

FROM Peg in Washington

BY ALENE (PEG) PHILLIPS

Washington, D.C., Dec. 7.
Dear Marian:
'Twas a dark and stormy night but lights were bright in the Finland embassy Sunday evening. One of our few "weatherproof" evenings of the fall did not deter several hundred visitors from joining Finnish Minister and Madame Nykopp in celebrating the anniversary of Finland's independence day. Admiration not only for the hosts but for the country with its record of integrity and stamina was undoubtedly the reason that the downpour did not dampen the enthusiasm of the guests. Secretary and Mrs. Douglas McKay cannot often include the embassy receptions in their schedule because of the Secretary's work load but this was one occasion when they were happy to be able to attend and pay tribute to the official family of Finland. One unusual Finnish tidbit on the reception tables was marmalade candy. But more unusual, or possibly more timely because of the advent of Christmas, were reindeer sandwiches. Mrs. McKay remarked upon the predominance of black costumes among the guests and the hostess and the daughter of the house, Miss Fritz Nykopp, also wore black. Possibly the rain rather than the "high style" of black was accountable.

One of civic Washington's problems is the continued use of temporary buildings erected during World War I. Particularly those that border the mall in the area between the Washington and Lincoln memorials and those near the Capitol are distressing to most Washingtonians. While economy is the factor that keeps them in use, there is continued agitation for at least a gradual removal of the eyesores. Working towards that end is a special committee from the American Institute of Architects, with Glenn L. Stanton, Portland architect and past president of the organization as its chairman. Last week the committee met in Washington and Secretary McKay was asked to join the group for the discussions on "when" and "how." The Department of the Interior has a special interest in the matter.

SOROPTIMIST club members enjoyed a musical program at their meeting Wednesday. Mrs. Chester Cushing, Jr. sang Christmas numbers, accompanied by Mrs. John Chamberlain. Plans were made for the group's Christmas party on December 16 at the home of Mrs. Lee Eyerly.

since the National Capital Parks bureau is a part of the department. On the other hand, assignment of space in the temporary buildings and rental of office space does not rest with Interior but with General Services Administration. The latter agency is faced with the need to cut costs and for the present cannot see how the space in the buildings can be spared, as rental of privately owned buildings would run up expenses for the government. All concerned hope to find a solution as does Secretary McKay and the civic-minded persons in the national capital.

Among visitors from Oregon last week were Arthur D. Schaupp, Klamath Falls attorney, well-known in Salem through his years of service as a member of the State Highway Commission; and Howard Merriam, Eugene, also a frequent Salem visitor in his interest in horticulture work. Miss Jean Victor, daughter of the Bert Victor of Salem, called to extend her greetings to the Secretary, during the week. She has been a federal employe for several years.

Interesting honor guests at a recent reception of the American Newspaper Women's Club were the Army Chief of Staff and his wife, General and Mrs. Matthew B. Ridgway. The brunette Mrs. Ridgway is always strikingly attired with bright colors that are dramatic—in fact, even black looks dramatic on her, whether or not there are bright accents. The General with his direct and pleasant greeting and the friendly manner of "Penny," as she has been called since her girlhood in Washington, pleased the guests who swarmed through the club rooms. Among Mrs. Ridgway's strong interests is interior decorating and she has had great delight in making over the large but old red brick house at Fort Myer, assigned to the Army Chief of Staff by tradition. Another interest is flower arrangement and with the background of her experience in the Orient, her style follows that of the Japanese, again with the dramatic touch.

A bit of New York, I shall tell you later. Peg

Capital Women

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Engagement Announced

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Velma Klassen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Klassen, to W. Irvin Braun, Dallas, Ore., son of A. Brown of Vancouver, B. C.

No date is set for the wedding. The bride-elect is employed at the telephone company and Mr. Braun is employed in Dallas.

New Officers in Guild Installed

New officers were installed for the members of Junior guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church at the meeting on Tuesday. The officers include: Mrs. Floyd Colburn, president; Mrs. Miller Hayden, vice president; Mrs. H. H. Henry, secretary; Mrs. Gerald Fisher, treasurer; Mrs. John S. Tyler, Jr., retiring president, executive board member.

The group met for a luncheon, Christmas decorations being used. Mrs. Earl T. Newberry, Mrs. Wayne Pettit and Mrs. Reginald Parker were guests. At the birthday table were Mrs. A. A. Manke, Mrs. Elmer Smith, Miss Ulva Derby.

Hostesses were Mrs. Miller Hayden, Mrs. Elmer Smith, Mrs. Earl Andressen, Mrs. Austin H. Wilson, Sr., Mrs. Elmer H. K. Dorr, Mrs. W. C. Gabriel, Mrs. Carl Dorflier and Mrs. W. H. Damery.

At the business session, Mrs. Cal Patton, reporting from the memorial fund committee, stated the fund would be used in equipping Sunday school rooms in the new church plant.

For the special entertainment, Mrs. David Eason presented two Willamette university students of Mrs. Robert Topping, Thomas Larson, who sang, Miss Elizabeth Shields as accompanist.

Lions Auxiliary
Members of the Hollywood Lions auxiliary spent their Wednesday night meeting time wrapping gifts to be distributed in a ward at the state hospital. They met at the home of Mrs. Marvin Clatterback.

Assisting with the refreshments were Mrs. E. A. Bradfield and Mrs. Clarence Greig.

Mrs. Kephart Feted at Party

Mrs. Bert Kephart was honored at a party and shower for which Miss Beverly Beakey, Miss Margaret Ayres, Miss Joanne Noonan and Miss Jodelle Parker were hostesses on Monday evening at the home of Miss Parker.

Games were played and a late dessert served. Present were the following guests, fellow staff members from Bush school:

Mrs. Philip Merriam, Mrs. Paul Robinson, Mrs. Leo Stenback, Mrs. Elmer Phillip, Mrs. William Berndt, Mrs. Ernest Hippe, Mrs. Lloyd Mitchell, Mrs. Dale Merrill, Mrs. Edward Stein, Miss Edith Fanning, Miss Ann Dahlen, Miss Alleyne Spencer, Miss Mariha Matejcek, Mrs. Walter Beck, Miss Meri Dimick.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sends Hospital Gift

Epsilon Sigma Alpha was entertained last evening at the home of Mrs. Clifton H. Boehmer with Mrs. Elvin Hakanson and Mrs. Stanley Boehmer as co-hostesses.

The group netted \$123 from its recent project and is sending the money to the Children's hospital at Eugene. During the evening the group's doll was awarded to Mrs. Dave J. Moon.

Plans were made for a food sale on December 19 at Erickson's market on South Commercial, proceeds to go to aid a child stricken with polio.

Next regular meeting of the chapter comes January 13. Mrs. Deryl Currie as hostess.

Banquet Tonight

Annual banquet of the French club of Salem high school will be this evening (Thursday) at Golden Pheasant. Elizabeth Kalsayan of Paris, graduate student in economics at University of Oregon, is to be the speaker. Flo Medford is president of the club. Others assisting are Delores Loring, Delores Di Filippi, Diane Holgate, Dan Newberry. Christmas candles and red, white and blue decorations will be featured.

Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Harold Gillespie, January 13.

AT OSC Fall Term Nearing The End

By ALICE LEHMAN
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Oregon State College, Corvallis (Special)—News and activities are slowly coming to a halt here on the campus as final week approaches. Friday marks the last day of fall term classes and final exams will begin Monday morning and continue through Saturday, December 19.

On the agenda before the end of the term is the selection of the freshman rally squad. One of the finalists for song queen is Virginia Lively of Salem.

Tuesday night the college capella choir, women's and men's glee, and orchestra combined forces to present a very beautiful candlelight Christmas program. Selections from the "Messiah" and Christmas carols were included on the program.

Always among the final activities of each living organization for fall term are Christmas parties and Christmas caroling. Many organizations have the children from the Children's Farm home in their houses for parties full of fun and gifts. Most houses do their share of singing at this time of the year. This is the only time of the year when women's living groups may sing at the men's houses, so for a change we see the women out braving the cold and rain to deliver Christmas cheer. Caroling would not be complete unless the groups had traveled to the hospitals and old people's homes, so many organizations of this type here in Corvallis are enjoying the music of the college students.

It is hard to believe that fall term has come and gone, but students are beginning to realize it very quickly now that classes are drawing to a close and finals begin. Since our books will be our main subject of interest until the vacation there will be no further activity news, but there will be lots more come January and winter term.

LEAVING this evening on the Cascade for San Francisco to spend the week-end are Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Ebersole.

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