

Social and Other Interests of Women

SOCIETY

Members of the Phi Sigma sorority will entertain with a tea at the Elks' temple this afternoon, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock. Sixty guests will be present and will be received by the officers of the sorority. Miss Doris Hoke, Miss Margaret Bender, Miss Erma Collier and Mrs. Sherman Ellison. Mrs. Fred Cimmerman, Miss Grace Baker, Mrs. Horace Fox and Miss Marie Place will pour. The table decorations will be yellow chrysanthemums.

Members of Miss Blanche Thumm's Sunday school class of the First Christian church, met Friday evening at the home of Miss Gladys Parkley, S. Clinton st. During a business session plans were discussed for Christmas and also for basket ball this winter. A social time followed with games and light refreshments. The next meeting will be with Miss Alta Claybaugh, 713 E. Dubal av., Dec. 3.

The Friday Night club of the First Presbyterian church met Friday evening in the church. The department of the Social Teachings of Jesus was in charge of the program and E. L. Sims acted as leader of the meeting. The next meeting will be at the church in one week.

Mrs. Earl Leininger, 1213 Marietta st., very pleasantly entertained at a 5 o'clock dinner Friday evening at a courtesy to the Misses Erma and Mable Lybbert of Cresto, Ia., who are visiting friends and relatives in this city. A large bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums centered the table and covers were placed for 10.

The monthly meeting of the Frances Willard W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Henry Kale, 1416 S. Michigan st., Friday afternoon. Mrs. Kale led the devotional exercise and the prayer was offered by Mrs. Wesley Miller and Mrs. Minnie Pickens. A program for the day was given as follows:

Mrs. Frank Jefferies gave a paper on "Mother Did Not Vote"; the "Declaration of Principles" was the subject of a paper given by Mrs. William Edison; vocal and instrumental music was furnished by Mrs. Beers and Mrs. Timothy Shanafelt. The members are making preparations to care for three needy families at Thanksgiving time. Mrs. Edison assisted the hostess in serving refreshments during the social hour. There were 24 members in attendance. The union will meet on Dec. 19, with Mrs. Jefferies, S. Lafayette st.

Mrs. Hans Anderson entertained the D. S. S. Good Times club Friday afternoon at her home, 602 Laporte av. The time was given to a business and social session with sewing and a luncheon served by the hostess. Mrs. Peter Adolphsen, 1012 W. LaSalle av., will be hostess at the next meeting of the club.

The Misses Weiss entertained with a fancy dress party at their home, 315 W. Thomas st., Thursday evening. Favors at contests were taken by Miss Mildred Suchy, Miss Bernice Billinski and Miss Katherine Wartha. Refresh-

ments were served at the close of a pleasant social time. The guests were the Misses Eleanor Probandt, Katherine Duggan, Martha Hillinski, Blanche Bogardus, Beatrice Szczukowski, Mary Louise Wright, Albina Bartoszek, Mildred Bogardus, Lucile Adelsberger and Anna Wartha. Mrs. Wallace Wright assisted Mrs. Weiss in serving.

A meeting of the Norman Eddy Sewing circle was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Loughman, 1113 Lincoln way W., with an attendance of 40 members. She was assisted by Mrs. George Hug, Mr. C. B. Steed and Mrs. William Hege. Arrangements were made during the business meeting for the bazaar to be given the last of the month at the G. A. R. hall. A social time with refreshments closed the meeting for the afternoon. The circle will meet in two weeks.

The department of civics and philanthropy of the Progress club was entertained Friday afternoon in the club rooms. Rabbi Cronbach gave the report of the national conference of charities and corrections held at Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Lafayette LeVan gave the report of the state conference of charities and correction at Richmond. Miss Lella Scott and Miss Carrie Rein read papers on the subject for the day. The department will hold another meeting Dec. 10.

A delightful social meeting of the Advance circle was held on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Martha Bauman, 726 Cleveland av., with a large number of members in attendance. The roll call was responded to with the reading of postal cards sent each member by a former member of the club from San Francisco. After some time spent with needlework dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. J. Curry, 726 Lincoln way E., will be hostess to the club Nov. 26.

Mrs. George Kizer, Lincoln way W., was hostess to members of the Ladies' Aid society of Westminster Presbyterian church yesterday. A pastry sale was planned for Nov. 20 and for a chicken pie supper to be held the first of the month. The hostess served refreshments after the business time. There were five invited guests at the meeting. Mrs. John H. Alward, 811 Cushing st., will be hostess at the meeting on Dec. 10.

Members of the Ladies' Bible class of the First Brethren church met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. C. E. Reed, 1104 Miami st. Following the study for the evening led by Miss Maude Wengert a program of music was given by Miss Helen Snouse and Miss Juanita Reed. Refreshments were served. There will be a meeting of the class Dec. 9.

The department of literature, section two, of the Progress club met Friday afternoon at the club for the fortnightly meeting. Chapters 14-18 of *Dame Care* were given by Mrs. Lawrence Romine. Miss Gertrude Mueller gave a paper on, "Are the Characters in *Dame Care* Realistic," and Miss Flora Pollock gave the current events, which concluded the afternoon's program. The department will meet in two weeks.

While a fire was in progress in a tenement house in Paris, a poodle dashed up stairs and in a few minutes returned with a doll in its mouth.

PERSONALS

Kenneth L. Call, member of the Cook county bar association, Chicago, is a guest of J. Elmer Peak over the week end.

Miss Elizabeth Hamilton of the Kaley school will spend the week-end at Goshen, Mich., making the trip by automobile.

Miss Rose Castle of Rochester, Ind., has returned from a visit at the home of her brother, Cecil Castle, Linden av.

Mr. and Mrs. Hannaman of Chicago are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dyke, 1005 N. Johnson st.

Miss Elizabeth Kopsca, 1105 Anthony st., is spending the week end in Elkhart.

Mrs. L. Dyke and children, 1005 N. Johnson st., motored to Chicago Saturday.

Mrs. Blain Cranford, 1019 Riverside dr., left Saturday for Allendorf, Ia., where she will spend the winter.

Announcements

The department of current events of the Progress club will hold its regular meeting Monday afternoon in the club rooms.

The Colfax W. C. T. U. will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Isaac W. Staples, 424 W. Madison st., Wednesday afternoon.

CREW STICKS TO SHIP

Refuse to Leave Although Vessel is Going to Pieces.

ERIE, Pa., Nov. 13.—The P. D. Armour of the Boland Cornelius line is going to pieces on Lake Erie, off Waldameer park, four miles west of here. Members of the crew have donned life preservers and can be seen on the forward part of the ship. A tug accompanying the Armour also is being pounded to pieces.

Early this morning before the ship was in great danger the members of the crew were taken off by the life saving crew here. The others refused to leave. The life savers are now battling with the waves in an attempt to reach the tug. Both boats are falling apart rapidly.

POWDER MILL DESTROYED

Plant Blown Up After Word of Big Order is Received.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 13.—Within 12 hours after it was reported that the company had secured an order for 72,000 pounds of powder for the allies, an explosion blew up a mill of the Dupont Powder Co. at Hagley, near here. The mill contained 300 pounds of powder. No one was injured in the explosion, which occurred early today. The cause is unknown.

NO CHANCE FOR ASSAULT

Door Was Closed So Court Dismisses Basil Lyczko.

Basil Lyczko, 722 Warren st., escaped prosecution in city court Saturday morning through a technicality of the law when he faced a charge of provocation preferred by Mary Steinko, who lives in the same building with him. The complaining witness was put on the stand and testified that Lyczko called her names but admitted that there was a door closed between them at the time of the alleged provocation. The state dismissed the case as it is impossible to establish provocation where the two interested persons are separated by any obstruction which is liable to prevent the attack warranted by the provocation.

ASSAULT CASE IS SET

John Noveth is Held Under \$100 Bond by Judge Warner.

John Noveth, 327½ S. Williams st., charged with assault and battery upon three-year-old Margaret Jacobs, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacobs, 327 S. Williams st., will be tried in city court Thursday, Nov. 18. When Noveth's attorney pleaded for lower bond Saturday the state objected to less than \$100 and Judge Warner set it at that amount.

BOY REPORTED MISSING

Jesse Ault Left Home on Howard Av. a Week Ago.

Mrs. Donnelly, 655 Howard av., has reported to the police that her 14-year-old son, Jesse Ault, disappeared from home a week ago and has not been seen since. The boy ran away four years ago but was located at Elkhart in company with a tramp and returned to his home here.

ATTEND CONVENTION.

E. W. Crouse, South Bend manager of the National Cash Register Co., and John R. Fowler, salesman, returned Saturday from Dayton, O., where they have been in attendance at a five days' convention at the headquarters of the company. James C. Parker, former manager here, made a stop-over in South Bend before returning to his new agency at Dubuque, Ia.

OPPORTUNITY.

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When the second 42-centimeter shell struck the Liege fortifications it is supposed to have killed 2,300 men. And since the cost of those shells is less than \$3,000, this must have been one of the least expensive massacres of the war.

A play entitled "The Spinners' Matrimonial Club" will be presented Monday evening, Nov. 15, in K. of P. hall for the benefit of the Pythian Sisters' building fund. Admission 15c.—Adv.

'Mean Well' People Are Pernicious

Create Discord and Unhappiness But Are Beyond Reach of Censor.

With the exception of those who imitate Charlie Chaplin, there is but one other class of people who in the entire scheme of creation have no place. The other type is the "mean well" people. Murderers are only murderers, and frequently do the world a good service in ridding it of unnecessary obstacles to progress. But the "mean well" person doesn't even do that.

Most people have as intimate acquaintances at least a half dozen "mean wells" who can do anything under the high heavens and not suffer for the consequences because "they mean well." They can make life miserable for all who come in contact with them and do it with impunity because they "mean well." They may be utterly without tact and constantly stirring up strife, but so long as their intentions are the best in the world there is nothing to be done.

Perhaps the most unfortunate characteristic of the average mean well person is that he or she—and it is generally she—has a mania for meddling in the affairs of others. Or in the vernacular of the day, has a "penchant for butting in." Of course it matters not the least that the public does not seek her advice. She is ready with it and quite ready to gloat in a dignified manner, if failure befalls those who fail to follow her suggestions.

There was a mean well person who lived in a small town where everybody knew everybody and the mean well people were on speaking terms with every family skeleton. This particular mean well woman had six brothers and sisters and a score of nieces and nephews as well as several brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws. She was greatly interested in the welfare of each member of her immediate family and always meaning well, she told each relative-in-law the things to do to make pleasant the lives of her sisters and brothers. Of course most of them did not do it and the mean well woman went to each sister and brother and offered her sympathy to them for having married so unsympathetic a companion. Of course she did not express it in that way. It was more subtle, more kind. So all the brothers and sisters began to feel very much abused and the more abused they felt the more the mean well woman offered her sympathy. And "why" and "what" in the world," she told each friend how unfortunate it was that Howard had chosen such an unfortunate mate and that Maude had burdened herself with a companion who could not understand the "mean well" in that way. It was a little town each neighbor talked to the next and it wasn't long before the village was sympathizing silently with the poor mistreated being.

Of course the trouble maker soon turned her attention elsewhere and the families all went back to a calm peaceful existence with the comment, "she means well."

There were more daughter-in-laws and Mrs. Mean Well sympathized with her sons for having chosen such miserable housekeepers, or mother-in-laws with such narrow minds, or religious inclinations. And when she had succeeded in making them sufficiently unhappy she began trouble making elsewhere until peace was restored and her children sighed "Mother always means well."

Even in the little town was opened to her because she was always good and kind and "mean well." But in her wake was a trail of discord and unpleasantness. Wherever she went with her sweetness, lack of harmony prevailed.

There are other people who mean well, too. Those who work along, pursuing lines that are obviously foolish and yet "mean well." The bank clerk who "borrows" funds "means well" and the school teachers who apply the same educational principles to Emma, Paul and Sam that she applied to Mary, Dick and Harry "means well." Every mistake, calamity or tragedy in the history of the world, from a village scandal to a world war has with few exceptions been created by the people who "mean well."

There is a punishment for the people who maliciously do wrong, but the mean well people are beyond the reach of censor.—Grand Rapids Herald.

Tea Table Talks

May De Witt Talmage.

EVERY DAY IS A NEW BEGINNING.

Emerson wrote: "Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and failures are unavoidable. Forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day, begin it well and serene and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense."

What a helpful thought that is! But it is much more natural to be wondering around, treading water, wondering whether to turn back or to swim straight ahead for the shore, wondering if we are going in the right direction, if, after all, it is the wrong direction.

Life is composed of a series of problems. Propositions meet us at every turn, and we have to make decisions. Generally there are as many things for us as must be done. From our common sense, we judge from every side we can think of, then we decide. But does that finish it? Not always.

What a relief it would be if we could settle all questions once and for all time with "It is, or it is not." If we could make a decision then dismiss absolutely all responsibility and care about the outcome. How many of us have had the present spoiled by the thoughts of the might have been, the things we should have done, or have left undone?

The arriere pensee is such a killing frost, it blights any tender leaves of hope we might put forth. The present is as big a load as any of us can carry, yet we try to hold the past, the present and the future in our grasp. If we could only finish each day and have done with it, living would be a joy forever, and we would have gained a big thing in life.

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