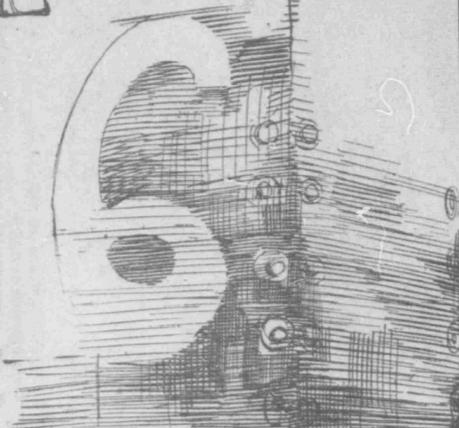


CHRISTENERS OF AMERICA'S GREAT NAVY ORGANIZE

Fairest of the Nation's Young Women to Form the American Society of Naval Sponsors in Washington This Week.



You are cordially invited to be present and to participate in the organization of the Society of Naval Sponsors on the nineteenth of February at twelve o'clock Continental Hall, Washington, D.C.

THE American Society of Naval Sponsors, one of the most exclusive women's organizations of the United States, will be formed at a meeting here this week of fifty of America's fairest and foremost young women and matrons who have splashed champagne on the prows of Uncle Sam's battleships. The meeting will be called to order in Continental Hall at noon Wednesday, and will continue two days.

Elaborate entertainment has been planned by the eight Washington sponsors who have worked unceasingly for the organization of the society, officials of the army, as well as the navy, and Government officials, who have at all

times taken great interest in the project. It is probable that the sponsors will be taken as guests of Secretary Metcalf, to Annapolis, where they will be entertained at the Naval Academy. The delegates to the meeting will also be guests at the army and navy reception at the White House Thursday evening, when President Roosevelt will pay a special tribute to the new society.

Members All Prominent.

The members of the organization will include daughters of governors of States, United States Senators and members of the House of Representatives, mayors of cities, prominent men in business and politics, and officers of

the army and navy. Thus it will be seen that the membership line will be closely drawn, and will boast an ancestry seldom approached by a national organization.

Only fifty of the 175 women who have spilled wine on vessels of the navy to see it run down and kiss the water have signified their intention of becoming associated with the society, and among them are some of the most beautiful members of American society.

It is the plan to make membership in the society eventually hereditary, the honor going to the eldest daughter of the member, and in case of no daughter to the eldest granddaughter. This step will mark a precedent in patriotic

societies and its results will be watched with interest.

English Following Example.

Following the plan of the American women, the daughters of Great Britain are contemplating the organization of a society of sponsors, and leading London papers and naval journals have taken the matter in hand, not only commending the plan, but suggesting that an international society be formed eventually, to be composed of women of both continents. The English organization would have equally as exclusive membership requirements as the American society, as the sponsors of that nation come mostly from the nobility.

Miss Mary Campbell, of Birmingham, who broke wine when the scout cruiser Birmingham was launched, and Miss Keith Frazier, daughter of United States Senator Frazier of Tennessee, who stood sponsor for the Tennessee, have been unflinching in their efforts to organize the sponsors, and it is to them that is due the credit which American society must justly give. Miss Campbell conceived the idea, and immediately began correspondence with other sponsors.

Her idea met approval from the beginning, and very soon she had enlisted the services of a dozen or more of the most prominent society women of the country. Soon she was joined by Miss Frazier, and since that time the loyal Tennessee girl, with that vim which has marked the successful career of her father, has devoted all her spare time to interesting sponsors in the movement.

Miss Frazier made her debut into society several months ago, and since coming to Washington has been one of the most popular girls in the younger set. She is one of

the sponsors whose line of ancestry is long and illustrious. She is eligible to membership in the Society of Colonial Dames, Daughters of the Revolution, the Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Society of the Descendants of the Princess Pocahontas. Through her mother, who was Miss Louisa Keth, of Tennessee, she is directly descended from America's first Lady of the Land, the beautiful Virginian, Pocahontas. Miss Frazier's parents' home, at 1213 Connecticut avenue, is the gathering place for a large circle of friends she has made during her short residence in the Capital.

Miss Coral Quay is another sponsor who is a daughter of a United States Senator. Her father was the late Matthew Stanley Quay, of Pennsylvania, and Miss Quay is one of the most popular young women of her State. Her home is in Beaver, although she spends much of her time in Washington.

Another young woman who will be associated with the sponsors is Miss Nancy Leiter, of Chicago, who, in 1898, spilled champagne at the christening of the Illinois. Her family, too, is famous in America among the governors and Senators. Miss Leiter is one of the three daughters of the late Levi Z. Leiter.

Mrs. Gallaudet, the charming daughter of Senator Francis Marion Cockrell, christened the Missouri. Her father was a brigadier general in the Confederate army, and later served thirty years in the National Congress. Missouri has another daughter who officiated at the launching of a vessel, for Miss Gladys Smith, of St. Louis, christened the St. Louis.

Another young matron who will lend dignity to the sponsors' society is Mrs. John G. South, of Frankfort, Ky., who, in 1898, broke a bottle of wine on the prow of the battleship named for her State. She is the daughter of former Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, and the society event attending the launching of the Kentucky will be long remembered by those who were present. Mrs. South was a great beauty, and is still a leader of society in the Blue Grass State.

Miss Elizabeth Jones, of Arkansas, christened the Arkansas. She is the daughter of Senator James Kimbrough Jones, and, like many of her associates in the sponsors' organization, was one of the most popular young women of her State. The Kansas' fair sponsor, the daughter of a governor, is Miss Anna Koch. Her ship was christened two years ago with delightful festivities incident to the ceremony.

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