

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Must Look At Woman Problem From Two Important Angles

Young Women Must Equip Themselves Says Miss Mary Anderson of Department of Labor to Peace Institute Girls, and They Must Help Others Who are Handicapped

Raleigh, May 28.—The opportunity confronting the women and girls of the United States of the present day is greater than that of the women of any other country or at any other period in the history of the world, the young women of Peace Institute were told here last night by Miss Mary Anderson, chief of the women's division of the United States Department of Labor, when she made the commencement address to that institution. Women are being challenged by the need to take a part in the Nation's activities, economic, social, and political, Miss Anderson said. They are being called upon to enact the role of home-maker, wage earner, and voter and to be leaders in pointing the way to higher civilization, the speaker added.

"If young women of the country now standing on the threshold of womanhood are to seize the opportunity before them, they need a combination of common sense, clear vision, and high ideals," Miss Anderson, asserted. "They must look at this woman problem from two important angles. First, they must try to equip themselves to render the best possible service. They must endeavor to aid those women and girls so handicapped by circumstances as to be unable to grasp for themselves the chance for a larger and freer existence."

Common sense shows that it is advisable for a girl to choose a vocation though she may not enter the ranks of the wage or salary earner, Miss Anderson stated, but the eight and one half million employed women in the United States show that one out of every four women is engaged in an occupation for which she paid.

As so many women go into gainful occupation, it was pointed by the speaker the value of training for a certain vocation. Many women have been unexpectedly forced to support a family and have been utterly unprepared, declared Miss Anderson. This was greatly because of their relying on their present circumstances and not preparing for a possible misfortune in life, the speaker added. Life is full of vicissitudes and a girl is wise who prepares herself for the work of the outside world, it was asserted.

"Such an occasion as Commencement marks not the end but the beginning of her preparation for her special part in life, whether it be career within the home or outside the home," the bureau chief said. "The girl who marries and engages in the keeping of house and the caring

for a home and family may be regarded as entering upon a career as well as the girl who goes into an occupation for pay. In each case adequate preparation is more likely to bring success."

A common sense view of the future and high ideals was declared by the speaker to be essential for the success and happiness of all women starting out in life. Added to this, said the chief, the young woman must realize her duty to humanity and responsibility to help her less fortunate sister workers.

"The 1920 census showed over four million women in the United States engaged in the producing and distributing trades," Miss Anderson asserted. "For most of these women there was no choice as to whether or not they should work for a living or as to the kind of job they would prefer. They have been driven by economic stress into any available means of earning a living. Many young girls are forced into blind alley jobs, that is those with low pay no opportunity for advancement and no outlet for energies or interests. Many of these girls remain in such positions for life; caught in a trap with no chance to improve their condition; merely eking out an existence."

"Girls and women fortunate enough not to be caught in such a web of circumstances can no longer feel that this industrial drama is a thing which can neither affect them nor be affected by them. We are all inextricably bound up with modern industry. Every day we make use of the many products of the women toiling in mills and factories. Investigations prove that although some women workers labor under satisfactory conditions, thousands of women still have unduly long hours, receive wages too low to permit of a respectable standard of living, and work in unsanitary establishments with exposure to unnecessary hazards and strains with little provisions in the plant for health and comfort.

"Women who are earners with one job in the factory and one in the home have little time and energy left to carry on the fight for better economic status. It is the duty, therefore, of women who are not caught in the industrial machinery of the nation to give their attention to these problems. Such women can aid greatly in educating the public and breaking down prejudice and wrong theories about women in industry and by insisting that women be given a square deal. Now that

Social Happenings

Informal Dance

A lovely informal dance was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morris Monday evening at their beautiful home "Westmoreland." Music was rendered and an unusual delightful evening was enjoyed. Several couples danced and during the evening delicious refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, strawberries, cream and coffee were served.

Entertains At Mah Jongg

Miss Evelyn Jones delightfully entertained the Mah Jongg Club at her home on East Church street Monday evening from eight until 11 o'clock. After a very entertaining evening the hostess served punch and fruit cake. This was the last meeting that this club will have this season and the prizes were awarded to Albert Gard and Miss Evelyn Jones. Club members present were Miss Winnie Roseman, Mrs. George Beveridge, F. M. Dwight, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Bell and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Woodley, Jr.

Personals

Misses Lillian Swain and Mary Owens spent the week end at Eden-ton visiting friends.

Miss India Bartlett spent the week end at South Mills as the guest of relatives.

William Dally has returned from North Carolina State College where he has been a student for this term.

Mrs. G. W. Ward, 314 West Main street, and grandchildren, Elizabeth Thompson, Ward Thompson and Clare Thompson, left Wednesday for an extended visit to Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Mrs. W. P. Duff and two children, BHI and Mac, have returned after an extended visit to Macon, Georgia.

women have the ballot, they can be strongly instrumental in the passage of laws to insure right standards for working women. Such laws would safeguard not only women but also the race. They would guarantee the children of breadwinning mothers a safe heritage and proper parental care. They would protect the family and maintain more satisfactory standards of living.

"So the clarion call for service comes to all girls. The girls of today are the women of tomorrow, and upon the vision and ideals of these girls depends, in a large measure, the future progress of the country and civilization.



where they visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Greenleaf.

Fashion News Notes

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Paris, May 28.—Mauve and deep green are the shades used today for some stunning new negligees. These are made up largely of three or four very wide bands of fillet, alternating with deep green satin brocade, and mounted upon mauve georgette.

Paris, May 28.—An interesting sleeve seen here recently is a long pouch of material, heavily embroidered. Near the end there is an oval aperture through which the wrist is thrust.

New York, May 28.—The dark blue georgette frock, without a hint of embroidery in any other color, is a demure background for a georgette scarf. The scarf is often a plaid, in tones of orange, yellow, and brown.

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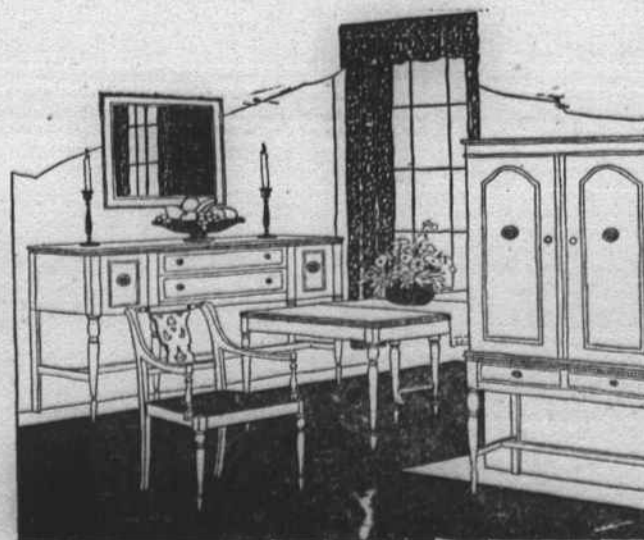
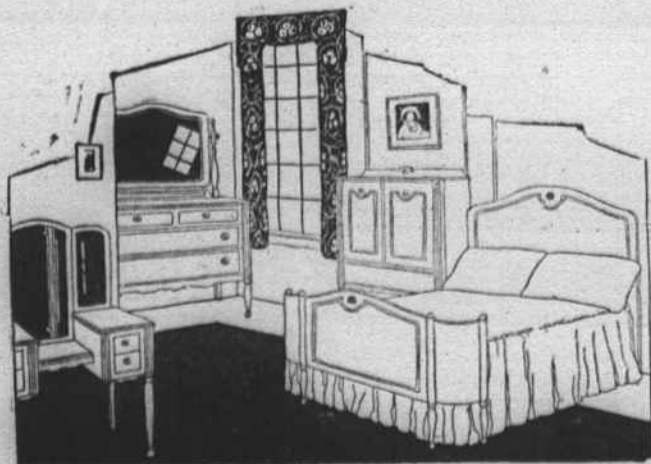
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