

# SOCIETY

**THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE** in the Dec. 1 issue of the Woman Citizen by Julia Lathrop is of interest to women everywhere:

The secretary of agriculture, Henry C. Wallace, has announced his plan to make the home economics department of the department of agriculture an independent bureau and to put it in charge of a woman secretary. It is a broad and sympathetic understanding of what is due to the women of the land.

Some years ago this would have been a revolutionary, impracticable, worthy some man feminist, but now it is a dignified department secretary. For years home economics has had a place in the department concealed within the status of a service and has quietly performed much invaluable work in research and extension service under the charge of a distinguished scholar, C. F. Langworthy, who far from being ousted by the new plan is recognized by promotion and opportunity for research.

Three congresses must act before a new bureau becomes a legal entity. But the significance of the announcement of the plan by the secretary is great. No delegations have been sent, no petitions have poured in, no one is discontent with the present director, has caused the change. It is merely a just and essential part of a general plan of reorganization. Doubtless it may have saved the secretary's astute mind from a demand for a strategic advance in securing appreciation, a career that may be, it is a sign of a new spirit, and it would relieve a heart of all the leaders in the other struggles for equality of opportunity whether they worked directly for suffrage or were, like Ellen Richards, the leader in home economics pioneers in opening new fields to women.

For a moment one might add that such such advance as the secretary proposes places a new emphasis on the necessity of an inspired and inspiring civil service which will invite the finest type of young men and women to the scientific opportunity of honorable careers for the public good.

Cal, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mereson, East Superior street, left yesterday for Chicago, where she will visit before returning home.

**MR. AND MRS. W. W. HOOPES**, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller McDougall this week, will leave tomorrow for Minneapolis where they will visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCarthy, en route to Los Angeles, where they will spend the winter, returning to Duluth in March.

**MRS. J. L. WASHBURN**, Oxford street, is at her winter home in Tryon, N. C.

**MR. AND MRS. F. H. RAISKY**, and family, have moved from their home on East Superior street to the Lakeview apartments.

**DR. O. A. OREDBSON** and Mrs. Oredson, Hawthorne road, have returned from southern Minnesota where they were called by the death of Dr. Oredson's brother.

## Social Happenings

**MRS. G. HERBERT JONES** spoke on the children's home yesterday at the meeting of the Junior league at the home of Miss Elizabeth Gordon, London road, and asked for volunteer workers to help in the children's work. Plans for the big carnival which the league will sponsor some time in February were discussed. The various committees made their reports and announcement was made that the sewing and surgical dressings classes would be discontinued until after the Christmas holidays.

**MRS. G. H. PARIS** gave a studio recital at her home yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, at which 15 of her pupils played a program of Christmas music.

## Weddings

**MISS MARY YATES MCGIFFERT** was chosen Thursday, Dec. 23, as the date for her marriage to Oliver Maggard. The ceremony will be performed at 3 o'clock in the evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ruthford McGiffert, East Fifth street, in the presence of a few intimate friends. Invitations are being mailed today to out-of-town guests but no cards will be sent in the city, the bride announcing to personally invite her closest friends.

Another wedding of the holiday season is that of Miss Myrna Ebert, who is to have a church ceremony. She will become the bride of Fred Erick Sherman Buschmeyer of Los Angeles at the Endon Methodist church on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 27. Invitations are being issued today for the ceremony by Mrs. Ebert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Ebert, Greyson road.

## Club Notes

**MRS. D. P. DONOVAN** will entertain her bridge club this evening at her home.

AN EVENT of the Christmas holidays will be a girls' subscription dance on Dec. 26 at the Northland Country club for the college crowd, many of whom will be home for the holidays, thus making it a festive reunion for them and the group of young girls who are planning the dance.

ON SATURDAY afternoon Mrs. L. B. Arnold will entertain at her home on Butte avenue at a bridge for her daughter.

## Coming Events

**MRS. JOSEPH M. AVERBROOK** and Mrs. Mondach will speak this afternoon at the meeting of the Council of Jewish Women in the library clubrooms. The Jewish holiday,

"Hanuka," will be celebrated, Miss Irene Levine reading an original poem and lighting the candles. A social hour will follow the meeting.

THE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION of the Fairmount school will hold a special meeting in the school assembly at 2 p. m. today. At this time final arrangements will be made for the carnival and dancing party to be held in conjunction with the school and the Young People's club at the school building on Friday night.

Each room is to have charge of a booth on Friday night. Room 1 will sell balloons; room 2 is to have an apple booth and sell ticklers; room 3, bigger babies; room 4, taffy booth; room 5, throwing rings on hooks; room 6, peanut booth; rooms 7 and 8, cocoa booth; room 9, white elephant sale; room 10, streamers; room 11, paper caps; room 12, vaudeville; Girl Scouts, candy and paper flowers; Boy Scouts, popcorn. Mothers' club, apron booth; baby booth, homemade candy and fish pond. Iced hot, coffee, ice cream and cake will also be sold by the Mothers' club. A dance will be given during the evening by the Young People's club, for which good music will be furnished and the admission will be 5 cents.

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Missionary society of Lester Park Methodist Episcopal church will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. T. Harlow, 610 London road, with Mrs. A. Y. Harford and Mrs. C. M. Dunn as assistants. Mrs. J. R. Mothers' meeting will give a talk on her trip through India and the Endon auxiliary will be the honor guests for the afternoon.

THE HOME BUREAU announces the following program for the week beginning today: Nutrition group, Gary Y. M. C. A.; meeting, 1 to 2 p. m.; Corpus Christi home, 2:30 a. m.; Thursday—Home bureau millinery home bureau, meeting 1 to 2:30 a. m.; Proctor millinery, Bayview school, meeting, 1 to 2:45 p. m.; Friday—Home bureau clothing group C. home bureau, meeting 1 to 2:30 a. m.; Christmas novelties, stocking dolls and cloth animals home bureau, 1:20 p. m.; Christmas toys for children, Neighborhood home, Lester Park, Mrs. A. F. Heath, leader, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Anyone wishing to join these new classes please call the Home bureau, Melrose 4220, and register immediately.

## Today's Events

Finland today celebrates the fifth anniversary of its national independence.

Today is the Feast of St. Nicholas, the holy old patron saint of children, which corresponds in Holland to our Father Christmas.

The eighteenth annual convention of the National Fishers and Fishermen congress will meet in Washington today for a session of two days. The joint conference of bituminous coal operators and miners representatives in an effort to arrive at some basis for conducting wage negotiations next January.

Dairymen from all over the United States will gather in Milwaukee today to report upon plans prepared by an American farm bureau federation committee to investigate the feasibility of a nationwide co-operative marketing system.

Halifax, N. S., today will commemorate the fifth anniversary of the disaster caused by the explosion of a munition ship in the harbor, Dec. 6, 1917, when 1,800 lives were lost, 20,000 persons rendered homeless, and property to the amount of \$22,500,000 destroyed.

## About People

**MRS. E. E. ELLIS**, of Birmingham, Ala., and her small son and daughter are the guests of Mrs. Ellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Scott, East First street, for ten days.

**MR. AND MRS. V. A. COOPER**, East Third street, have returned from Minneapolis where they spent Thanksgiving day and the week end.

**MR. AND MRS. R. H. HALL**, Sixteenth avenue East, are spending several weeks in Cleveland, Ohio.

**MR. AND MRS. W. H. WOODBURY**, who spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Minneapolis, returned Sunday.

**MRS. ALBERT CODDING** of Virginia, Minn., left yesterday for her home after spending several days with Mrs. J. L. Strong, Jefferson street, until after the Christmas holidays.

**HAMILTON PHELPS** is home from Ames, Iowa, where he is attending Ames college, to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Phelps, Jefferson street, until after the Christmas holidays.

**MRS. WILLIAM BURGESS**, Woodland avenue, has returned from Cleveland, Ohio, where she has been the guest of relatives and friends for several weeks.

**MR. AND MRS. W. A. LAMBERT** of Morgan Park, left Friday evening for Chicago to be gone a week.

**MRS. R. SPIEGEL**, the Hillcrest, returned yesterday morning from Lake Forest, Ill., where she has been for a month, during which she attended the grand opera season in Chicago and spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her daughter, Hortense, who is studying music with Madame d'Albert, daughter of Mme. Theresa Carreno, in Lake Forest.

**MR. AND MRS. C. E. CARLSON**, Woodland avenue, returned yesterday from Chicago.

**MR. AND MRS. S. E. MATTER**, and Miss Katherine Matter, Woodland avenue, have recently returned from an eastern trip.

**MRS. L. W. JUTTEN**, of Pasadena,