive round one which Kay has artistically painted white, was covered with a gay, yellow linen cloth and centered with an antique silver bowl filled with spring flowers of every description. . . . Mrs. Pantan, in a good looking gown of ice blue, poured and Royena Eyre helped serve. . . . Gwen wore a smart black dress and Kay, the charming hostess, was in a tailored brown frock. . . . Compliments a-plenty went to Mrs. Chandler Brown, in her new spring suit of avocado green wool, with hat to harmonize. . . .

WAR TALK . . . Little boy rebuked a woman the other day for having a new dress with a peplum. . . . Said he: "Wouldn't you rather have a parachute with that extra material?"

BUSY . . . person these days is Miss Frances Clinton, who has come here from Umatilla county to be the new home demonstration agent and who has been the incentive for several parties. . . . This is easily understood, since so delightful a person is bound to be much in demand—socially and otherwise! Bob and Marguerite Rieder were hosts at a beautifully arranged "at home" Wednesday night at their "Frenchy" little home in South Liberty street, with about fifty Salem and out-of-town folk calling from 8 to 10 o'clock. . . . Miss Clinton wore a lovely gown of light blue chiffon with bands of lace and her corsage was of gardenias and pink roses. . . . Marguerite's gown was of garnet taffeta, with velvet bodice, and in her hair she wore gardenias and paper white narcissus. . . . At the door was vivacious Mrs. R. Franklin Thompson, in a white chiffon gown with pastel blue jacket, and among those assisting about the rooms were Mrs. Melvin Geist, whose gown was a combination of black skirt and pink jacket, and Miss Bertha Babcock, in blue crepe with a wide, pleated skirt. . . . Miss Elizabeth Lord looked handsome in a gown of blackberry crepe, embroidered in sequins, and Miss Edith Schryver wore black lace chiffon. . . . Mrs. Walter Smith looked especially nice in her gown of black taffeta, made with light bodice and full skirt and Mrs. Lester Barr's gown was a black skirt with bodice of white. . . . One of the loveliest lovelies there was Inabelle Creech, in her glamorous gown of taffeta in two shades of rose. . . . Blonde-haired Marjorie Van De Walker also looked very fetching in a flowing gown of black lace and pink organza. . . . The serving table was in perfect harmony with the color scheme of the Rieders' home. . . . The cover was of rose net over garnet undercloth and the centerpiece certainly was an attention-attracter—an apothecary scales in crystal and gold, filled with daphne and freesias, and guarded by tall tapers in shades of garnet and pink. . . . It was a gay party and everyone enjoyed it. . . . Even the host looked as if he were having a good time!

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Kern and their daughter, Miss Glenn, will spend the week-end at their beach home at Neskwim.

Judge and Mrs. George R. Rossman will be hosts at dinner next Thursday evening at their home in North Capitol street, with covers placed for fourteen.

Guest of honor will be A. L. Shafer of San Francisco, manager of the Pacific branch of the American Red Cross, who will be in the city on official business at that time.

THE SECOND of a series of American Legion auxiliary-sponsored benefit dances will be held tonight in Legion Home. Mrs. Don Madison, Mrs. Mem Pearce, Mrs. Lester Newman and Mrs. Stanley Krueger are the committee in charge. The dances are semi-formal and the public is invited. Music will be furnished by the "Top Hatters" and refreshments will be served in the dining hall at intermission. Reservations may be made by calling 8787 or 5489.

Over ninety guests attended the Thursday night luncheon in Legion Home. The fourth in the series will be Thursday, February 26.

The sewing group met Thursday afternoon and completed articles for the Deaconess hospital and the American Red Cross. Mrs. Lelf Bergsvik and Mrs. Glen Kirkwood were hostesses.

Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, will speak on the auxiliary-sponsored radio program Monday night, February 23, at 9:30 o'clock. He has selected "Americans" as his topic. There will also be a violin solo, "Romance," by Geraldine Schmoker, accompanied by Rose May Gaiser.

Mrs. Ray Waltz will entertain at dessert luncheon Tuesday afternoon for members of her bridge club.

Esplin-Zwicker
Miss Mariann Zwicker, attractive Salem maid, will become the bride of Charles Esplin, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Esplin, Tuesday morning, March 3, at 11 o'clock in First Christian church. Only members of the family will witness the exchange of vows.

Rev. Guy L. Drill will officiate at the impressive service.

The bride will be given in marriage by her brother, Roy Zwicker. Her only attendant will be her sister, Mrs. Kenneth Lewis.

Mr. Zwicker also will serve as best man for the bridegroom.

Following a short wedding trip the couple will return to Salem to make their home at 855 Judson street.

Miss Zwicker attended Salem schools and is well known here. Mr. Esplin also was graduated from schools in Salem and is now a member of the city police department.

Miss Zella Hopson of Seattle arrived Friday evening to spend the week-end with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendricks.

Willamette University campus—Miss Iras McCurdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McCurdy, has announced the date of her marriage to Winston Bunnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bunnell of Portland, as March 27. The news was revealed at a dinner at the Delta Phi sorority house Thursday evening. Centering the table was a large cake, decorated in pastel shades, topped by a silver bell. The date was revealed on the cake.

Miss McCurdy is a member of Delta Phi sorority, and of the junior class at Willamette. Mr. Bunnell is a graduate of Willamette University, where he is a member of Kappa Gamma Rho fraternity and was active in music circles on the campus. He is now a member of the high school faculty at Irrigon, Oregon, where the couple will make their home following the wedding.

Those present at the dinner were Miss Esther Gunnesdal, Miss June Woldt, Miss Helen Zimmerman, Miss Marian Hermanek, Miss Elvy Fredrickson, Miss Jean Cohagen, Miss Betty Keller, Miss Betty Sackett, Miss Ruth Mathews, Miss Elvise Findley, Miss Marcia Frey, Miss Gwen Griffith, Miss Eleanor Todd, Miss Dorothy Estes, Miss Bernice Marcy, Miss Maxine Holt and Mrs. Zella James.



Miss Edith Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Berry, who will become the bride of Amberson H. Birkhead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Birkhead of Scarsdale, New York, March 14. The couple will be married in Wakefield, Rhode Island.—(Bachrach)

Mrs. E. L. Potter of Corvallis, who is popular as an entertainer, will give a dramatic review, "Dear Octopus," before members of the Town and Gown club when they meet at Lausanne Hall on the Willamette campus next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Potter has appeared in Salem several times and her return here Thursday is anticipated with much interest.

During the afternoon piano selections will be given by Roy Cooke.

Mrs. Albert C. Oragg heads the hostess committee, assisted by Mrs. James Garson, Mrs. Lloyd Bell, Mrs. LaMoine Clark, Mrs. Edna Craig, Mrs. Jessie Dent, Mrs. Roy S. Keene, Mrs. J. L. Kennedy, Mrs. F. E. McCracken, Mrs. L. C. McLeod, Mrs. N. S. Savage, Mrs. S. Raynor Smith, Mrs. Jay Stockman, Mrs. Ernest C. Richards and Mrs. Merle Travis.

Mrs. Roy S. Keene has charge of the tea hour, Mrs. S. Raynor Smith will arrange the decorations and Mrs. Jay Stockman will arrange the tea table.

Presiding at the urns will be Mrs. George R. Rossman and Mrs. James C. Harrison.

Alpha Mu Delphians will meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Salem Art Center. Subject of study will be "Mark Twain, Frontier Humorist." Those taking topics are Mrs. S. Raynor Smith, Mrs. Oscar Hayter, Mrs. J. K. Hubbard and Mrs. Bert Lundahl.

M. R. AND MRS. WILBUR French Berry of Salem today announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edith, of Wakefield, Rhode Island, to Amberson H. Birkhead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Birkhead of Scarsdale, New York. The marriage will be an event of Saturday, March 14, at 7 o'clock in the Episcopal church at Wakefield, Rhode Island.

Miss Berry, who has visited often in Salem and has many friends here, is in Wakefield with her grandmother, Mrs. John B. Eldred. She was graduated from Traphagen Art school in New York City and has been illustrator for a large Providence store.

Her fiancé received his preparatory education at the Star University school in Alabama and was graduated from the University of Alabama. He is now estimator with the George Fuller and Merritt Chapman Scott corporation at Quonsett.

The couple will live at Peace Dale, Rhode Island, following their marriage.

Mrs. Bruce Hamby (Margaret Heltzel) and her young daughter, Judy, are guests at the home of Mrs. James Heltzel in South Liberty street.

Monday night Mrs. Hamby will entertain informally at the home of her mother for the pleasure of Mrs. Winston Williams (Grace Elizabeth Holman), who is here from Ketchikan, Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin K. DeWitt have invited a small group of friends to their home for an informal party this evening. The affair will honor Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Lehmer, who recently came here from Puerto Rico to make their home.

Marion auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, No. 661, will gather at 8 o'clock Monday night in the VFW hall for a regular social meeting. After a short business session the post will join the auxiliary for a program and refreshments, served under the direction of Mrs. Cyril Nadon and her committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Smith will entertain Sunday with a dinner party at their home in Mission street. Guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Smith, Betty Lou, Frankie and John Michael Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Rieder.

Society

S ALEM PHILHARMONIC Orchestra members are busy with last minute arrangements for the second concert of the current season, which will be presented Tuesday night, March 10, in Salem high school auditorium. An especially appealing program will feature a talented young violinist from Salem, Miss Kathleen Broer, who will play Mendelssohn's Concerto in E minor. This concerto is one of the composer's most popular compositions.

Miss Broer, who is 17 years of age, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broer of Salem. She began her career as a violinist when she was five years old as a student of May Schultz Duncan. For three years she has been concert master with the Philharmonic and has been playing with the orchestra for nine years. For the last five years she has been a student of Edouard Hurlimann, director of the orchestra.

At present Miss Broer is studying under Mr. Hurlimann and also is a student in music theory of Miss Alice Clement, head of the music department at Linfield college in McMinnville. She was graduated from Salem high school last year, where she belonged to the Honor society.

In 1940-41 Miss Broer won first place as violinist in the National Regional contest held for high schools. Just last week she was chosen to represent Oregon in the contest sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs. The winner will be awarded a year's study at the Juillard School of Music in New York.

Mrs. J. J. Pantan will be hostess at a smartly appointed luncheon Wednesday afternoon at her home honoring her daughter, Mrs. L. Harter Markwood of Berkeley, Calif., (Gwen Pantan) and Mrs. David Eccles.

Mrs. Markwood is visiting here for a fortnight with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Pantan, and has been the incentive for several smart affairs. Mrs. Eccles, one of Salem's popular young matrons, will leave soon to make her home in Portland. Covers will be placed for sixteen.

Lucile Cummings, contralto, who will be presented in concert March 5 in the high school auditorium by the Salem Crescendo club, has sent word of new contracts she recently signed, which prove that her outstanding ability is recognized in the radio world.

Miss Lena Belle Tartar, advisor for the Crescendo club, was Miss Cummings' voice teacher when she lived in Salem and attended school here. Miss Tartar states that the young artist always excelled in music from the beginning of her career, always participated in any musical event, no matter how small, and was then, as now, gracious and cooperative.

Miss Cummings is now under contract to the National Broadcasting company. She resides in San Francisco and is featured in many important musical events in California. Tickets for her concert here are now on sale at Willis Music store.



Mrs. James Walton, Jr. (right) with Mrs. L. Harter Markwood of Berkeley, for whom she entertained at tea Tuesday afternoon at her home in Fairmount hill. Mrs. Markwood is the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Pantan.—(Jestten-Miller).

HELEN JEPSON, brilliant soprano of the Metropolitan Opera company who will be heard in concert in this city the night of February 27, under sponsorship of Community Concert association at Salem high school auditorium, is a friendly and human person who drops her prima-donna-dom as she steps off the opera stage. Particularly in her vacation time, she becomes Helen Jepson, camper, animal raiser, comrade of all the local farmers and chief cook and bottle washer of her quaint hunting lodge, nestled away in the foothills of the Catskill mountains in New York state.

The acquisition of this camp was characteristic of Miss Jepson's youthful energy and decisiveness. Five years ago, scanning the classified columns of the Sunday real estate news, Miss Jepson's eyes lighted on a description of a 166-acre tract in the Catskill mountains, with everything on it that she wanted from a trout stream to a silver birch forest. Characteristically, she drove up that very day. Characteristically, the next day she made up her mind, decided she wanted the place, paid immediately and bought it on the spot.

"No one could find it without a special map," laughs Miss Jepson. "It's truly a place for relaxing away from the world. Even my nearest neighbor is three miles away. We have no telephone, and last year, when my manager wanted to reach me for a special engagement, they had to get out a state trooper to call me."

The camp is made up of a group of small cabins. There is a recreation lodge, a cabin which serves as a studio and music room, a cabin for guests, which looks out on "The Glen." This is a natural hollow, surrounded by trees and rhododendron bushes, which serves as an outdoor dining room and picnic grounds. A rustic table and chairs and a stone fireplace, plus Miss Jepson's talent for outdoor cooking, make it the scene of many menial and happy occasions.

Miss Jepson's own cabin is finished in natural cypress and boasts a large gabled room with a balcony, which might be an appropriate set for the last act of "The Girl of the Golden West." From balcony of silver birch, Juliet greets her farming neighbors.

Miss Jepson has never allowed the place to be wired for electricity, because she has so much fun collecting old kerosene lamps. There are old carriage lamps, oil lamps, and lamps that once stood out in front of New England taverns. There is room, says the avid collector, for many more; meanwhile, even the big ice box runs by kerosene. Since tennis courts were out of the question, because of the severe winters in the mountains, Miss Jepson has substituted badminton, at which she is a vigorous and skillful player.

Here in the shadow of the friendly mountains from which Rip Van Winkle emerged, and in which, so the legend says, you can still hear the dwarfs playing bowls on thunderous nights, Helen Jepson, golden voiced lyric soprano, favorite of concert audiences all over the country, proves that fundamentally she is still the simple Ohio girl who has managed to stay simple.

Dr. Helen Pearce and Miss Dorothy Pearce will entertain Salem Zonitans at their "Treasury Evening" Saturday at their home in North Winter street. A distinguished guest will be Miss Ann Langlow of Tacoma, chairman of District No. 6 of Zonta International.