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## SOCIAL ACTIVITY

A June wedding of special interest to students of Northwestern University, as well as to many people in Chicago and New York, is that of Miss Ruth E. Helms and Mr. Conrad Nagel, on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth. Mr. Nagel, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nagel of New York, is a young actor well known for his work on the stage and screen, whose talent and good looks have won for him immediate recognition and success. His playing of the role of Couth in "Experience" when still in his teens, and his work later as leading man for Mary Nash in "The Man Who Came Back" and also in support of Alice Brady in the love-war drama "Forever After" has made him well known to theatre-goers in New York by whom he is generally regarded as one of the coming actors of the day. Miss Helms is a graduate of Northwestern and considered one of its prettiest and most popular co-eds. As a singer she is favorably known in local musical circles. She is the daughter of the late Otto H. Helms, a well known musician of Chicago, formerly a member of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, who died a victim of the Iroquois Theatre fire in 1903. The Helms-Nagel romance had its inception at the home of Miss Ruth Ewing, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Ewing of Highland Park, a life long friend of both the young people and for whom Miss Helms is named. The wedding will be a quiet one at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Anna C. Helms, at 6573 Lakewood avenue, Chicago. The Rev. George C. Magill of Wilmette will perform the ceremony and Miss Ruth Ewing and Mr. Oliver E. Hinsdell will be the attendants. In the meantime the bridal couple are being much entertained. Miss Helms and Mr. Hinsdell have many acquaintances in Highland Park where they were recently heard in a dramatic and musical program at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Beatty, which entertainment netted two hundred and twenty five dollars for the benefit of the Lincoln school.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ralph entertained a number of friends and relatives at a party Tuesday evening given in honor of their son, Arthur, who recently returned from France. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Goudie and Mrs. Pottelwait from Chicago.

The marriage of Miss Mary Henderson of Omaha, Neb., and Sgt. Arthur Rogers, also of Omaha, but now stationed at Fort Sheridan, took place last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Gieser of N. Second St., with Chaplain Pratt of Fort Sheridan, officiating. Miss Esther Adamson was the bride's only attendant, while Mr. Arthur Lindeman of Great Lakes acted as best man. A reception took place following the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gieser. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers will reside in this city until Mr. Rogers receives his release from the service.

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Miss Ruth Ewing is entertaining friends at a five o'clock supper at Plooms today in honor of Miss Ruth Helms and Mr. Conrad Nagel, whose wedding takes place Tuesday, June 24th. The bridal couple will be week end guests at the Ewing home in Highland Park.

The young people of the Highwood Patriotic league entertained at a beach party Tuesday evening. Men in uniform were the guests of the evening.

On Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, the marriage of Miss Saidee Buckley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Buckley, and Mr. Wilbur Clarence Cook of Philadelphia, Pa., took place at the home of the bride's parents on Ravine Place. Owing to the recent death of Mr. Cook's mother, the ceremony was a very quiet affair; the immediate families only being present. Miss Elizabeth Buckley, sister of the bride was the only attendant. Mr. and Mrs. Cook will spend the summer at the Exmoor club, and will move in the fall to their home in Lake Forest.

Mrs. John Irwin Marshall entertained 44 guests at luncheon at the Exmoor Country club in honor of her guest, Mrs. James McLaughlin of Orlando, Fla. The four large tables were charmingly decorated with peonies. Among the out of town guests were Mrs. E. S. Oates of Dayton, Fla., and Mrs. Porter Fraker of New York City.

Miss Louise Darby entertained twenty five guests at luncheon on Monday. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dabbitt and Mr. and Mrs. George R. Niles of Evans-ton.

## D. A. R. NEWS

The North Shore chapter D. A. R. held its final meeting for the season on Saturday, June 4, at the home of Mrs. Ross J. Beatty. A large number of members and guests were present. The program, which followed a short business meeting, was largely musical. The Misses Sweeney, who are spending the summer in Highland Park, gave several delightful numbers. A piano solo by Miss Sweeney, a solo on the harp by Miss Margaret Sweeney and a couple of duets for two harps by both of these young artists were greatly enjoyed by the audience. Our hostess, Mrs. Beatty, also favored us with a solo on the harp. Mrs. F. M. Wilder, on the violin, with Mrs. Ralph Fletcher Seymour at the piano, gave two beautiful duets. Mrs. C. A. Winston read a short report of the 28th annual continental congress of the D. A. R. in Washington, D. C., in April.

At the request of the Regent, Mr. Pitt read "The American Creed" as a fitting close to this "Flag Day" program, which was followed by a social hour.

On Friday, June 6th, Mrs. J. F. Leaming, Regent of the North Shore chapter D. A. R., presented the chapter's silver cup to the company at Deerfield Shields High School acquiring the greatest proficiency in military drill. Major Robert Shields and Captain Wm. Troxell were the judges. Captain John Townsend Beatty was selected to receive the trophy.

## SONS IN SERVICE

Following is the conclusion of the letter written by Mrs. T. M. Quayle to her daughter:

I suspect you are pretty tired of reading this, for it's pretty scrappy, having been written at intervals—the last part here in a room at the hospital. One hotel, where the eleven girls and I are, has no heat. The hospital is steam heated so I "sustained" a room, had the sisters put in two couches, tables, easy chairs, made ink from some tablets. I brought from Baigneux, bought some vases, filled them with flowers, got the boys to get big blotters from hds., and pens from the "Y" rooms. Behold a club room where we can be a very old town. Then the sound of opening shutters—the Grands know the French shutters—the Easter greetings, Madame Champrenault, the young widowed daughter, same in after knocking, her hands full of a great bunch of daffodils! She lost at Verdun her husband and two brothers and is anything but happy. I finished my packing, of hand-painted, dressed, descended and had my coffee and rolls; more flowers on the table and all about the room with a bouquet under the pictures of the brothers and husband. Think of the homes in France where this would be true. And those other homes where even the pictures of the dead are destroyed.

As I had to go to the canteen to finish packing the books which the boys were bringing in, I couldn't go to the church. Well at twelve we dined. First, creamed salmon; then green beans; then roast veal; delicious brown gravy, potatoes, tea; then a salad of dandelions with a hybrid vegetable—a cross between a potato and a turnip—boiled like a potato and sliced, mixed with the greens and a delicious French dressing poured over it. Then a dessert like American "floating island" custard with bits of white of egg and coniture in the center; with that came the white wine. Oh no, I did not drink, only touched my glass to Madame's—to "La France". Then came a tart made of plums canned for three years—delicious. I think some brandy had been put in it, in the process of canning. With this "vin rouge", another toast to the U. S. I touched my glass to Madame's again; then her famous cafe noir. She makes the best coffee I have had in France; was formerly a coffee merchant, so she knows what is good. With the coffee was served some cognac poured over the sugar. None for me. They know I won't drink so they pour only a little drop in the tiny glass that I may take part in the toasts. That ended the dinner. After it, we called, Mme. Champrenault and I, on all the friends, to say goodbye. At each house wine or liquors were served and the same ceremony gone thru with. Had I drunk a tenth part of the tiny glasses, I would be "zig-zag" even now.

They all wept and wished me "bon voyage" and "bon sante." Oh, but it took a lot out of me to get away. Then back to Madam's again, where nothing would do but I must have tea with them at five—we finished dinner at two! Tea and cakes were served. By that time the auto came and all the people came to say goodbye again. I was embraced on both cheeks by all the women and children. Finally we got off after more "au revoirs, bon voyages and bon sante". In every house the picture of the absent soldier was framed, with the tricolor ribbon placed across the bouquet underneath—all that is left of the young manhood of France. The people of France, where I have been, have been perfectly wonderful to me, and I like them, tho I can't admire some of their customs and habits. But otherwise, I love them. It's a most contradictory state of mind. Most of the Americans dislike them. They are the most practical people, and almost childish in their acceptance of many things—a peculiar people—but the lack of children! What of the future? Only anemic children and comparatively few of them. Then contrast with Germany. What her losses are I do not know. But there were more young men visible in Germany than in France, more lads of say 16 or 17, and children—they are swarming all over the place and we are only a little way in Germany.

Did I tell you of our review? No I only mentioned it. It occurred on a sunshiny day! Out on a bit of tableland on the hill south of Baigneux. The tableland lies like a great soup-plate, rising on the outer circle of hillside. The Grands will recognize the description. First the negro S. O. S. troops of the Division were drawn up at the north side of the basin. On the south, a mile and a half across from them, were the infantry; back of them on the next hillside, the Artillery, and machine gun troops. They were all inspected, as they stood and then Pershing and his staff took position and the infantry came marching by. Then the machine guns. Finally over the brow of the hill we could see the artillery growing larger and larger, flags flying, eight bands playing, company by company the artillery came down over the brow of the hill. Then Pershing's guard came down to the stand and he mounted and addressed the troops which were drawn up close to the stand. At the end of each of his periods a mule of the machine guns "hee-hawed." We were all convulsed. What the staff did, I cannot imagine, for I suppose they had to preserve their gravity.

Now, having told my story, I must thank you, Grands, for your care of M. during her illness; I can't tell you, but I think you know, what it has meant to be so far away from her during it all, and my sister's death. I know they both have been well cared for and I am so thankful that friends were about my sister. These poor lads over here—Oh, one can't think of it.

read (the boys put in magazines) and write and escape for a time from the men and officers! I suggested to the lieutenant in charge that no "males" be admitted, so that is the rule. It's mighty warm and nice and as we have to stay indefinitely it is needed for the girls get very tired; this is final. Love to all.

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