

# SOCIETY

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THE social activities of the season were brilliantly opened Thursday afternoon at an elaborate tea given by Mrs. A. N. Moore, at the home of Mrs. A. N. Moore, on Chemeketa street. The honor guests were Mrs. W. E. Harper and Mrs. Ralph Lynch, of Chicago, the house guests of Mrs. C. A. Park. Numbers of smartly gowned women thronged the spacious rooms throughout the afternoon, not only club members, but club members-to-be taking advantage of the opportunity offered to meet and mingle in a delightfully informal fashion. Even the weather contributed to the gay spirit of the occasion, the tasteful and handsome costumes being in accord with the ideal autumn day outside. The living-room and hall were aglow with red dahlias, while the music room, in contrast, was decorated with hydrangeas in delicate pastel shades. The color motif of yellow predominated in the dining room. A short business meeting preceded the general reception, at which plans for entertainment of the state federation delegates were rounded towards completion, the various committees meeting to discuss final details.

Those who assisted in serving were Miss Margaret Gray, Miss Gertrude Gray and Miss Ida Simmons. Mrs. P. H. Raymond and Mrs. Richard Cartwright alternated in the pouring and Mrs. John McNary served the tea.

Studio tea at the school of expression, conducted by Mrs. Anna Rogers Fish, is proving a popular function of the educational life of Salem. Invitations to this function are being actively sought, and those who receive them, report a very enjoyable time. The program on Wednesday of this week was an exceptionally clever one—the first number being Riley's "Almost Beyond En-

durance," in which Miss Leona Estes gave a realistic impersonation of a broken-hearted child. Miss Estes is a young reader of a considerable dramatic ability, her second number given later in the program being a dialect monologue in costume, "Higher Culture in Dixie" in which the clever situations were handled with a generous sense of humor, and much directness and simplicity.

Miss Lavonne Coppock read the lyric "Apple Blossoms" with much sincerity and appreciation of the dainty beauty of its pictures. Her exquisite impersonations of the tiny maiden, in Edmund Vance Cooke's "Moon-Cow" and "The Shave Store" quite captured her audience.

Charles Dillard gave an interesting rendition of J. T. Trowbridge's "Darius Green and His Flying Machine," bringing out the situations so cleverly and personating his characters so aptly that he kept his audience in a constant ripple of amusement. Mrs. A. S. Kazmarek read Kipling's "L'Envoi" with much dignity and appreciation. She then gave two original poems "A Wee Fellow's Fancy" and "The Bluebird," the composition of which is as commendable as was the clever author's reading of them.

Rex Howard gave a characteristic clear sketch called "Consolation" in clear, pleasant fashion, showing much naturalness in his conception of the character.

David Howard related "Squire Nimble Frog's Mistake" in a sympathetic manner which highly amused his hearers. "This young boy has had only a very few lessons and gives evidence of fine work in the future."

Master Ted Howard quite captured the house with his account of "Joe's Crime," giving a characterization of the small boy that proved irresistible.

The last number on the program and one of the most interesting, was the monologue "A Cordial Welcome" writ-

ten and recited by Mrs. Kazmarek which kept her auditors in unbounded merriment.

The guests and the pupils all joined around the table and spent a pleasant hour visiting.

Mrs. J. L. McAdams, president of Sedgwick Relief Corps, number one delightfully entertained Sedgwick Post No. 19, Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Spanish-American War veterans and the members of the corps at her home, 245 D street, Thursday afternoon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Remington and Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Briggs and to fittingly celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of the two veterans and their wives.

Comrade Edward L. Briggs was born in Marion county, Ohio, October 5, 1842. He served for four years in the Army of the Potomac during the Civil war, part of which time was spent in the confederate prison at Andersonville, as he was taken prisoner by the confederates at the battle of Gettysburg.

Mrs. Briggs was formerly Mary A. Southwick and was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, on December 28, 1848. The couple were married on October 5, 1865.

Comrade Thompson Remington is also a native of the Buckeye state, having been born in Marion county, Ohio. He served for three years in Company C, Sixteenth Iowa Volunteers, and participated in many hard battles. His first notable battle was with General Grant at Shiloh, and his long service ended with Sherman's march to the sea, the closing battles of the Civil war and finally the grand review down Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Remington's maiden name was Elizabeth Jane Tandy and she was born in Keokuk, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Remington were married October 11, 1865.

The home of Mrs. McAdams was made beautiful with decorations of autumn leaves, Oregon grape, Virginia creeper, hanging baskets of California poppies, marigolds, nasturtiums, and dahlias so arranged and chosen as to carry out the color scheme of golden hues so appropriate to the occasion. The lights were shaded in yellow tulips and water lilies, while the serving table was harmoniously laden with salad bowls of golden pumpkins, lighted with yellow candles and the menu arranged in a fitting manner.

Mrs. Effie Wright presided at the coffee urn, where an immense wedding cake, lighted with many candles, was cut by the two honor guests who were brides fifty years ago.

The hostess was assisted by members of the Sedgwick corps, these serving wearing yellow aprons and caps. During the afternoon a program was enjoyed by the more than a hundred guests and the selections were appropriately chosen to stir up memories of fifty years ago when the aged veterans and their wives were young. The following is the program as rendered:

Echoes of the Past—Richard Ferber—a piano solo by Miss Gladys Thompson. In response to a hearty encore, Miss Thompson played "Sabbath Evening Bells."

Mrs. Ronald Glover sang DeKoven's "Oh, Promise Me," and responded to an encore with "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

Comrade John P. Robertson gave a spicy extemporaneous speech in which the two aged grooms were given some advice, and Chaplain Lisle spoke in a more serious vein, presenting each groom with a golden gift from the Sedgwick post. The brides were also presented with flowers and a golden coin by the Sedgwick corps, each couple receiving \$10, and the entire assemblage was photographed by a local photographer.

Mrs. C. C. Clark gave the following original poem dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Remington and Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, the honor guests:

To you who faced the cannon's mouth,  
And braving shot and shell,  
To guard our country North and South  
For home and duty fell,  
Greeting we bring on this glad day  
And to you grateful homage pay.

And to your wives so true and kind  
Who, fifty years ago, we find  
To share your joys and woes to be  
Promised to keep you company,  
We bring our hearts, loving greeting,  
On this your golden wedding meeting.

Full fifty years you've lived together,  
Sharing gladly all kinds of weather;  
Much of sunshine, some of rain  
Have bro't to you both joy and pain;  
Yet, knowing God himself is true,  
Felt the best had come to you.

For each glad year, that's circled  
'round,  
We'd gladly give to each a pound  
Of earth's rich gold both pure and rare,  
And then scarce feel you'd had your  
share;

For truly as this day has come  
We feel each honor you have won.

But since this deed we cannot do,  
We humbly give these flowers to you;  
And may each blossom that you see  
Bear sweet messages glad and free  
Of hearts that with true friendship  
burn,  
And of our love we'd have you learn.

And now, as setting is life's sun,  
May that's of all its battles won,  
And "crowns of victory" that may  
be,

For you in God's best country,  
Be blessings showered upon each  
head  
Until the last "Well Done" is said.

Mrs. Walter Denton, teacher of piano, who has given an appreciation of music to many young people of Salem, is resuming her class work this week at her residence, 148 N. 12th street.

Mrs. C. L. Hadley, of Roseburg, is spending a few days in Salem, as the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Byars. Mrs. Hadley is en route from Newberg, where she was a delegate to the W. C. T. U. state convention.

The Thursday Afternoon Sewing club met this week at the home of Mrs. Milton Meyers on Court street. This was the first meeting of the season and a most enjoyable afternoon was passed.

The time is drawing near for the annual meeting of the state federation of women's clubs, which occurs October 25-28, inclusive. The activities of the week will open with a reception tendered the delegates by the Salem club, Monday evening. Several prominent women of the state have been mentioned for the presidency for the ensuing year, but thus far Mrs. Chas. H. Gastner, of Hood River, is the only one who has received the endorsement of her home club.

The first lecture by Professor Wallace MacMurray in the course on the Literature of Today, takes place next Tuesday evening at the auditorium of the library. The subject will be "The Importance of the American Theatre as represented by Mackaye and Thomas Moody, with references to Mather, The Canterbury Pilgrims, Sappho and Phaedra, As a Man Thinks, The Great Divide, The Faith Healer."

The opening of a juvenile dancing class by Mrs. Ralph White, next Saturday afternoon, will fill a long felt want in Salem among many mothers, as regards the early social training of their small folk. Mrs. White taught dancing in Chicago before coming to the coast and since her residence in Salem has frequently given private lessons in the various fancy dances for entertainments. So successful has she been in her private work that her many friends have urged her to open a dancing class. As an outcome of these requests, the juvenile dancing class will meet every Saturday afternoon in the hall over Pomeroy's jewelry store, from two to four, under Mrs. White's instruction. Small masquerade parties and other juvenile festivities will mark the social life of this class from time to time throughout the year.

Mrs. Patty, of Amity, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Shields, at her home on Rose avenue.

Miss Gayall Baldwin, in an interview in the Oregonian, says that the war has not affected vitally musical



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Mrs. Anna Rogers Fish, who formally opened the seasonal work of the School of Expression, with a studio tea last Wednesday.

life in Berlin and other large cities of Germany. "It would, no doubt, be of great interest to our American people to know just how little musical conditions in Berlin have been affected by such a devastating war," said Miss Baldwin last night. "The past year of the war I passed in Berlin and I was astonished to see how everything was carried on in the same old way. The opera houses and theatres were just as crowded as in peaceful days—in fact, it seemed to me there was even greater enthusiasm. Many of the old patriotic operas and dramas, which had been discarded and laid on the shelf, were brought to the public eye and ear. We were all given a chance to see the true German art of former days and were forced to recognize their strength and power as warriors and masters of art. "It was wonderful to all foreigners to note the management of everything. Wherever sons of enemies were employed, as in the case of the first tenor in the Royal opera house, they were asked to retire and their places were immediately filled by German artists. The concert season was successful, most of the noted artists having made their appearance as usual,—but, of course, as was to be expected, there were no Russian, French or English artists illuminating the footlights. The noted Philharmonic and Bluthner orchestras played to just as crowded houses as ever and have furnished accompaniment to many of the coming big artists of the near future. "The Royal High School orchestra has really suffered more than any other. The members playing the wind instruments were nearly all officers and were called to the front at once. However, this did not dampen their courage for a moment and the professors themselves took up the work of the students and made the orchestra a great success. "It is said to think how many of the colleagues with whom I have played music have fallen one by one for their country. Still there are always others to take their places and things go on just as smoothly as before. Professor Willy Hess, the famous violinist and also conductor of the Royal High School, has been made to realize what war means through the loss of his only son, but still even that don't dampen the musical spirit. "Music has become, or rather is, such a part of the German and Berlin that it is impossible to exist without it. Even in the biggest battles and attacks it is always made that urges on soldiers toward the enemy. In Berlin, one can always hear the finest high class music for a few cents, and at the present time the poor unemployed musicians are singing and playing the folksongs in the house gardens and on the streets to earn their bread. "Most of the big musicians are coming to America this year because of the mighty dollar," but this past season in Berlin has been enough to prove that Berlin is undoubtedly the greatest musical city of the world."

S. Stewart, Miss Binney, of New York, Miss Margaret Gray, Miss Ida Simmons, Miss Gertrude Gray, Mrs. C. E. Swanson, of Pittsburg, Miss Aline Thompson.

The Salem Festival Chorus, which gave such a splendid and artistic rendition of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" last June under the direction of Mr. F. S. Mendenhall, will reassemble for its first rehearsal of the present season on October 18, one week from next Monday night. Mr. Mendenhall announces the offering for the next concert will be to his usual high standard, and wishes to impress upon all members the importance of being present at the first rehearsal. This choral society is a musical organization for Salem people, and it is urged that all Salem singers take advantage of it. This first rehearsal will be open to all new singers who may wish to join.

Mrs. Lilburn M. Boggs entertained delightfully at a Kensington Thursday afternoon at her home on Owens street, honoring Mrs. J. F. Barker, of Roseburg, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. L. L. Josse, and Mrs. C. A. Schilbrede, of Marshfield, a former resident of Roseburg, now the guest of her father, George S. Downing, of Salem. The rooms were attractively adorned with autumn leaves and other reasonable decorations. An exceedingly pleasant afternoon was enjoyed, as the guests included a coterie of former Roseburg acquaintances, several of whom are visiting in the city.

Mrs. H. G. St. Helens was a charming dinner hostess Thursday evening, at her home on Court street, in honor of Miss Olive Casto, who left this morning for Tacoma, Wash., to spend the winter with her sisters. Later the guests adjourned to the living room, where a pleasant evening of music and conversation was enjoyed. The guests present were: Miss Olive Casto, Miss Durah Covey, Miss Lena Bewley, Miss Mable Brassfield, Miss Ruby Baker, Miss Audrey Hicks, Miss Stanis Andre-

sen, Miss Dora Andresen, Miss Florence Smith, Miss Leona Peterson, Miss Marie Hovdebo, Miss Grace Tolman, Miss Stella Willson, Miss Hedda Swart, Miss, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Collins, Miss Harry Holt, Miss Ernest Barber, Mrs. M. L. Reeder, Mrs. W. F. Cook.

The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Briggs was celebrated Tuesday afternoon by a gathering of relatives and close friends of the honored couple at their home on South Nineteenth street. The house was gayly decorated in green and yellow, quantities of fall flowers being used to carry out the color scheme. The occasion and general festivities of the pleasure were enhanced by several musical selections during the afternoon. Later dainty refreshments were served by the daughters of Mrs. Briggs, who had assembled from their respective home towns for the epochal event. Present: the children, Milton Briggs, Paulston; Mrs. Minnie Munroe, of Portland; Mrs. Anna B. Whittier, of Corvallis; Mrs. B. A. Harris, of Wendling; Mrs. E. T. Albert, of Eugene;

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