

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Talks of the Treat in Store for Those Who Attend Junior Music Club—Miss Anne Ashton to Play the Harp—Other Bits of Interest

I TOLD you the other day about the Junior Music Club of the Main Line, which is to meet in town this month. The concert will be given at the home of Dr. Richard Norris, which is on North Twentieth street just across from the Preston retreat, of which he is head. Louise and Virginia Norris are members of the club and play the piano extremely well.

Every time I read one of the programs of these concerts I marvel at the knowledge and skill of these children who are growing up among us, for they can play. As a musician said to me recently, "Philadelphia makes little talk about its home, there is very little furore about it at home or in other cities, but the Philadelphia audience knows music and it knows when it is good and when it is not."

The concert on Saturday will be held at 3:15 o'clock, and it is an invitation affair, of course. There will be a foreword by Carroll Spencer, and then Brahms' "Hungarian Dance" will be played by Dorothy Hodge, Helen Chance and Miss Graf, on the violin, cello and piano.

Helen Michell will play Hasselmann's "Serenade" on the harp, and she and her sister, Florence Michell, will give two selections from Grieg in a harp and violin duet.

Miss Florence Paul Kane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kane, of Radnor, spent the week-end with her cousin, Miss Helen Griffith, of Chestnut Hill. Miss Griffith gave a theatre party in her honor on Saturday evening.

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Reader's Viewpoint

Letters to the Editor on Topics of General Interest

For acceptance and publication in this column, letters must be written on one side of the paper, and the name and address of the writer must be given. Names will be printed in full unless otherwise indicated. No correspondence will be returned unless accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope. This privilege is not extended to letters of a personal or confidential nature. No copyright matter will be published, nor will religious discussions be permitted.

A Banker Complains

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—A recent decision was rendered by one of the courts in Philadelphia awarding heavy damages to a depositor in one of the trust companies. He claimed that the bank refused to pay his check for a small amount upon presentation, although he had funds in the bank at the time.

It seems lamentable that damages against a bank should be so easily obtained when the bank itself may not have been at fault, and the depositors appear to assume the position that the bank is always wrong, and although a full explanation may be offered a depositor is not willing to accept it.

The banks of Philadelphia, as all banks in this country, are endeavoring to serve the public, and although they are not infallible, they make few mistakes, and it does seem that their patrons should be willing to accept a reasonable explanation when errors do occur.

It must be well known to the public that when this country entered the great war the banks showed their patriotism by offering their services to the government, and at their own expense endeavored to distribute Liberty Loans, besides rendering every assistance possible in government financing, yet when a depositor has a grievance against a bank, although it may be only a trivial one, he is ready to insist on redress in rushing into court and demanding damages for injury to his credit without having to establish the fact that his credit was injured.

Would not the public be well served and the courts be given just consideration to the banks when these cases appear before them? A BANKER.

Philadelphia, January 18.

Keystone State Too Slow

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Pennsylvania's claim to national leadership seems to have been painfully upset by the fact that thirty-six States amended the American Constitution without even consulting this grand old Commonwealth. Nor does Senator Spruill's assurance that our Legislature will pass the "dry" measure easily bring with it much comfort. It suggests, rather, Henry IV's groaning to one of the bravest warriors in his army after that French King had won a notable victory in 1589: "You may well hang yourself, brave Critlon, for we fought at Arques and you were not there."

The truth is Pennsylvania won as many laurels in the triumph of prohibition as did the Spartans at Marathon. In 490 B. C. Darius the Great invaded Greece with the largest army ever assembled in the world up to that time. The little peninsula rallied its forces to meet the invader. Athens sent 10,000 men and Plataea sent 1000. The result of the battle was well known. Suffice it to say that the Athenian courier was so eager to spread the news of victory that the name "Marathon race" has come down to this present time.

The Spartan army arrived on the field to help win Marathon, but the only Persians they saw were dead ones. The Spartans, it appears, had been waiting for the new moon to appear in the eastern sky.

The moral is that while ribbonmen are not vitally concerned whether the Keystone State Legislature ratifies the amendment or not, Pennsylvania had her chance, but preferring to wait for an omen. Unfortunately, she waited too long.

This Commonwealth now has a fresh opportunity to fight in the vanguard of national prohibition. For want of a better word, the pioneering stage, although even a blunt observer can see that this will be our next constitutional amendment. And when this amendment has been ratified, it will be another sorry day for Pennsylvania if she climbs onto the band wagon in the hour of triumph instead of having put her shoulder to the wheel in the day when the band wagon is not so popular as it will be a few years hence.

FREEMAN H. HUBBARD, Narberth, Pa., January 17.

Soldiers Grow Impatient

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Kindly find space for your valuable paper to publish the following as to the condition and treatment of the boys at Newport News, Va. It will interest the public.

We are men who have been assigned to infantry replacement regiments and at this time the infantrymen are being used to fill up the gaps in the medical and quartermaster corps.

We never had any choice as to what branch of service we wanted to be attached to, but now if there is any branch of the army needing men why are we not sent there? We have good positions waiting for us and they keep us in this salvage prison—Newport News, Va.

We are men who have a wife and child, and others have parents and younger brothers and sisters as dependents.

For example, a man made application for discharge on grounds of disability as a wife, child, and they refused him, while others are being sent home that have no dependents whatever. Another thing: Some men's folks are not receiving allowances for three or four months and when the replacement regiments were disbanded some were discharged and the rest of us sent to form this battalion.

Trusting this matter will be given your immediate attention as other patriotic measures have been given, and thanking you in advance for any favors you may confer upon us. A GROUP OF PENNSA. BOYS.

P. S.—The reason we are not attaching signatures we understand it is considered unwise to make petition in the army in accordance with the articles of war.

Newport News, Va., January 15.

SUFFRAGE "PRISON SPECIAL"

Washington, Jan. 20.—Stung by the announcement of Senator Jones, of New Mexico, that he will introduce a bill for the purpose of suspending the congressional consideration of the Susan B. Anthony amendment has been postponed indefinitely, the militant suffragists proposed to appeal directly to the conscience of the nation by touring the country in a "prison special."

The special, it was announced by officials of the National Woman's party, will carry the women who have served jail sentences in Washington for participation in various demonstrations in front of the White House. Although the committee of the "special" party has not been announced, it will include Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, of Philadelphia, finance chairman of the woman's party.

President's Wilson's proposed tour of the country in March to appeal for support of his peace policies will be anticipated by the "prison special."

The special will touch at Philadelphia, Wilmington, New York, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Denver, New Orleans, Nashville, Lidianapolis, Charleston, Minneapolis and other cities.

Such a tour was originally announced for last fall, but was given up because of influenza epidemic, which prevented meetings.

RETURNING TO THIS CITY



ENSIGN AND MRS. WALTER HENSLEY AVERY

Who have been living in Pensacola, Fla., where Ensign Avery was stationed. At present they are visiting Mrs. Avery's mother, Mrs. Jonathan Bailey Browder, of St. Martins. Mrs. Avery will be remembered as Miss Katherine Potter



Mrs. J. A. Rountree, of Birmingham, Ala., general chairman of the war-relief work of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

has just issued to all State divisions a full and detailed statement of the work accomplished during 1918, and calls upon them to sustain their record during 1919. The report shows seven entire wards endowed in the American Military Hospital No. 1, Neuilly, France, the record of States being as follows:

Alabama, 9 beds; Arizona, 1; Arkansas, 2; California, 2; Colorado, 2; District of Columbia, 2; Florida, 2; Georgia, 3; Illinois, 1; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 1; Maryland, 1; Mississippi, 1; Missouri, 1; New York, 1; North Carolina, 4; Ohio, 1; Oklahoma, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; South Carolina, 4; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 11; Virginia, 4; Washington, 2; West Virginia, 1; U. S. D. C., U. S. War-relief committee, 1; Minnesota, 1; Wisconsin, 1; Boston, Evansville, Ind.; Portales, N. M.; Total, 70 beds; \$42,000.

Incomplete reports from the above States show 2,453,122 Red Cross hospital garments, 2,492,141 surgical dressings, 92,012 knitted articles made by the U. S. D. C. members. Each State reports above figures as being less than half of work really done, but few kept accurate records. This fault should be remedied by 1919 every U. S. D. C. chapter should keep an accurate record of work done by chapter members.

The American Military Hospital No. 1 would be needed to care for the sick and wounded throughout 1919; therefore many of the beds must be re-endowed. The president general of the Daughters of the Confederacy in Philadelphia has been largely due to the efforts of Mrs. H. L. Lax, of Chestnut Hill, president of the U. S. D. C. war-relief work in Philadelphia.

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CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Corcoran Married Twenty-five Years

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Corcoran celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding on Saturday. Both Mr. Corcoran and his wife, who was Miss Ellen McCallade before her marriage, were natives of the county of Longford, Ireland, where as children they played together. They were married in St. Patrick's Church, Twentieth street below Locust, on January 18, 1894. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. J. Broughal, at that time an assistant at St. Patrick's, now pastor of the Ascension Church, Westmoreland and F streets. Mr. Michael Higgins was best man and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Maria McCallade.

Eight children were born to them, four of whom are living, three boys and one girl. The silver wedding ceremonies began with a mass in the Church of the Gesù at 8:30 a. m., celebrated by the Rev. Father Quill, M. S. P.

A reception was held in the evening at one, 1803 Master street, when the lady received the congratulations and wishes of their friends. Among those who were Miss Maria McCallade, Miss Julia McNamee, Miss Boyce, Miss Kathryn Cunningham, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. and Mrs. Michael Higgins, Mrs. Lawrence V. Boyd, and Mrs. Joseph McCallade, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colton, Mrs. John Kelly, Mr. John Kelly, Jr., Mrs. Hanna Miller, Mrs. William Borden, Mr. Theodore Borden, Mr. George Quinn, Mr. Michael McKewen and Doctor Lang.

GERMANTOWN Y. W. TO ELECT Association Will Hold Annual Meeting Tonight to Select Officers

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Germantown Young Women's Christian Association will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. Those nominated for reelection are: Mrs. William L. McLean, president; Mrs. J. H. Halston, of the administration committee, and Miss Elizabeth A. Brown, of the physical department. Miss J. B. Garrett has been named for home membership and nominated for manager, to be elected for three years, are Mrs. Lawrence V. Boyd, Falls of Schuylkill Branch; Mrs. Reynolds D. Brown, chairman of finance; Mrs. Charles L. Carter, Red Cross department; Mrs. Hood, chairman of religious work; Mrs. Elliott Richardson, chairman of industrial work; Mrs. Walter Rossmasser, York Road Circle, and Mrs. Edward Thompson, chairman of the cafeteria.

More Women Will Serve as Secretaries at Dix

A women's campaign secretarial unit for service at Camp Dix has been organized by the Jewish Welfare Board. The women will go daily to Camp Dix to add homelike touches to the Jewish Welfare Board but they will not be in uniform.

TO IMPROVE JEWISH HUT

5000 Appropriated Girl Stationed in France Will Lead

In response to many requests the National Y. W. C. A. has determined to open work in Italy, and has appropriated \$5000 for the purpose. Miss Mabel Warner, of Salt Lake City, Utah, stationed in France, will supervise the Italian activities.

Nine secretaries of the Y. W. C. A. at present are in Archangel, Russia, the only station open to Americans in that country. Reports of hardships are coming in from the work in Petrograd and Moscow.

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ADDELPHI—NEXT WEEK—SEATS THURSDAY

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BLOW DEALT ROMANCE

IN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Co-eds and Men Ordered to Study Books Instead of Each Other

A library, according to Webster, is "An apartment or a series of apartments or a building devoted to a collection of books."

The library of the University of Pennsylvania, at Thirty-fourth street and Locust avenue, is noted for its fine collection of books. It has, incidentally, all the apartments mentioned by Mr. Webster. They are cozy, secluded and filled with books. Generally they are also filled with co-eds and men students. In the past the books have been generally neglected by the two last named, who found ample material for study in each other.

A mere flirtation? By no means, but just a convenient place to talk about—the weather and the characters of the team and the newest show. And, after all, there had to be some place for such conversations, if the feminine variety did insist on invading the collegiate library.

Next to the information bureau in Broad Street Station the University Library has become the most noted meeting place in the city.

Romances and tragedies and comedies and farces have been enacted over musty volumes of Ben Jonson and Shakespeare in alcoves and corners. This accompanying conversation necessary to these romances has sometimes displeased teachers and super-industrious students, but when virtually the whole library is engaged it is impossible to talk offense.

And then, recently, a death blow was dealt this delightful custom when certain officers in the school body, including several successful seniors and skilful freshmen, also, from "conversing with young gentlemen anywhere in the library."

It was a catastrophe, a veritable Waterloo, and neither section of the student body has yet recovered. For the first time in thirty months books have been read and actually studied in the library. A layer of dust of three years' collection has been shaken from ponderous tomes of learning. The exact means of enforcing the edict has not been announced, and to a casual observer there are a few infractions of the new rule. But the old days are past, and probably never will return.

Once more the University Library is a place to study, to be more exact, "A place to study or a series of apartments or a building devoted to a collection of books."

PHILADELPHIA'S FOREMOST THEATRES

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Lectures on Public Questions

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