

MUSIC SOCIETY

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Now that the musical season is once more opening so auspiciously for a number of Salem's artists, who are scattered far and wide, their friends are eagerly gleaming from interchanged letters or press comment, any bit of news concerning their plans or tours for the coming year, and it is with a heightened anticipation that the friends of Miss Winifred Byrd, highly gifted pianist, the daughter of Dr. W. H. Byrd of Salem, have been awaiting the reports of her first concert in this fall, which were received by relatives and friends, this week; inasmuch as her debut in the New York musical world was made only last January and by reason of its brilliant success presented a season of distinguished achievement this winter.

"Dainty, petite, sweetly simple and an artist thoroughly in love with her art. Such is Miss Winifred Byrd, the celebrated pianist who will appear here in concert recital tonight at Winthrop college.

"In a short interview with a Herald representative Miss Byrd talked most interestingly of her work, work which began when she was a little child, which is not ended yet, but means a daily task of hours of practice; for, said she, 'How long does it take to become an artist—a lifetime?'

"A native of Oregon, where her father is a well known physician, Miss Byrd had her first musical instruction under her mother, a finished musician. While quite young she was sent to Boston, and studied there for a time, then in New York and then later extensively in Berlin and other European centers.

"Still quite young the artist made her debut in Aeolian hall, New York, and since that time she has had her hands full to meet the demands upon her time."

Commenting afterwards upon this opening concert the Herald spoke in laudatory vein:

"Deserving indeed of the appellation 'America's Wonder Pianist,' is Miss Winifred Byrd, who appeared last night at the Winthrop auditorium. This young girl, fragile almost in appearance, surpassed even the most optimistic expectations, proving herself a poet artist, such as has never been heard in Rock Hill before. With the instrument as her 'camera' she painted veritable tone pictures, of such warmth of coloring, such exquisite shading, such perfect tone perspective, that the audience could at once grasp the soul of the composer."

Other press criticisms speak of Miss Byrd as an American artist receiving the much deserved recognition, which was formerly given almost exclusively to foreign artists, remarking in conclusion:

"Miss Byrd is appearing at a pro-

pitious time, and during her comparatively short career has received the very highest commendation for her mastery technique and refined artistry."

Prominent visitors who are being extended a cordial welcome by society in the Capital city this week are Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sanford of Roseburg, who are domiciled at the Marion hotel for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford are former Salem people, Mr. Sanford being at one time associated with the Ladd and Bush bank. He is in Salem now in the interests of the federal reserve bank with which he is connected.

Mrs. Sanford will doubtless be the inspiration of much informal entertaining during her stay in the city, as Salem matrons, among whom she numbers a host of friends will be eager to make her visit a delightful one in every detail.

Mrs. W. H. Dancy is passing several days in Portland, where she is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. J. Creighton.

Miss Helen Pearce is down from Portland to spend the week end with her mother, Mrs. George J. Pearce, at her home on North Winter street. Miss Pearce is taking the Y. W. C. A. training course, at Portland this winter, preparatory to being a Y. W. C. A. secretary.

Miss Helen West of Portland visited in Salem recently as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Ben Oleott. Miss West took advantage of the opportunity afforded by the closing of the schools to enjoy a brief visit with former Salem friends.

Mrs. R. L. White was hostess at a pretty little dinner party Tuesday night at her home on South Church street in honor of the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bykes.

A message has just been received by General and Mrs. W. H. Byars announcing that their son, Captain Alfred H. Byars of the medical reserve corps had been ordered from Camp Fremont, California, with the 12th regiment, 8th division, United States infantry, to parts unknown.

Captain Byars joined the medical reserve corps while practicing his profession in San Diego, California, in January, 1917, was commissioned a first lieutenant, and assigned to Fort Rosecrans. Since that time he has been active in the service, has been promoted to captain and was transferred to Camp Fremont, at which point he was stationed for several months prior to being ordered on foreign service. The earlier part of his life and public school days were spent in Salem. He is a graduate of the Barnes Medical college, St. Louis, Mo., where he specialized in surgery, and he practiced his profession in Fresno, Madera and San Diego, California, prior to entering the service. While on furlough, Captain Byars visited his parents in Salem last June. Mrs. Byars, who has been with her husband up to the present, will return to their home in San Diego.

Miss Lorene Parker, home demonstration agent for Umatilla county, is enjoying a week's vacation in Salem at the home of her parents, just outside of town. Miss Parker was formerly demonstration agent for Marion county, giving up her position here to go to Pendleton last spring.

Miss Parker is immensely interested in her work in eastern Oregon, her field covering a territory as large as Marion and Clackamas counties combined, and embracing a large farming area, the inhabitants of which are usually receptive to the innovations and new solutions of old problems advanced and tested out by the various demonstration agents in their present day service. And equally enthusiastic are the homekeepers of these palatial wheat ranches, over the results obtained by Miss Parker's methods, results acquired with so great a facility and so little an expenditure of time. Owing to the great distance covered by Miss Parker she finds the use of an automobile, furnished her for this work, a great asset and time saver, the distances between communities being frequently lengthy journeys in themselves.

On account of the influenza ban public gatherings are now discontinued in the eastern part of the state, and Miss Parker is benefitting herself of the lull in activities to renew acquaintanceships in Salem and vicinity. Her headquarters are located at Pendleton.

Miss Ethel Merriam, former art instructor at the Salem high school, who has been taking the reconstruction course given at Reed college this summer, has been appointed as one of the reconstruction aides to be sent over to France shortly to assist in that branch of service overseas. As only a limited number were chosen from those taking the Reed college course, Miss Merriam's appointment may well be considered a reward of merit, the training being exacting and thorough.

Miss Merriam is now the guest of Miss Minnetta Magers at her home, 603 Marshall street, during the interim of waiting for her sailing orders. She was one of the most popular instructors in the Salem schools.

Mrs. Chauncey Butler and small son, Donald, will leave next week for The Dalles, where Mrs. Butler will make her home with her mother, during the absence of Mr. Butler, who is in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Edwards will move into the residence of Mrs. A. Strong, 485 South Commercial street, which has been occupied by the Butlers during their stay in Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have been residing in the Court apartments. They plan to move about the first of the month.

Mrs. C. W. Beckett, who has been quite ill at her home on the Wallace road, is slowly convalescing.

Miss Ruth Paxson, who has resigned her position as school librarian at the Salem library, in lieu of one she has accepted at the Carnegie library school in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will leave Friday for her home at Central Point, Oregon, where she will spend a week before going back east.

Miss Paxson's new duties will be of an instructional nature, as she will be a member of the teaching staff. Several informal affairs are being planned in farewell compliment to Miss Paxson before her departure.

Miss Margaret Schell is visiting Miss Helen Neugebauer for a few days.

Salem society has been eagerly welcoming back into its midst this week Mrs. Earl Fiegel (Barbara Steiner), who arrived home Wednesday after a stay of several months in Palo Alto, California, where her husband, Lieutenant Fiegel, has been stationed at Camp Fremont. The eighth regiment, to which Lieutenant Fiegel belongs, has lately been ordered east and following his departure Mrs. Fiegel returned to Salem to make her home with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee Steiner, during the absence of her husband. Mrs. Fiegel was numbered among the charming June brides of Salem, her wedding being a pretty event of the early summer.

Mrs. Gaynell Kellogg Mountain, a one-time Salem resident, has been chosen as soprano soloist for one of the leading Portland churches this winter by the music committee of the church. Mrs. Mountain was very well known in musical circles of this city.

Miss Constance Cartwright, who is on the faculty of the Pacific university at Forest Grove, is passing several days in Salem, during the interim of closed schools. She arrived home Thursday evening and will remain with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Cartwright, until college work is resumed.

Corinne Riley Barker of stage fame, and a former Salem girl is now doing her bit across the waters, where among many other acting folk now engaged in overseas service, she is helping to entertain the soldiers. At present she is playing in an act with Tony Hunting, also of footlight repute.

Among the out of town students, who have returned to Salem during their enforced vacations is Miss Harriet Griffith, who is attending Miss Catlin's school in Portland this winter. Miss Griffith is also studying music with Miss Evelyn and Miss Helen Calbreath, during her stay in Portland. She is now visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Griffith, at their home on North Capital street.

Mrs. W. H. Hall (Priscilla Fleming) will leave for Portland next week to join her husband, who has lately arrived from San Francisco. Mrs. Hall has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fleming, at their residence on Court street, for several months. She and her husband have formerly made their home in San Francisco, but plan to reside in Portland this winter.

Miss Ava Putnam was hostess for a jolly little dinner party Thursday evening at her home on North Liberty in honor of her sister, Mrs. Ed Pratt (Mary D. Putnam) of Astoria, who visited in Salem the past week. Mrs. Pratt returned home Friday. Circling the table were Miss Inez Weidner, Miss Florence Weidner, Mrs. Pratt, Miss Nana Putnam, Miss Alice Putnam and the hostess.

Miss Margaret Faber returned to Portland Thursday after spending the week in Salem as the guest of Mrs. G. W. Laflar.

A wedding of much interest in newspaperdom, both in Portland and Salem, is that of Miss Nona Lawler, the daughter of Mrs. Isaac Lawler of Portland and Captain Paul Dentley Mackie, U. S. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mackie of Seattle, which took place Friday, October 11, at 5:30 p. m. at the parochial residence of St. Peter's and St. Paul's church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Father Thomas Gilrin officiating.

The bride has been society editor of the Oregon Journal for the past six years. She claims a host of friends, being endowed with a decided charm of manner and exceptional cleverness. She met Captain Mackie, while he was stationed at Vancouver. He has been in France since January, where he has been in command of the Eleventh company, Fourth battalion of the Twentieth engineers, operating a saw mill in southern France. He returned to this country about a month ago to recruit another about a month ago to recruit another and has been permanently assigned to Camp Forrest, Georgia, near Chattanooga. The young couple will make their home near the camp during his stay in this country, a matter of three months or more.

Captain and Mrs. Mackie are spending their honeymoon at Signal Mountain, a picturesque resort out of Chattanooga.

Since the departure of Mrs. Mackie, Miss Vella Winner, club editor on the Oregon Journal, has been editing the society columns. Miss Winner is well known in club circles throughout the Willamette valley, and has visited in Salem, Miss Winner at one time also ran a series of clever feature stories in the Journal on women engaged in especially interesting and unique pursuits.

Goodrich Hays of Portland was entertained in Salem over the week end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wood at their residence, 745 North Church street.

Mrs. B. J. Miles is enjoying a short stay in Portland as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Knight.

Mrs. Harold Forrest and small son returned Wednesday from a few days stay in Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Palmer, of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, who have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis, 1056 South Commercial street, left the fore part of the week for Long Beach, California, where they will spend several weeks.

It will be of significance to Salem residents interested in international education to know that 52 French students arrived in New York recently, the first contingent of women who have been appointed for the 250 scholarships and universities have offered French students through the efforts of Dr. Robert L. Kelly of Chicago, executive secretary of the American Association of Colleges, working in co-operation with the American council of education.

These scholarships cover tuition and living expenses for the students during their courses. The French government also has appropriated 75,000 francs to cover the traveling and living expenses of girls who otherwise could not take advantage of the opportunity.

Dean Mary Benton of Carlton college, Northfield, Minn., and Mrs. Sorens Miller of Denver, were chosen to go to France to make the appointments. Two hundred and fifty girls are now applied for the American scholarships, and of these Miss Benton and Mrs. Miller already have chosen 128, of whom the 52 have arrived.

Among the girls who arrived four will have scholarships through the Carnegie Foundation. Both of these girls will go to the University of Wisconsin. Miss Miley and Miss Miley Prevall will study at the University of California.

Miss Carelle Boucher of Paris, widow of a French soldier who was killed two years ago, will be sent to the State College for Women at Denton, Texas.

Many of the students will teach French in colleges in this country upon completing their courses, while others expect to return to France and teach English in the colleges there.

This is the first of a big international reciprocity educational movement between the United States and the allies with a view to the closer spiritual alignment of the peoples of the allied nations.

STATE BANKS ARE
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Sargent did not present Martin's name and he told Martin why. Who was the goat? Or were there two goats? Sargent was forced to go back on his promise to Martin and the only way he could keep from having his own honor or discredited was to explain the whole affair.

But there is more yet.

Sargent himself resigned to accept the position of inspector for the federal reserve bank at San Francisco, under a Democratic federal administration, although he is a republican. Since then he has been selected as one of seven inspectors to serve directly under the federal reserve banking board at Washington, one of the most responsible positions in the federal reserve banking system.

Secretary of State Oleott requested Sargent to recommend a man for his successor. Sargent recommended Chas. E. Stewart, who had been assistant superintendent of banks for several years and was thoroughly familiar with all the state banks. Sargent said that because of Stewart's experience in the department he was the most competent man in the state for the position.

Was Stewart appointed?

He was not. Why? Because he was a democrat.

When Stewart went to see the governor, the chief executive told him that he would not support a democrat for that office.

Business considerations cut no figure. The man must not be a democrat. Practically all the state banks in Oregon urged Stewart's appointment on the ground of efficiency. But their requests had no effect upon the governor because Stewart was not in the political swim.

State Treasurer Kay would not consent to support the man the governor wanted to appoint, so in order to keep Stewart out the governor was forced to vote for the man Kay selected. Oleott voted for Stewart on Sargent's recommendation.

So persons who are on the inside of state affairs smile broadly when the assertion is made that business and not politics is the keynote of the present administration. More petty politics is being played now to the detriment of

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the business of the state than in many years past.

Politics has first consideration in practically everything that is done.

Home From France.

Julian DeJardin arrived at his home in Gervais, Tuesday night from France, where he has been acting as an interpreter. He will be home on a two-week furlough. He is looking well and is in this country on special service. His brother, Joe, who was wounded in the back, is able to be out of the French hospital, but still has a stiff back, being unable to stoop.

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