

One of my own cherished memories always shall be the devotion that exists between daughter Susan and her two older brothers, Bill and John.

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"Tea for Two"

By NELLIE HURLEY MINIFIE

PAINTERS clambered up and down a ladder just outside the window that nippy morning that I went to talk to Mrs. Fred D. Farrar. They made a great deal of noise and they called Hansel, the Farrars' satin-coated dachshund, "Sausage" when he rubbed his nose against the window.

Except for those painters and the men who had invaded the basement to repair the furnace, it was to be just another interview. But they added a dash of spice to the occasion. The din they raised didn't discourage us, though. We talked on just the same. Like Alice's waitress, we spoke of many things. Of shoes and slips and sealing wax, of cabbage and kings.

Mainly, however, our discussion was confined to folk dancing and the class which Mrs. Farrar is organizing Oct. 17, under the sponsorship of the Community House.

Nothing new, I was told, is nothing new. The country dance has been the social dance in the villages of old England for centuries. Its American counterpart is an important part of the community life of some of the backwoods towns in the southern mountain districts. No, it is nothing new; it is as old as the people themselves.

It was Cecil Sharp, however, who made the world conscious of folk dancing. The story of the beginning of Sharp's interest in country dancing is an interesting one and I tell it as Mrs. Farrar related the facts to me.

An Englishman by birth and inclination, Sharp took a teaching post in a musical conservatory in Sidney, Australia, where he met Percy Grainger, famous pianist and composer whose interest in folk music has burned for these many years.

Returning to the London Conservatory sometime later young Mr. Sharp was awakened one morning by a hauntingly beautiful tune that a gardener, just outside his window, was singing. The gardener did not know the name of the song, he only knew that his mother had taught it to him, and that her mother and grandmother before her had sung it.

Sharp took down this melody and today its haunting strain is known as "A Lark in the Morn'g." More than 5,000 songs were collected this way by Sharp as he traveled through the provinces.

Morris Dance Team

And then one day while journeying through rural England he came upon a team of dancers who were executing the intricate Morris dance. Only pipes and a tabor, similar to a small drum, furnished the musical background. It was as if from a modern world.

Euclid Ave. Zoning to Be Discussed

An informal hearing to discuss the proposed Euclid avenue zoning was decided on by the City Commission Monday night.

Last week, a petition was received asking the city to change the zoning on the short block between Ferndale and Park to make it single-family instead of two-family, as it now is. The change would not affect two houses which are now two-family.

Monday night, a letter was received from Hugh Keyes, new owner of a lot between the two two-family places. Keyes, an architect, wrote: "My plans call for a home (2-family) that in every respect represents a single dwelling, even to a single driveway with a two-car garage."

Several of the Commissioners were of the opinion that the neighbors would not object if they could see the plans. The officials did not appear to be favorably inclined toward changing the zoning.

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Mrs. Fred D. Farrar

number of the figures to suit his fancy."

The American dances are not as beautiful, she explained, but they certainly are more fun. English dances are characterized by the exquisite music that is an integral part of the very dance itself. Mrs. Farrar pointed out, while most American country dances are done to "Turkey in the Straw."

Graduate Nurses Will Be Called

Hundreds of graduate nurses representing all sections of the country will be called into active service with the United States Army "in the near future," it was disclosed yesterday by Lt. Gen. Stanley H. Ford, commanding the Sixth Corps Area and the Second Army. He declared that machinery is now being set up in Washington for their selection.

An Emotional Release

This particular type of dancing is an emotional release for those who participate, she continued. It is recreation, is good exercise and provides a complete change of thought. The Community House has taken up this project that is to be held in connection with its Thursday night family dinners because it feels now, more than any other time, family ties and democratic ideals need strengthening.

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me. New York and Boston have large schools, Philadelphia and New Haven are important centers and Washington has a new organization.

Going to Long Pond for the first time three seasons ago, she was met, Mrs. Farrar was careful to explain, by the stiff-lipped, down-the-nose Eastern attitude. "How can you expect," they asked in complete wonderment, "to make a success in the Mid-West where there is no cultural background?"

It has been an uphill climb, she admitted to me, but when she left the camp this summer she felt that the Eastern die-hards were, reluctantly of course, beginning to accept her.

It was a new experience, this sitting in the outer circle awaiting the word that would admit you to the inner sactarium, Mrs. Farrar laughed.

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