

SOCIETY

By GERTRUDE ROBISON

REMEMBER, a long time ago, when you were a "freshman" at high school and were studying Goldsmith's "Deserted Village" how the passage—"the loud laugh that spoke the vacant mind" always brought forth a lecture from the instructor. And from refined laughter the lecture always swung to other tests of "lady-likes" and invariably concluded with the admonition—"And never, never, never—whether it is the truth or not—say that you do not care for poetry and music or children!" I often wondered why she omitted flowers, and dragonflies and the wind that cries at night, but I've learned since that all those things come under the head of "poetry and music." Which brings me to what I began to write about.

It's going to happen in the armory next Wednesday—all the musk that your heart can bear! The uniforms of the players will not resemble any band uniform you have ever seen—nor the musicians any musicians that you have ever met. And the music! It will be quite different from any music you have ever heard, altogether different from any you will ever hear again. It will tell you, that music, of long lines of horizon-blue clad warriors swinging down the Paris streets, it will whisper very gently, with a half-smothered sob now and then, of the little lost towns and ruined villages, where lonely Madonnas and Crucified Christs kept faithful watch for four long years. Ypres and Verdun and the banks of the Marne; Belleau Wood and the Rouge Boquet, Calvary roads and mud soaked trenches; blood spattered days that passed into weeks, weeks that rounded into months, months that dragged themselves out into years—one, two, three of them, until even God grew tired of waiting and sent a David in the form of an olive drab army, to smite the modern Philistine and restore peace to the world. Of all these things, the music will tell you, and of a great many more.

Listening very closely you shall hear the droning of the dragonflies among the rushes of the Ouse or Seine; may be, if you have not allowed yourself to become a stranger in the land of

Make believe you can close your eyes and catch a glint of their gossamer wings. You shall hear the wind calling through the ragged poplar trees, or grieving among the little wooden crosses in the poppy-grown cemeteries. Heroes, all—these forty battle-scarred musicians from the martyr land of France! Heroes, in their jaunty little caps and odd bright uniforms. Count their wound stripes and their distinguished service medals—and then go down on your knees when you reach your home, that night, and thank God that it was your country that turned the trench-scarred fields into yellow wheatlands again and healed with its own hearts blood, the bleeding heart of France.

And you'll never, never, never, after listening to the French army band next Wednesday, say that you do not care for children or poetry or music!

A delegate will also be elected at that time and from the delegates, who will represent the several reviews of the state, at the convention, one will be elected to serve as state representative at the supreme review to be held in Port Huron, Michigan, later in the summer. The next meeting will be a business session, as there is, in addition to other important orders of business, a large class to be initiated, as no initiation has been held since the Spanish influenza became epidemic. The date for the second of the series of social evenings will be March 26.

Mrs. Russell Catlin and Mrs. F. H. Spears were joint hostesses at a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution this afternoon at the Catlin residence, 1200 Chemeketa street.

With a mock wedding ceremony featuring as the principal event of the evening, Reverend and Mrs. F. S. Mumey celebrated their pearl wedding anniversary at their home on Twenty-fourth street Wednesday night, Yellow daffodils were used in the decorations and yellow and green note being further carried out by the graceful streamers with which the room was bedecked.

The guests at the celebration were Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Hampton, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Poling of Pittsburgh, Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Stocker, Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Lovell, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Leining, Mrs. James Fitzwater of Portland, Mrs. L. Unruh, Mrs. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gilmore of Monmouth, Miss Esther Schmalle, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Huston, Miss Helen Lovell, Mrs. Bismussen, Miss Grace Townsend, Mrs. Bayes and Raymond Schmalle.

THE wisest men that ever you ken Have never deemed it treason To laugh a bit and chaff a bit And balance up their reason To rest a bit and jest a bit And joke a bit in season.

You never could imagine what it was like, not if you were given a hundred guesses and one for luck. And there isn't anyone who could really tell you what it was like. All the Princess Beautifuls that you've ever read about all the Prince Charmings that you've ever dreamed about, all the court jesters and stately cavaliers that you have laughed over and wondered at, were the v. As for the decorations—that old pugan king with the funny name who built the "Hanging Gardens" for his queen, could have borrowed a few ideas from the Cherrian banquet to his advantage, I'm thinking.

However, one can get an inkling of the tenor of the affair by reading the program:

King Bing funeral march, Swart and Stege orchestra.

Prof. Todd's Reason for Joining the Cherrians, Todd's invincible quartet. Spraying the Cherrians to Keep off the Flu, Swart and Stege orchestra.

Vocal solo, selected, Mrs. H. Mitchell Styles.

The Knots in the Cherries are Not There Now, Swart and Stege orchestra. Reading, The Quiet Afternoon (Talkington) Miss Lucille Elliott.

Valley of Laughter (Sanderson) Miss Ada Miller, orchestra accompaniment.

Vocal solo, selected, Mrs. H. Mitchell Styles.

Peeling the Cherries Without Loss of Meat, Swart and Stege orchestra.

(s) My Thought of You (Ashford) (b) Wind Song (Salter) Miss Ada Miller.

Cherrian Special (Just for Fun) Miss Lucille Elliott.

Cheering Up the New Cherrian Conventions, Swart and Stege orchestra.

Initiation and Persecution of Conventions, the highest court of His Majesty—King Bing.

The dance at the Masonic Temple last Wednesday night, for which the Yeoman lodge was sponsor, was one of the most delightful social events of the past week. A large number of the lodge members and a great many friends enjoyed the occasion—one of a series that the lodge is giving the last Wednesday of every month.

I'm wondering what Salem, Oregon, women think of the latest campaign of the Woman's Republican club in New York. Woman's Republican clubs are always starting something—did you ever notice? They don't, of course, throw bricks at plate glass windows, or go on hunger strikes, like the Dublin suffragists, because they perhaps know the value of plate glass, and are not burdened with the real and imaginary wrongs of their warmer tempered sisters. But every once in a while, when a war or extra session of congress is occupying too much of the people's time, they hurl a social bombshell at the unsuspecting public. They are, however, to be complimented on the ingenuity of their latest campaign to prohibit the display in shop windows, of those articles of feminine apparel that are made to be worn and not seen. They are fully determined to save returned soldiers from the awful peril of loitering before shop windows and gazing at displays of pink and blue what-you-may-call-'em. Shopkeepers, though, maintain that it isn't the men who cluster about the show windows, but the women themselves, and are speculating as to whether the Woman's Republican club will seek to put lingerie into the next political "washing."

Don't you suppose that the whole affair depends on the angle from which you look at it?

Charming in its very simplicity was the wedding of Miss Melinda Fahy to Augustine Whelan, last Monday morning. The ceremony took place in St. Joseph's church. Reverend J. B. Durek, officiating. The bride's sister, Miss Ella Fahy, acted as bridesmaid, and Roy Whelan as best man. The couple left immediately for an extended wedding trip in Washington state and British Columbia.

Mrs. Harry Lucas has returned from a week's visit with friends and relatives in Marshfield. Her sister, Mrs. Pearl Ling, is remaining for another week.

It's a wonderful trait to possess—that of forgetting to grow up.

Miss Marion Richmond, who entertained the children at the story hour in the public library this morning, seems to be the happy possessor of just such a birthright and for two hours, she held the little ones, who clustered about her, enthralled with her happy interpretation of "Peter Pan." It is such entertainment, as Miss Richmond that make the weekly "story hour" such a success.

The Corvallis Woman's club is already making plans for the next meeting of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs to be held in the club house in that city next fall. At the last meeting of the club several members were voted in and a number of tentative plans were discussed. The plans of the meeting was heightened by the dancing and reciting of Miss Gwendolyn Morris. A social hour and the serving of refreshments closed the afternoon.

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In a long chase for a criminal, J. E. Jones, a secret service man of Chicago, wore one pair of shoes with Neolin Soles for nineteen months. This chase covering both American continents and Australia, ended in April, 1917. The shoes were then given a mechanic at Clearing, Ill., and were worn by him another seven months.

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Miss Ethelwynne Kelley, who assisted with the program given last Tuesday evening at the Grand opera house, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Kelley of this city. This dainty little miss is only eleven years of age, but is an experienced and a dramatic reader of unusual ability, and her rendition of "A Hoosier's description of Rubenstein's playing," was a great surprise to the splendid audience that came to enjoy the entertainment which was given by the Salem Patriotic league.

Miss Kelley is also a talented musician and has long been considered Salem's foremost child entertainer. She is a member of the Washington junior high school, and is a pupil of Orville Crowder Miller, the well known and successful teacher of dramatic art and expression.

Last evening the organized choir of the Methodist Episcopal church gave the first of a series of parties at the home of the choir's president, R. B. Jones. It was perhaps the most original party that Salem has witnessed for some time, the guests all vying with each other in their unique methods of entertainment. A most delightful time was experienced, the entire choir taking part in the festivities. Music and singing, helped to make the affair one of complete enjoyment.

Among the out of town guests who are spending the week end in Salem, is Private Elmer Lawrence of the 65th coast artillery, which has recently returned from France. Mr. Lawrence, who is visiting his sister, Miss Harriett Lawrence, a pupil of Sacred Heart academy, has seen a great deal of active fighting and has numerous interesting anecdotes to relate of Yankee valor and courage as evinced by Uncle Sam's doughboys. He is on his way to his home in Klamath Falls, having received his discharge with the rest of the Sixty fifth last week.

The Salem Rebekah lodge was given a treat last Monday night when it was visited officially by Jennie Burke, president of the Rebekah assembly, Ora Cooper, secretary of the assembly, Ethel Fletcher of Salem, grand warden, and William Galloway, past grand master of the grand lodge. Besides these officials there were visitors from Turner, Stayton and Aumsville. The Salem degree initiated three new members which brings the membership to nearly three hundred.

The president of the assembly gave a very good talk which was followed by a few words from the assembly secretary. She stated that there were 63000 blue stars and 1000 gold stars on the sovereign grand lodge service flag, which means that there are 63,000 Odd Fellows in the service. After the regular order of business music and singing were enjoyed, at the close of which a banquet was served in the dining room. Senator Charles McNary, a member of the Chemeketa lodge, is working on train rates for the grand lodge which meets in Salem in May. A large attendance is expected at that time.

Mrs. J. D. Sutherland went to Portland yesterday to visit relatives and friends for a few days. In a short time she will go to Los Angeles to make her home.

Local Y. W. C. A. people will be interested in the following extracts from a recent letter of Miss Mary Jacobs, former physical director in the Portland Y. W. C. A. and who has been in France for several months engaged in association work there. The letter was written in Lyons.

"The Y. W. C. A. had three foyers being operated now as there are only between 700 and 800 people a day to be cared for, whereas there were formerly from 1500 to 2000 a day. The canteen is open during the noon hour and at night with programs every noon and classes, library, gymnasium and dancing every night. A big Christmas party was planned for the children, but the Rhine overflowed its banks until there was a foot or more of water under the foyer and we did not dare crowd the floors. Then, too, the lights went off, so we had to content ourselves with a small dinner party and later many of the girls attended the big Red Cross dance given in the town. Christmas eve we went to one of the cathedrals for midnight service, and although it was in France, it was very beautiful and impressive.

"Last night I taught the first regular gymnasium class I have taught in months and I am sure that I am as lame today as any of the girls. The French girls seem to like the gymnasium work, but they are not accustomed to exercises as the American girl and hence are much less graceful. If the association can get a foothold here it will be a fine thing, for the physical development is much needed here and the French people themselves realize it. "Before coming here I was at La Sur Tille, where I opened a foyer for 350 French girls who were working with our army in the ordinance, signal corps, rest camp and transportation de-

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partments. The hut was finished when I arrived, the work having been done by the Boene prisoners. I went the next day to Dijon to buy the furnishings and I also rented a piano. The

A short but interesting business session was held by the Woman's Benefit association of Macabees, Wednesday evening, at the close of which a social hour was enjoyed, when, together with the Macabees, they were served with a splendid lunch, by a committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Budlong, Mrs. Hazel Nugent, Mrs. Emma Patterson, Walter Lennon and James Leeper. The guest of honor was State Commander Sherwood of the Macabees. Other guests were Mrs. Lillian Christy, Mrs. Clarice Kimbrough, Misses Pauline Hogben and Esther Canfield and Will Schieman. Several prominent members made interesting speeches during the lunch hour. The bi-annual state constitution of the association will be held in Portland April 29 and 30, Miss Emma West, founder and supreme commander of the association, with her mother, will be present.

The guard-and-officers of the Salem review will exemplify parts of the ritualistic work for which final plans will be made at the next regular meeting, March 12.

opening of the foyer was a great event and every day there was a concert, classes, a dance, moving picture show or Y. M. C. A. entertainers. Then, too, the girls loved to gather around the fire and chat and sew.

"The routine had only just been established when the armistice was signed and immediately the girls began to leave to visit their homes or to try and find lost relatives. A number of the returning prisoners were husbands or fiancés of our girls and as soon as they began to come to camp we lost their girls, for the men had generally only a month's release and the girls wanted to be with them.

"The conventions of the French girls are indeed strange to the American girl. They have certain traditional conventionalities that they cling to, yet their demonstrations of affection are beyond our comprehension. Their outward show of affection, both with each other and with our boys, is a constant surprise. If they decide they want to kiss a person they just do it. Many of them had husbands in the war others were engaged to French soldiers and others became engaged to American soldiers.

"The camp at Is Sur Tille had about 22,000 men, hence everything was done on an enormous scale, but the most interesting thing to me was the gigantic bakery, the largest in the world, the capacity being enough bread each day for a million men. Only bread is made and everything is done by machinery."

A grant many Salem people no doubt remember Mr. and Mrs. William Aschenbrenner who formerly resided here and the following abbreviated account of their golden wedding anniversary, which appeared in a Covina, California paper, will be of interest to them:

Mr. and Mrs. William Aschenbrenner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Lark Ellen avenue on Tuesday (Feb. 18). Of all the happy groups of relatives and friends, none entered more wholeheartedly into the festivities of the occasion than the aged bride and groom, whose long married life has been a benediction to all with whom they have come in contact.

Loving hands had decorated the house until it was a veritable bower of pink and yellow, Azalea and roses being used in profusion.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the strains of Lohegrin's wedding march floated from the parlors and the bride and groom, preceded by their youngest grandchild scattering rosebuds and petals, took their place under the floral arch, and once again the sacred vows of the wedding service were read by the Rev. George W. Chamberlain, pastor of the Brethren church. During the afternoon, Ellen Beach

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