

Plans Already Under Way for New York Chapter Games

Thousands of tickets have already been reserved for the tenth annual New York Chapter Track Meet, which will be held Saturday evening, March 16, in the New Madison Square Garden, New York City. The directors of the games are unable thus early to announce the feature event of the games, but it is certain that the contests will be fully as sensational as in past years when such stars as Nurni, Wide, Hoff, Ritola, Peltzer and Lloyd Hahn made thrilling attacks on track and field records. It is worthy of note that the three fastest miles ever run indoors have been reeled off at New York Chapter games. In recent years, the fame of the meet has drawn spectators from all parts of the country. The climax was reached last year, when twenty thousand people, the largest crowd ever attracted to an indoor athletic meet, saw Lloyd Hahn defeat Doctor Otto Peltzer, German ace. Frank A. Brennan, Chairman of the Athletic Committee, is lining up an array of college relay teams and individual performers that will include many American Olympic stars.

Kitchener Knights Bring Cheer to Orphans

The annual visit of Funcken Council, No. 1504, Kitchener, Ontario, to the orphanage at St. Agatha is one of the year's big events. In 1928 it was bigger and better than ever, for, on Sunday afternoon, December 30, about eighty members motored over with more than four hundred dollars' worth of substantial gifts. The Knights were entertained by the children and after Santa had distributed the gifts were invited to dinner. A collection was taken up after dinner and a gift of one hundred dollars given the Sisters in charge of the orphanage. Members of Guelph Council, No. 1507, visited the House of Providence, at St. Joseph's Hospital, where gifts were distributed to the fifty aged patients confined there.

The Second Year

The following is taken from the Knights of Columbus official bulletin, issued by the Board of District Deputies, Manhattan and The Bronx, New York City.

"One year ago the Order began its now famous Selective Membership Extension Program, which has been productive of such marvelous results where the plans outlined have been followed.

"We are now a year older and many councils have not secured any material benefit from the plan. It will be found upon a little self-examination and searching of our hearts that if our own council has not benefited it is because we have not given it the time nor the thought that it deserves. And the pity of it; it takes so little to make a success of any program. If every officer in the council only were to dig in and actually work on this program or any program for a very short time the results would be beyond the fondest dreams of the most optimistic member.

"Life moves on, the years come and go, and at best we can only hope to contribute a mite to human progress, the glorification of our Church and Country, during our short span. Let this turn of the year be a reminder to us that there are but a few moments left in comparison with the limitless span of eternity during which we may do our part. And that part, for us Knights of Columbus, includes doing everything we can to upbuild our Order. Let us resolve that during 1929 we shall not neglect a single opportunity to add members to our council and thus contribute our individual share to the greater expansion of the Order, the preservation of the rights of Catholics in America, the improvement of the general welfare of our America, and all of the other benefits which are implicit in the success of our Order."

Credit Unions

At a dinner tendered the officers of Falmouth Council, No. 813, in Boston, by Supreme Director and State Deputy John E. Swift, a very interesting address on the value of Credit Unions was given by C. W. Harvey, President of the Credit Union Service League of Boston. The subject pertained to the operation of same, and how they might be organized in connection with fraternal groups and parishes of the Catholic Church.

A credit union is a co-operative savings and loans association organized under a state law (and the supervision of a state department) within a specific group of people, for the twofold purpose of supplying the members of that group with a plan of systematic saving and of making it possible thereby for them to take care of their own credit problems at a legitimate rate.

Bodice Is Embroidered in Leaf Motif, Crystals



Tulle treated in the new flat manner creates a peplum and circular skirt. The bodice accents the natural waistline and is embroidered in a leaf motif with crystals and streamers.

Effect of Slenderness Not So Real as Supposed

It was something of a surprise to many observers—this coming into prominence of a new slender silhouette. For one thing many persons seemed to feel that slenderness of contours had been so definitely favored for so many seasons recently that there could really be no possible new sort of slenderness. Fuller skirts, more drapery and more elaborate trimming, it seemed, might lead women away from their devotion to slenderness.

And yet wherever one goes nowadays—among the most fashionably-dressed women—one feels that there is a new sort of slenderness. This is especially true of evening dress and nowhere more apparent than with recent important opera and first-night theater audiences where women have displayed the new formal evening mode. The longer skirt drapery, the more closely molded bodice give an effect of slenderness and tallness that was quite impossible to achieve with the short skirt and long, straight bodice. As a matter of fact, though women have made every effort to appear slender, this recent short, straight silhouette does not give the effect of slenderness that is produced by longer skirts and draperies and more clearly defined contours.

A pretty good proof of the fact that this new slenderness, however achieved, is something that is important and worth considering is our own probable reaction when you observe it. You are decidedly exceptional if you do not feel at once that these gowns that are definitely longer in the skirt with graceful drapery and bodices that without being actually tight reveal the waistline slenderness to some extent—are precisely what they should be. They have charm, dignity, beauty and variety.

Then as you turn your eyes to one of the new frocks which still retains the very short skirt, the straight, bag-like bodice, you will doubtless feel quite differently than you did six or even three months ago. It will occur to you that in spite of the straight line and snug hips the effect of slenderness was not so real as you had supposed.

Double Garment Made of Heavy Brocade Crepe

If a wise woman who can inveigle her most expensive garment into doing double duty. There are certain types of negligees that are so accommodating and adaptable.

One of these economical garments is made of a heavy brocade crepe and trimmed with fluffy marabou. This two-garments-in-one idea would be a good selling argument for the kimono type of negligee in opposition to the popular pajama ensemble, and it is passed on to the sales sisterhood for approval and use.

Chic Afternoon Frock of Soft Gray Satin

Simplicity combined with chic. What more could one ask of a gown?

An afternoon frock of soft gray satin achieves both these attributes. No ornamentation is used on this gown. The bodice is long waisted and perfectly plain and sleeveless. The skirt is closely plaited, with the plaits stitched for two or three inches at the top.

With a tiny cocktail jacket or cape the dress would be appropriate for dinner and the theater as well as more formal afternoon wear.

Two-Color Dresses

Silk crepe dresses in unique color combinations, such as dust pink and burgundy, wine and pink, peach beige with tate de negre, and emerald, sapphire or scarlet with black, are featured by shops.

Dame Fashion Smiles

By Grace Jewett Austin

There are all sorts of dresses apportioned out to us in the day's work: sports frocks, time a sacred shrub, plant or tree, and breakfast gowns, appear to have been guilty of a species of idolatry in worshipping it. It is even more surprising that the adoration of idols sprang from this practice, the idol being made from the wood of the sacred tree.

It was the custom in the south of France to sprinkle wine over the Maypole at the annual ceremony of its uplifting. This, it is believed, was derived from the ancient practice of sprinkling wine over sacred trees. In England there is a mysterious reverence for the oak, though it may be traced in a measure to the use of its wood in the construction of ships.

The mistletoe, from growing upon the oak, partakes of a sacred character. It is considered that Isalah al-kimonos or negligees, for hospitality implies a readiness to receive guests, but certainly a dress is needed, on the other hand, not of the so-called "afternoon" or "evening" type. The American woman has been accused of never staying at home. Would it not be delightful to astonish Paris by sending word that there is a distinct call from the United States for a type of gown of unusual charm, and perhaps modernistic contrasts in colors and figures, to be used by feminine Americans for festive wear?

The more Dame Fashion thinks of that word "modernistic" in this connection, the more suggestive it seems. A woman might sit near the fireplace across from her husband and perhaps a friend or two and delight their eyes by a gown of all vivid triangles and daring designs, which at breakfast time would undoubtedly have caused those viewing it to groan, "nightmare!" Gay effects impossible for street or sports would be wholly proper.

As Dame Fashion writes this she herself is sitting in front of a soft coal grate fire, burning in a fireplace bordered by blue Dutch tiles—maybe French, for they have a four-decis design. At any rate, she has to smile at herself, as a preacher who did not practice, for many a night she has placed herself close to those blue tiles in a green dress whose clinging must have brought shudders to the festive divinites.

Last summer there was scenery on some of our silk crepe dresses, and if we couldn't fill the car with gas and start for the Grand Canyon or Yosemite, we could put on gowns that brought those places to us in printed designs. This winter there are Mardi Gras printed crepes that seem to be made just from yards of joy, and would be wonderful for this festive use. Think what a heritage it would be to a child to remember evenings when he crawled up into mother's lap by the fire and studied out pretty things printed on her gown. From some of these prints one could weave half a dozen stories about the lovers rowing in boats, the mandolin players and the strange, haunting little faces here and there.

Every phase of life gets reflected in fashion sooner or later. Directly after the war, when war doings had ex-cused almost anything, girls and women scamped about everywhere except to church, wearing knickers. But in the last year or two some invisible fashion power seems to have whispered, "No knickers except for camping or sports where they are imperative." Where were the women last summer in knickers on the golf courses? Gone! A large country club where they were formerly much worn, reporting for last season, said that not one woman appeared in knickers. Well, so much the more indication that "freside frocks" will be appreciated.

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Smart Wool and Rayon Three-Piece Ensemble



Showing a smart sweater and skirt of wool and rayon jersey, worn with an attractive blouse. The sweater is in gray and white, while the skirt is in black.

Short Jacket Welcomed by All Who Like Freedom

The short jacket has staged a comeback. It is particularly welcomed by those who like a certain amount of freedom in walking and fits in well with the modern tendency towards sports and sport simplicity. A number of the French designers have shown jackets in their collections; among them Molyneux, who designs one in broadtail fabric, not fur. This is worn over a dress of black wool crepe.

See Root of Idolatry in Worship of Trees

Today among some of the tribes of Africa there is to be found a form of tree worship where certain members of the tribe are said to acquire a very intimate communion with certain trees in the forest and to receive messages through them from another world. Nearly all nations have had at some time a sacred shrub, plant or tree, and appear to have been guilty of a species of idolatry in worshipping it. It is even more surprising that the adoration of idols sprang from this practice, the idol being made from the wood of the sacred tree.

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Pompeii's Tragic Hour Draped City in Gray

Perhaps it is natural that nearly every tourist who visits the Roman remains which have been dug out of Pompeii, dreams of seeing "Pompeian Red" in all the glory of original design and color, which modern Pompeian hotel balconies have made popular all over the civilized world. Except for a chance bit of ancient mosaic or frescoes on a few walls, the sight of the wonderful carmine is so rare as to be startling.

The prevailing color impression of Pompeii is the lava gray which old Venetians painted there at the time of its destruction. This is the color which shades walls and streets from the moment you enter the Marina gate, as you wander past the temples of Apollo and Jove or even enter the house of the Vestal. It is fittingly so, for whatever our expectations may have been, the tragedy of that awful day needs a gray draping more than the artistic glory of brighter hues.

Degree of Moonshine

The naval observatory says that the moon shines in the Arctic and Antarctic regions for a part of the time during the long night. At the pole itself the moon is above the horizon continuously during one-half of each lunar month and below the horizon continuously during the other half. In the winter time full moon occurs when the moon is above the horizon, and new moon when it is below, while in the summer time new moon occurs when it is above the horizon and full moon when it is below.

Forms of Greeting

The Jarkent people greet each other by putting their hands on their stomachs and bowing deeply, and they rise politely when you approach. The Hindus and Mohammedans greet each other with salaams, laying their hands against their faces. The Tibetans point their thumbs in the air, bend over, stick out their tongues and cry, "Choolay!" All day long they greet each other politely.—Bernard Kellerman in Berliner Tageblatt (Living Age).

Notary Public

This term is ancient. Among the Romans a notary was literally one who took notes—a shorthand writer, hence an official whose duty it was to record transactions, certify the authenticity of documents, etc. In English and American law the term now applies to a person of somewhat similar functions, who takes acknowledgment of, or otherwise certifies or attests, various writings, usually under his official seal, to make them authentic.

Blankets From India

The finest blankets ever made are those produced in Mysore, India. Though three yards square, one of these blankets when rolled up can be passed through a bamboo rod.

Real Navajo blankets are made of all wool, taken from the flocks of sheep tended by the Navajo Indians in New Mexico and spun and woven by them entirely by hand. These blankets are as durable as they are attractive.

Polishing Nickel Plate

Nickel-plated articles and other metal are now polished by hot air. The objects to be treated are placed in a basket in a centrifugal machine driven at a very high speed and heated air is blown from a pipe through the basket. The articles that have become tarnished are made bright in a few minutes. Wet metal fresh from the bath needs no preliminary drying, for the current of air dries and polishes it at the same time.

Queer Fish

When certain rivers in South Africa dry up in the summer, a curious kind of fish, called mudfish, make themselves little nests in the mud and wait there until the river is full of water again. Clods of mud containing the live fish can be dug up.

Used Clover Seeds to Inspire Soldiers

One of the most clever women of the century preceding the Christian era was Martha the Syrian. She was a supposed prophetess but it seems that the verity of her predictions was due more to accurate and sagacious observation than to any psychic powers. Plutarch, in his "Lives" tells how one day she boldly presented herself before the Roman senate and not only offered to enlighten them on the problems then before that august and discursive body, but also declared she could tell them just how future events would fall. The senate scoffed her presumption and chased her out of the chamber, but Gen. Caius Marius, more canny, saw in her an opportunity, took her home and made her a friend of the family. At a contest of gladiators, sitting at the feet of Marius' wife, Martha correctly foretold which would be the victor and the general saw to it that this was widely advertised. Thereafter, when his soldiers were about to go into combat he had Martha bring them the troops on a litter whereon she was all trigged out in a purple robe and bore a little spear trimmed with ribbons and garlands. Then Martha would consult as to which side would win. The soldiers were informed they were destined to be the victors and, "usually," their confidence was such that they were invincible.—Detroit News.

Just a Few Promises Young Bride Required

"Will you let me have my way in everything?" she asked. "Of course I will, darling." "Will you permit me to go home to mother whenever I want to?" "I should never think of being cruel enough to keep you away from your mother when you wished to see her." "And may I have a regular allowance to spend just as I like?" "Certainly. I shall be as liberal as that respect as possible."

"And may I call you up on the phone during business hours?" "I should be unhappy if I did not hear your sweet voice every little while."

"I'm afraid you will forget your promises after we are married."

"No, I won't. Is there anything else you want me to promise?"

"I can't think of anything just now. Oh, yes. There's one other thing."

"Will you promise not to be cross if I sometimes call you by the name of some one else I've been engaged to?"

"I'm so forgetful about such things," London Tit-Bits.

Women in Medicine

The president of one of the state medical associations makes the following statement: "There are fields of medicine for which women are peculiarly adapted; the foreign mission field; the school inspection service; especially when the work is with girls; the examination of women factory employees; the personal and social hygiene service of public work, and the examination of women applicants for life insurance and in the health service of the insurance companies. In the treatment of diseases peculiar to women, female practitioners have established lucrative practices. In surgery there are many women who have demonstrated their success in major operations."

Largest "Room"

The word "room" is not always interpreted in the same way. Some of the places listed might be excluded under some interpretations of the word. Among the largest of which we can find record are the battle gallery of Versailles in France, which is 854 feet long, 43 feet wide. The glass gallery in the same building is 235 feet long, 85 feet wide and 42 feet high. The great hall of the Vatican library, in Rome, is 220 feet long, while the Galleria Lapideria in the Vatican is 700 feet long.

So We Have Farrier Cars

When Jenny Lind, the famous singer, was brought to America by P. T. Barnum she was obliged to travel from place to place on the wretched railroads of the period. To ease the discomforts of the trip she had the seats removed from an ordinary car and replaced with chairs, tables, couches and such pieces of furniture as might be found in an ordinary parlor. She called it jokingly her "parlor car." Out of her idea grew the present Pullman parlor car.—Capper's Weekly.

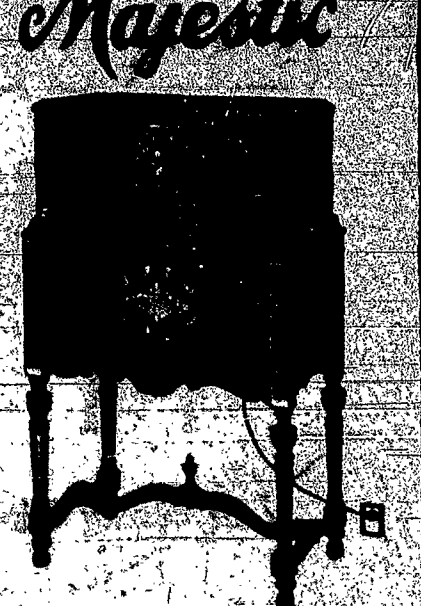
Alumni Associations

The organization of those who have been students is characteristic of American schools. The first alumni association was established at Williams college in 1821. For many years alumni organizations were chiefly social, affording opportunity for the reunion of friends. As these associations developed, however, they proved to be useful, not only in welding former students together in friendship, but in maintaining interest in and in some cases supplying funds for the various schools and colleges.

Loyalty Above All

Loyalty is one of the greatest things you can give, first to everybody, then to yourself. It is the very foundation of friendship. It is one of the greatest necessities for success. He who is not loyal is not trustworthy.—Grit.

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New Church Plans Draw

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