

# "Y. W." ADDS OVER \$200 TO WAR FUND

### BENEFIT ARTISTS' CONCERT PROVES MOST DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

### MISS GARDNER SCORES BIG TRIUMPH WITH RICH VOICE

Marie Kaiser, Duncan R. Cumming, Abraham Bond, and Harold Lyman Others Who Appear on Program—Audience Well Repaid For Braving Extreme Cold.

Had Ida Gardner, contralto, found it impossible, as she first supposed, to keep her engagement for the Y. W. C. A. benefit concert Friday night, a good-sized audience of music lovers would not have known what it missed. With Miss Gardner on the program, it realizes that her absence would have been a misfortune, for she scored the big triumph of the evening in the artists' concert at the Methodist church.

With her rich and finished voice wide in range, and with perfect tones and enunciation, Miss Gardner pleased her audience with her timely recital of "Angus MacDonald," captivated it with her macabre, Nevins' "Mighty Link a Rose" and stirred it to patriotic depths by her soulful rendition of "The Star in the East." The national song of France, "La Marseillaise," the national song of Greece, her audience was loath to give her up, once she appeared, despite the fact that the program was of good length and there were others to be heard.

Talent Donated to "Y. W." The talent for the concert was donated to the Y. W. C. A. war fund by Thomas A. Edison, Inc., thru the company's representative, the D. C. Willbur Company, the Edison people working on the theory that the familiarization of the audiences with the artists will compensate the company in the sale of phonograph records. Appearing on the program in addition to Miss Gardner, were Marie Kaiser, soprano; her husband, Duncan R. Cumming, tenor; Abraham Bond, violinist; and Harold Lyman, flutist. Miss Leonard-Mudge, of Des Moines, was at the piano, and her work as accompanist was artistic.

Mr. Bond opened the program with a violin number, "Meditation at Mont Athais" by Massenet, a brilliant member of the French composer's opera, "Thais" which Mr. Bond played with much feeling. Mr. Bond also played Franz Drlia's "Serenade" and an andante by Gamme, and "Campanella" by Albr. Ambrosio.

Mr. Cumming, who has only an ordinary voice, sang "Songs My Mother Taught Me" by Dvorak and "All There the Night" by Boulton from an old Welsh air. Mr. Bond played the obligato. Mr. Cumming and Miss Kaiser appeared in a duo number, and "Amid the Odor of Roses" (Steckmetz) was the offering of the flute by Mr. Lyman.

Miss Kaiser's first group of songs included "My Laddie" by Thayer; "The Star" by Rogers; and the aria, "Dolce" from Debussy's cantata, "L'enfant Prodigue." The latter number, sung in French, was by far the heaviest of the soprano's program. Miss Kaiser was warmly greeted by her audience, many of whom had been charmed before by her beautiful voice. In response to generous applause Miss Kaiser sang "The Swallows" (Bingham-Cover) one of the offerings of her program here last winter. Miss Kaiser's other numbers were Russell's "Sacred Fire," "Dreamy Days" by Ashford, and "The Lass With the Delicate Air" (Arne) the latter also on her program of last winter.

As a closing number, with violin and flute accompaniment in addition to the piano, Miss Kaiser, Miss Gardner, Mr. Cumming sang Dr. M. L. Bartlett's "Stand by the Flag" and the audience stood as the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung.

Over \$200 for "Y. W." As a result of the concert the Y. W. C. A. will have over \$200 to add to its war work fund. There were over 70 people in the audience, which was very representative considering the extreme cold and other attractions. The audience, however, felt well repaid for braving the severe weather, for the entertainment was in every respect well worth while.

Members of the Doshical Club of the Y. W. C. A. acted as ushers and gave out the programs.

### FORMER RESIDENT DIES.

Mrs. J. G. Rose Dies at Home in Umbarger, Tex.

A telegram received this morning by Floyd B. Mooney tells of the death at 12:12 this morning of his mother, Mrs. J. G. Rose, at her home in Umbarger, Tex., of Bright's disease, with which she had suffered since August. Mrs. Rose made her home in the city for seven years prior to three years ago last spring, when she went to Umbarger. The old family home was for many years three miles south of town in Timber Creek township.

Mrs. Rose was born Susan McDaniel

Aug. 12, 1868, in Gilman. In May, 1888, she was married to James A. Mooney, who died ten years ago last September at Canyon, Tex. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mooney, all of whom survive. On Aug. 12, 1914, Mrs. Mooney was married to Mr. Rose in Houston, Tex. The children are Floyd Mooney, four miles north of town; Delmer, seven miles south; Mrs. Roland Miller, Donald and Vernon, who live at home; and Dale and Leo Mooney, who recently enlisted.

### COLD WAVE NEAR RECORD.

Extreme Cold Almost Unprecedented For Month of December. What was nearly a record for severity of weather in December was made Friday night by a return of an extremely cold wave that had brought a touch of below-zero temperature Wednesday night. The mercury dropped to 17 below Thursday night, a drop of thirty-two degrees from the maximum of 15 above for the day. Only once before in thirteen years has the temperature dropped so low or lower in December. The exception was Christmas day and the day after of 1914, when the mercury went down to 24 and 18 below zero.

### PSENICKA HAS MOVED

New Situated in Fine New Quarters in Pilgrim Hotel—Virtually Entire New Winter Line Purchased For Opening.

Nicely situated in handsome new quarters, A. Psenicka, Marshalltown's leading tailor today formally opened his new tailor shop to the public, with a virtually an entire new line of winter suitings. The new show room is the spacious apartment to the south of the third avenue entrance to the Pilgrim and will be fixed up and ready as display and sales room. Mr. Psenicka has secured roomy quarters elsewhere for the tailoring.

Mr. Psenicka, one of Marshalltown's oldest tailors in point of service is too well established to need further introduction to the public. His long years of successful tailoring in this city has resulted in a large clientele, obtained thru strictly honest business dealing and guarantee of satisfactory service.

At his opening today Mr. Psenicka is showing a new and complete line of wooden suitings for the winter trade. Good lighting and ample show room gives Mr. Psenicka better opportunity for display than heretofore. All Mr. Psenicka's old patrons and friends and the general public as well are invited to visit the new shop and inspect the new tailoring lines. All work is done under the personal direction of Mr. Psenicka, who is a master of his trade. Psenicka, Marshalltown's leading tailor.

### AMUSEMENTS

### Billy Watson's Orientals Play to Fair-Sized Audience Despite Cold.

Despite the sudden drop in temperature Billy Watson's Orientals played to a fair-sized audience at the Odessa Friday evening, giving a satisfactory performance notwithstanding some of the principals were suffering with severe colds. Leo Stevens headed the cast of competent principals, in which Dolly Clifford and Daisy Gallacher were featured.

The numerous patriotic numbers, especially the American lady zouaves and the Red Cross girls, were especially well received. The chorus was above the average and was kept busy making costume changes.

### SEW FOR BELGIANS MONDAY.

### Women to Make Garments For Children—Public Invited to Norris Home.

The big sew for the Belgian children by the local P. E. O. chapter will be held at the home of Mrs. D. W. Norris, 111 Jerome street, all day Monday, and any woman who can sew is invited to join in this relief work, whether a member or not. Each volunteer must provide her own arms, equipment, and patterns, but the P. E. O.s have gathered the material.

### Royal Neighbors Elect.

Seventy-five members of the Royal Neighbors attended the annual election of the camp, which was held Friday evening in the Odd Fellows' hall. Mrs. Freeman Wertenberger was chosen oracle; Mrs. Roy Clark, vice oracle; Mrs. C. W. Setters, chancellor; Mrs. S. N. Harter, recorder; Mrs. D. B. McCluer, receiver; Mrs. G. Gossman, marshal; Mrs. William Nitch, inner sentinel; Mrs. Charles Giese, outer sentinel; Mrs. Michael Clark, board of managers; Dr. R. R. Hansen, physician; and Mrs. David Russell, musician. Refreshments were served after the election.

### In the Police Court.

"Sam" Patterson, a farm laborer, arrested by the police for being drunk, was fined \$10 and the costs in the municipal court Friday.

The case of "Jack" Johnson and "Ollie" Williams, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, which was submitted to Judge Johnson in the municipal court Friday, was taken under advisement while the police are investigating.

## LOCAL COMMENT

If the people of this city have their gas rates boosted, they will be paying the penalty for the vote they cast against the street lighting contract recently negotiated by the city council, which would have added volume to the local company's electric light business, while at the same time, saving money for the city, and would have at least postponed the rise in gas rates. The Times-Republican warned the public about this at the time, but a majority preferred to vote without investigation.

### DOLLAR GAS WAS A LOW RATE FOR A TOWN OF 16,000 PEOPLE AT THE TIME THE FRANCHISE WAS VOTED, AND THE COAL AND LABOR COSTS AT THE BURNER HAS JUMPED FROM 51 CENTS IN 1916 TO AN ESTIMATED COST OF 80 CENTS IN 1917, AND THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE A RATE OF \$1.10 TO PAY 7 1/2 PER CENT ON THE INVESTMENT. THE MINNEAPOLIS COMPANY WANTS TO INCREASE ITS RATE FROM 77 CENTS TO \$1.00, CLAIMING THAT ITS COST HAS RISEN 23 CENTS. GAS CAN BE DISTRIBUTED CHEAPER IN LARGE CITIES THAN IN SMALL, BUT THE FUEL AND LABOR COSTS AT THE BURNER SHOULD VARY ABOUT ALIKE, SO THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION THAT GAS COSTS MORE WHEN COAL GOES UP; JUST HOW MUCH CAN BE DETERMINED ONLY BY AN AUDIT.

There is more profit in electricity than in gas, and it is natural that the company would like to confine the audit to the gas department, but the local franchise is the only one in Iowa which gives a city the right to audit the company's books once in every five years. If an audit is to be made, it should include the entire business. The gas rate will undoubtedly have to stand alone in its final determination, but there might be an excess profit in electricity. If a rate is finally negotiated by compromise without an audit, it should be fixed only for the period of the war and should go up and down with the price of coal. It took a four years' fight to get \$1.00 gas for Marshalltown, and we should not give it up easily. The people who have had advantage of it have never appreciated what a few determined individuals won for them or they would pay less attention to the noise of those who know very little about the business statistics of public utilities.

When the temperature drops to twenty below and the loose floor boards of a cheap house are all that stand between the children of the poor and the extreme cold, you fellows who are warm and comfortable in a furnace-heated house owe a little something to charity. If a committee missed you this week, send a check for \$10 to W. T. Smith at the Letts, Fletcher Company's office. He is not so busy running a big wholesale business but what he can act as treasurer for the charity association. A group of strong men and women like him, with H. A. Kinman, secretary and treasurer of the Lennox Furnace Co., as their president, are giving time and money to care for the poor of this city. The rest of us can chip in without asking any questions. Listen to the wind howl, think of the kids in families of the poor who need coal, and then dig. The world will always damn a tight-wad, and most of us hope that the Creator will, too.

The season is upon us for snow shovels. What about that patrol system for sidewalk work? A bunch of

high school boys have \$10 mortgages to pay off. Why not organize them into patrols, give them districts, and make them responsible for the walks in their districts? The city should open snow blockades within three or four hours after a storm and charge the cost to the property owner. If the citizen would clean his own walk, let him beat the city to it. Those who actually do shovel snow for themselves generally do it at once, and those who delay are the ones who like to see the public wade by.

### CONAWAY MADE CAPTAIN.

Former Local Physician Promoted at Camp Grant, Ill. Dr. A. C. Conaway, of this city, who has been a first lieutenant in the medical reserve corps of the army, has been promoted to a captaincy, according to word received in this city from Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., where Conaway now is stationed. The commission dates from Nov. 30.

As a lieutenant Dr. Conaway went to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and from there was sent to Camp Grant, where he signed the 161st depot brigade. He was reassigned two weeks later as first assistant instructor in the gas defense college of the camp. Mrs. Conaway and her mother, Mrs. Margaret Ross, the latter of Chicago, are with Captain Conaway.

### RICHARDS FIRST LIEUTENANT.

Former Marshalltown Boy Commissioned at San Antonio, Tex. Walter H. Richards, a former Marshalltown boy, and an alumnus of the Marshalltown high school, class of 1908, has just received his commission as first lieutenant in the field artillery of the new national army. Richards is at San Antonio, Tex. He recently was married, his bride being Miss Cathleen Merrivell, of Los Angeles. Lieutenant Richards is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Richards, now of San Diego, Cal., and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Wickersham, 506 West Linn street, this city. A brother of the young lieutenant, Arthur E. Richards, has been serving in the navy, at the Frederick, since April.

### THREE OFF FOR SERVICE

Trio of Young Men From City Go to Join Aero Section. Three young men from this city left Friday night for Omaha to join the aero section of the signal corps. They are Harry E. Robinson, 109 North Fifth avenue; Jerome W. Gregory, 911 West Main street; David C. Jensen, 109 North Seventh street. Robinson is a barber and has been employed in the Tipton shop in the Masonic Temple. Gregory is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gregory. His brother, Dudley, is in the navy and is now stationed at New York. Jensen is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jensen, 109 North Seventh street, and has been employed as a machinist at the C. A. Dunham Company plant.

### Ferguson News.

George Lingham, of Dillon, was a caller in Ferguson Tuesday. Orville Bean, of Des Moines, visited in Ferguson this week. William Finders left Friday for Perry, where he accepted a position as fireman for the C. M. & St. P. railway. Fred Rickey, of Bole, Idaho, is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. F. Rickey, this week. George Doud and Robert Kevam have rented the hotel of B. E. Finders and will begin business next week. Samuel Culp, of Eldora, visited his sister, Mrs. A. T. Loo, Wednesday, before going to Fort Logan, Colo., where he has enlisted in the army.

Dr. Bullard, osteopath, 15 West Main.

## AT THE CHURCHES

Services at the churches, and sermon subjects of pastors, have been announced for Sunday as follows: United Brethren, Rev. F. J. Thomas—The morning and evening services will be in charge of H. T. Fisher, a business man of Waterloo, who will preach.

Congregational, Rev. E. F. Martin—Morning, "Christ, a Pattern of What All Men May Be"; vespers, annual service for all engaged in holiday trade.

Baptist, Rev. R. B. Davidson—Morning, "The Shepherds Find Jesus"; evening, "The Downfall of Pessimism". The third of the series of sermons on the prophet Elijah.

Methodist, Rev. W. G. Crowder—Morning, "The Choir Invisible"; evening, an illustrated lecture by the pastor, "The Heritage of Half a Century."

will be given under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. Elmh Lutheran, Rev. A. J. Anders—Morning, Norwegian service, "The Purpose For the Lord's Coming"; evening, English service, "A Gospel Invitation." Friends, Rev. H. W. Cope—Rev. E. H. Stranahan, vice president of Penn College, Oskaloosa, will preach in the morning on "The Doctrine of Quakerism", in the afternoon at 2:30, on "The Message of Quakerism" and in the evening will give the closing address of the week-end bible conference.

Central Church of Christ, Rev. W. M. Baker—Morning, "The Glory of Christian Womanhood"; evening, "The Lordship of Jesus." First Church of Christ, Scientist—Morning, "God the Only Cause and Creator."

### LOCAL MARKETS

Prices Paid to Farmers by Marshalltown Merchants. The following prices are quoted by

Marshalltown dealers for the different varieties of farmers' provisions, grain and produce. The Olson Grocery Company quotes the following prices: Butter—42. Eggs—41. Benedict Flour and Feed Company will pay the following prices at their place of business in this city, subject however, to market changes: Corn—1.00. Oats—65. Wheat—2.00. The following market quotations are furnished by H. Willard, Son & Co.: Clear medium native wool—55@57. Coarse and low—40@52. Light, fine—45@50. Heavy, fine—38. Pelts—1.00@2.50. No. 1 hides—17. No. 2 hides—16. Here hides, tall on—6.00@6.50. Hog skins—50. Beeswax—37@28.

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