

SOCIETY

Society Follows Patriotic Resolves

MILDRED MARSHALL KOONCE.

RIVALING Easter week in gayety and deriving brilliance from the horde of interesting visitors and the festivities attendant on the annual congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the week was dispatched in society with small apparent concern for the gravity of national affairs. Dinners for and by officialdom were resumed, but beneath the surface gayety, the dominant note of patriotism, anxiety, and seriousness of purpose was keenly evident.

Society's Spartan resolution in regard to economy, simplicity and the like is undergoing the test and standing up bravely under the first rigors of the experiment. The dinners for official folk given last week successfully demonstrated the feasibility and widespread popularity of the three-course rule. Though a serious project in most instances and unquestionably a fad in others, the new method of patriotic service has been taken up with an enthusiasm that bespeaks real enjoyment, and it is doubtful if the former ostentation and display would be readily resumed were the actuating forces for this mild deprivation suddenly removed.

The work of preparedness is now well under way and is proceeding without heralding or display. Practically every club and organization, banded together for social, instructive, or purely charitable purpose, has discarded its former reason for existence and declared itself for war relief without reservation. Even the fashionable hostesses and the large apartment houses are centers of the service campaign and the women have formed first aid classes and sewing clubs which meet several times weekly. Unity of purpose and a common interest in national welfare has done much toward destroying barriers and establishing an equality of understanding and appreciation in social circles round the Capital. Perhaps it will be interesting to observe how little of class or caste will survive real war-time conditions.

With the National Service camp in full swing, the younger set was conspicuously absent from the parties which wound up the Easter season. Khaki service suits have greater vogue than tulle dancing frocks for the nonce and "lights out" sounds for the debutante at 9 o'clock nowadays instead of somewhere in the wee, small hours. The school was given a splendid launching Monday afternoon with a large number of distinguished folk attending the opening exercises and the whole undertaking seems utterly auspicious and propitious, with April promising soft sunshine and balmy breezes between its warm showers.

The April brides, who chose last week for their weddings were rewarded with the first bit of real spring-time. The archways of lilies, roses, and snapdragons which framed the pathway to the altar were no less lovely than the parks outside the churches. Beginning with Monday, when the marriage of Miss Mary Regina Irwin and Lieut. Thomas Larkin, U. S. A., set the matrimonial ball to whirling, and ending last evening with the marriage of Miss Helen McCumber and Lieut. Harrison Brand, jr., U. S. A., society was pledged to a bridal week and the smart folk were set a rapid pace rushing from one wedding ceremony to another.

Saturday still being the popular day for weddings, Miss Dorothy Dana Aleshire, daughter of Maj. Gen. and Mrs. James B. Aleshire, has chosen next Saturday for her marriage to Ensign Alexander Gilchrist Hatch, U. S. N. The ceremony will take place at 4 o'clock in the apartment at the St. Nicholas, into which Gen. and Mrs. Aleshire moved from Florence Court, where they spent the winter months. Invitations have been issued for the reception at Rauscher's at 4:30 o'clock, which will follow the marriage.

Her sister, Miss Marjorie Aleshire, will stand by the bride during the ceremony. Ensign Hatch, who is stationed on the U. S. S. Montana, will reach Washington next Wednesday, selecting a best man after his arrival, as changing orders make such details difficult to arrange any length of time in advance under existing conditions. The wedding was originally planned to take place in June.

One of the most interesting weddings of the spring season will be that of Miss Nona McAdoo, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr. Ferdinand de Mohrenschildt, second secretary of the Russian Embassy. The ceremony will take place on Tuesday afternoon, May 15, at 4 o'clock, in St. John's Church. A reception will be held at the residence of Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, in R street, immediately following the ceremony.

Mr. de Mohrenschildt has leased the residence of the late Mrs. Theodore N. Davis, in Edgewood, Md., for the summer months.

MRS. THOMAS BERNARD LARKIN, bride of Lieut. Larkin, U. S. A., and formerly Miss Mary Regina Irwin. Their wedding on Monday was one of the most brilliant military affairs of the season.



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The marriage of Miss Helen McCumber, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Porter J. McCumber, of North Dakota, and Lieut. Harrison Brand, jr., Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., took place last evening at the residence of the bride's parents in Massachusetts avenue. The ceremony, which was marked by extreme simplicity,

was followed by a reception at the Washington Club. The Rev. Dr. C. Ernest Smith, rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, officiated in the presence of a small company of relatives and intimate friends of the young couple.

The drawing room where the ceremony was performed was decorated with Australian ferns, palms and pink roses. The mantels were banked with roses and an improvised altar with a satin prieu dieu was set under a canopy of pink roses. Altar posts were formed of standards of rambling roses. The same decorations prevailed in the reception room, where a string orchestra furnished the wedding music.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore an exquisite gown of ivory satin embroidered in seed pearls and trimmed with silver lace. The bodice, which was cut squarely at the neck, was formed of silver lace and satin and had long tulle sleeves embroidered in pearls. The skirt was puffed at the hem in harem fashion and had cascade panels of satin falling at either side. A long court train of satin embroidered in pearls was hung from a high waistline and caught under a band of orange blossoms. Her tulle veil was simply arranged under a full of the tulle caught with orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of white orchids and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. George Fort, wife of Lieut. Fort, U. S. N., was matron of honor. Her gown was of apple green taffeta and tulle combined with silver lace. The bodice was formed of silver tissue and tulle and the skirt of taffeta was draped over a petticoat of silver lace. She carried a shower bouquet of pale pink roses. Miss Dorothy Shuey was maid of honor, wearing a gown of pink taffeta over a foundation of pink chiffon. The bodice of silver tissue was finished with a surplice of taffeta and the skirt had side panels fashioned in cascade effect and held with silver ribbons. Her bouquet was of pink roses.

Lieut. Brehm Somervell, U. S. A., acted as best man.

At the Washington Club, the ballroom where there was dancing throughout the evening, was decorated with American Beauty roses, palms and Australian ferns. The mantels were banked with the roses and a tall standard of the same flowers stood at the head of the stairway. The dining-room was similarly adorned with pink roses and the table had a huge basket of pink roses and snapdragons as a centerpiece. The reception room, where the bridal couple stood, was banked with roses, gracefully intermingled with palms and ferns.

Mrs. McCumber, mother of the bride, assisted in receiving, wearing a handsome gown of orchid satin brocaded in silver and gold. The bodice was formed of silver lace over orchid chiffon embroidered in silver and there were long sleeves of silver lace.

When Lieut. Brand and his bride left for their wedding trip, the latter wore a modish suit of Antwerp blue homespun made with a Norfolk jacket and pleated skirt with a collar of haki kool. Her hat was a medium-sized mushroom of putty-colored straw faced with blue silk and trimmed with blue wheat and blue roses. They will make their home temporarily in Washington, where Lieut. Brand is stationed at Washington Barracks.

Mrs. Henry F. Dimock entertained at dinner last evening at her residence in Scott circle.

The Chilean Ambassador and Mme. de Munizaga Varela will spend the summer at Edgewood, Md., where they have taken the Clarence L. Harding residence.

Mr. Colville Barclay, counselor of the British Embassy, and Mrs. Barclay expect to pass the summer at Newport, having rented Hilltop, the Phinney residence, for the season. Mr. and Mrs. Barclay have been identified

with the Newport colony for several seasons.

Col. Murrugh O'Brien, military attaché of the British Embassy, and the Hon. Mrs. O'Brien, who have spent their summers at Newport since coming to this country, have taken one of Mr. J. Norman Whitehouse's cottages on Price's Neck, Newport, for the coming season.

Mrs. Harry Campbell Graef entertained at luncheon and bridge yesterday for Mrs. Elbert H. Gary, who, with Judge Gary, is spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. William McClelland and today Mr. and Mrs. George T. Marve will give a luncheon at the Chevy Chase Club for Judge and Mrs. Gary.

Mr. Breckinridge Long, Third Assistant Secretary of State, and Mrs. Long, who recently leased the mansion of former Secretary of the Treasury and the late Mrs. Franklin MacVeagh for their Washington home, have given it to Mr. Balfour and the members of the British Commission for their use during their conference with representatives of the other allied powers in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Long will give up their apartment at the Shoreham the last of this week and take possession of their new residence, which is one of the most pretentious ones in Washington.

Mrs. Mason Patrick will receive informally every Thursday afternoon at the Washington Barracks, when there will be guard mount with music at 5:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Robert Lansing will preside at the meeting of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association on Wednesday afternoon, April 25, and Mrs. Newton D. Baker will preside the following afternoon. The program for both days is an interesting one. Among those taking part will be Mrs. Charles D. Walcott, who will give an illustrated talk on Canadian wild flowers, and Miss Eliza Scidmore, who will give an illustrated talk on Japanese gardens. A visit to Mr. David G. Fairchild's cherry trees and a talk by Mr. Fairchild will be a feature of the last day of the meeting. Miss Hegeman will entertain at a garden party on Thursday afternoon, April 26.

The officers of the Washington Barracks will give a small hop on Friday, April 27.

Weddings and Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Neale have issued invitations for the marriage of Mrs. Neale's daughter, Miss Catherine Burdette, to Mr. Edward S. H. Pendergast, of New York, which will take place on Saturday, May 12, at 4 o'clock, in St. Paul's Catholic Church. A reception will follow in the home of the bride's parents on Sixteenth street, Washington, when there will be a best man for his brother, and the usher will be Mr. Charles Buchanan, of Baltimore; Mr. George Henry and Mrs. Leroy Whitney, of Morristown, N. J.; Mr. Dawson Wrightson, of Elizabeth, N. J.; Mr. Carston, of New York;

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Representative and Mrs. E. S. Candler, of Corinth, Miss., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lucie, to Mr. Charles Roy Wisnogle, of Memphis, Tenn. The wedding will take place in the early summer.

Washington society is interested in the marriage Wednesday of Capt. Oscar Underwood, and commander of Troop A, First Alabama Cavalry, and Miss Elene Pratt, of Prattville, Ala. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pratt, and was followed by a reception to more than 200 guests. Both families have friends all through the South, and the wedding was largely attended by guests from many States.

The bride's attendants were Mrs. George Holden, of Chicago; Mrs. Merrill Pratt, of Prattville; Mrs. Louis Underwood, of Birmingham; Miss Jennie Allen Pratt and Miss Lee Marks, of Montgomery. Mr. Louis Underwood was his brother's best man. The bride was given away by her father, and the marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Oscar Welch.

Capt. and Mrs. Underwood started later for New Orleans to pass a week, after which they will return to Montgomery to attend the marriage of Mr. Eugene Ransom and Miss Lee Marks, at which Mrs. Underwood will be matron of honor. They will then come to Washington and New York.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude Sherman Vrooman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest French Vrooman, and Mr. Allison Fendall-Hannay Scott was solemnized on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents in Massachusetts avenue.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends by the Rev. W. I. Kennerly, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Annapolis, Md., assisted by the Rev. Dr. Samuel H.

Greene, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and was followed by a buffet luncheon.

The decorations were palms, ferns, Easter lilies, pink azaleas, and roses. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a suit of lawn twill, with white fox fur, and a picture hat of gray straw and old blue satin. Her corsage bouquet was of gardenias and orchids. Miss Helen Strong, daughter of Mrs. Blanche Turner Strong, who was the bride's only attendant, wore a smart plaid suit of black and white, with a large white picture hat, and corsage bouquet of gardenias and pink sweet peas. Little Julia Cookman, cousin of the bride, carried a delicate embroidered white satin basket, in which the ring rested. Mr. Norwood Bessing acted as best man.

Mrs. Vrooman, mother of the bride, wore a becoming gown of midnight blue chiffon taffeta, trimmed in Georgette crepe, and a corsage bouquet of gardenias and purple sweet peas. Miss Sarah Hannay, aunt of the bridegroom, wore a handsome gown of black net embroidered in gold over black satin, and a corsage bouquet of gardenias and lavender sweet peas. Miss Scott, sister of the bridegroom, wore a pretty gown of white lace over white satin, and a corsage bouquet of gardenias and pink sweet peas.

Soloists, "At Dawn" and "O Promise Me," were rendered before the ceremony by Mrs. Ruth Simpson, accompanied by Mrs. Grace Adams Schmed, Miss Scott played the wedding marches. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will be at home in Madison, Wis., until Mr. Scott gets his commission as captain in the Coast Artillery, U. S. A. Mrs. Scott will continue to devote herself to Red Cross and aunt of the bride, entertained at work, in which she has been active of late.

Mrs. William A. Thompson has announced the engagement of her daughter, Rea Churchill, to Lieut. Howard Hartwell Benson, U. S. N. Miss Thompson

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