

Social Notes  
Of Interest

Mrs. J. F. D. Lewin was a charming hostess on Friday afternoon at her home in Robbsey when she entertained at nine tables of bridge. The prize winners were Mrs. Fred R. Taylor, Miss Alice Fairweather and Miss Mary Blizard. The guests were from the city and were as follows: Mrs. Campbell Mackay, Mrs. David Peters, Mrs. E. Stanley Bridges, Mrs. A. K. Harris, Mrs. Gordon Macdonald, Mrs. Heber Vroom, Mrs. Gordon Saxon, Mrs. George W. Miller, of Montreal, Mrs. Hugh Bruce, Mrs. Boyer Smith, Mrs. J. F. H. Toed, Mrs. George McAvity-Blizard, Mrs. Stanley E. Elkin, Mrs. F. W. Daniel, Miss Althea Hazen, Mrs. G. Ernest Barbour, Mrs. Hugh McLean, Mrs. King Haven, Mrs. Eber Turnbull, Mrs. Horace Porter, Mrs. W. L. Caldwell, Mrs. Arthur N. Carter, Mrs. William Vassie, Mrs. I. Downing Paterson, Mrs. Gerald Parling, Miss Katherine Bell, Miss Mary Blizard, Miss Fairweather, Mrs. Alan G. McAvity, Mrs. A. Neil McLean, Miss Clara Schofield, Cortlandt Robinson, Mrs. Guy Fitz-Handolph, Mrs. Frank Fairweather, Mrs. Daniel Mollin, Mrs. Bruce Easton, Mrs. Thomas Guy and Mrs. Taylor.

WOMAN STAGE MANAGER! WHY NOT?

She Shows She Can Handle Details—Yet It's Only Stepping Stone to Higher Achievement

(By Marian Hale)

New York—Just when you think there can't be any new job for women to tackle, and when you despair of locating any more women pioneers to write about, along comes the exception. The only woman stage manager has just appeared on Broadway—Regina Mermel by name. She's young, pretty, determined and has ideas. "It's just a means to an end with me," she explains, between jumps, for her job consists in attending to all the difficulties of 42 people besides herself. "It's just a means to an end with me," she explains, between jumps, for her job consists in attending to all the difficulties of 42 people besides herself. "It's just a means to an end with me," she explains, between jumps, for her job consists in attending to all the difficulties of 42 people besides herself.



REGINA MERMEL

ence how well you could act it—you won't get it. "This season I decided I must learn the technique of the back of the stage. So when I heard Richard Bennett was managing 'The Dancer,' as well as acting in it, I went to him and told him my ambition. Bennett didn't counsel conservatism, he was open to reason. Stage managing is a detail job, and women are supposed to have a way with details. So he made her the assistant manager of his show. "But he did think the stagehands and electricians might object to taking their orders from a woman, so he arranged to have me issue them through a man," she laughs. "The men heard of this and came to me in a body. They said they were perfectly agreeable to taking directions from me, and they have co-operated with me at every step. "Some of her duties consist in getting all the actors ready on time, ringing up the curtain, being ready to prompt or jump into a part if necessary, keeping order in the wings, maintaining discipline and at the same time keeping the members of the cast happy and contented. "But it's a good job for a woman," she insists. "Women have the necessary patience and tact. But there's no glory in it, and no chance to shine."

Robbsey, who is resident of Toronto this winter, was also a guest. Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Flewelling on the arrival of a son on Saturday night at their home, 81 Sewell street.

Mrs. Willard B. Gregory will receive for first time since her marriage on Wednesday afternoon Nov. 21, at 202 Duke street, from 4 to 6.

APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE BY I. O. D. E.

The regular meeting of the national executive committee of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire was held at head office, 238 Bloor street E., on Nov. 7. Those present: Mrs. P. E. Donohue, national president, in the chair; Miss R. M. Church, Mrs. W. Hamilton Burns, Mrs. A. F. Rattler, Mrs. A. U. de Penier, Vancouver; Miss W. Gordon, Kingston; Mrs. A. H. Macdonald, St. Catharines; Mrs. W. H. Barker, Mrs. J. U. Power, Miss A. Stewart Galt, Mrs. H. S. Griffin, Hamilton; Mrs. J. J. Greenway, London; Mrs. M. J. Mulock, St. Catharines; Miss Eldred Macdonald, Miss Joan L. Arnold, Mrs. G. Schwyn Holmstedt, Mrs. W. B. Hill, Miss Lucy Doyle, Mrs. J. H. Spence and Mrs. W. R. Jackson.

It was decided to send the following resolution to the Dominion Government: "Be it resolved, that in view of the proposed extensive child immigration from Great Britain to Canada, that this national executive committee of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire do respectfully urge the Federal Government to provide more adequate inspection of these children who are now coming to Canada to live."

The following appointments to national sub-committees were made: Convener of committee on immigration, Mrs. W. J. Petrie, Quebec, to take the place of Mrs. C. M. de Hume; Finance, Quebec, already appointed but who is unable to accept the convenership owing to her proposed absence from Canada for several months. Convener committee for work in India—Mrs. F. J. Greenway, London. The next meeting of the national executive committee will be held at head office Jan. 9, 1924.

TO BE MARRIED SOON. Miss Mary McCarthy, of the Provincial Bank, Charlotte street, will leave next Monday, Nov. 28, for Newark, N. J., where she will be married to Louis King, who was recently also a member of the Provincial Bank staff here. The bride-elect is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCarthy of this city, and has been returning with her sister, Mrs. Edwin McCuskey, Clarendon street. The groom-elect is a son of the late Henry King, formerly of St. John, but latterly of Newark, N. J.

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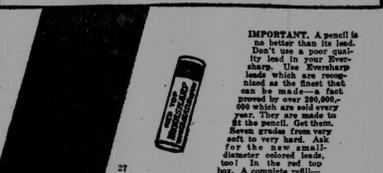
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KITCHEN

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French Dressing One half teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon powdered sugar, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1/2 teaspoon mustard, 4 tablespoons olive or a good vegetable oil, 2 tablespoons vinegar. Mix dry ingredients and stir in vinegar. Add oil slowly, beating constantly. All ingredients and utensils used in mixing the dressing should be thoroughly chilled. Serve immediately after mixing.

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