

Engagement

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Edward A. Allen of Fort Knox, Ky., formerly of Evanston, announce the engagement of their daughter, Louise Couper, to Lieut. Robert Lucien Beziat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hamilton Beziat of Baltimore, Md. The wedding will take place on Jan. 3 in the post chapel at Fort Knox where Lieut. Beziat is stationed and will be followed by a reception at the Officers' club. Mrs. James Hamilton Couper of Evanston, grandmother of Miss Allen, will spend the holidays with the Allens and will be in Fort Knox for the wedding. Miss Allen attended DePaul university.

Altrusa Club to Put On Holiday Party Tonight

The Altrusa Club of Chicago will hold its annual Christmas party at 7:30 o'clock this evening at the Allen hotel. Miss Gertrude Gillette, president of the club and assistant manager of the hotel, will be hostess. Members will make donations to support the club's activities.

Meteorites to Be Subject of Field Museum Lecture

Meteorites, the only tangible evidence of what exists in the universe outside the earth, will be discussed by Paul G. Dallwig, layman lecturer of the Field museum, at 2 p. m. next Sunday.

White Collar GIRL

BY RUTH MAC KAY.

She Sharpens Saws.

It takes a lot of traveling around the countryside to pick up these tidbits of information, such as the fact that St. Paul, Minn., has joined the list of cities using women as well as men taxi drivers . . . and Minneapolis boasts a feminine saw sharpener, if you can picture such a thing. She sharpens saws for lumber camps.

Those Important Days.

Hyman of Hyde Park differs with the three most important days in a woman's life as printed in this column. He says they are:

1. The day she is born.
2. The day she is married.
3. The day she gets a fur coat.

Can't Get Away from It.

As one girl said, "You try not to think about it . . . you try not to talk about it . . . but there it is . . . all the time . . . the war."

So, last week brought forth several interesting sidelights on war-time living . . . and thinking. One office has devised a good plan for providing for five enlisted men who were formerly employed by the company. They have installed a large cardboard box in red, white, and blue, on which is printed "GIFTS FOR OUR YANKS." In it have been collected smokes, combs, shoe polish, handkerchiefs, books, and innumerable things soon to be divided into five separate packages and sent to their Yanks.

And, last week, when women were besieging the Red Cross with offers of assistance, a steel company whose telephone number happened to be similar to the number of the Red Cross, received over 25 calls in one morning, which left the switchboard operator to ponder ironically over the relation of bullets . . . and bandages.

And, last week, an insignificant occurrence in the near north side shopping district momentarily relieved the tension of the pedestrians. A tiny dog, resplendent in an overcoat [complete even to a handkerchief in the pocket], shed his dignity and cleaned up on a big stray.

The Alibi Artist.
"One of the most revealing things about a person," a business man said recently, "is how he . . . or she . . . reacts when unfairly blamed for something."

"She always had an alibi for everything she did," an employer explained about a discharged employe. At the time it struck me as being rather unjust. We all have reasons for doing what we do. The difficulty rests in knowing when . . . and to whom . . . to tell those reasons.

In the ordinary routine of business all of us are held responsible for other people's mistakes. Time being precious, each separate incident isn't worth a lengthy discussion. It is worth it only when repeated frequently enough, or when of sufficient importance to affect our personal progress. Then "give it the works."

'Regular Girl' Favorite of College Men

BY DORIS BLAKE.

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"I'm learning more about the likes and dislikes of college boys now than I did when I was a collegian myself, back in Iowa," said Rosemary Lane, bright young star of a Broadway musical hit.

As a result of her rôle in the show with its college background, about 75 per cent of Rosemary's fan mail comes from college men all over the country.

"What impresses me is that the boys say there aren't enough natural girls circulating at college dances. One hears so much about boys adoring the mysterious glamor girls, but to judge by their letters it seems what they actually want is the lively, intelligent, girl-next-door type."

Slim, violet eyed, with "freckle red" hair, the young star is the prototype of the girl every young man wants to "date" on Saturday night. One youth, with unconscious insight, wrote: "Miss Lane, I'll bet you're the kind of a girl who can manage to get thru a dance without an acute case of wandering eye setting in. A guy could talk to you. And you don't seem to be the hothouse type. How's your tennis?"

Facts back up this breezy impression. An acknowledged "regular girl," Rosemary's English farmhouse in the Hollywood hills is a favorite meeting place for her scores of friends.

Beach Attire for Southland



[Karmen-Winger Photo.]

Beach ensembles for south bound vacationists offer such new ideas as this pink and black taffeta swim suit and beach robe of natural colored crash. The suit is of laton shirred in just the spots to conceal bulges. The extremely wide skirted robe is painted with pink flamingoes. Both suit and coat will be found in a Chicago store.

When in Doubt About What to Give, Try Furs

BY REA SEEGER.

Plunge right into the mad scramble of the last week shoppers, it's fun and there is still plenty left for all. Topping the list of luxury looking but very practical gift ideas are the furs. Whether you spend a lot or a little there are furs and fur pieces to click with any one. They range from smart small toques of fur, the pillboxes and the huge face framing large pieces of millinery, to the bows of fur for hair-dos or to attach to slippers, the belts of fur, and the large medium and large muffs. Such accessories provide grand gift assortments.

If you are splurging, take a look at the evening wraps and capes, some in snow-white caracul smooth as moiré velvet, some in fluffy white fox, sleek dark streaked minks, lanky beauty of broadtail, rather fabulous looking Australian opossum and the newest excitement of all the exquisitely sepiated "blonde" shades of natural baum-marten. Short capes, short jackets, swaggers that swing around the kneeline and the grand entrance evening wraps that sweep the floor are available at prices which we repeat will not be repeated for a long time to come.

Comparatively inexpensive furs such as civet cat, American opossum, pony, and the natural honey colored wolf coats make ideal gifts for career and college girls. These come in straight line boxy type models and the short "chubbies."

Fur lined wool coats are also beloved of the college crowd and the careerists, for they are not only high fashion but they serve for an all-purpose coat of great distinction with dresses of all fabrics.

Muffs are top attractions in all the fur showings, the bigger and more unusual the shape the better. There are round muffs, barrel shapes, elongated affairs, the fat pillow-type muffs of tails, of entire skins and such dramatic furs as leopard, silver fox, blue fox, red and cross fox along with Persian lamb, patrician mink, beaver, nutria, opossum, and others. All are tempting models for any gift box. While you're considering a gift of fur—also look at the fur cuffed gloves.

Medical Students and Intern Groups to Convene Dec. 27

The Association of Medical Students and the Intern Council of America will hold their first joint convention at International house of the University of Chicago Dec. 28-29. The health and defense of the nation will be the principal theme of the meeting. The convention also will serve to mobilize young physicians and dentists in the war effort. Dr. Victor Johnson, dean of the University of Chicago medical school, and Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, will be among the speakers. The convention will be attended by representatives of the Chinese, British and Russian embassies and by 15 British medical students studying in America under Rockefeller Foundation scholarships.

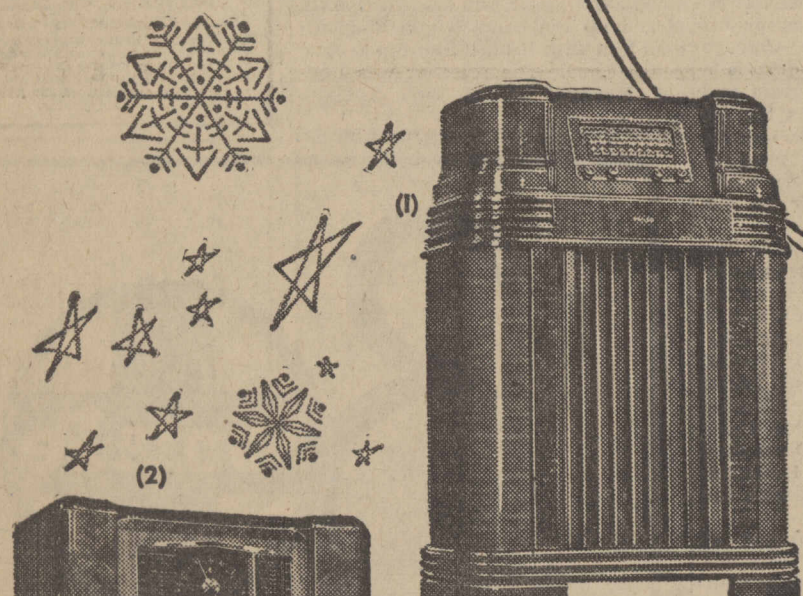
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County Club Federation to Hear Public Officials

Frank Salm, warden of the Cook county jail; Anton J. Negri, efficiency expert for the county board, and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Lewis, managing officer of the Geneva State Training School for Girls, will be among speakers at an all-day meeting of the Cook County Federation of Women's Clubs at 10:30 o'clock today at 17 North State street. Mrs. Elmer B. Jones is president.

Mothers' Club of Evanston School Gives Social Today

The Mothers' club of St. George's school will hold a Christmas social today at the school, 350 Sherman avenue, Evanston. Piano solos by Mary Ten Eyck of the Northwestern university school of music and Christmas carols by the St. George's school glee club will be heard.

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BY SHIRLEY SPENCER.

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Our modern girl is getting away from that standardized stamp, and the result is refreshing to a character analyst. Lucille Ball's writing swings freely and rhythmically to the right

and says, "I think this is fun, and I'm enjoying life. I like being beautiful and successful, but I'm just a regular American girl at heart."

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For your own Handwriting Analysis send 10 cents (in coin) and a self-addressed envelope bearing a 3 cent stamp, together with a sample of handwriting, to Shirley Spencer, Box 116, General Postoffice, New York City. (IMPORTANT: Write 25 words and signature in ink.)

Talks on Yule Customs.

"Scandinavian Christmas Customs" will be discussed by Helen Nelson Englund at a meeting of P. E. O. chapter A, Illinois, at 12:45 o'clock today at the Palmer House.

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