

SOCIETY

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A GENERAL relaxation in socialdom was noted throughout the week, following the strenuous gaieties of the Thanksgiving holidays. However, the social calendar was far from being dull in any sense of the word, a succession of dinner parties, elaborate and informal, large and small punctuating the more or less neutral tenor of the week's events. Of paramount interest among the day time affairs was the lovely tea given Thursday by Mrs. E. C. Cross and Mrs. Russell Oatlin, in honor of Mrs. Henry B. Thielson of Portland.

Outfitted interest of the week centered in the dramatic recital last night at the Commercial club auditorium, when the English department of the high school presented Miss Lucile Elliott, a talented reader of note.

Matron and maid alike are now turning Christmasward in thought and activity, and between the inevitable rounds of Christmas shopping, the spare moments therein are being utilized to advantage in the planning and discussion of holiday parties and combined Christmas and victory entertainments.

Mrs. George W. Lewis, whose departure to Portland, is the source of widespread regret among a host of Salem friends, was the center of much delightful entertaining the past week, a number of matrons assuming the role of hostess in her honor at several charming affairs.

The guest nucleus of these social courtesies has included, for the most part, a coterie of the members of the Monday Afternoon Bridge club, which though not holding regular meetings this season, frequently sponsors pleasurable impromptu gatherings at the various homes of the members. The matrons of the club were the guests of both Mrs. B. B. Goodin and Mrs. Arthur H. Moores on two occasions lately, with Mrs. Lewis as the honoree. A profusion of lovely pink penstock blooms graced the gathering for which Mrs. Moores was hostess on Monday at her home on Leslie street.

Mrs. Lawrence Harris also entertained in compliment to Mrs. Lewis with a pretty luncheon Thursday. An informal evening of cards was the attention given to Mrs. Lewis by Mrs. J. D. McKinnon at her residence on Court street recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis expect to leave during the coming week for Portland to take up their permanent residence.

Honoring Mrs. Henry B. Thielson of Portland, Mrs. E. C. Cross and Mrs. Russell Oatlin were hostesses at a delightful tea Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Cross, 1185 Chemeketa street. Knitting formed the principal pastime of the afternoon. The rooms were most artistically decorated with holly for the occasion. The guests included a group of old time friends of the honoree.

Assuming distinction among the affairs of the week was the handsomely appointed dinner party, at which Mrs. A. N. Bush presided Thursday night at her residence on North Capitol street.

Decking the table at each end was a gold art basket, filled with gracefully arranged pompon chrysanthemums of the deep bronze shades. The table was centered with a beautiful antique candleabra, the onyx base of which sparkled with a brilliant glow reflected from the light of the yellow candles in the brass sticks and the other illuminations of the dining room. Covers were placed for ten.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Moores were hosts for the members of the Merry-Go-Round club Tuesday night at their home, 658 Center street. The rooms were beautifully adorned with yellow chrysanthemums and clusters of scarlet Christmas holly. Mrs. Robert Kinney assisted Mrs. Moores at the serving hour.

The high score fell to Mrs. John McMary and Rollin K. Pags. The club will be entertained at its next meeting by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hauser returned last night from a several days stay in Portland.

Mrs. Clifford Brown entertained a few friends informally Tuesday evening at the Brown home on State street in compliment to her husband, who returned last Sunday from Kentucky, where he has been stationed at Camp Zachary Taylor the past six months. About a dozen guests shared the pleasures of the evening.

The members of the medical advisory board and their wives were entertained Wednesday night by Dr. W. B. Morse, who was a dinner host at the Marion hotel in their honor. The grill room was effectively decorated for the affair, the room being illuminated with brilliant red globes. The centerpiece consisted of a miniature lake, banked with mosses, ornamented with small pieces of statuary. Covers were laid for sixteen.

A small coterie of the friends of Mrs. Norman Courtney (Estimane Klein) who is leaving for the east next week, were bidden by Mrs. C. E. Farmer to an informal little farewell gathering at her home on Lincoln street Thursday night. Christmas sewing occupied the attention of the guests for the greater part of the evening. Later a dainty supper was served, the guests circling an exquisitely appointed table.

In addition to the honoree, those asked for the evening were Mrs. Allan Bynon, Mrs. Dan J. Fry, Jr., Mrs. Earl Powell, Mrs. Bob Roberts, Mrs. Keith Powell, Miss Margery Marvin, Miss Nancy Skaife.

The Tuesday Musical club was entertained at its last meeting by Miss Dorothy Pearce at her home, 267 North Winter street. The principal business was the election of officers to serve for the next year, the following being chosen: Miss Lena Bella Tartar, president, Miss Jessie Cox vice president, Mrs. Bertha J. Darby secretary, Miss Joy Turner treasurer. A short program was then given, in which the following took part: Misses Levy, Penrose, Chandler and Weller, and T. S. Roberts and E. E. Sanders.

An interesting function of the week to which decided social interest was attached was the dinner party sponsored by the members of the local exemption board and their wives, which was given Friday night at the residence of Mrs. Frank M. Brown, 604 South Commercial street. The gayly decked table presented a veritable little Christmas scene, embellished with branches of crimson-tipped holly, and decked with two tiny sparkling Christmas trees, in all the glory of their holiday trimmings.

Dr. W. H. Byrd acted as toastmaster, giving a very interesting and entertaining resume of the work of the board, including its organization, the experiences, humorous and otherwise, which it encountered from time to time and the wide range of problems coming within the scope of the board's duties. Responses were cleverly and ably made by Mrs. Ray S. Simeral, Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. W. H. Byrd, Mrs. W. I. Needham, Dr. Grover Bellinger, U. G. Boyer, and W. I. Needham.

Circling the table were the following board members, Chairman W. I. Needham and Mrs. Needham, Secretary U. G. Boyer and Mrs. Boyer, Physician Dr. W. H. Byrd and Mrs. Byrd, Assistant Physician Dr. Grover Bellinger and Mrs. Bellinger, Clerk Paul B. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, Clerk Ray Simeral and Mrs. Simeral, Clerk Howard Jewett, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown and son. Keith. Mrs. Brown holds the position of chief clerk of the board.

Heralding the approach of the holiday functions comes the second dance given this season under the auspices of the Monday Night Dancing club, to be held Monday night at the Moore hall. The decorations will be more or less elaborate and of a Christmas character. The decorating committee includes Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Bennett are spending a few days in Portland, having motored down the latter part of the week.

PETITE piquant and most pleasing, Miss Lucile Elliott, head of the public speaking department of the Salem high school, charmed a goodly audience last night at the Commercial club auditorium, when she was presented in recital by the English department of the high school. Her program was brief and modern, embracing selections from authors, who have touched the hearts of people most closely.

From the character of the typical small town by its teens, so imitatively portrayed by Booth Tarkington in "Seventeen," to the patrician English mother, bowed but not broken under the over-powering news of her son's death in the trenches, Miss Elliott sustained the parts with a rare faithfulness and ardor. In her second number, known to the many lovers of Kathleen Norris, under the simple caption of "Mother," she revealed with tenderness and pathos the fond mother that the world loves. She closed as an encore with an inspiring war poem, "For France," picturing with poignant the tragic personal note of the great war just behind us.

Miss Elliott claims Spokane as her home city, having come from Washington to assume her present position in the Salem schools. She is a graduate of the Cumcoek School of Expression at the Northwestern university. This summer Miss Elliott spent in a tour of several of the large entertainments of the country, appearing on various entertainment programs given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

It is Salem's extreme good fortune that Miss Elliott has come to stay, and the Salem public will anticipate happily repetitions of last evening.

Miss Elliott was introduced by Miss Edna L. Sterling, head of the English department. The program included: "Seventeen" by Booth Tarkington; "Mother" by Kathleen Norris; "Mothers of Men" by Percival Wilde. After the program Miss Elliott received a beautiful tribute of flowers, presented by dainty little Maxine Myers.

The patrons and patronesses were: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Barnes, R. Chaucey Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Burghardt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Halan O. White and Mrs. Walter Winslow.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Goltra will be interested to learn they are enjoying a sojourn at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Goltra went south the latter part of the summer to attend the wedding of their daughter, Miss Helen Goltra, and Frank Bagley, who was stationed at a cantonment in Texas. This fall they continued their journey eastward and visited their other daughter, Miss Inez Goltra, who has been taking post graduate work at Columbia university.

Miss Goltra, however, was taken ill with influenza and is now recuperating at Atlantic City. The family was joined there at Thanksgiving by Mr. and Mrs. Bagley.

Lieutenant Clifford Allen left Thursday night for Camp Kearney, San Diego, after a fortnight's visit in Salem, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers at their residence on South Commercial street. Lieutenant Allen was en route from Iowa, where he had been spending a few months furlough with relatives.

Mrs. Joseph B. Ruckel of Shaw is passing a few days in Salem as the guest of Miss Florence Cleveland. She will be joined over Sunday by Mr. Ruckel and their small son. They will return home tomorrow evening.

Mrs. C. B. Webb and Mrs. T. H. Galloway entertained with a prettily appointed little dinner party Monday night at the home of Mrs. Galloway on South Commercial street, in honor of Lieutenant Clifford Allen, who was dining in Salem at the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers. Covers were placed for nine.

The members of the Old Peoples Home will hold open house Saturday, December 14, from 3 to 5 in the afternoon and 7 to 9:30 in the evening. The reception will be in the nature of a harvest festival, and an opportunity will be given for the members to receive gifts in the line of lilies and delicacies from their friends. An entertaining program will also be a feature of the affair.

The Salem branch of the National War Mothers' association will entertain the S. A. T. C. boys of Willamette university at a pretty dancing party tonight at the Masonic Temple. A significant feature is the spontaneous patriotism, which has been shown by a number of Salem people, who have donated their services in a variety of ways for the affair. As the students army training corps will soon be demobilized, the affair tonight will probably be the last social opportunity for Salem friends to show their interest in the men.

A few friends of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Heltoel enjoyed an informal evening over the card tables last night at the Heltoel home on North Summer street. Those playing were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hewlett, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cupper, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Heltoel.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newberry were hosts on Thursday evening at a delightful dinner party in honor of Mrs. Alice Lamb, who expects to leave for the east in the near future. Pink rose buds formed the keynote of the table decorations. The guests included Mrs. Robert S. Gill and children Mrs. M. R. Shiloh, Miss Florence Shiloh, Miss New Linton, C. S. Newberry and the honor guest.

The North Salem Woman's club will hold its first meeting since the epidemic next Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Cora Hunt. The meeting will begin at 2:30. An interesting program has been planned under the direction of Mrs. F. L. Purvine, chairman of the program committee.

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Adeline Anderson to A. Fletcher Shannon, which took place November 11 at Spokane, has been received by Salem friends. Mrs. Shannon formerly resided in Salem and is the daughter of Mrs. A. W. Anderson of this city. She has been engaged in government service the past two years at Bremerton.

On Thursday a group of the friends of Mrs. Alice Lamb surprised her with an informal luncheon, on which occasion they presented her with a wrist watch as a token of appreciation. Mrs. Lamb is one of the most popular members of the staff of State Industrial Accident commission, and will leave shortly for Battle Creek, Michigan, where she intends to enter the nursing profession. Those present at the luncheon were: Mrs. G. Sullivan, Mrs. G. Bellisle, Mrs. L. Gale, Mrs. M. Peck, Miss E. Hunt, Miss D. Ryan, Miss E. Pepon, Miss A. Conn, Miss A. Wicklander, Miss N. Linton, Miss R. Baumgartner, Miss A. Wright, Miss N. Derick, Miss M. McLaughlin, Miss B. Clark, Miss M. White, Miss B. Miller and the honoree.

A small assembly of the younger set made merry last evening at a dance for which the members of the Question club, composed of a group of high school boys, were hosts at Union hall. This was the second dance given by the club this year and the members are planning a series to be held during the season. The patrons and patronesses included several members of the high school faculty. About sixteen couples participated in the festivities.

Mrs. Norman Courtney will leave Wednesday for New York City, where she will be met by her husband who is stationed at Camp Newport News, Virginia. After a short stay in New York they will go on to the Virginia cantonment, where Mrs. Courtney will remain with her husband during the winter months.

A Christmas sale will be held next Saturday under the auspices of the Junior Guild of St. Paul's church. The articles to be sold will not only include the customary variety of fancy novelties, suitable for gifts, but a wide variety of cooked delicacies, including candy, pop corn balls, jellies and pastries. The sale will take place at the Salem Hardware store.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller are spending the week end in Portland.

Mrs. J. W. Hairgrove of Jacksonville, Illinois, is the guest of her sister, Miss Cornelia Marvin. She will remain in Salem over the holiday season.

The members of St. Paul's church are planning a reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Powell, to be held Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Catin, 1239 Chemeketa street. Rev. Powell has recently arrived from eastern Oregon to assume charge of the local pastorate of St. Paul's church.

A pleasurable college event this week was the first "informal" given this year by the members of the Lausanne club, when the girls entertained a number of the Willamette boys last night at Lausanne hall. The assembly room which was the scene of the early evening gaieties was festive with college emblems, quantities of pennants and pillows lending a gala atmosphere to the jollifications.

Later in the evening the merry-makers adjourned to the large dining room where a variety of outdoor games were enjoyed. The dining room was attractively decorated with greenery and ever green boughs, the general out door effect being heightened by a pleasing arrangement of lattice work.

About sixty students participated in the jollities. Miss Helen Rose is president of Lausanne club this year. The club plays a leading part in the social activities of Willamette university.

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The next meeting of the club will take place on the evening of Tuesday January 7, at the home of Miss Elma Weller on North Liberty street.

The Women's Missionary society of the First Christian church held an instructive meeting Friday at the home of Mrs. Flora Clark, 310 North Front street. The topic considered was "Work with women and children." Mrs. G. E. Thomas was the leader. Mrs. Perry was elected president for the ensuing year. Mrs. Leland W. Porter sang "Only a Touch." A pleasant social hour, with a dainty lunch served by the hostess, followed the session.

The Royal Neighbors of America held their annual election Thursday evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Oracie, Carrie Bann; vice orator, Mary Ackerman; chanceller, Stella Witzel; recorder, Melissa Persons; receiver, Agnes Billings; marshal, Esther Billings; inner sentinel, Mae Abbe; outer sentinel, Rhoda Persons; manager, Katie Schott, re-elected 3 year term; Sylvan Schupp, 2 year term; musician, Lynn Van Osdol; physicians, Dr. Mary Rowland, Dr. O. B. Miles, Dr. W. S. Mott.

Mrs. Frank T. Schmidt and small son, Teddy, have returned from a five month's sojourn in San Francisco. They will be domiciled at the Electric apartments for the present.

The Pythian Sisters held their annual election of officers Tuesday evening when they met for a short business session at their lodge rooms. Miss May Radcliffe was elected as representative to the grand lodge which will meet in Portland December tenth. The following members were placed in office: Mrs. Mary Andersen, M. E. C.; Mrs. Eula Shram, O. S.; Mrs. Alice Fisher, O. J.; Mrs. Cecilia Barbour, M.; Mrs. Susie Parmenter, M. of R. C.; Mrs. Emma Summerville, M. of P.; Mrs. May Radcliff, P.; Mrs. Minnie Winchell, G.; Mrs. Cora Tucker, P. C.

Perhaps some Salemites remember Lily Statten, probably some would know her as Mrs. Edgar Selwyn, and few indeed who would not quickly place her in the proper niche as Margaret Mayo, the author of "Baby Mine" and "Twin Beds," a Salem girl.

Miss Mayo has been leading a troupe of players entertaining at the front, and the latest issue of "Stars and Stripes," the official newspaper of the A. E. F., has the following to say of her activities over there:

The troupe headed by Margaret Mayo, the author of "Baby Mine" and "Twin Beds," has been playing in the forest of Argonne itself, playing with the boys applauding from the trees, playing in the rain and fog and the mud till they have no voices left.

It certainly sounds like the good old days to hear a gallery full of Americans, all stamping and cheering and whistling their approval. There is everything there but the peanuts. They roar with delight when lovely Lois Meredith gazes upon them, and the roof threatens to come off the theater when Elizabeth Brice comes dancing to the footlights, swinging her shoulders and putting all the pep in the world into her old songs. Just as she used to in the Keith houses back home, so there at the front she sings, "Buzs Around, Buzs Around," and "Come, Let's Settle Down" till the boys fairly split with their whistling. They made this old theater rock on its ancient foundations, and Miss Mayo retired that night an exhausted but satisfied woman.

Next morning, while she was trying to negotiate a bit of bread without a bread ticket—it can't be done—her breakfast was halted by a visitation. Some high local functionary, sporting one of the few silk hats left in Argonne, called upon her, bowed eight times, made a speech about "hands across the sea" and "jusqu'au bout," and then assured her that the French people were deeply grieved by the rude news to Miss Brice evidenced the night before. They wished her to understand he said, that none of the Frenchmen present had any part in the outrageous whistling.

Furthermore, they could not account for such a manifestation of displeasure, for, he said, Miss Brice's performance was "tout a fait charmante, epantante, delieieuse."

Four interpreters were hastily summoned and it was thoroughly explained that whereas in France whistling means disapproval, in America it is just another way of saying, "Keep it up, Elizabeth, your show's great."

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