

OLD SOUTH CUSTOMS TO GREET CLUB WOMEN

Federation's Convention to Be Held in San Antonio, Texas, Beginning May 28

When 10,000 women from all parts of the United States meet in San Antonio May 28 for the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs and 40,000 more assemble there on October 8 for the annual national convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, they will find the last stronghold remaining in the United States of old-fashioned devotion to an aristocratic social ritual and elaborate social convention.

In addition to the many things of historic and scenic appeal in this Southwestern country, they will find also the old Spanish customs and the influences of two centuries under the rule of Spain. The tradition of the Moorish restraint of woman, brought in this way, has had a big influence and still persists as a vital factor in social relations.

Large German Settlement

Another powerful factor working in the same direction is found in the very large German element which has settled in San Antonio and all Texas. The German woman is, traditionally, very much circumscribed and has for centuries been held pretty much to the old ideal of "Hausfrau" and "Hausmutter."

With these two influences in the direction of conservatism in woman's economic and social relations goes a third perhaps even more powerful. San Antonio and all this part of the country, from the standpoint of its American elements, was settled almost exclusively by people from the old South—from Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Georgia, where the aristocratic idea of protection, and also restriction, of women reached its full flower.

Old Influences Modified

These influences have, it is true, been tremendously modified by modern conditions and ideas, especially the idea of greater freedom for woman, and also by the cosmopolitan population which is to a surprising degree characteristic of San Antonio. But they play a large part in giving the cast to society here.

Only within the past six months or so, for instance, have women ventured to smoke in public in San Antonio. More of the courtesies and formalities are observed in business as well as social life than in the north and east. Women in offices expect, and receive, those old-time courtesies and attentions which have very largely vanished from the business atmosphere of the hurrying north and east. Men still very generally give up their seats in street cars and busses to women and remove their hats when women are in office building elevators.

Return From Vassar to Participate in Wedding

The Misses Cynthia and Suzanne Kohlsaas, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Kohlsaas of 777 Bryant avenue, returned home Wednesday, May 23, from Vassar college, where they are members of the junior class, to be bridesmaids in the wedding of Miss Mary Jacoby today. Last Wednesday evening they entertained the bridal party. They will return to college tomorrow.

Recently at Vassar Miss Cynthia designed the border for a series of twelve special dinner plates being made for the college alumnae by an English concern. Each plate is decorated in the center with a different view of the campus.

Commercial Club Awards Emblems for Scholarship

At a meeting of the Commercial club of New Trier High school last Friday, the honor emblem of the club was awarded to twelve members because of good scholarship and conduct. Following are the names of the students who were honored by this award emblem: Wilma Borovicka, Mabel McCauley, Bernice Cole, Virginia Cordell, Mazie Leshner, Beulah DuSelle, Marion Nettleman, Charles Patterson, Bernice Rossberger, Richard Schuettge, Betty Scrimgeour and Charles Stordeur.

END DRAMA SEASON

The Temple Players, dramatic group of the North Shore Congregation Israel, concluded their playing season with "So This Is London," given last Saturday evening at the Temple in Glencoe. The old members and those who became eligible for membership that evening by their parts in the play received dramatic keys. Next year the Players plan to continue their productions and will enter the Dramatic league contest.

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