JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Talks of Mrs. Wurts's Dancing Class-Many Dinners to Precede the Christmas Meeting-The Little Bird Hears Something

the meeting of Mrs. Charles Stewart Wurts's dancing class, which will take place in the Bellevue-Stratford, and all the school set is muchly excited.

There is nothing big these days for the grown-ups, but the gayer married set is having a perfectly good time all to itself, however, at numerous small parties. The Ned Crozers will have a dinner tonight, to which they have bidden the Eddie Dales, the Harry Disstons, the Jay Lippincotts Polly Dixon, Frances Drayton, the Edgar Churches, Claudia Etting and the James Neilds, of Wilmington. Quite a Cape May party, for most of them were there last summer or visited the Crozers or Evans Roberts at that resort. Mrs. Evans Roberts has been ill, so she cannot join in the Christmas festivities; but she is recovering, they tell me. I saw Dorr Newton at the Charity Ball, dancing away to beat the band. Inez was there, too, so the reports that her mother is better are true.

WELL, as the Wurts class is the biggest thing tonight, let's talk about that. There are to be any number of dinners before the party and Stewart Wurts, Jr., and Russell Levis are to lead the cotilion. The Bob Strawbridges will entertain for Anita, who, by the way, is just as good-looking as her mother and aunts, and they are splendid, you will admit. This dinner will be at the Bellevue, so the guests won't have far to go to get to the dance afterward, will they? Then Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Neilson will entertain for Virginia and Louise Norris, the daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Norris, and for Mrs. Neilson's niece, Elizabeth MacLeod. She is the daughter of Mrs. William Atterbury, you know, who was formerly Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod and before that Arminia Rosengarten. She is the younger sister of Mrs. Neilson. Elizabeth is very pretty and has a most attractive manner.

THEN Marianne Harris, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Harris, will have a dinner at her parents' home, Ivy Cottage, in Germantown, and Eleanor Purviance, daughter of Mrs. Pere Wilmer, will be guest of honor at a dinner given by her aunt, Mrs. William Gray Warden, out in Germantown. Eleanor is a first cousin of "Ag" and Elizabeth, otherwise known as Billie" Brockie, you know. They are Mrs. Warden's daughters. Billie would have come out this year had there been any

The Stacy Lloyds will give a party for their daughter, Ellen Lloyd, and the Rev. George Carter and Mrs. Carter will entertain for their daughter, Mary, and the Joshua Ash Pearsons have planned a dinner for Bessie. Certainly there will be plenty of good times going, don't you

WERE you not sorry to hear of the death of Edward Ingersoll? He died on Saturday at his home in Penllyn. Edward was a cousin of Harry Ingersoll, who was killed in the St. Mihlel sector in September. His father was the late Warren Ingersoll; a brother, Mr. Charles Edward Ingersoil, and his mother was Miss Josephine Bond, a sister of Frank Bond and the very immensely attractive Mrs. Thomas Potter, who was formerly Mrs. Henry Reed or Bessie Bond. Edward Ingersoll, who was connected with the ground aviation. was commissioned a captain and had been He contracted influenza, pneumonia set in and he died after a short week's illness. When he was taken ill he came home, and his wife, who was Emily Vaux, was with him at the end.

Captain Ingersoll was not yet thirty-five. I do feel so sorry for his young wife and babies. They were a most devoted couple. Captain Ingersoll's cousin, Henry Reed, who married Elizabeth Leed, is a captain in the army, and another cousin, Francis Bond Reed, is in the navy.

T SHOULD think the women who collected for and ran the Red Cross drive would be more than ready for a needed vacation. I stopped in at Independence Square Red Cross Auxiliary, which you know was headquarters for the central division of the drive, and Mrs. Francis Dercum was there counting dollar bills, and how many do you think she has counted since the drive started? Twenty-one thousand! Not hundreds, mind you; but thousands! Talk about working hours, why, Mrs. Dercum and Mrs. Fred English were at that auxiliary from morning until night every day for those busy two weeks, even including Christmas Eve. It's simply wonderful the way the work has grown in the various auxiliaries, and this Christmas drive was marvelous. The work was all divided, and the women in charge certainly lived up to their calling. Some of the workers were Mrs. Edward A. Schmidt, Mrs. Gwilliam, Mrs. Harry Blynn (didn't her son Brice dance like a dream at the Charity on Thursday?), Mrs. Theron Crane, Mrs. Harrold Gillingham, Mrs. Edward Thomas, Mrs. Blynn's sister, Mrs. W. S. Belding (do you remember the dog she gave to the Red Cross last year?), Mrs. Ashton Little, Mrs. Eugene Dorey, Mrs. Robert Emott Hare, Mrs. Whitwell Coxe, Mrs. Mary McLean; in fact, I could not begin to mention them all, to say nothing of the E. A. A.'s and the National Leaguers and Boy Scouts, who worked wonderfully at all the divisions and subdivisions throughout the city.

THEY'VE got the funniest little oldfashioned Red Cross button at the Independence Square Auxiliary. It was given twenty-five years ago to a Miss Louise Claghorn, who died recently, and who thought so much of the tiny button she took care to leave it in her will to a relative. I think that is very interesting. It shows how much the Red Cross was valued a quarter of a century ago.

DID I tell you about something in the way of news that's coming out soon? My dears, you will surely be excited. It's an engagement, of course, and it has to do with a "Bean-eating" girl and a "Brotherly-loving" man; in other words, the girl's from Boston and the man's from here, and he says it's not so, or anyhow it's mpt to come out for a year or more, because, you see, she's only seventeen! But

THE principal excitement today will be | he is twenty-three and he's been crazy about her ever since he met her at the age of fourteen, when he spent the Christmas holidays with her brother when they were Harvard men. Maybe they won't wait until next year; but whenever it comes out you remember Nancy was on, for the wee bird told her, and that's no merry jest. It's very, very nice. Fine family, enough cash and fine traditions all the way NANCY WYNNE.

Social Activities

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Butcher, Jr., on Lianfair and Wister roads, Ardmore, will give a dinner this evening before the meeting of Mrs. Wurta's dancing class, in henor of their daughter, Miss Margaret B. Butcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Colket Wilson and Miss Wil. son, of Paoli, will receive informally on New Year's afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock.

Mr. Charles Young Fox will be best man at the marriage of his son, Mr. Hoistein De-Haven Fox, and Miss Elise Lewis Klapp, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur Paddock Klapp, of 1716 Spruce street, which will take place on January 15. The ushers will be Lieutenant Harry R. Nellson, Lieutenant Henry A. Adams, Eneign W. John Caner, Mr. Frederick Schaeffer, Cadet Edward M. K. Klapp, brother of the bride, and Mr. Edwin G. Fox, brother of the bridegroom. Miss Emma Genette Faries, who will be one of the bridesmaids, will entertain the brides party at a theatre party this evening, followed by supper at the Bellevue-Stratford. Miss Gladys K. Williams will be the maid of honor, and the other bridesmaids will be Miss Betty Elliot, Miss Constance Vauclain and Mrs. Joseph R. Rollins. Miss Dorothy Fox, sister of the bridegroom, will be the

Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Hesser, Jr., of Mount Airy, announce the birth of a son, Paul M. Hesser, Id, on Saturday, Mrs. Heser will be remembered as Mis May Alburger.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Michael M. Riter announce the birth of a son. Mrs. Riter will be remembered as Miss Helen Buehler, Lieu-tenant Riter is in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Boothroyd, 3750 Carlisle street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen Frances Booth-royd, to Mr. Russell M. Buckley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton J. Buckley, of 29 Carpenter lane, Germantown.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles P. Pike announce the engagement of their two daughters. Miss Mary Agnes Pike, to Mr. William F. Hart, of Plainfield, N. J., and Miss M. Beatrice Pike to Mr. George D. Stull, formerly of Pittsburgh Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Clark, 245 Farragut

street, West Philadelphia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Eleanore Miriano Clark, to Mr. Louis S. Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson, of

Lieutenant Joseph D. Seiberling has re urned from Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, to his home, 1807 Arch street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jermon announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Rebecca Morrow Jermon, to Mr. Howard Earl Kirk, on Thursday, December 26, in Germantown. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk will live at 516 Mayland

At a luncheon given by Miss Agnes Kramer on Friday, the engagement of Miss Mary Mitchell, of Roxborough, and Mr. Sydney J. Needs, who is stationed at the naval air station at Penracola, Fla. was announced. The guests were Miss Marian Reel, Miss Dorothy Lomas, Miss Emma Ruckhardt, Miss Helen Nieland, Miss Esther Morrison, Miss Mary Palmer, Miss Anna Meehan, Miss Elizabeth McAllister, Miss Helen McKain and Miss Florence Osborn. Miss Florence Osborn.

The Phi Delta Pai Sorority gave a Christmas dance on Friday evening at the musian Club, 3944 Walnut street. The musian Club, 3944 Walnut street. The committee in charge included Miss Bara Miltenberger, Miss Helen Chatham, Miss Beatrice Deitrich and Miss Marian Mathews. The "venders" were Miss Elea Gross, Miss Mildred Conrey, Miss Jenebelle Harkins, Miss Catharine Becker, Miss Mildred Pidgeon, Miss Myrtle Rice and Miss Florence Gledhill. A Russian balyst was given by Miss Edna Wroe. A Lucky-number dance was also a feature.

The Alpha Chapter of the Scrority will give a theatre party, followed by tea, at the Bellevue-Stratford on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. J. Mortimer Trowgett, U. S. N., who has been stationed for the last six months at San Diego, Cal., is visiting his parents on a furlough. Mr. Trowgett is awaiting his commission, having successfully passed the

Mrs. Frank R. Whiteside, of 769 Corinthian avenue, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Florence Virginia Whiteide, to Mr. Gilbert D. Thomas, of Wissa-

NEW YEAR'S SUFFRAGE DANCE Party Leaders Here Also Plan Ball for Late January Date

The Woman Suffrage party of Philadelphia will hold a dance New Year's Eve in the Roosevelt Hotel. Special musical features and novelties are planned for the occasion and dancing will be until after the new year is ushered in, instead of closing early as is the general rule of this organiza-

A ball is planned for later in the month, and will be held by the same committee in the Rittenhouse Hotel for the furtherance of suffrage and of reconstruction work. of surrage and of reconstruction work. The Christmas party for men in service was one of the most successful yet conducted by the suffragists. There were 400 soldiers and sallors present, and 1000 gifts were dis-tributed.

tributed.

The committee on the dances consists of Mrs. Joseph M. Gassam, chairman; Mrs. George A. Dunning, Mrs. E. A. Burns, Mrs. Harry Kohn, Mrs. Iredell Eachus, Miss Anne Harris Snyder, Mrs. N. A. Stockton, Miss Margaret Roberts, Miss Mary E. Shetky, Miss Alice Claffin, Mrs. Avelyn Foster, Mrs. Charles Rheinhardt, Miss McFarland, Mrs. Spooner and Mrs. John McCausland.

POLICEMEN TO HAVE TREE Children of Twenty-seventh Ward Will Be Their Guests

Four hundred children of the Twenty-seventh Ward will have the opportunity of discovering tonight, if they didn't know before, that a policeman is a "regular feller" at a Christmas entertainment. Lieutenant George Boston, of the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue station, has invited them. Policemen and their families will act as hosts: A policeman dressed as Santa-Claus will be at the door to receive the guests. The affair will take place at the West Philadelphia Club.

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A jazz band will play, a Christmas tree will electrically filuminate happiness and Miss Marie Boston will sing. Its cream and cake will be served, with a bag of fruit and canly for each guest. Mrs. George Buston, Misses Emma Owans, Halen Webb, Minnie Koncha, Ida Nittings and Joseph Mc-Reskey will also help entertain the giung-

BRITISH CONSUL HERE WILL BE CLUB'S GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Porter to Attend New Century New Year Reception

T. C. Porter, British consul general here, and Mrs. Porter will be guests of honor at the New Century Club's New Year reception, Mrs. H. S. Prentiss Nichols, president, will be assisted in receiving by the executive board and chairmen of committees.

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The club's calendar for January includes many hours of lectures and studies of reconstruction and peace-time work. Following the meeting on January 8, Mrs. Martha P. Falconer, who was called by the Government into special service in reference to social conditions in the vicinity of camps, will tell of her experiences. her experiences.

her experiences.

At 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, January 9, there will be a symposium on art. Influence of the war on art, and the placing of works of art in the local community, will be discussed by Miss Emily Sartain, J. M. Hamilton, Harrison S. Morris and John O. McIlhenny. Miss Laura Bell, chairman of literature and art, will preside.

Professor Susan Myra Kingsbury, of Bryn Mawr, will speak on "Training in Industrial Supervision, a New Phase of College Education for Women," at a 1 o'clock luncheon January 11. At the same meeting Dr. R. Tait McKenzie will discuss "Education Therapy," and Dr. George Woodward will speak on "The Legislature and the Public Schools." Mrs. William E. Lingelbach, chairman of education, will preside.

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The open patriotic meeting for January will be in charge of the legislative committee, Mrs. Frank Miles Day, acting chairman. The program January 15 will deal with the proposed prohibition amendment to the State Constitution. Mrs. Henry W. Penbody, of Boston, will speak on "What Massachusetts Wonien Did for Prohibition." John W. Vickerman, member of the State Legislature from Alleghery County, will discuss the ratirom Allegheny County, will discuss the ratification of the Federal prohibition amendment.

The hospitality committee, Mrs. Henry D. Jump, chairman, is arranging for the club supper January 22. The program will be given by the literature and art committee.

Mombers of the New Century Club and their friends are sewing each Friday afternoon at the club house in order to answer an urgent the club house in order to answer an urgent call for pneumonia jackets and infants' cloth-ing. Many of these articles go abroad.

COL. LIT TO DINE TEAM HEADS

Mercantile Hall Banquet Will Start Jewish Charities Drive Tonight

Preparatory to the campaign of the Federa-tion of Jewish Charities of Philadelphia, Col-onel Samuel D. Lit, head of the drive, will onel Samuel D. Lit, head of the drive, will entertain seventy team captains of the mon's division and the members of the advisory board of the campaign at dinner tonight in Mercantile Hall. Broad street above Master. The dinner will be at 6:30 o'clock.

At this gathering of workers, plans for the great campaign to raise \$750,000 for all worthy Jewish charitable and philanthropic associations and societies will be discussed. The drive will open on January 8 and will

The drive will open on January 6, and will continue for ten days.

Deaths of a Day

Annie T. Lang

Annie Traquair Lang, thirty-three years d, of Philadelphia, well known in art circles as a portrait painter, died in New York from

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Traquair Lang, of 2221 Hunting Park avenue,

Miss Lang was under orders to sail for France to engage in Y. M. C. A. canteen work at the front when she was taken ill.

Her early talent for painting was developed by Philadelphia schools. She attended the Public Industrial Art School, where she was the pupil of the late J. Liberty Tadd. A small bust of Admirsh Daway which who

small bust of Admiral Dewey, which she modeled at the age of thirteen, was con-sidered of sufficient merit to be cast by Al-Her first picture sold was purchased by John Wanamaker for his private collection. In November, 1906, she began her studies at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts under William M. Chase, Cecilia Beaux and

Thomas Anschutz. In 1908 she was awarded her first European scholarship, and from that year to 1913 she traveled abroad, studying under Mr. Chase in Bruges and painting a famous portrait of this artist at Fiorence. Mr. Chase returned the

artist at Florence. Mr. Chase returned the compliment by painting a portrait of Miss Lang, which is now in the permanent collection of the Metropolitan Museum.

Miss Lang exhibited at the International Exposition in Rome in 1911, at the Anglo-American Exposition in London in 1914, and at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in the same year. She is represented in the Minneapolis and Indianapolis museums and Indianapolis museums.

Mrs. Margaret Harrison

Mrs. Margaret Byrd Harrison, sister of S Davis Page, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harrison Taylor, \$008 Lincoln drive. Chestnut Hill. She was the wife of Henry H. Harrison, of

She was the wife of Henry H. Harrison, of Virginia. Mrs. Harrison was connected with the Page. Byrd. Nelson and other prominent families of Virginia. Her father, Dr. William Byrd Page, came from Clarke County, Va., to Philadelphia in 1837 to study medicine. He made this city his home, won fame in his profession, especially as a gynecologist, and died here in 1877. Her mother, who died in 1887, before her marriage to Doctor Page, was Miss Celestine Anna Davis, daughter of Samuel Davis, formerly of Louislana. Her brother, S. Davis Page, who lives at 281 South Fourth street, was graduated from Yale in 1859 before he was nineteen years old, and trained the first Yale crew that ever won a victory over Harvard. He is a

won a victory over Harvard. He is a prominent tawyer, and some years ago was active in Democratic politics, Governor Pat-tison appointed Mr. Page City Controller in 1883, and President Cleveland in his first administration named him Assistant United States Treasurer at Philadelphia. Before he filled these places Mr. Page established a fine record as Common Councilman from the Fifth Ward,

Henry C. Gara

Henry Clark Gara, of Narberth, Philadei-phia business man and prominent member of the Presbyterian church, died Saturday in his home. Mr. Gara was president of the Gara-Mo-

Mr. Gara was president of the Gara-Mc-Ginley Company, metal cornice and roofing, 1708 Ludlow street, with which he had been connected for many years. He was born in Strasburg, Lancaster County, in 1858, and came to this city as a young man entering the employ of Austin, Obdyke & Co., as a clerk. He married Lily A. Austin, a daughter of a member of the firm, and after the death of a member of the firm, and after the death of William L. Austin, the firm became Gara-McGinley, his partner being the husband of another daughter of Mr. Austin.

Mr. Gara was many years superintendent of the Princeton Presbyterian Church Sunday School and an active member of the church. He also was several years president of the Philadelphia. County Presbyterian Sunday School Superintedents' Association and of the Philadelphia Young Men's Christian Associa-tion. Since living in Narberth, he has been active in church and civic work there. Mr. Gara's death was due to pneumonia.

and came after an illness of less than a week. He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Helen, Mary and Edith. Services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the home.

William A. Irving

William A. Irving, president of the James Irving & Son Company, woolen manufactur-ers, of Chester. Pa., died suddenly from acute indigestion on a train from Atlantic City to Philadelphia last night. He was

City to Philadelphia last hight. He was sixty-two years old.

Mr. Irving graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1858. He was a member of the Union League, the Spring Haven Country Club and the Penn Club, of Chester. He had been in moderate health and had spent the West-and at the above.

A POPULAR YOUNG MATRON



Of 278 South Twenty-third street. Mrs. Yarrow has returned from a visit to New York, where she was entertained by various members of the French mission

SELF-SACRIFICE MARKED NAVY AUXILIARY'S WORK

16,000 Women Cease Organized Effort Wednesday, After Notable Achievements

When the Navy Auxillary of the Red Cross, of which Mrs. H. T. Stoleshury was the founder, officially goes out of existence January 1, more than 16,000 women will give up their memberships with the knowledge that they have served well an organization whose name will ever rank high among the war-time agencies.

Formed in November, 1917, to take care of the immediate needs of the United States navy, the Navy Auxiliary grew rapidly into an enormous organization with departments covering every phase of essential work.

During the thirteen months of its career, it furnished more than 75,000 knitted gar-ments for the navy, 1328 comfort kits, com-pletely outfitted, a purely volunteer service; 225 hospital garments, 1977 pleces for the French linen shower, 4986 surgical dressings and mended more than 1600 soldiers' garments.

This was in addition to aid given during Liberty Loan, war-savings and other war-time campaigns; to services rendered by the motor messengers and other members during the influenza epidemic; to thourands of dollars' worth of tobacco given to sallors; more than 7800 Christmas boxes sent to naval bases and extensive reclamation work

in hospitals and extensive recumuation work in hospitals and camps.

The Urquiart Auxiliary, with nearly 2800 members, under the chairmanship of Mrs. George W. Urquiart, was the first body to affiliate with the Navy Auxiliary and to turn all its knitted garments to the navy. The college women's section was the second large affiliating body, and then came the organized sections in the large department stores, in-cluding Lit Brothers, Gimbels' and Snellen-burg's, Mrs. Stotesbury hierself was instru-mental in organizing these bodies and is lavish in her praise of the work done by the girls. There were also large sections of the Navy Auxiliary formed among the women workers at Hog Island and at the navy yard

Sons of Democracy Did Their Part

One of the interesting sections of the Navy Auxiliary was the Sons of Democracy. The members were ten small boys, headed by Emmett Rowland. They used twenty-eight pounds of wool in knitting eighteen sweaters, fifteen wristlets, twenty-one scarfs, two pairs of seeks two affinens and five comfort kits. of socks, two afghans and five comfort kits

of socks, two afghans and five comfort kits. The motor messengers of the navy auxiliary, under the captaincy of Mrs. Milton Herold, began their work soon after the "mother" body was formed, and won high praise during the influenza epidemic. In one year they traveled more than 50,000 miles (mostly within the city limits), carrying wool to and from various sections; delivered finished garments to the chapter and the tayy ward: collected garments from the many yard; collected garments from the arsenal and returned mended articles; car-ried flowers, books and cigarettes to five hospitals, where sailors were sick; took conval-escent sailors for rides, transported sick sailors to and from hospitals, carried navy doctors and inspectors to incoming and out going boats, carried babies and children hospitals during the epidemic, handled the marketing for the soup kitchen at Third and Christian streets, carried chaplains and other war workers on their rounds of duties, and frequently responded to calls for motors from the Emergency Aid, the American Library Association and other patriotic organizations.

TEA-DANCES ARRANGED

Mrs. Gazzam Will Give First of Charity Affairs

Society folk are manifesting unusual in-terest in a daily tea dansant and supper which will be held, beginning today, for the benefit of reconstruction work and home re-lief in the Japanese Room of the Hotel Wal-ton. The function will be under direction of

ton. The function will be under direction of Mrs. Joseph M. Gazzam.

Many novel forms of entertainment have been arranged by the various committees. A continuous entertainment, to be known as the "fiv de siecles," promises to be one of the main features. The general plan for the dances was the idea of Mrs. Charlotte Hale, who is to be the managing hostess. Among the list of patronesses are Mrs. William Gray Warden, Mrs. Elizabeth Madeira, Mrs. Joseph M. Gazzam, Mrs. Bessle Dobson Altemus, Mrs. John C. Norris, Mrs. Joseph Snellenburg, Mrs. Howard W. Pancoast and Mrs. Paul Thompson Haskell.

From 4 until 7 o'clock each afternoon tea will be served, followed by supper and dancing from 9 to 11 o'clock. The Shig and Tent Club will be the beneficiary of the first week.

SAILORS TO BE GUESTS

Newton M. Potts to Take Forty to Theatre Performance

Forty sailors who are convalescent in the Episcopal Hospital will be the guests of Newton M. Potts, secretary of the Actors' Church Alliance, tonight at the Broad Street Theatre to view Cyril Maude in "The Saving Grace."
Their host has made arrangements for them to meet Mr. Maude in the green room after

INFORMATION BUREAU AT CITY HALL TO CLOSE

Women in Charge Have Record of Answering 22,500 Questions of Varied Nature

With a record of 22,500 questions answered, the information bureau in the City Hall courtyard pavilion will close this week, Mrs. Florence E. Gerachty, whose husband is in service, has been in charge of the bureau since its establishment nearly a year ago. Miss Priscilla Heacock and Miss Dorls Fenton have been her assistants. The bureau was financed by Dr. George Woodward, of Chestnut Hill.

From telling housewives how to preserve fruits and vegetables to directing inquirers to the proper source to obtain marriage or burial licenses, the three young women have never failed to give satisfaction. Some of the thousands of questions were pathetic; many of them were rideulous, and some were hard to answer. Everything pertain-ing to the war seemed of interest to the in-quirers. Mothers came to find out where their sons were fighting; how they could send gifts overseas, or how they could get definite information concerning the casualty lists. Men, women and children who lost their way stopped at the information bureau to get directions. Folks who wanted to invite said ors or soldiers to Ciristmas and Sunday dinners appealed to the bureau for names and addresses. Giris came to ask about their sweethearts. Many people bought Thrift Stamps there.

A negro man wanted to know where he could get a license to marry or bury people, and he was referred to the Bureau of Vital Statistics. A number of people came with stories of spies and were sent on to the Department of Justice.

A wide variety of literature was given out by the women at the bureau, some of it relating to war gardens; some recipes; some school literature, and much of it relating to

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The Rich Quartet, Thaddeus Rich, first iolin; Hedda van den Beemt, second violin Emile Ferir, viola, and Hans Kindler, cello, assisted by Marcel Tabuteau, oboe, gave the fourth concert of the Chamber Music Association at the Bellevue-Stratford yesterday

The first of the three numbers on the prostam was the Mozart Quartet in F, for oboe, violin, viola and ceile. Naturally, a composition for three stringed instruments, together with an instrument of such distinctive gether with an instrument of such distinctive and penetrating tone qualities as the oboe, must necessarily be "written around" the oboe, which thus assumes almost the proportions of a solo part rather than one of a quarter. That Mozart, with his unfailing sense of instrumental values, had something of this in mind when he composed this work, is shown by the fact that the oboe part throughout gives out the principal themes and has little to do on the contrabuntal side. So prominent is the instrument ountal side. So prominent is the instrument that the work might be nearly termed an above solo, with string accompaniment, rising brilliancy in the rondo almost to the level of a concerto.

of a concerto.

The oboe part is very difficult, being written uncomfortably high in places, besides being full of rapid staccate and legate runs and skips of intervals of nearly two octaves, calling for great sureness of embouchers and absolute co-ordination of lip and fingers. Mr. Tabuteau's artistic work as first oboe of the Philiadelphia Grebestra is well known, and his performance yesterday fully warrants the assertion that he is one of the best oboists in the country. Not only in the clearness of his feelmique, but also in great beauty of tone, after all the main points in the playing of any reed instrument, as well as by his good taste. Mr. Tabuteau proved himself an artist of the highest rank. The himself an artist of the highest rank. The string parts, which form the background to the oboe part, were admirably played by Messis, Rich, Ferir and Kindler.

The Rich Quartet did its best work in the ext number, the slow movement and the chergo of the Debussy quartet in G minor. Especially beautiful was the andantino, no only in tonal beauty and balance, but comprehension as to construction, and about all in a real understanding of the arnil in a real understanding of the ar of Debussy. It was quartet playing of a very high order. The scherzo, which followed, was also beautifully played, the intricate rhythms being clearly maintained and the whole movement given with the same beauty of tone and perfection of balance which marked the slow movement. The atmosphere of both movements was the subtle one of the real Debussy, a difficult but thoroughly satisfactory achievement by the members of the quartet.

The Schumann quartet in A miner, which closed the program, was finely played, but did not show at all times the perfection of finish that marked the Debusy number. The allegro in F major following the introduction was taken at a speed just within the limits of safety in so far as the gracefur rhythmical character of the movement is concerned. The allegro was played with much sympathy and beauty of tone, and the difficult finale with the sparkle and brilliancy which the character of the movement de



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Of this amount \$6,061,600 represents the cost of 2250 houses that were erected in the Thirty-ninth and Fortleth Wards for workers in the great shippards and war munitions plants. In the Thirty-ninth Ward alone there were built 674 two-story dwellings and tweny-two three-story dwellings costing a total of \$2.157,100, while in the Fortieth Ward alone there were erected 1554 two-story houses costing \$3.904.500. The Fortieth Ward houses are in that part of the Elmwood section which lies between Sixty-first street. Seventy-fourth street. Elmwood avenue and Dicks avenue. The Thirty-ninth Ward houses are in the section between Oregon avenue and Johnston avenue, extending from Seventh street to Thirteenth. They are on both avenues and on all (interly) are street.

street to Thirteenth. They are on both avenues and on all interlying streets. In addition to the dwellings there were erected by the Government a gun-plant, costing \$1.466,600, at the plant of the Midvais Steel Works, on the east side of Fox street, south of Roberts avenue, in the Thirty-eighth Ward, and a United States emergency hospital, costing \$225,000, at Twenty-fifth street and Gray's Ferry road, in the Thirtieth Ward. This does not include construction in the mayy yard or Frankford arsens. the navy yard or Frankford arsenal,

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