

SOCIAL EVENTS

ROBINSON-GRAY CONCERT TUESDAY.

Carol Robinson, pianist, and Alexander Gray, baritone, both of Chicago, will appear in joint recital at the New Harbor Tuesday, Dec. 14, in the second of the complimentary recitals given under the auspices of the Rock Island Musical club. Both Miss Robinson and Mr. Gray were prize winners in the contest conducted by the National Federation of Musical clubs, and were given much recognition by the society in convention at Los Angeles, Cal., last July. Of Miss Robinson's work, Charles E. Wait in the Music News says:

"Miss Robinson is a pianist whose work impresses more and more as the months go by, and who will doubtless rise to very great heights in public esteem. In the crisp security of her work, the absolute control over rhythms and in the great variety of tone, color and shading at her command she suggests, irresistibly, her splendid teacher, Mrs. Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler, but she has also a very distinct and a wholly pleasing originality of style and interpretation, and on these she can depend for great and continued success."

"She was greeted with enthusiasm on Friday evening and proved very easily that she has scores of friends among the professional musicians."

"Her program was chosen with uncommon skill. The 'Intermezzo' Op. 118, No. 2, and the 'Capriccio' Op. 76, No. 2 (Brahms), served to open the list with purposefulness and were followed by the Bach-Liszt 'Fantasia and Fugue' in G minor, played with superb poise and swing.

"The Chopin 'Nocturne' Op. 27, No. 1, was given with breadth as well as beauty of tone; a Liszt 'Valse Impromptu' was sparkling and the Schumann-Liszt 'Widmung' was perhaps the most distinctive number of the program. It is immensely difficult and very difficult of interpretation, but it was read nevertheless with great fire and intensity as well as crystalline purity as to feature.

"The 'Concert Etude' by Macdowell was given such a splendid reading both from the technical and interpretative standpoints as it has very rarely received."

"Of the work of Mr. Gray an authority says:

"At the ninth concert planned by the Ravinia club, Alexander Gray, baritone, was presented in a characteristic program of songs during the afternoon and scored the usual success that has attended his every appearance. Mr. Gray, it will be remembered, was the winner of the vocal contest engineered by the N. F. M. C. and, as a result, sang at the meeting at Los Angeles, being highly complimented there by the great audience and the daily press.

"Later, by special invitation, he sang at San Diego, at the exposition, and again was very successful. In appearance and concert style he is graceful and authoritative and in all that he did he displayed a convincing intellectuality and an abiding good taste."

ELKS DANCING PARTY.

A dancing party will be given by Rock Island lodge No. 539, B. P. O. Elks, at their club rooms Thursday evening. Dancing will begin at 8:30 o'clock and music will be provided by the Criterion orchestra. Refreshments will be served. The committee in charge is composed of Dr. E. L. Hainline, C. M. Eburney, Irving Hansen, E. H. Krell, W. S. Verbury, N. B. Gosline, L. H. Kaupke and T. B. Mirfield.

K. K. CLUB ENTERTAINED.

K. K. Club members were entertained Thursday evening by Miss Hazel Kerr at the home of her parents on Colona road, Moline. The girls spent the fore part of the evening sewing, later enjoying vocal and instrumental music, and they were served with refreshments. The girls will be entertained at a Christmas party next Friday in the home of Miss Myrtle Weeks, 1001 Sixth avenue.

LADIES DRESS DOLLS FOR ORPHANS.

Members of the Helen Gould auxiliary of the U. S. W. V. were very busy yesterday dressing dolls for the soldiers' orphans at the home at Normal, Ill. The work was not completed and the ladies will meet Monday to finish at the home of Mrs. Olivia Reid, 820 Fifth avenue, Moline. The ladies are asked to come in the morning and spend the entire day and they will be served dinner at noon.

X. C. DANCE SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR.

Thirty-five couples enjoyed the dancing party given last evening by the

Knights of Columbus at K. C. hall. The Criterion orchestra gave the dance program and the affair proved very delightful. Another of the series of parties will be given the first part of January.

C. W. B. M. WITH MRS. STINE.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions of Memorial Christian church was entertained at the December meeting in the home of Mrs. W. B. Stine, 1108 Twelfth street. Mrs. E. M. Wright was in charge of the devotional and acted as the leader of the program. Mrs. J. N. Wangelin read the history of a missionary's life and Mrs. M. E. Chatley spoke on preparation for C. W. B. M. day. The transaction of routine business matters was followed by a social session.

OAK GROVE LADIES ENTERTAINED.

A splendidly attended meeting of the Oak Grove United Presbyterian Mission and Aid society was held yesterday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E. B. Garretson, 1515 Twenty-sixth street. One of the number had donated material for curtains in the church basement and the time was spent in making up this material. A delightful lunch was served and the ladies enjoyed a pleasant social time. Mrs. George W. McMillan, Brasher east of Seventeenth street, will be the next hostess entertaining Jan. 7.

TRINITY GUILD BUSINESS SESSION.

Trinity guild in weekly business session yesterday in Trinity parish house transacted business closing up the affairs in connection with the annual sale held last week. There was also placed on display many lovely articles of Irish linens and a number of them were disposed of. Meetings of the guild will be adjourned until the first week in January.

BETA GAMMA GIRLS ELECT.

Beta Gamma girls of Alton Street chapel were entertained last evening in the home of Misses Rose and Frances Chambers, 551 Webb street. Election of officers was held, the following being chosen:

President—Miss Vera McBurney.

Vice President—Miss Emma Heidermann.

Treasurer—Miss Margaret Helford.

Secretary—Miss Florence Mosher.

Plans were made for a New Year's eve party to be held at the chapel. A social time was enjoyed and lunch was served. The next meeting will be with Miss Emma Dingeldin on Ninth street.

MISS PEARCE READ CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" was most beautifully read last evening by Miss Iva Pearce at the First Methodist church. The beautiful story was given a most satisfactory production, the reader giving excellent delineation of character with sympathy and understanding. A trio composed of Miss Frances Rhoads, violin; Mrs. F. K. Rhoads, piano, and Mr. Lyons, cello, played and Mrs. A. E. Williams with violin and cello obligato sang. The auditorium was well filled and the audience was much delighted with the entertainment.

REPEAT PLAY AT CHAPEL.

"Engaging Janet," the play given by the Kate Hill Mission society girls of the United Presbyterian church recently, was repeated last evening at the Oak Grove Presbyterian church. The auditorium was comfortably filled and the play was given as well if not better than at the first production. The ladies of the church had candy and refreshments for sale and will realize something over \$12 from the proceeds.

PLEASANT HOUR CLUB ENTERTAINED.

The Pleasant Hour club, composed of a class of young women of the First Methodist church, taught by Miss Gertrude Kilpatrick, was very pleasantly entertained Thursday evening by one of the members, Miss Alberto Gasco, 412 Nineteenth street. Several musical numbers were enjoyed after the girls indulged in a marshmallow roast before the fire place. When the merriment of the club had waned somewhat the business of the club was discussed. At a late hour a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Gasco. The club will meet in three weeks with Miss Lucille Hazard, 1038 Seventeenth street, as the hostess.

THETA GAMMA GIRLS ENTERTAINED.

Miss Bernice Helford at her home 514 Sixteenth street, acted as the hostess last evening to the Theta Gamma girls, election of officers being the business of the evening. Miss Elsa Caudey was chosen president and Miss Margaret Helford secretary-treasurer. The girls then sewed, enjoyed musical numbers and were served with a delicious lunch. The club will meet the first

SOCIETY "BUD" HAS "COMING OUT" SOON



Miss Dorothy Dennett.

Miss Dorothy Dennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dennett, will "bud" into a full-fledged society flower on Jan. 8. For some time Miss Dennett has taken a prominent part in the social affairs of the young folk not yet officially initiated into Washington society. Her father is commissioner of the United States land office.

Friday in January with Miss Genevieve Schreiner, 1109 Fourth avenue.

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

St. Paul's Catholic church on Twenty-fourth street and Eighth-and-a-half avenue, is arranging for a fair of considerable proportions which will be given during the forepart of January at the church. The proceeds will be used to pay off the indebtedness on the church property.

The Rock Island County Humane society will hold annual election of officers Monday morning at the office of Dr. J. W. Stewart.

The December meeting of the Ladies' Sewing circle of Bethany home will be held Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Fred Kann, 828 Fifteenth street.

The regular monthly meeting of Trinity Men's club will be held Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the parish house. Supper will be served at 6:45.

Fraternal

The 1916 convention of the 10th Illinois district of the Knights of Pythias will be held in Moline. Choice of the neighboring city as the next meeting place was made by representatives of the 16 lodges of the district who were in session yesterday at Sterling. Additional honor was given Moline in the election of George B. Buck, St. George lodge, No. 28, as president of the district for the ensuing year. A. W. Vanhousen of Geneseo was made secretary and William Guthrie of Erie, treasurer. Appreciation of the work of the Moline Pythians as a lodge was voted in the convention, delegates by a rising vote thanking St. George lodge for its work during the last year in assisting the state deputy in his work among weaker lodges. Sixteen of the 18 lodges of the district sent representatives to the convention.

Arsenal lodge, No. 1089, Mystic Workers of the World, last night elected William L. Decker, perfect other officers named:

Monitor—Alva White.

Banker—Lillie Clayburn.

Marshal—Helen Banks.

Assistant—Margaret White.

Warder—Fred Orman.

Sentinel—James Campbell.

Musicalian—Ruby Conover.

Supervisor—Henry Donius.

Delegates—V. H. Clayburn, David Jones and William White.

Alternates—J. I. Davis, Andrew Kepple and James Campbell.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CHECKS APPEARING

That \$48,996, which was distributed by the Moline Trust and Savings bank to 1667 members of the Christmas Savings club, is beginning to make its appearance in the various stores of the city, and the holiday trade as a result is being boosted to a noticeable degree. A Moline merchant reported yesterday that he had cashed 18 of the savings checks, and there are many others who will reap the benefit of the depositors' thriftiness, developed by the progressiveness of a bank.

LICENSED TO WED

Robert Reber Davenport
Miss Marie Murray Davenport
Louis Patesch Bellevue, Ia.
Miss Mary Deibelohr Bellevue, Ia.

Diplomat Unneutral in Talk!

Washington, Dec. 11.—Investigation is being made of the conduct of Olney Arnold of Rhode Island, American diplomatic agent and consul general at Cairo, Egypt, on charges by American residents which include unneutral utterances.

Mrs. Dow Guest of Civic Department

Mrs. Frederick A. Dow, ex-president of the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs and now National Federation secretary, was the guest of the civic department of the Rock Island Woman's club yesterday at the December meeting. The session was held in the Masonic temple auditorium, and members of women's clubs from Moline, East Moline, Silvis and Davenport were in attendance. The business session of the department was brief and the afternoon was given over to Mrs. Dow, who addressed the ladies on the subject, "Civic Ideals in Club Work." Mrs. Dow made a plea for the children of the state, speaking of those things that can be done to better their condition in the schools and the home, and improvement that can be made in their forms of recreation. She believes in the state regulation of tenement houses, and advocates the establishment and maintenance of homes for the working class, by the state, making them comfortable, provided with good water, ventilation, sanitary surroundings, etc., at the smallest possible rental. She advocated the establishment of places of amusement for the boys and girls when the more evil forms of amusement are taken from them, for there must be some place where they can go under right conditions to give vent to their pent-up spirits. She spoke of the importance of branch libraries, of the importance of having properly supervised movies, which she held as a strong factor in the training of a child's mind for good or evil, as the case may be. She maintains that good music should be provided for children and grown-ups, too, at prices that are within the reach of all. The pool rooms received their share of attention, and Mrs. Dow said that statistics show that pool rooms are the beginning of the largest number of cases of delinquency and that they have the most demoralizing influence in the calendar upon young boys. She believes in the community dance hall, where young people can gather under proper supervision for the enjoyment of the pastime.

In speaking of the work of Mrs. Ella Flagg Young as superintendent of the Chicago schools, Mrs. Dow said that while they regretted to see Mrs. Young leave the city, they could not help but draw a sigh of relief because now they hoped to have harmony at least, which was not possible while a woman held a high office and drew a big salary. She said she had noticed that whenever a woman was placed in so high an office on a big salary that it means a fight all the time she is there, caused through petty jealousies. In this connection she spoke of the great difficulty that is experienced in preventing upon good men to take high places and said that when they do allow themselves to be placed in office they should receive the protection of the masses. Mrs. Dow does not believe in making so many new laws, but advocates the better understanding of those in force, the better following out of their meaning, their study, etc.

In closing, she spoke of the benefits of belonging to the National Federation of Women's clubs and urged the Rock Island club to affiliate with that organization. She placed loyalty as the first consideration in belonging to the national body, then the good that results from the club's efforts in the cause of pure foods, public health,

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MOLINE POSTOFFICE PREPARES FOR RUSH

Edward Coryn, Moline postmaster, expects to employ 16 extra carriers, add four or five assistants to the clerical force, and hire three additional automobile trucks to fortify the Moline office against a landslide during the holidays. There are at present 29 applicants on the waiting list, and while it is thought it will not be necessary to use all of them, predictions at this time are that more than half the number will be needed during the five days prior to Christmas.

Business of the postoffice is growing gradually each year, although there has been no evidence of a deluge so far. Expectation is, however, that by Dec. 15 the Moline federal employes will have their hands full. It is urged that all Christmas parcels be mailed as early as possible.

HEART and HOME PROBLEMS

MRS. ELIZABETH THOMPSON

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am 25 years old and am engaged to a girl three years younger than myself. We have been engaged three months now and expect to wait a year before marrying, because, although I have a very good position and am saving money, I am not well enough fixed to keep up the expenses of a home and buy furniture.

My fiance goes with two other fellows, although I have told her that I do not care to have her. It worries me a great deal to have her refuse to do what I want her to in so important a matter. I love her so much that I am letting her go with the other fellows rather than run the risk of losing her myself. What can I do to make her see that she ought to give up other gentlemen friends?

WORRIED BOY.

Probably you are too lenient with the girl and show that you are afraid of losing her. Be firm and tell her that if she is not willing to give up the other boys your engagement must be broken. A girl admits authority in a man more than any other quality, and so I think your fiance will be willing to do as you want her to when she sees you mean it. If she refuses, break the engagement, because you would be very unhappy married to a woman who would not try to please you.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am 21 years old and am to be married this year on Christmas day. My parents favor my marriage and encouraged me to become engaged in the first place. I do not love the man and as the time draws near to be married it seems to me I cannot do it. We have invited several relatives to the wedding and five of them come from another state. I have told my parents how I feel about getting married, but they refuse to let me break my engagement because they say things have gone too far. What can I do? I live on a farm and can do any kind of work but housework. I know that my father will not let me live at home if I refuse to marry.

DISTRESSED.

Of course you shouldn't marry when you feel the way you do about it. Do housework in some good family and you will have the protection of a home

and can earn money to support yourself besides. A position ought not be hard to find.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a married woman and have been married 19 years. My husband is very good to me and seems to care for me a great deal and he certainly loves the children. Ever since we have been married he has insisted upon keeping a picture of an old sweetheart in an upper drawer of the dresser. I have tried my best to forget this picture, but I cannot. When I mention it my husband gets angry. He tells me to forget it and refuses to say anything about it. For several days after I mention the picture he is very silent and scarcely speaks to me. What can I do? I love my husband and do not like to think that some old sweetheart means more to him than I do. Do you think it is right for him to keep the picture where I see it every time I go to the drawer to put the handkerchiefs there or toilet articles that he has left on top of the dresser? Anything you can tell me will be greatly appreciated.

WORRIED WIFE.

Your husband is tactless to have the picture around where you have to see it and are hurt by it. As long as he insists upon keeping it there you may as well make up your mind to ignore it as much as possible. Don't mention it to him any more. Possibly your interest in the picture is what has made it of so much importance to him.

The ridiculously unscientific majority who believe in taking their occupation straight may be interested in the following tip from the American social hygiene association: Cut out a square piece of tissue paper, give it a bath in an antiseptic solution and place it over your mouth. This safeguard will prevent the kiss doing you harm provided you don't wear out the paper or break through it.

For the Santa Claus Good Fellow

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