

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Wm. Howard Taft Speaks at Bellevue-Stratford for Y. M. C. A.—Pickering Club Holds Meet for Members—What a Uniform Will Do

WHEN it isn't one thing it's another; one night you go to hear pleadings for smokes and comfort bags for the soldiers and another to the Y. M. C. A. meeting to hear William Howard Taft tell how much good work has been done at the Y. M. C. A. shacks, as he did last night at the Bellevue, together with Major General Kennedy, U. S. A.; Rear Admiral Tappan, J. S. N., and Private Rufus Reynolds, of the Forty-eighth Battalion Canadian Infantry, who was wounded in the battle of the Ypres, My! but wasn't it interesting?

THE meeting opened with the Canadian Scotties band; they marched around the ballroom playing the usual Scotch air one always hears played on bagpipes, and then mounted the stage and played "Tanke Doodle."

Mr. Stotesbury greeted the people, and let me tell you, that ballroom was jammed, and then the whole bunch stood up and sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and they sang it to the good old tune they have been singing it to for many a year! Rear Admiral Tappan, commandant of the Navy Yard, spoke first, and was followed by Major General Kennedy, of Camp Dix. Then came Private Reynolds, who rested his cut-off leg on a table and, standing on the other leg, talked for some twenty minutes of what the boys built back of the trenches meant to the unwounded man. He told of how he had received his wound. How he had had his leg shattered and had lain on the field for fourteen hours before they could pick him up. They took him to the first hospital, where the doctors said they could do nothing; then he was put with two other wounded men in one ambulance and taken to another hospital, where his leg was cut off. He was transferred an hour later to one of the big hospitals, where 2500 men were being treated. He had not been in bed more than three hours when the German airplanes arrived, and though the hospital was plainly marked with a huge red cross, the bombs fell thick and fast, and many were wounded.

After that talk there was a collection taken up by a number of young girls in white, who were led by the able by the "ditties." And then former President Taft was introduced. He simply took that audience into his hands and held them for the rest of the evening. It was the fourth speech he had made yesterday, but it certainly was a great one. He was so strongly American through everything! He said, "We are not Democrats or Republicans these days; we are Americans." He stated that the Kings of England and Italy did not interfere with the democracy of their countries; they were simply matters of "fuss and feathers." Then he giggled delightfully and said, "Why, the Kings of England and Italy have no power to say about the government of the people than an ex-President of the United States." Needless to say that brought the house down.

His explanation of the train of thought of the German mind was splendidly clear. He said the "Germans are a logical people, the only trouble is that some of their premises get mixed up with facts now and again, and it's so good the worse for the facts." And a lady sitting next to me whispered to another, "What does he mean by premises?" (Perhaps she thought there might be some trespassing on premises which would be against the law.)

To show that if things did not happen the way the German thought they should, they just simply weren't. Mr. Taft told the story of the German who had met a man in New York and then some few weeks later in California. It was in the days of gold-digging and the German only knew of four ways to get to California. He greeted his friend and said, "Ah, you come the 'prairie,' over?" "No," replied the Yankee. "I see you come the Straits of Magellan, through?" "Oh! no!" said the New Yorker. "So? You come the Isthmus, across?" "No, I did not," replied Mr. American. "Ach, sure you come the horn, around?" "No," said our friend. "Ach," said Mr. German, "then you have not arrived."

SO MANY of the Pickering members are away at camp training or "over there," that the club decided not to hold its annual breakfast and meet, but it is giving some sort of a shindig this afternoon and every member who can will be there. In fact, they are to have a drop lunch and luncheon. The beautiful little clubhouse, hidden away in the Pickering Valley and surrounded by some of the most beautiful rolling country in the State, has certainly given fine men to the service. Andy Porter is a captain in the cavalry, you know, and Flo Rivinus, another member, is now at an officers' camp. Buck Morris, who married pretty Julia Lewis, is an artillery captain now stationed at Camp Meade, and Hunter Lucas is another captain.

BOX parties galore will dot the Academy of Music on the night of November 28, when "Aida" will be presented by the Philadelphia Operatic Society. The production will inaugurate the eleventh season of the society and is expected to prove the best of the forty-one performances given by the young members. Many of the boxholders have completed their groups, with provisions for dinner and supper parties before and after the production. Among them are Miss Constantine Beale, Mrs. J. F. Bioren, Mr. Charles F. Bower, Mr. John F. Braun, Mr. Samuel Castner, Jr., Mrs. Alex. Brinton Cox, Mrs. Henry Dillard, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Drayton, Mrs. Logan Auland, Mrs. Robert Emmott Hare, Mrs. Estlin S. Heckscher, Mrs. Maurice Heckscher, Miss Nina Lea, Mrs. Wassili Lepp, Mr. John Luther Long, Mr. E. Clarence Miller, Mrs. William York Stevenson, Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, Mrs. Sydney Thayer, Miss Fanny M. Wain, Mrs. Charles Wood, Mrs. Stewart Wurts and Mrs. Harold Yarnall.

were made for the large jumble sale to be given by them at the Penfield Building week after next, that a donation had been made of a second-hand automobile, which would be sold at the regulation rummage sale prices.

Gwen Martin, who is in charge of the committee collecting the "stock," presented a most encouraging report, having received many valuable donations of every conceivable kind of merchandise. The meeting was presided over by Katharine Chambers, who is acting as chairman in the absence of Mrs. John Welsh Drayton, who, you remember, was married rather unexpectedly last week. She was Charlotte Rush, you know, and is chairman of the sale.

A number of this season's debutantes who have recently been admitted as members were presented at the meeting. These young girls will have entire charge of the restaurant, which will be one of the interesting features of the jumble sale. Under the direction of Cecily Barnes, these aides will include Margaretta Jeanes, Mary Newbold, Rachel Price, Malsie Rush, Susie Stewart, Peggy Thayer, Patty Baker, Alice Biddle, Alix Dolan, Marys Clark, Phoebe Downie, Mary Glendinning, Helen Hart and Ruth Hubart.

The toy booth, which is under the direction of Mrs. William J. Clothier, Jr., will also be of unusual interest. Mrs. Clothier has suggested that the general overhauling of the nursery which annually takes place before Christmas be done now and the discarded toys sent to the jumble sale, where for a small sum they can give pleasure to the less fortunate children. Mrs. Clothier will be assisted by Elizabeth Cheston and Mrs. Flo Rivinus.

Flowers will be sold by Emily Fox and books by Nancy Reath. The millinery department will be under the direction of Gertrude S. Heckscher, while men's clothes will be sold by Mrs. Joseph Thayer. Mrs. G. Eustis Payne has charge of the women's clothes.

Rummage will be called for upon notification to Miss E. Gwen Martin or may be sent to 1712 Sansom street.

WELL, it does seem as if the more uniforms we see the more thrilled we become. You can say what you like about brass buttons being worn by Pullman porters, beauty being only skin deep and all that sort of thing, but what would some not go through to acquire both?

Do you suppose for one moment if she hadn't been pretty and attractive he would have offered her his seat so that she could sit next to her friend (Oh, I don't know, but that friend was some good-looking, too, don't forget that; any way she certainly CAN giggle at lunch at the automaton?)

And if he hadn't been arrayed in a stunning khaki uniform with leather puttees and all do you think she would have blushing accepted (Friend blushing, too) and in her flurry and excitement dropped three perfectly good nickels, which rolled in every direction, making a frightful clatter on the tiled floor?

Then again—here comes the test—can you imagine him in his new dignity ducking down under the table and scrambling around under everybody's feet to emerge at last—very red of face, but triumphantly clutching two of the lost coins? (Good night, what happened to the third?)

Then, of course, she had to request him shyly to pass her the car neckpiece which was draped over the back of her recently vacated chair at the time that he was endeavoring to slide her macaroni and tea over to her without spilling anything. The result was the same as it's been since the days of Adam when you try to please two people or do two things at once!

Well, after all the apologies were over and a maid in a blue "Hoover" apron had mopped up the accident, our soldier sat down to his now thoroughly chilled lunch—(don't tell me all the trials of a soldier's life are "over there" in the trenches)—to ponder over what a boob she must think him, when he realized for the first time that something was under him. Up he rose and drew forth a brand-new copy of "Good Housekeeping" and oh, hard, cruel fate! There it was—now that he had time to notice details—encircling her interesting finger, and she was smiling at him again with those dimples.

Well, he seemed to think he knew what he was talking about when he said to himself, "Life is one thing after another!" But just then he looked up again and "Friend" was smiling, too, and, gasp! there wasn't any circle on the third finger of her left hand. So, my dears, await developments.

NANCY WYNNE



MISS ISABEL BUTLER Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler, of 6224 Washington avenue, whose engagement to Lieutenant Frederick R. Clark has been announced.

MORE WORKERS FOR RED CROSS

Service House in Chestnut Hill Needs More Women to Join Classes

Mrs. Edward Walter Clark, who is chairman of the Chestnut Hill Branch of the National League for Woman's Service, has made another plea for still more workers in the classes that are held at the service house. She is particularly anxious that every woman in Chestnut Hill who feels it her duty and pleasure to work for the cause be made to feel herself an important factor, and that she and all her friends shall find a welcome. If necessary, a larger service house will be rented, for, as Mrs. Clark says, "the work must be done and done right."

Mrs. William W. Farr has closed her house at Lincoln drive and Sprinkled avenue, Chestnut Hill, and has gone with her family to Georgia, to be near Doctor Farr, who is stationed at Camp Hancock. Dr. Robert H. Bolling, of Chestnut Hill, has received a commission as captain in the medical corps.

The house that Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Farr are building on Bell's Mill road is nearing completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Shepard, of Chestnut Hill, are visiting Mrs. Shepard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Meade, in New York. Friends of Mrs. S. P. Chaplin, who was injured on Halloween, will be glad to hear that her condition is improving.

DELFT SHOP FAIR IN WYNCOTE

Parish House to Hold Novel Bazaar Lasting From Noon Till Dusk

A Delft Shop Fair will be held at All Hallows Parish, Wyncote, by the Woman's Auxiliary on Wednesday from 12 to 6 p. m. For Christmas giving there will be hundreds of novel things at economy prices, made by skilled hands. There will be a novelty table of bags and baskets, a household table, a fancy work table, a table of babies' supplies and Christmas cards. Many gold things will be found at the pure food counter. Luncheon from 12 to 2 p. m. and afternoon tea from 2 to 6 p. m.

A Red Cross class is to be started in Abington in a room over the firehouse, on Friday afternoon from 1 to 5. Mrs. J. S. Lawrence is to take charge of the class.

Mrs. Seton Heather Rich, of Wyncote, is staying at the Chelsea, Atlantic City.

Miss Ellen Herkness, of Meadowbrook, is visiting Captain and Mrs. Hardy at West Point.

The Wyncote Branch of the Needlework Guild met at the residence of Mrs. Charles N. Selser, of Jenkintown, on Wednesday.

TRUE TO FORM



MISS HELEN HALSBACH Of St. David's, whose engagement to Mr. Chester C. MacArthur has been announced.



MISS ANNE ELIZABETH HARRISON Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose I. Harrison, of 4626 Walnut street, whose engagement to Mr. Charles Roger Lucy has been announced.

TEA FOR NEEDLEWORK GUILD

Roxborough Branch to Meet on Wednesday Afternoon—Attractive Program Arranged—Red Cross Auxiliary Celebrates Birthday

THE annual tea of the Roxborough Branch of the Needlework Guild of America will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, on Green lane, when there will be an exhibition of the many new, warm, comfortable garments that the women of the community, as directors of the branch, have gathered for the needy. An attractive program has been arranged, with Mrs. Truman Handy Newberry, of Detroit, the national president of the guild, as the principal speaker. Miss Addison of the Municipal Court, will make a short address and the vocal soloists will be Miss Mae Farley, soprano, and Mr. Wilford Cornman, baritone. Mrs. Oliver S. Keely, president of the local branch, will preside. Mrs. William Stafford and Mrs. L. H. Goodnow are the vice presidents, Mrs. R. H. Hays is treasurer and Mrs. John Lawson secretary. The receiving committee is composed of Mrs. Charles Gauger, Mrs. J. J. Foulkrod, Frederick Scherzberger, Mrs. Edward H. Preston, Mrs. S. S. Foulkrod, Mrs. Emilia D. Bostwick, Mrs. R. M. Yahn and Mrs. G. R. Davis.

Mrs. Frank Lackey, chairman of the tea committee, will be assisted by Mrs. Nathan I. Jones, Mrs. C. A. Baldi, Mrs. Charles C. Cox and Mrs. John Borneman. The sixty-five directors aim to meet every need that is brought before them. About 4500 new garments have been collected for distribution. This is 300 more than last year, as the demand is greater than ever before, owing to the increased cost of household expenses.

The Mizpah Red Cross Auxiliary, of Wissahickon, which meets every Thursday from 2 to 10 p. m. in the Wissahickon Baptist Church, celebrated its birthday on Thursday. The auxiliary was organized in 1914 and has done wonderful work in that much-needed department of surgical dressings. A knitting section is being formed under the direction of Mrs. Frank Kenworthy. The meetings will be held at the home of the members on Monday of each week.

Mrs. Thomas Boylan, of 1812 Green street, entertained the Roxborough Current Events Club last evening at her home. The Russian and Italian situations were discussed as well as local affairs. Miss Ethel Lush, Miss Edith E. Fox, Miss T. M. Hannabire, Mrs. Charles Frederick Miller, Miss Jessie Morris, Mrs. William E. Shappell and Miss Henrietta E. Sheldrake were the participants. Mrs. Boylan was Miss Jessie Hawley, daughter of Mr. Harry Hawley, of Roxborough, before her wedding last July.

Roxborough residents who were looking forward to the addition of Mrs. Harry S. Punk to their musical circle this winter will be sorry to hear of her departure for Denver. Mrs. Punk has gone to Siberia, with the engineer corps. Mrs. Punk, who was Miss Caroline Mitchell, daughter of Mr. B. Arthur Mitchell, of 580 Jamestown avenue, spent several years in Denver, where she was the soloist in an Episcopal church, and was well known to all music lovers in Colorado and that section of the West. She was married to Mr. Punk last June and intended to make her home in Roxborough, but the call to service interfered.

The family of Mr. Fletcher Preston left during the week to join him in India, where his business necessitates a permanent residence. Mrs. Preston is a member of Newark, N. J., and is a member of the Roxborough branch of the Red Cross Auxiliary.



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LARGE FAIR TO BE GIVEN NEXT WEEK

Bazaar Will Be Held for Benefit of Presbyterian Home for Aged

Of course, everybody has heard rumors of the large bazaar that is to be held in the Clover Room of the Bellevue-Stratford for the benefit of the Presbyterian Home for Aged Couples at Bala. It does seem as if some of our own worthy organizations at home are being rather neglected since our interests have been so largely centered on relief work for our soldiers "over there," but surely we all welcome an opportunity to help support our own charities at home.

This fair will be given on Friday, November 23, and Saturday, November 24, from 10 a. m. till 10 p. m., and many kinds of useful and fancy articles will be sold. There will be several booths, which will be under the care of members of the first auxiliary, of which Mrs. Joseph Jackson is president. Mrs. Jackson will have charge of a table containing articles selling from one to two dollars.

Tea and sandwiches will be served under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Thornton, who will have several young girls to act as aides. There will be one table with sweaters and comfort bags for the soldiers, and knitting bags and baskets of all kinds will be on sale in a booth under the care of Mrs. Howard Ketchum and Mrs. Moffy. Mrs. E. V. Chamberland will be at the head of the flower booth, and Mrs. Lewis Lee will have charge of the toys.

BUSY DAYS AT HOLY APOSTLES

Red Cross Auxiliary Gives More Than Its Share of Christmas Boxes

Red Cross Auxiliary No. 45, of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Twenty-first and Christian streets, is one of the busiest branches in the city at the present time. Holy Apostles was apportioned fifty boxes as its share toward Christmas boxes for the men of the church who have gone into the service. Each box will contain a sweater, helmet, scarf, wristlets and other necessary articles to make men happy and comfortable. All these knitted articles are being made by members of the auxiliary of the church, and the wool was purchased with a special wool fund contributed by members of the church.



MRS. CHARLES A. HARGENS, who will be remembered as Miss Marjorie.

WEDDING TODAY ON THE MAIN LINE

Miss Jean Thompson to Be Bride of Captain Edmund Thayer, U. S. R.

A quiet home wedding took place in Haverford at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Cedars, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson, when their daughter, Miss Jean Newbold Thompson, was married to Captain Edmund Thayer, U. S. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thayer, of Chestnut Hill. Miss Thompson was attended by Miss Virginia Roberts as maid of honor, and little Miss Eleanor Houston acted as flower girl. The bridesman was Miss Sarah C. Nelson, Miss Mary Dixon Thayer, Miss Margaret Berwind and Miss Charlotte Harding Brown.

The ceremony was performed by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Henry T. Drummond, rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. The gentlemen who acted as usher included Lieutenant Fitz-Eugene Dixon Newbold, Lieutenant Charles Cheston, Lieutenant Joseph E. Bunker, Captain Benjamin Thompson, a brother of the bride; Mr. William Boulton Dixon, Mr. Charles Davis and Captain Russell Thayer, Jr., Mr. Fitz-Eugene Dixon, Thayer's brother-in-law, and D. Thayer, brothers of the bridegroom. Sergeant J. Trevelyan Thayer, another brother, acted as best man.

Owing to the war the wedding was extremely quiet, the guests being members of the families only and a few intimate friends.

PEACOCK—TILGE

The wedding of Miss Louise Tilge, daughter of Mrs. George A. Tilge, of 226 West Chester avenue, Germantown, and Mr. Samuel M. Peacock took place today at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Beatty Jennings, D. D., rector of the Episcopal Church, St. Mark's, Germantown, and the Rev. Charles Erdman, D. D., of Princeton. Miss Tilge was attended by Miss Dorothy Burke, of Plainfield, N. J., and Mr. Edward W. Moore was best man.

LINTON—SMITH

There was a very pretty wedding at noon today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, of 1316 Wingohocking street, when their daughter, Miss Olga Smith, became the bride of Mr. Benjamin Linton, son of Mrs. Mary E. Linton, of 2504 North Fifth street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Samuel McWilliams, pastor of the Twoga Method Episcopal Church, Germantown. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a robe of white georgette crepe embroidered with silver and trimmed with silver lace, draped over soft white tulle. Her hat was also white and carried white roses and orchids. Miss Fay Smith, the bridesmaid, was her sister's only attendant. Her gown of pink crepe tulle was trimmed with similar white lace. She carried white roses and orchids. Her sister carried deep pink roses.

Mr. William Linton was his brother's best man. The ceremony was followed by breakfast at the home of the bride, who will spend some time traveling through the South and will be at home after January 1 at 1620 Mentor street.

CROOKSHANKS—GARDNER

Miss Jola D. Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gardner, of 115 North Sixty-third street, was married last evening by the Rev. William H. Burrell, Sergeant U. S. A., now at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Crookshanks are spending a short honeymoon among friends at a New Jersey resort. Sergeant Crookshanks reports to his regiment.

ELY—RATHWELL

The marriage of Miss Mary Louise Rathwell, of Wyncote, to Dr. William Rathwell Ely, of this city, took place at noon last Wednesday. The Rev. Alfred T. Roggs officiated. Doctor Ely was resident in chief of the Presbyterian Hospital and is awaiting orders for war service.

Announces Engagement

Mrs. William C. Allison, of Rosemont, Pa., and Bar Harbor, Me., has announced her engagement to Mr. Charles Stockton Thorne, of New York. Mrs. Allison (nee Condon) was the second wife and in the widow of Mr. William C. Allison, of this city, who died January 9, 1911. He will be remembered as the grandson of the founder of the Allison Car Works and as the commodore of the Bar Harbor Yacht Club. Through his mother's family, Estle, he was one of the two members from Pennsylvania of the Washington Society of Morrisstown, N. J., in which their son, Mr. William Thorne, succeeded his father, Mrs. Allison's eldest son, Mr. Ronald Allison, has recently been accepted in the British Royal Flying Corps for service abroad as an aviator. Mr. Allison was a member of the Stockton family, which was a descendant from General John Barbour, of Chester, England, and settled before 1824 in Flushing, N. Y. He was commissioned a lieutenant in horse of Flushing on April 22, 1865, and afterward moved to New Jersey, where his son, Mr. Charles Thorne, the several branches of the Stockton family. Mr. Thorne was born in the suburbs of this city on July 2, 1867, was married to Miss Katharine Parker in 1895 and divorced in 1915. He is vice president of the Pocahontas Fuel Company, one of the principal suppliers of fuel coal to the American navy and to Panama, and the largest American exporter of coal to the Mediterranean and to Italy for the cause of the Allies. Mr. Thorne is active and well-known in coal and marine shipping circles of New York, Philadelphia and in Virginia. He is a member of the New York Yacht Club, the Automobile Club of America, and the Regatta Club in New York; of the Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Ardley Country Club and of the Knollwood Golf Club in Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the Shenandoah Club of Virginia and of the Union League Club of this city.

Social Activities

The regular meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will be held at the Bellevue-Stratford on Monday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shaw, of Overbrook, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lucy Shaw, and Dr. Raymond A. Tomassens, of Cincinnati, O. Doctor Tomassens has already seen service abroad, having spent last winter in France with a base hospital unit, returning to the country last April to enlist in the medical corps of the United States army, where he is a first lieutenant attached to a field hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Florence Grossman, of 1913 E. Dauphin street, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greenberg in Scranton, Pa.