

SOCIETY and CLUBS

By ALINE THOMPSON

MISS VEDA MAE CROSS' engagement to Dr. Prince Wolverton Ryd, caused quite a furore in society, when the news was first made known today. It was such a complete surprise that but very few of the closest friends of the bride-elect had a suspicion of the secret.

Miss Cross' family is an old one in Salem and branches into many other prominent families. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Cross, and has one brother, Curtis Baskett Cross.

She is a popular member of the younger set and is one of the little coteries of girls that includes Mrs. Frank Spears, Mrs. Curtis Cross, Mrs. William Connell Dyer, Miss Ellen Thielson and others.

A great deal of Miss Cross' leisure time is devoted to philanthropic work, through the Y. W. C. A. of which she is an active member. She is one of the board of directors, chairman of the publicity committee and a member of the membership committee.

Dr. Ryd is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Calvin Byrd of Spokane, who are well known in Salem, the former having lived here years ago. He is a physician at the Oregon state hospital and is a graduate of the Willamette University, medical college.

He also attended the University of Washington and is a Phi Delta Theta fraternity man.

The news of the engagement was first made known this afternoon at a tea for which the happy bride-elect was hostess. The affair was very informal, only a few friends being asked. The early part of the afternoon was devoted to sewing, and it was not until the tea hour when the guests circled a handsomely appointed table that the secret was divulged.

Silver candelabras containing pink candles, and quantities of exquisite Ophelia roses were used in the dining room. The table which was unusually lovely was decked with a huge chrysalis basket of pink cherry blossoms. The favors adorable little pots of rose pink cherry blossoms, morning glories, and roses, were designed and sent to Miss Cross by one of her dearest chums, Miss Marie Hofer, who is now living in National City, Cal. Each favor was tied to a pink ribbon, extending from the places to the center piece, and as the guest pulled their ribbons there hung a tiny pink heart telling of the engagement.

The wedding will be a simple event of June. Owing to the popularity of the young people, a number of pre-nuptial affairs will be given in their honor.

Miss Cross asked as her guests, Mrs. George William Gray, Mrs. Curtis B. Cross, Mrs. William Connell Dyer, Mrs. Clyde Graham, Mrs. Frank H. Spears, Mrs. Eugene Strayer of Portland, Mrs. Merrill B. Moores of Portland, Miss Laura Watson of Marshfield, Miss Kathryn Fox, Miss Helen Pearce, Miss Ellen Thielson, Miss Gertrude Gray, Miss Rita Steiner, Miss Margaret Gray, Miss Aline Thompson, Miss Florence Cleveland and Miss Mabel Robertson.

Delightful informality marked the afternoon of bridge for which Mrs. Harry H. Olinger was hostess on Thursday. Guests were asked to make up five tables of the game and the score honors were won by Mrs. R. E. Leo Steiner.

The rooms were charming with an array of yellow spring flowers, and the guests, included about 25 matrons of society, the greater part of whom were members of the Thursday bridge club.

The non-club guests joining the players were: Mrs. Ralph Watson, Mrs. Robert Townsend, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Jesse Finckler and Mrs. Shad Krantz all of Portland and Mrs. W. Al Jones.

Miss Helene Schober, a charming young girl from Seattle, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. David W. Eyre, was the honor guest at a delightful informal dinner for which Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hofer were hosts Wednesday evening.

An artistic basket of rose pink cyclamen and narcissus combined with feathery ferns decked the table around which covers were placed for Miss Schober, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic D. Thielson, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Eyre, Laurence Hofer and the hosts.

Miss Schober will be here for several weeks, and her visit undoubtedly will be marked by many little attentions. During her stay Mrs. Eyre, also will entertain in honor of her sister.

Mrs. A. E. Bloomquist, who has been the house guest of her sister, Mrs. William H. Lytle, for a couple of weeks, left Friday for Portland, on route to Seattle, where she will make her home.

Mrs. Bloomquist will visit friends in Portland for several days before joining Mr. Bloomquist, who has been in Seattle for some time.

Another sister of Mrs. Lytle, Mrs. Robert N. Stanfield, wife of Representative Stanfield of Pendleton, arrived in Salem the middle of the week and will be here a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brown were hosts Thursday evening for a small informal dinner party.

Society folk thronged the Henry J. Bean residence on Thursday afternoon to attend the silver tea for which Mrs. Bean and Mrs. A. N. Moores were hostesses.

The affair which was given for the benefit of the Scholarship loan fund of the Salem Woman's club was the premier of a series of parties to be given by the various members of the club during the season.

During the hours of 3 to 5 o'clock about 50 matrons and maids called. Feathery ferns, and foliage were effectively used about the rooms.

In the dining room the tea table was most artistic with yellow jonquils and shaded candles. Mrs. James Withycombe and Mrs. William Galloway presided at the table and Miss Hazel Downing, Miss Ellen Thielson and Miss Grace Bean assisted in the serving.

Assisting in the rooms were Mrs. John D. Sutherland, Mrs. Charles Weller and Mrs. William Engram of Portland.

Among the other matrons who will give affairs for the benefit of the fund are Mrs. F. A. Elliott, Mrs. Clarence Hamilton, Mrs. Russell Catlin and her daughter, Mrs. Frank Spears; Mrs. Rollin K. Pugh, Mrs. William Galloway, Mrs. Frederick S. Stewart, Mrs. George Pearce, Mrs. Alice H. Dodd, Mrs. Charles K. Spaulding, Mrs. J. O. Goltz and the North Salem Woman's club.

Delightful in every way was the dinner and "500" party for which Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Pry were hosts Wednesday evening, when they entertained the members of the Cherry City club at their attractive home on South High street.

The card rooms were attractively adorned with yellow jasmnine and pussy willow.

In the dining room an air of springtime was given by the floral decorations; yellow daffodils and huge bows of tulle being used on the prettily appointed table.

After dinner guests played at four tables of "500", the card honors falling to Mrs. Edgar Hartley and Fred Steusloff.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Catlin entertained informally on Tuesday night with a delightful "500" party, their guests being the members of the Merry-Go-Round club and a few additional friends.

Seven tables were arranged for the game, the high score honors falling to Mrs. U. G. Shipley and A. N. Moores.

Mrs. Catlin was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Frank H. Spears.

Those playing besides the club members were: Governor and Mrs. Withycombe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Shipley and Mrs. E. C. Cross.

Mrs. Harry E. Clay will be hostess Thursday for a luncheon bridge, asking as her guests a dozen prominent matrons, who are entertaining with a series of these delightful affairs this season.

Of paramount importance on the social calendar for next week is the second subscription dance, which will be a brilliant event of Tuesday night at the Masonic Temple.

The affair as usual will call forth about 100 of the smart set, who are members of the club, and also a number of out-of-town guests.

Several informal dinner and supper parties are being arranged for the event. Among the club members who will entertain out of town guests for the dance are Mr. and Mrs. John J. Roberts who will have with them Mrs. Robert's other and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Claude P. Slade of Silverton.

Prominent among the winter's social events, is the big charity ball which will be given by the Auxiliary of the Spanish American War Veterans at the armory on St. Valentine's night, February the 14.

All Salem is asked to participate in the informal festivities and lend aid to this worthy cause.

The philanthropic work of this organization reaches into the homes of the widows and orphans of the Spanish American war veterans, thus making cheerful hours for someone less fortunate. The note of patriotism which characterizes all of the entertainments will predominate and the evening will be brimful of interesting features.

The grand march will be led by Governor and Mrs. Withycombe, followed by state officials and officials of the Spanish war veterans.

The list of patronesses includes: Mrs. Henry W. Meyers, Mrs. George Palmer Putnam, Mrs. George William Gray, Mrs. Charles L. McNary, Mrs. W. Carlton Smith, Mrs. John J. Roberts, Mrs. Chauncey Bishop, Mrs. William McGilchrist Jr., Mrs. Clifford Brown, Dr. M. E. Pomeroy and Mrs. Merline Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Rose have asked the members of the Monday night club to their home for an informal evening of "500" on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown entertained on Tuesday night with a few tables of "500."

About a dozen members of the E. O. T. club participated in the games, and the card honors were won by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowersox.

Late in the evening the hostess served a tempting repast.

To make up for the lack of social affairs this winter a group of the young married set have been entertaining each other at a series of dinner parties at each other's homes.

Mr. and Mrs. William Connell Dyer were hosts at one of these delightful dinner parties on Wednesday night. The affair as usual was very informal and the guests were seated about a table prettily decked with pink blossoms and greens.

Covers were placed for 8.

Mrs. Frank H. Spears' guest, Miss Annette Linne, a charming girl of Seattle, arrived today and will be here for several weeks.

Miss Linne visited Mrs. Spears before the latter's marriage a few years ago and made many friends in Salem society.

She and Mrs. Spears were schoolmates at Mills Seminary in California.

One of the coming events of the week among the younger contingent is the informal dancing party to be given on Thursday night at the armory by the Salem club of the Oregon Agricultural College, in honor of the seniors of the Salem high school.

A feature of the evening will be a glee club concert, which will precede the dance, beginning at eight o'clock.

Salem society will be interested to know that Miss Georgette Booth, the talented and much sought after pianist, who has been so greatly missed this winter, has recently been booked on the Pantages circuit as one of a trio of girls in a musical number, including a singer, a violinist and Miss Booth (pianist).

Miss Booth, who has been in Seattle for several months visiting her cousin, Miss Helen Greenus was booked from that city, making her debut in stage-land a few weeks ago in Tacoma. Miss Booth is now in Portland at the Pantages theatre and will come home next week for a few days visit before going to San Francisco for an engagement.

It is said that Miss Booth ultimately hopes to go to New York and do orchestra work for the Victor people.

An informal dinner party was given on Thursday evening by Dr. and Mrs. Harry H. Olinger, who entertained a group of friends in honor of their house guests Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mays of Portland.

Covers for 11 were arranged about a table artistically decked with yellow jonquils and greens.

Mr. and Mrs. Zedoc J. Riggs have gone to Portland to attend the automobile show. They will remain over the week end.

For the Subscription dance Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. Riggs will have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Youman of Portland.

At the residence of Mrs. Edward Weller, the sixty-fourth birthday of St. Paul's Episcopal church was celebrated on Thursday night. The affair was given by the junior and senior guilds of the church and the residence decked with greens and flowers of the season was thronged with guests.

A feature of the evening was the delightful programme, which included, Solo, Miss Jones; national dances, en costume, Miss Griffin; solo, Tom L. Williams; reading, Miss Beatrice Walton; solo, Mrs. W. Carlton Smith; talks "Early history of church," William Sellwood; "Present conditions of the church," E. H. Choate; "Future of the church," Frank Deekebach.

A huge birthday cake surrounded by 64 candles adorned the refreshment table over which Mrs. Henry B. Thielson, Mrs. George H. Burnett and Mrs. Russell Catlin presided. A group of young girls assisted in the serving.

Mrs. F. L. Utter asked the members of the Epiphorian club to her home for an informal afternoon of sewing and chatter on Thursday.

About a dozen guests enjoyed the Golden Hour club at her home on Thursday afternoon.

About a dozen members gathered for the afternoon and an interesting paper on the "Acquisition of Oregon" was read by Mrs. J. R. Pemberton. Later refreshments closed the meeting.

Of interest to a number of sorority and fraternity folk of the University of Oregon will be the advancement of the engagement of Miss Anna McMichen of Portland to Heber Harrington Smith of Chicago.

The wedding which is to be an event of February the ninth will take place in Eugene at the Gamma Phi Beta house; of which sorority Miss McMichen is a popular member.

Miss McMichen, who since her graduation from the University of Oregon has been teaching in the Eugene high school is a very attractive girl, with a sweet unaffected manner that has made her many friends.

Mr. Smith is associated with Collier's magazine and the couple will make their home in Chicago. Several girl friends and sorority sisters of Miss McMichen are planning to go to Eugene for the wedding.

Mrs. William Ingram returned to her home in Portland Friday after a delightful two weeks visit in Salem as the guest of Mrs. Henry J. Bean.

The ladies of the South Circle of the First Christian church gathered at the church on Wednesday for an old fashioned "quilting."

A delightful luncheon was served at noon and later in the day the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Chas. Davis, president; Mrs. John Paek, vice president; Mrs. John Humphreys, secretary; Mrs. Chester Baker, treasurer.

The next meeting will be held at the church Valentine day, February 14.

Honoring Miss Genevieve Yankee, a popular Salem high school graduate who is going to Corvallis in February to attend college, Miss Beatrice Shelton and a number of her pupils entertained informally on Monday night with a banquet and impromptu program at the Y. W. C. A.

An artistic array of crimson carnations and ferns decked the tables around which dainty place cards marked the covers. Miss Nell Sykes acted as toastmaster.

After the banquet the evening was merrily rounded out with games. Miss Johanna James and Miss Agnes Hall contributed to this delightful affair with several vocal and instrumental numbers and Miss Martha Swartz with two cornet solos.

Those participating in the festivity were: Miss Yanke, Miss Ethel Rupert, Miss Laura Arenz, the Misses Ruth and Beth Bedford, Miss Gertrude Tasto, Miss Alta Johnson, Miss Lucy Holt, Miss Helen Hunt, Miss Ruth Schultz, Miss Gladys Harbert, Miss Mildred Reid, Miss Myrtle Paine, Miss Agnes Hallbell, Miss Elizabeth Cookwell, Miss Eva Randall, Miss Katherine DeWitte, Miss Johanna James, Miss Gertrude Walling, Miss Nell Sykes and Miss Shelton.

Opening the week's festivities will be the informal dancing party given by the Elks club at its attractive club house on Monday night.

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Mrs. Ralph Watson of Portland, who is the house guest of Mrs. Edwin L. Baker, has been delightfully entertained since her arrival a few days ago.

Several matrons are giving small and informal bridge and tea parties complimentary to the visitor.

Yesterday Mrs. Louis Lochmund asked a group of matrons to her home for an afternoon of bridge. It was a small and informal affair, guests being asked to make up three tables of the game.

Another delightful affair planned in honor of Mrs. Watson is the afternoon of bridge for which Mrs. Baker will be hostess for her guest on Tuesday.

Senator and Mrs. C. P. Bishop were hosts last night for a charming dinner party. Yellow jonquils and greens adorned the table around which were seated Senator and Mrs. Gus Mosher of Portland, Senator and Mrs. S. B. Huston of Portland, Mrs. Alice H. Dodd and the hosts.

In celebration of the ninetieth birthday anniversary of her mother, Mrs.

Elizabeth A. Engle, Mrs. Owen Cotterman entertained a few friends informally several days ago at her home on 1535 Highland avenue.

Mrs. Engle was the recipient of many pretty remembrances from her Salem friends and also from her old friends in New Jersey.

Late in the afternoon the hostess served a repast assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Townsend of McMinnville.

Those gathering for the happy occasion were: Mrs. Dr. A. B. Smith, Mrs. Anna Tallman, Mrs. Sadie Key, Mrs.

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TO MEET HIGH COST

San Mateo, Cal., Jan. 27.—Fearing that the high cost of living may drive them into the kitchen, a dozen youths, students of the San Mateo high school, today asked that a cooking course for boys be made part of the domestic science department of the high school.

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