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BOX COMMITTEE FOR NAVY RELIEF BALL.

A very live and hard working committee, headed by Mrs. Royal Ingersoll (center), signing up boxholders for the phantom ball Shrove Tuesday, February 25. The chairman is assisted by Mrs. Alexander Sharp (left) and Mrs. Oscar Badger (right).

Gay Pre-Lenten Parties Climax Capital Society's Brilliant Winter Season

Guatemalan Legation Reception
High Lights Calendar Yesterday;
Mrs. Roosevelt to Be Honored

BY MARGARET HART,
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Society is having a last fling before Lent starts, and soon one of the gayest winter seasons for some time will be but a pleasant memory. Over the week end there has been much to keep members of society on the go, and before Ash Wednesday many other merry parties will be chalked off the calendar.

Dinner and Musical Program Scheduled at White House.

Tomorrow evening's program boasts a dinner at the White House to be followed by a program of music, planned under auspices of the Library of Congress to stimulate interest in music among soldiers at various camps. Mrs. Roosevelt has on her social schedule a luncheon in her honor Friday by Mrs. Claude R. Wickard, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture.

The President's wife will leave Washington Easter Monday evening for her annual lecture tour and she will not return to the Capital until May 11. During her stay in the West she will visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger, and their children.

Cocktail Party for 200 At Guatemalan Legation.

Diplomatic entertainment yesterday centered about the gay cocktail party for 200 guests at which the popular Guatemalan Minister, Senor Dr. Don Adrian Recinos, and Senora de Recinos were hosts. The attractive legation at 1614 Eighteenth street was bright with spring flowers for the occasion and, although the hours mentioned on the cards of invitation were from 5 to 7 o'clock, it was much later before the last guest took unwilling leave of the hosts.

Senora de Recinos wore an attractive tea gown of black crepe, made with a long-sleeved jacket embroidered in gold. She and the Minister were assisted in entertaining the guests by their charming daughter, Senorita Laura Recinos, who wore a street-length costume of beige shade, made with elbow-length sleeves. Her dress, like that of her mother, also was embroidered at the shoulders in gold.

Spring Flowers Form Lovely Decorations.

Senorita Recinos' younger sister, Beatriz, also assisted at the party. She wore a light teal blue dress of street length, trimmed at the neck-

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AN ATTRACTIVE TRIO WORKING FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE BENEFIT.

Mrs. James, wife of Capt. Jules James, U. S. N., and the Misses Nancy and Eleanor Gatch, daughters of Capt. and Mrs. Thomas Gatch, take time from their work for the charity to pose for the camera. They are members of the mythical Milk Committee.

Phantom Navy Relief Ball Will Be Held 'in Spirit Only' On Shrove Tuesday

Closing of Navy Yard as Defense
Measure Loses Use of Scene
Of Previous Affairs

The Phantom Navy Relief Ball, which will be held "in spirit only" has been set for Shrove Tuesday, February 25. The ball, always one of the outstanding social affairs of the year, traditionally is held in the sail loft at the Navy Yard, but this year, because of defense work the place is closed. But the closing of the Navy Yard does not end need for help for the Navy men and their families, and the Navy Relief Society finds that with the increase in Navy personnel the demands are greater than ever. The society depends on the money made at the annual ball to carry on its splendid work.

D. C. Auxiliary Provides For Hospitalization.

The District of Columbia Auxiliary provides payment of hospital bills and loans made for hospitalization. There are two endowed beds in local hospitals and several give a 10 per cent discount. Loans also are made for emergency expenses and in needy cases food, fuel and clothing are provided.

Mrs. Harold R. Stark is chairman of the Ball Committee. One of the fundamental ideas behind the Navy Relief Society is to band together to help one another in times of distress and calamity, rather than to dispense charity.

Patronesses for the ball include Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Mrs. Frank Knox, Mrs. James Forrestal, Mrs. Lewis Compton, Mrs. Millard E. Tydings and Mrs. Carl Vinson.

Mrs. William D. Chandler is secretary for the ball, and Mrs. J. B. W. Waller is treasurer.

Port of Salem, Mass., Was to Have Been Choice.

The last ball given by the society represented the port of Charleston, S. C., and this year it was to be the old port of Salem, Mass., which will be the setting for the next ball, when times are more peaceful.

Chairmen of the committees for the ball which will not be held at the Sail Loft have been named by Mrs. Stark. Working very hard is the Ticket Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Chandler, and the Publicity Committee, under Mrs. Luther Sheldon, jr., as well as Mrs.

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Miss Virginia Smith To Be Bride of Mr. W. V. Disney

Congressional circles will have unusual interest in announcements of engagements today with plans for weddings in the near future in families of members of the present session and Congresses of the past being made known.

The engagement of Mr. Wesley Vansant Disney, son of Representative and Mrs. Wesley Disney of Tulsa, Okla., to Miss Virginia Frayser Smith, is announced today by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorrance Yerkes Smith of Plainfield, N. J.

The wedding will take place on Ash Wednesday, February 26, in Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, as Miss Smith will be attended by her classmates at National Park College where she is a student. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, will officiate.

Miss Smith to Be Given In Marriage by Father.

Miss Smith, who will be given in marriage by her father, has chosen as her maid of honor her roommate at National Park, Miss Fannie Cooper of North Carolina. Her bridesmaids will be Miss Marie Lackey, Miss Lillian Leslie, Miss Mary Burman and Miss Margaret Bartley.

Mr. Ralph W. Disney will be best man for his brother, coming from his studies at the Leelanau School for Boys at Glen Arbor, Mich. The ushers will be Mr. Mitchell Disney, Mr. Stewart de Gaetano, Mr. John Wilson and Mr. William Merrill.

The wedding reception will be held in the Congressional Club, when Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Disney, mothers of the bride and bridegroom, will be assisted by Mrs. Richard D. Knight, Mrs. Malcolm Hevener, Mrs. Richard L. Disney and Mrs. Bryce Harlow.

Miss Smith was a student at Greenbrier College in West Virginia before enrolling at National

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THE CHAIRMAN AND AN AIDE AT WORK.

Mrs. Harold R. Stark, wife of the chief of naval operations, chairman of the Navy Relief Phantom Ball Committee, with Mrs. Stanford C. Hooper working out details for the fete to be held in spirit Shrove Tuesday.

Mardi Gras Ball Guests To Elect King and Queen

Thrift Shop Sponsors Benefit
To Be Held at Sulgrave Club;
Mrs. Roosevelt Plans to Attend

The voteless Capital of the Nation is having a taste of "politics" these days, for campaigning is already under way for the election of the king and queen of the Thrift Shop Mardi Gras Ball, which will be held Tuesday, February 25, at the Sulgrave Club.

The king and queen will be elected by vote, each guest having one vote. Members of the Junior Committee of the ball will wear costumes, the orchestra will be dressed as pirates with the leader representing La Fitte, the Louisiana buccaneer. Guests are requested—not required—to wear costumes.

Mrs. John R. Williams, chairman of the Thrift Shop Committee, is working with the members of the boards of the six member organizations—Children's Hospital, Children's Country Home, Child Welfare, St. John's Orphanage, Columbia Hospital pre-natal clinic and the Junior League Social Welfare Department. Proceeds from the benefit will go to these children's charities. Many attractive features are planned. There will be booths for the sale of various articles, and for games of skill, and Mrs. J. Hamilton Lewis will resume her popular role of fortune teller.

Mrs. Roosevelt Plans To Attend Ball.

Mrs. Roosevelt is a patroness for the ball. She plans to be present for part of the dancing and the floor show, which promises to be an outstanding part of the evening.

Supper will be donated by the members of the various boards, and cooked by some of the town's most famous chefs.

Members of the Junior Committee include Mme. La Tour, Miss Eleanor Meem, Miss Nancy Weller, Mrs. Moran McConihe, Miss Marilyn Himes, Miss Peggy Lansdowne, Miss Elaine Darlington, Miss Ann Wilkinson, Mrs. Eugene Carusi, Mrs. B. Lauriston Hardin, Mrs. George Wheeler, jr., Miss Kitty Hill, Miss Ivy Bacon, Mrs. William B. Mason, jr., Mrs. Kenneth Jenkins, Miss Sylvia Szechenyi and Mrs. A. Yelverton P. Garnett, jr.

Girls' and boys' committees have been named. The members of these groups will assist at the booths and take part in the floor show and act as general hosts and hostesses.

Fashion Show Will Be Held At Larz Anderson House To Aid War Relief

Societies Aiding Refugees of
France and England Will
Receive Proceeds of Fete

Fashion-minded women will go to the Larz Anderson House Wednesday afternoon for the fashion show and tea which will be held for the benefit of Relief for French Refugees, Inc., and for Refugees of England, Inc.

The house, former home of Mrs. Larz Anderson and the late Capt. Anderson, diplomat and traveler, is now headquarters of the Society of the Cincinnati. It is a drawing card, in addition to the showing of a collection of original models at the fashion show. Mr. Charles Creed of London will present a tailored suit as a door prize. The old stone mansion, with its carved panels, wrought ironwork and marble pieces, contains priceless treasures collected by Capt. and Mrs. Anderson. Among these are gifts from the Emperor of Japan to Capt. Anderson when he served as Ambassador to Tokio and from the Belgian government when he served as Minister there.

Many Art Pieces Are in Collection.

There are paintings by great masters, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Raeburn, Romney, Lawrence, Lely. There are 16th century tapestries, Chinese jades and porcelains and Spanish bas-reliefs. There is a collection of old medals, some of which date back to Revolutionary times; a collection of old jewelry and one of ancient coins. There is a chair from Mt. Vernon, the only one ever removed from Washington's old home. A great bronze Buddha dominates the entrance hall.

At one time the Anderson House was the scene of gay parties, balls, cotillions, receptions, but as time wore on there were fewer large entertainments. The last one took place before the United States entered the first World War. Famous men have visited at the Anderson House and Marshalls Joffre and Petain, Presidents Roosevelt and Taft are but a few of the celebrities who were entertained there. Several years ago the King of Siam and his retinue made Anderson House their headquarters while they were in Washington. The old mansion is now exactly

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TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL BENEFIT BALL BEING SOLD.

Mrs. V. H. Krulak and Miss Dorothy Chandler, daughters of Capt. and Mrs. W. D. Chandler, are members of this efficient committee disposing of tickets for this annual fete, this year in phantom, which aids families of officers and enlisted men of the Navy.

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CIGARETTE GIRLS WHO WOULD SELL SMOKES TO BALL PATRONS.

Misses Isabel Badger, Betty Lou Kaufman and Alice Ingersoll, who are willing vendors of cigarettes if the ball were tangible instead of phantom.