From the Women's Angle

By NELLIE HURLEY MINIFIE

If you are one of those who waits breathlessly for the daily newspaper to arrive and then scans the news from front to back page, probably last week you read about the best dressed women in the world. And perhaps your reaction to such a startling and newsworthy story was much the same as mine—piffle.

Miss Minifie

The Duchesses of Kent and Windsor are the best dressed women, we are told. But aside from the Duke and Duchess of Kent and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, who cares?

The stylists, who each year leap into headlines with a similar story, contended that the two duchesses have almost no tastes in common, but each, in her own way, attains near perfection. The Duchess of Kent, they said, had a better choice of hats and tailored clothes to wear in the morning, but Windsor's taste was superior for afternoon reception clothes and evening and dinner gowns.

Personally, we don't give a darn. And furthermore, we don't see how these women could miss the best dressed classification when they have wardrobes plus furs and jewelry worth more than a $1,000,000 each. It's probably sour grapes but if stylists can't think of a better publicity angle than that they'd best adjourn to that limbo of lost souls.

By KATHERINE W. GEORGE

Unlike the rolling stone that gathers no moss, gossip is a thing which reaches uncontrolled size and distortion as it rolls from tongue to tongue. And thereby lies its insidiousness.

The human race is naturally curious and most of us are interested to a certain extent in the activities and affairs of our fellow beings. But we all know how a mild observation on someone's affairs can take on color and variation in the continued retelling, until it is unrecognizable in the final statement. One may hear over the teacups, for instance, that Mr. and Mrs. So and So had a rather heated argument over a bridge game the night before, a common enough occurrence, to be sure. But before the story has finished its travels, it probably has Mr. and Mrs. So and So on the verge of divorce.

Mrs. George

There is no cure for this, of course, except for everyone to stop talking, which, you all will agree, is impossible. People generally, I am sure, are not deliberately unkind and do not even realize that their touches of embroidery change the picture. It is just human nature to discuss personalities and to be interested in them, particularly in the case of women. Though I think women have too long borne the onus of the title of chief gossip-mongers. There are many men who relish hearing exciting tid-bits about the lives of their friends and acquaintances and are as quick to retell them as any woman.

As long as we can talk, then, there is no cure for gossip, but it might be well if all of us would think twice before dispensing disparaging information about others, even though mild in character, lest it grow out of bounds. And we might remember that we ourselves might as easily be the subject of conversation as the one we are tempted to discuss, ending finally in an unenviable light at the end of a long trail of "I heard's" and "They say's."

By MYRTLE B. KNOWLTON

The high school class of January, 1940, has completed its prescribed course of study and a great many graduates are probably experiencing a feeling of relief. No doubt many are sleeping a little later in the morning and are finding it fun not to be subjected to class routine and the demands that their studies have made upon them and their time for four

Mrs. Knowlton

happy years; but, after a few weeks of nothing to do, the [illegible] will begin to pall and those who are not fortunate enough to find work will become restless, for their health minds as well as their bodies, will require food and the opportunity to achieve.

If one cannot afford to go to college, a great deal of pleasure, to say nothing of the benefit, can be derived from night school courses, and the modern young graduate is not satisfied to put a period after his schooling because it is financially impossible to pursue it further just now. It is as though he had alighted with his classmates at a railroad stopping-place, new to him; some hold through tickets and change trains, to continue the journey without interruption, while he must wait for the slower connection which is not so luxurious, nor as fast, but which eventually, if he is patient enough to persevere, will get him to the same station of realized ambition.

At the age of 18, 10 or 15 years ahead looks like an endless stretch of time, but, in retrospect, the distance and time will have appeared to diminish, and the satisfaction of having acquired a wider range of intellectual vision will be ample compensation and serve to abate the hardships, if any, of the road traveled. Under the present extension system, educational opportunities are so much in our way that we have to go around about them to avoid them. One could almost say that the line of least resistance is to accept them, so far have educators gone to put them before us; and, between the ages of six and 70, no one is too young or too old to join the throng that goes to school, whether by night or by day. Even those with more than one scholastic degree find night schools an open door to further opportunity, for no single human life span is long enough to sound the depths of the ocean of knowledge.

While most of the teaching centers, with both evening and day programs, are located in the large cities, there is a steady growth toward extension to rural districts, and, with increased transportation facilities, it no doubt will not be long until the cultural advantages of the night school system will be available to everyone interested.

American business history, as well as records in other fields, is brightly illuminated with the names of many men and women who have started in lowly positions and with very limited training and equipment, but who, by availing themselves of the educational opportunities which our country offers, have risen to positions of might, influence and high usefulness to mankind.

INSTITUTE OF ARTS COMING EVENTS

EXHIBITION of ETCHINGS by REMBRANDT from Lessing Rosenwald Collection of Philadelphia, throughout month of February.

Sunday, Feb. 18—2:30 p. m. Popular Lecture Approach to Art Series, "The Rivera Murals," by Joyce Black Gnau. (Lecture Hall).

Sunday, Feb. 18—8:30 p. m. World Adventure Series (undillustrated). "The Changing Map of Europe," by H. R. Knickerbocker.

Tuesday, Feb. 20—8:30 p. m. "Degrees and the Classical Tradition," by Walter Pach of New York. (Lecture Hall).

Thursday, Feb. 22—3:30 p. m. Curator's Talk: "The Dutch Gallery," by E. P. Richardson.

Thursday, Feb. 22—8:30 p. m. Rembrandt Etchings, by Isabel Woodcock. (Gallery Talk).

Friday, Feb. 23—8:30 p. m. "Rembrandt and the Great Dutch Masters," by Marlor, Leland Heath. (Gallery Talk).

Saturday, Feb. 24—2:30 p. m. "Rembrandt and the Great Dutch Masters," by Marion Leland Heath. (Gallery Talk).

ALGER HOUSE (Grosse Pointe)—Museum open every afternoon from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m., except Monday.

HORATIO SHAW PAINTINGS will be on exhibit at ALGER HOUSE through March 31st.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage applications were filed by the following during the past week:

John Edward Harlow, 26, Route 1, Birmingham and Lillian Rose Kastle, 23, Route 1, Birmingham.

Robert Herndon Reed, 24, 4142 Hamilton street, Santiago, Calif., and Betty Jane McCormick, 22, 816 Bates street, Birmingham.

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THE ARNOLD STUDIOS
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Verse Speaking Choir of Detroit To Appear Here

A program of unusual interest is promised members of the Birmingham Musicale at the next meeting of the group to be held Thursday afternoon, Feb. 22, at the Community House when the third in a series of programs relating music to the friendly arts will be presented.

At this time, when the relationship of music and poetry is shown, Harry Bist Sietz will bring to Birmingham his Central High School Verse Speaking Choir. This Detroit choir has attracted a great deal of attention and has received favorable mention from internationally famous musicians including the Australian-American pianist, Percy Grainger, who spoke recently in an interview of "the brilliant and inspired performance" which this group presented at a Detroit concert.

In a recent appearance in the Christmas presentation of "The Elijah" with the Detroit Symphony at Orchestra Hall, Detroit critics were lavish with their praise of this choir that has been so well prepared by Mr. Seitz that it sings without scores, delivering its speeches on the hair-line of accuracy.

Also making an appearance at this meeting will be Mrs. Myron E. Snyder, soprano, who will sing "Du Bist Vie Eine Blume," by Schumann, "Shine That Pass in the Night," by Stephenson, "Ah Love, But a Day," by Daniel Prothero and "Politeness," by H. Fraser-Simson. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Erik Bergishagen.

Piano Team Coming

Ethel Bartlett and Rae Robertson, famous English duo-pianists, will appear in a two-piano recital in the auditorium of the Baldwin High School Tuesday evening, Feb. 27, as the final number on the concert series which has been sponsored here during the winter by the Birmingham Musicale.

Social Briefs

Mrs. Bert L. Johnston entertained her sister, Mrs. L. E. Berglow, of Chicago, Mrs. Patty Cherney of Chicago and Mrs. M. H. Howard of Detroit at a luncheon at her home Wednesday.

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Mrs. L. E. Davidson and her son, Sherwin, of Worth street have left on an extended stay for Hollywood, Calif.

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Barbara Don Hoeltzel, daughter of the D. E. Hoeltzels of Yorkshire road, entertained several friends at a Valentine's party Saturday afternoon. Guests were Joan Sproule, Joanna Tate, Mary Lou Gregory, Gail DeGurse, Carol Hall, Robin Renfrew, Lorne Shock, Lois Williams, Joanna Knudley, Elizabeth Ann Cobb, Chuck and Helen Ann DeBats, Marne Grans and Dees Reesman.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Anderson were hosts at a supper party Sunday night, at their home on Orchard Ridge road, in honor of Mrs. E. A. Schirmer, who was celebrating her birthday anniversary. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Schirmer, the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Morrill, Mr. and Mrs. Turner A. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. David Walker Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. G. Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Woodruff.

Mrs. George T. Bogard had a Valentine bridge-luncheon Wednesday, at her home on Woodside court. Her guests were Mrs. Paul B. Hoffman, Mrs. E. A. Schiener, Mrs. Walter O. Briggs, Jr., Mrs. J. S. Miller, of Detroit, Mrs. Turner A. Duncan, Mrs. Donald C. Bathrick and Mrs. Carl J. Whird. Mr. Bogard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Chapman, of Cleveland, will spend next week-end with her and Mr. Bogard.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkinson and their daughter, Patricia, have moved from East Maple road to their new home on Woodland avenue. They expect Mr. Wilkinson's sister, Miss Salita Solano, of Paris, France, in March for a visit. Miss Solano is now sojourning in Altadena, Calif.

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Mrs. E. W. Averill was hostess at luncheon and bridge Friday afternoon, at her home on Westwood drive. Attending were Mrs. Paul B. Hoffman, Mrs. E. A. Schirmer, Mrs. Richard K. Scales, Mrs. Fred M. Dorris, Mrs. Donald D. Nimmo, Mrs. Thomas Midgeley, III, Mrs. Joseph Wright and Mrs. Brooks Marshall.

Mrs. E. A. Schirmer will give a large tea next Tuesday afternoon, at her home on Country Club drive. Assisting will be Mrs. Edwin J. Anderson, Mrs. Charles E. Carey, Mrs. Robert F. G. Copeland, Mrs. Turner A. Duncan, Mrs. Paul B. Hoffman, Mrs. David Walker Lee, Mrs. Russell A. Sanders, Mrs. John P. St. Clair and Mrs. Robert N. Woodruff.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hoeltzel were hosts at a Sunday night dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Davis.

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Complimenting Mrs. Harold W. Shepard of Concord road, who, with Mr. Shepard, will leave Sunday for Florida, Mrs. Thomas Midgley, III, will entertain at luncheon Friday afternoon, at her Westwood road home. In addition to Mrs. Shepard, guests will be Mrs. Richard K. Scales, Mrs. Lawrence C. Howe, Mrs. Charles L. Winningham, Mrs. E. W. Averill, Mrs. Ralph L. Rickenbaugh and Mrs. Arthur G. Rippey, Jr.

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Thursday, Feb. 15

McColl class in current events, 2 p. m., CH.

Cooking school sponsored by Susanna Wesley group, 2 p. m., Methodist Church parlors.

DETROIT—Helen Hayes in "Ladies and Gentlemen," special matinee for Finnish Relief fund, Cass Theatre.

Barnum P.T.A. dinner, 6 p. m., followed by meeting.

Family dinner, CH, 6 p. m.

Business Women, dinner, 6:30, CH.

Aeronautics club, 8 p. m., CH.

DETROIT—Symphony orchestra, Ossip Gabrilowitsch conducting, Gilmar Nowaes, pianist, school, 8:30 p. m. Same program Friday afternoon.

Friday, Feb. 16

Home extension group, 1 p. m., CH.

DETROIT—Cass Town Hall, 11 a. m. John Mason Brown reviews the new plays.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Saturday club, CH, 9 a. m.

"Dutch Treat" dance, CH, 9 p. m.

Recreation committee of Community Council, 9:30 a. m., CH.

Sunday, Feb. 18

Band and orchestra concert, Baldwin High auditorium, 4 p. m.

DETROIT—World Adventure series, Arts Institute, 8:30 p. m., H. R. Knickerbocker, "The Changing Map of Europe."

Monday, Feb. 19

League of Women Voters, 11 a. m., IH.

Rotary club, noon, CH. Speaker, Arthur Fitzgerald of Windsor, Ont.

Rotary Anns, home of Mrs. Forbes S. Hascall. Pot luck luncheon.

Y. F. W. Auxiliary, CH, 8 p. m.

Junior Chamber of Commerce, 8 p. m., CH.

Travel club, 8 p. m., CH. Mrs. Forbes S. Hascall, speaker.

Polk Dance Center, CH, 8 p. m. Monthly meeting for parents of boys 9-10-11. See Scout News.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Class in international relations, CH, 10 a. m.

Red Cross class, 11 a. m., CH.

Ex. of M. Alumnae, dessert luncheon, home of Mrs. C. M. Harper, Yarmouth road.

D. A. R. bridge tea, 2 p. m., CH, Birmingham Garden Center, Baldwin Library, 8 p. m. Mrs. George Bouton of Detroit Garden Center will speak and show slides. Open to public.

Torch club dinner, CH, 6:30.

Exchange club, "ladies night," 7 p. m., CH. (No noon meeting.)

League of Catholic Women, 2 p. m., home of Mrs. Charles J. O'Connor, Avon lane.

DETROIT—World Adventure Series, Arts Institute, 8:30 p. m., Burton Holmes travelog, "Around the World."

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Red Cross class, 10 a. m., CH.

Lions club.

O. E. S. initiation, 8 p. m., Masonic Temple.

Past Matrons, at home of Mrs. Clyde Wood, Greenwood avenue.

DETROIT—Fisher Town Hall, 11 a. m., Stanley High, "America's Tempo of Americanism."

Thursday, Feb. 22

McColl class in current events, 10 a. m., CH.

Birmingham Musicale meeting, 2 p. m., CH.

Family dinner, CH, 6 p. m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

DETROIT—Symphony Orchestra, with Alfredo Hash School Orchestra and Detroit Schoolboys Chorus. Last pop concert of season, 2:30 p. m.

Monday, Feb. 26

Study club of the League of Catholic Women, CH, 8 p. m.

Club Notes

FRIENDLY GROUP

Mrs. Bruce H. Carnahan will be hostess to the Friendly group of the First Methodist Church, Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Betty Hawbitz, Martin at Henrietta streets. Members are asked to bring a dessert to sell.

Business Women to Meet

Regular dinner meeting of the Birmingham Business Women's club will be held Thursday evening at 6:30 at the Community House.

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Joint Hostesses Planning to Honor Dorothy M. Bell

Dorothy Mae Bell, who has chosen March 2 as the date of her wedding to Edward Crowter Maxson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Herbert Maxson of Saginaw, will be honored at a shower Friday evening which Annabelle Dahlquist and Bettie Smith will give jointly at the Smith home on Lincoln avenue.

Those who will attend are Sylvia Salage of Dearborn, Dorothy Spencer of Royal Oak, Mrs. Harvey Nicholson and Mrs. Charles Culligan of Pontiac and Mrs. Robert Partlan of Detroit. Birmingham guests will be Dorothy's mother, Mrs. Norman A. Bell, her sister, Jean, Mrs. Samuel Taylor Burns, Mrs. Sam Bell, Mrs. Ross Hoofnagle, Mrs. Henry Dahlquist, Mrs. David Curry and Mrs. Raymond M. Smith.

Green and yellow will be used as the color scheme with a centerpiece of yellow snapdragons being used on the table.

Mrs. Donald B. Campbell will entertain at a family luncheon in honor of the bride-elect on Saturday at the Campbell home on Fourteen Mile road and on Feb. 28, the Wednesday preceding the wedding, Miss Dahlquist will entertain at Devon Gables at the spinster dinner. Those who have been invited to this dinner include, besides the honor guest, Miss Smith and Mrs. Burns.

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