

EASTER GAYETTES WASHINGTON

Miss Nancy Lane Definitely Decides on April 20 for Her Marriage to Mr. Philip Kauffman— Army and Navy Ball Easter Monday.

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 27.—Washington seems to be preparing for a sort of hop, skip and jump over Holy Week into the gayeties of the Easter season centering largely about brides and dances. Most of the Easter weddings were referred to last week, with the exception of Miss Nancy Lane's, and there was little to be learned about that because she and her mother were lingering in New York over their housewarming and Mr. Lane was not west on business.

April 23, the date originally selected for the wedding, has been definitely decided upon for the wedding. It is to be as small and simple as the Lane family can keep it—an afternoon wedding at St. John's, with the Rev. Richard Cotton Smith officiating. The ceremony will be followed by a very small reception at the house for relatives and most intimate friends. The bride party does not seem to be fully made up yet. Miss Frances Hampton, who was Miss Lane's school chum before she came out and has been regarded as her closest friend among the debutantes, will be her maid of honor. But the question of bridesmaids remains undecided. It is said they are waiting to see whether one of the California girl friends is going to be able to get here for the event. If she comes there will be two bridesmaids. If not, there will be none—just the maid of honor.

As to the masculine end of the party—well, there are several young men who will probably figure in it, but until Mr. Kauffman gets around there probably will be no definite information as to the men of the party. Mrs. Lane came back with a slight attack of tonsillitis and a strong opinion of "the New York climate." Everything seemed to go wrong up there. They had a succession of blizzards and storms, which made the streets impassable and shopping impossible—and they finally decided that they didn't have to do their buying in New York, there were perfectly good shops in Washington. It is easy to predict a gay party for that young couple between Easter and their wedding day, although as yet about the only party definitely announced is one which Capt. Hampton is giving at the Chevy Chase Club on April 17.

Wedding in Canal Zone. Perhaps the next most interesting of Easter weddings will take place on Wednesday, April 7, down in the Canal Zone, that of Miss Katharine Harding, daughter of Col. Chester Harding, Governor of the Canal Zone, and a cousin of Miss Margaret Harding, who is the wife of William Riley Deebie, Jr., both well known in Washington. Quite a few of their Washington friends will be there. In fact, there will be quite a few, for the Prince of Wales, passing through the Canal en route to Australia will take a number there, especially of the diplomatic circle, to participate in the festive incident of this kind, and they will attend the Harding-Deebie wedding while they are there.

Senora Ramona E. Lefevre, sister of the Charge d'Affaires from Panama, is going to the Canal Zone as a guest of President and Mme. Porras during the festivities surrounding the visit of the Prince of Wales. President Porras was representing his country in the United States when elected to the Presidency and the Lefevres were on intimate terms with him and Senora Porras, both personally and officially. Moreover they are the nephew and niece of Dr. Manuel Alvarez, the first President of Panama.

From the British Embassy the Military Attaché and the Honorable Mrs. Andrew Thorne, and the Naval Attaché, Mrs. Geoffrey Blake, have gone to Panama to accompany the Prince's party through the canal. And it was understood that Gen. Pershing might go and act as honorary attaché for the two armies. It will be followed by a dance, and there will be the display of fireworks which always is a feature of Latin American festivities.

It is curious how little difference Lent means even among the Latin Americans and the strongly Roman Catholic diplomats when it comes to official functions. The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand gave a dinner this week for the Belgian Ambassador and Baroness de Cartier de Marchienne, and were themselves guests of the Russian Ambassador and Mme. Bakmeteff. The Chilean Ambassador and Mme. de Mathlu are entertaining to-night for the new Brazilian Ambassador, Senor Augusto Cochran de Azevedo.

Naturally the Catholic circle—being mostly French, Italian, Spanish or Portuguese—pay still less attention to Lent. Mrs. Edwin Meredith held the last of her receptions on Wednesday. Her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Owen Pohen, received with her, Mrs. Newton D. Baker and Mrs. Edward R. Alexander received informally on the same day as usual.

Friday was little Peggy Baker's birthday and instead of having a party at home she had it—a luncheon for eight little classmates—at the Montessori School where she goes. It is the way the school prefers to have birthdays celebrated.

Her elder sister, Miss Betty Baker, is to have as her guests through the Easter holidays the Misses Alice and Katherine Stockwell, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Stockwell of Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchell Palmer have gone to Atlantic City and a luncheon which Mrs. Mitchell gave yesterday for Mrs. Franklin K. Lane about completed the Cabinet women's social activities for the week and makes one realize what a sadly depleted Cabinet circle it is.

Miss Pierce, whose term expires, along with other national officers elected with the present president-general, Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, with this year's congress. The annual congress of the D. A. R. always is held in the week in which April 15, the anniversary of Lexington, is observed in Washington. This year would have been with D. A. R. politics by now. This year there is scarcely a ripple to indicate that a D. A. R. election is imminent.

Mrs. Guernsey and Mrs. Thacher have been running a Congressional team, canvassing the Capitol and making her husband's former associates "produce." All other team captains were warned if they found a congressman or senator who had crossed into the D. A. R. and around him. He was "being dealt with otherwise." Mrs. Humphrey is such a notable "go-getter," that members of either sex who are questioning her are not to chip in are taking to the woods as the only way to be sure of escaping.

A nice friendly note including a nice friendly check has come from Mrs. Wilson at the White House. Cabinet members and other officials have been fairly generous, either personally or vicariously through their wives. One of the best has been the big business men have contributed—double, triple and even quadruple what they have given in previous years—on the specific ground that they are considerable employers of girls and women they know just how valuable the Y. W.'s work is, to their employees, and consequently to them. Some of them have even contributed before they were asked.

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A large number of yachts are at anchor in the bay with their owners aboard, including the Getaway, with Mr. Charles H. Swift of Puerto Rico, N. Y., who have returned from Cuba; the houseboat Maryann with Mr. and Mrs. George F. Johnson of Lindwood, N. Y., and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Bixey of Bixey, N. Y., and William H. Hoop of Binghamton, N. Y. The houseboat Semolee Queen is here.

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