

# IN SOCIETY

## COLLEGE CLUB



Miss Miriam Urban.

When members of the College Club hold their next meeting Saturday, February 6, the guest speaker will be Miss Miriam Urban, assistant professor of European History at the University of Cincinnati. A popular and brilliant teacher, Miss Urban is also well known to many Cincinnati audiences for her informative and entertaining lectures. The topic of Miss Urban's lecture will be "The Causes of the Fall of France." The hour of the meeting, which will take place at the Cincinnati Woman's Club, is 12:15 o'clock. Mrs. Howard Sedgwick has been appointed Chairman for the day. Mrs. Ellsworth Ireland is Program Chairman of the College Club.

## Calls On State Governments To Oppose Federal Powers

Baltimore, January 24 (AP)—O'Connor, President of the Council of State Governments, today called upon the states for vigorous opposition to "greater and greater centralization of powers in Washington," but added "the states can blame none but themselves if their future power and strength is sapped by inaction and indifference." O'Connor, opening the sixth general assembly of the council, said in a prepared address that the war was being fought and would be won by the men and the siewns of the 48 states, not "by some detached central agency."

Asking for a strict watch on state rights, O'Connor said the states had shown they could "cope with changing conditions to meet any emergency" and "the states must carry on without letup or limit the part which is rightfully theirs in the present crisis."

The Federal Government, O'Connor said, "has evidenced a tendency to take over functions which the several states indicate a lack of desire or ability to handle. It is also inevitable, during a war like the present one, that the Federal Government should assume more powers than are necessary or desirable in times of peace."

"But such are temporary expedients. After the emergency has passed, such powers temporarily yielded must be returned to the states."

The states, he said, could demonstrate their abilities most convincingly by administering their affairs "so that every assistance will be given the armed forces. No impediments to our nation's cause can be permitted. Nothing can be justified that will postpone the achievement of complete victory."

"There will be heard, as there should be, notes of warning that the encroachment upon states' rights and states' responsibilities seek to undo much that was wrought by the framers of our constitution. But there also be a clarion call to the states to be up and doing."

The age of the Throbbottoms is gone," the Governor said as he called wartime problems a challenge to the abilities of both Federal and state officials. "Pious platitudes," he added, "and drift will no longer be allowed to pass for executive action."

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## Washington Scene

By The Poe Sisters

IF ANY ONE wants to know what Senators' wives carry in those interesting-looking large tapestry bags which seem to go everywhere with them, they should ask Martha Taft, wife of Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

Mrs. Taft, who can make as forceful a speech as any man on the Senate floor, and who knows what current events are all about, is "sticking to her knitting these days," and has induced many "Senate ladies" to do likewise.

Mrs. Taft is Chairman of knitting for the Red Cross Unit of the Senate Ladies Club. She was one of the first of the Senate Ladies to wear the Red Cross pin for achievement in production in her work.

She has learned just what the Red Cross really needs in the matter of knitting and just how it should be done. The knitting officials at the Red Cross headquarters are high in praise of the Senate Ladies Unit knitting section, and say that the corps of women who have to be kept at the receiving depots of the Red Cross to check and direct and sometimes unravel and knit again never are called upon to make corrections in the 100 per cent perfect garments Mrs. Taft brings back fully completed. Sometimes a Senate Lady may have to unravel and correct, and she does it cheerfully.

The women take their Red Cross work seriously, from Mrs. Henry Wallace, wife of the Vice President, who is President of the club, to the very newest, youngest Senate Lady.

The Senate Ladies' Club dates from World War I, and was organized by Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of the Vice President in the Wilson administration. It has met weekly in Congress time since and in war days some Red Cross unit of the club meets almost every day.

It is, by the way, the most exclusive club in Washington. There never are any outsiders, except the wife of the President and cabinet ladies, even on the informal luncheon days when the Senate Ladies' various committees serve the luncheon.

Convention-minded Washington women, and they all are, whether they are embassy ladies, officials, club women, or business and professional women in Washington—are awaiting with deep interest the results of the conferences between leaders of women's organizations and the Office of Defense Transportation on the question of whether to hold or not to hold national conventions this year.

Of course, conventions like the D. A. R. Congress, which always is accompanied by receptions and teas and luncheons by official Washington and diplomatic hostesses, would not be held in Washington anyway because of wartime overcrowded conditions of the Capital City.

The two conventions scheduled for Cincinnati this spring, the D. A. R. Congress in April usually attended by 4,000 to 5,000 women, and the National League of American Pen Women a smaller convention but one which usually attracts well-known artists, writers, and musicians, may not be held after all. Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, President of the General Federation of

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Women's Clubs, which was to have met May 10-15 in Indianapolis, is holding daily conferences by telephone and letters with the members of her board and already has been to the Office of Defense Transportation a number of times. She promises a decision February 1. Mrs. William H. Pouch, President General of the D. A. R., and Mrs. Charles Carroll Haik, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the D. A. R. Congress, have been in Cincinnati several times this winter, and plans are going forward apace.

Some of the heads of women's organizations consider that because women's organizations are engaged 100 per cent in war work, it is the patriotic province of the national President to travel about and encourage this work. They quote the stand of Mrs. Roosevelt that her activities about the country encourage those who are working to win the war.

The D. A. R. members have been looking forward to the Congress in Cincinnati, as many of the outstanding leaders of the organization of the past and present have come from Ohio and the Ohio Valley. Mrs. Lovell Fletcher Hobart, Past President, lives in Cincinnati.

Next to the state of the nation or the convention question, the arrangements for the President's Birthday balls and the attendant festivities on January 30 are a table topic.

It is expected that there will not be as many dinners before the balls as in other years, except those held at the hotels where the balls are given, because of gasoline restrictions. Some of the hotels are setting aside dressing rooms for the guests so that they can bring their evening clothes and don them at the hotel. Other guests, some of them important socially and officially are going in for daytime clothes, and some leading matrons have announced that they intend to wear their war service uniforms.

Mrs. Edward Beale McLean, however, is going to give her usual dinner before the ball, and has solved the transportation and dress problems of her guests by announcing that they may wear anything they want and that she already has arranged for horse-drawn busses to take the guests to the dinner and drive them about to the balls.

Meantime the McLean children, Jock, Neddie, and Evalyn, were seen having a reunion among themselves at a fashionable hotel, dancing together, which they do so well, and walking to and from the hotel. Jock was in Washington from Texas, where he is aiding the war effort by manufacturing planes, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beale McLean, Jr., have taken a house here until after Easter, when they will return to Colorado. Senator and Mrs. Reynolds returned from Florida in time for the convening of Congress, and are busy complet-

ing the renovation of their new home near the Capitol with its sun deck for small Mammie Spears Reynolds, who in the meantime is spending some weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean, at the new Friendship. Miss Paulina Longworth has returned to Vassar after participating in the many post-Christmas festivities for the younger set. Many parties are planned for the younger set at Easter time, when the bugaboo of heating and transportation will be somewhat eliminated, and Miss Longworth will be here to take part in them again.

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## Insurance Man Is Dead; Was Head Of Own Firm

Services for Donald G. High, who operated the High Insurance Company, will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday at the Stanley High funeral home. Burial will be in Spring Grove.

Mr. High, who died Saturday at Jewish Hospital after a short illness, had been in the insurance business for 20 years. Previously he was associated with the Pfau Manufacturing Company, Norwood.

Mr. High, whose residence was at 4311 Ashland Avenue, Norwood, was 47 years old.

His widow, Mrs. Elizabeth High; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Nelson High, Norwood; a daughter, Betty; two sons, Charles D. and Nelson B. High; two brothers, Everett N. and Douglass G. High, and two granddaughters, Marcia Dale and Joanne High, survive Mr. High.

## Bricker, Stassen Agree On Rout Of Isolationism

Baltimore, January 24 (AP)—Two Governors, Harold E. Stassen, Minnesota, and John W. Bricker, Ohio, found themselves in agreement today on the subject of isolationism but far apart on the need for emergency war power grants to Governors.

"The walls of isolationism are gone forever," Stassen said and Bricker, asked whether the United States could keep out of world affairs after the war, commented, "No man can, now or forever."

"On the subject of emergency powers for Governors, Stassen said he was supporting a bill before the Minnesota Legislature which would grant such rights. "We must make it possible," he said, "for government to function efficiently and rapidly in war."

Bricker said no such bill had been introduced in Ohio because "we don't want it. There is no need for it. It won't be passed. We have been able to do everything needed."

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## Events In Milford

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The third Clermont County girl to join the Auxiliary Corps, Miss Etta Dennison, Amelia, has begun training in the WAAC Motor Division at Daytona Beach, Fla. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dennison, she formerly was employed in Cincinnati, Miss Sue Spedel, Batavia, now a Third Officer, and Miss Marjorie Turner, New Richmond, are the other two Clermont girls in the corps.

Directors of the First National Bank, Batavia, have elected the following officers: P. F. Jamieson, President; George W. Gregg, Vice President; John Huntington, Cashier, and Amelia Griffith, Assistant Cashier. Directors are E. C. Ely, L. M. Buerkle, P. F. Jamieson, R. J. Wood, George W. Gregg, W. B. Miller, and H. A. Kahle.

On leave from Alachua Field, Gainesville, Fla., Sergeant Charles Evanchyk is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evanchyk, Owensville.

## Retired Builder Is Dead - Rites To Be Held Tomorrow

George E. Krieger, who was engaged in the building industry in Cincinnati for 30 years before his retirement 20 years ago, died Saturday night at a rest home. Seventy-five years old, he had been ill for two years. Before entering the home he had lived with a nephew, Albert Nordmeyer, Loveland, Madeira Road, Madeira. A brother, Chris Krieger, is a widely-known Cincinnati tailor. Mr. Krieger is survived also by a sister, Mrs. Rose Nordmeyer. Services are in charge of John J. Gilligan and Son. Requiem high mass will be sung at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Mary Church, Hyde Park. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery St. Bernard.

## JAMES E. MILLS

Honorary pallbearers for the funeral of James E. Mills, President of the Smith and Mills Machyng Tool Company, who died Saturday at Christ Hospital, have been announced. The ceremony is to be held at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Charles A. Miller Sons funeral home, Northside. The pallbearers include E. A. Mueller, F. W. Boye, Charles Meier, B. E. Quillen, John Clark, M. L. Albrecht, Jack Carlton, and George Lawrence, all of Cincinnati; N. A. Booz and C. A. Olegard, Chicago; George J. Zimmerman, Cleveland; Jack Russell, Canton, Ohio; George F. Turner, Detroit, and W. H. McClelland, Peterborough, Ontario.

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## BRITISH PILOTS

Score Hits On Jap Airfield In Central Burma - Others Bomb Seven Steamers.

New Delhi, India, January 24 (UP)—Long-range Royal Air Force bombers last night attacked the important Japanese airfield at Heho, in Central Burma, scoring hits on runways and dispersal areas, a British communique reported today.

Earlier in the day other British fliers bombed and strafed seven enemy steamers along the Arakan Province coast of Western Burma.

There were no reports on the progress of Field Marshal Sir Archibald Wavell's land drive toward Akyab.

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