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# SOCIETY NEWS

### A CHRISTMAS WISH.

Beautiful times mayst thou have at this season.  
All that is fairest and purest be thine;  
Sunlight from heaven illumine thy pathway,  
Rare be thy gifts from God's limitless mine.  
Be on your watch in the morning  
And list' for the sound of wings,  
For the angels fly from the realms on high,  
To the waiting with all good things.

Bells will be ringing this Christmas  
Glad chiming of exultant praise,  
May their echo stay in your heart  
away,  
And within it an anthem raise.  
Treasures that money can't purchase,  
And wealth that no bank can buy,  
I desire for thee in the year to be  
That so swiftly is drawing nigh.

### Invitation for Everyone.

Here is a banquet invitation for all of us. That it will be accepted by many is very certain, since almost every one at some hour or another on Christmas day finds himself in the hall of memory. No other day in all the year brings back to memory absent friends as does Christmas.

In honor of the spirit of Christmas  
You are invited to join us in celebrating Christmas day by attending a banquet to be served in Memory's Hall.

The following is the Christmas menu:

- Grace
- Anticipation
- Conscience clear
- Companionship
- Recollections
- Long life
- Relishes
- Warm hearts
- Spirits receptive
- Conversation sparkling
- Purposes
- Sweet thoughts
- After dinner speeches
- Greetings to and from absent friends
- Mizpah.
- Memory's Hall.

Entertainment Christmas Eve.  
The First Westminster Presbyterian Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas entertainment, with a tree and a treat for the Sunday school children on Thursday evening, December 24, at 7 o'clock in the chapel.

### The Rutheans Annual.

On last Wednesday afternoon the ladies of the Ruthean Bible class of Trinity M. E. church were entertained at the church parlors by Mesdames Jas. Shelton, O. C. Swanson, Henry Schaffer, E. L. Ingersoll, O. K. Boler, F. Brown, L. E. Dickinson, J. C. Blake and C. J. Holbrook. This was the annual Christmas social of the organized Ruthean class. The afternoon began with a short business session and arrangements for well filled baskets to be sent to the poor on Christmas morning, followed by a prayer by Miss Elizabeth Matheny. Miss Rose Pelz sang, a beautiful Christmas solo, after which refreshments were served which carried out the color scheme of red and white, as did also the decorations. The most beautiful event of the afternoon was the presentation of a diamond talisman to the teacher, Mrs. C. M. Finney, by Mrs. Emie Carr, the class president. Immediately following this the tree, which was gorgeously trimmed, and a surprise to all, was unloaded and each one received a present. This was undoubtedly one of the most beautiful events in the history of the class, which always welcomes new members, and which now has a membership of seventy-five.

### Keokuk Club's Open House.

For the first time in sixteen years, the length of the club organization, the Keokuk club will keep open house on New Years afternoon. The hours will be from 4 until 7 o'clock, and at 6 o'clock supper will be served. There will be dancing in the ball room during the reception hours. Agne's orchestra will furnish the music for the dance program. The club members will be privileged to invite those who are not members to the open house. The Keokuk club was organized sixteen years ago, and will with this open house, inaugurate an annual custom, according to E. Carroll Taber, the club's president. This open house promises to be one of the enjoyable events of the holiday season.

### Club Dance December 29.

The annual party for which the Keokuk club is sponsor, will be given on Tuesday evening, December 29, in the ball room of the Elks club. Invitations for this party which will be one of the most brilliant of the holiday season, will be issued this week. The music for the dance will be furnished by the Stone and Weiss orchestra, one of the best exponents of the new dance music in this part of the

state. The party will probably conclude a series of social events of the holiday week.

### Pretty Childrens' Party.

A merry crowd of children joined Agatha Harmon in the celebration of her fourth birthday anniversary Saturday afternoon at her home, 1127 Blondeau. Miss Helen Harmon and Miss Pearl West assisted the children in their games and late in the afternoon, ushered the happy crowd into the dining room where a delicious luncheon was served. The table was very prettily decorated in Christmas colors, the centerpiece being a lighted Christmas tree. A beautiful white birthday cake with four candles graced the table. The favors were small dolls and bottles of candy. Many pretty presents were brought to the charming little hostess. Those present were: Bernice Gibson, Charlotte Coffey, Ethlyn Freed, Lillian McClintan, Dorothy McClintan, Elizabeth Shoaf, Ruth Taylor, Joseph Harmon, Ivan Merrick, Leon Mudd, Carl Taylor, Curtis Nelson, Jonathan Merrick, Lucille Whitehead, Gladys Stevens and Kenneth Hull.

### Student's Auxiliary Program.

On Monday evening the Student's Auxiliary will present Dicken's Christmas Carol. The story is dramatized and illustrated by tableaux, beautifully staged. The sponsors for the program are Mrs. Leonard Matless, Miss Eleanor Hughes and Miss Caroline Baldwin. The house committee is Mrs. Ada Jewett Norton and Miss Cora Parsons. In addition to the names published in Friday's Gate City, the following will have part in the program: Carl Joy, Hayden Wilcox, Miss Madeline Connable, Miss Alice Hinkley, Geo. Rolloson and Howard Montague. Members of the Monday Music club are admitted upon presentation of membership cards. Guest cards can be gotten at the door.

### Berean Class Social.

The Berean class of Westminster Presbyterian Sunday school was entertained in the chapel on Saturday from 2:30 to 5:30 by Mrs. O. E. King and Miss Lula Laws. After the business session there were readings about "The Quaint Old Christmas Customs" and "How the World Watches the New Year Come In." Each member of the class had brought a box containing a Xmas present which were drawn by number. An hilarious time was had in the "surprise." Refreshments were served.

### Miss Harris' Christmas Party.

Miss Nelle Harris gave her annual Christmas cotillion in the Masonic ball room on Saturday afternoon, for both the advanced and the beginner's class dancing. Miss Olive Morgan was pianist and the cotillion favors were given by Mrs. Myrtle F. Baker and Miss Elsie Buck. The pupils showed not only grace and skill in dancing but were versed in correct social usages. Lord Chesterfield himself could not have bowed with more dignity and grace than did the little boys in the class, and the little girls were very gracious and charming in their manners. Some of the special features were a solo dance by Miss Harris, the Lala Pado, danced by the girls of the Monday afternoon class and the Half and Half, danced by Miss Harris and Miss Mary Howell. Many guests were present to watch the dancing.

### Many Christmas Parties.

Keokuk society will enjoy at least four large dancing parties during the holidays, three of which occur this week. On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McFarland and Mr. Malcolm McFarland will entertain a very large company in the Elks ball room. On Wednesday evening Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Gray, Mrs. David J. Ayres and Miss Mary Margaret Ayres will entertain at a reception and dance which gives promise to be a very brilliant affair. On Friday from 4 to 7 o'clock, in the evening, the White Christmas party will be given and the closing festivity will be the ball given by the Keokuk club on the evening of December 29. All these parties will be given in the Elks ball room.

### Miss Schaefer's Party.

Miss Gladys Schaefer delightfully entertained a number of her friends Friday evening at her home, 1112 Concert street. The house was decorated in holly, evergreens, and red roses. Dancing was the feature of the evening, the music being furnished a box containing a Christmas played. Late in the evening refreshments were served in pink and white, after which the guests departed.

### Miss Joy's Guest.

Miss Mildred Joy returned on Friday evening from Washington, D. C., where she has been attending Mrs. Somer's school, the Mt. Vernon Seminary. She was accompanied by Miss Elaine Sweet of San Diego, Calif., who will be her guest during the holidays.

### To Winter in Chicago.

Mrs. Lafayette Brown and Miss Eleanor Brown left last night for Chicago, where they will spend the winter.

### Birthday Surprise Party.

A company of friends delightfully surprised Mrs. C. O. Taylor at a birthday party on Friday afternoon at her home, 904 Timea street. She received some very pretty and useful gifts.

### Mrs. Tucker's Recital.

Mrs. Collingswood Tucker will give an afternoon song recital in Hamilton on Wednesday, December 30, for the P. E. O. chapter there, and their guests. Mrs. Tucker has appeared before under the patronage of the P. E. O.'s and has always been cordially received. The recital is one of the social affairs of the holiday season.

### Mrs. Weisman's Kensington.

Mrs. Elmer Weisman was hostess to a small company of ladies at a Kensington on Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock in honor of Miss Myrtle Davidson, who is at home from Drake university for the holidays. Mrs. Cutler of Chicago, and Mrs. Arthur McCormick of Waterloo, Mrs. George S. Yant of St. Joseph, was an out of town guest.

### Missionary Society Meeting.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Westminster Presbyterian church will hold their regular monthly meeting in the chapel on Monday afternoon. Mrs. O. E. King will be the leader and the topic is "The Immigrant." Assisting on the program will be Miss Harriet Fulton, Mrs. A. M. Yillie, Mrs. E. A. French, Mrs. C. H. Dodge.

### Guests of Miss Nutting.

Miss Elizabeth Nutting had for guests on Saturday, her father, Professor Nutting, of the science department of the state university of Iowa, and her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Heraman, a secretary in the Cedar Rapids Y. W. C. A. On Monday Miss Nutting will go to her home in Iowa City for the holiday week.

### Miss Habenicht Leaves.

Miss Habenicht left last night for St. Louis for a few day's visit, after which she will go to Baltimore, Maryland, for a month to do some special work for the public nursing service there. The middle of February she will enter Columbia college for six months post graduate work. She will then go to one of the large city Visiting Nurse associations as superintendent of nurses, which excellent position was the cause of her leaving the Keokuk association. The work here will be carried on by Miss Johnson who comes from Galena, Kan a woman trained in public health work in Kansas City, where she had practical experience, by Miss Brown and Miss Alexander as regular nurses, and Miss Maloney as substitute nurse. Miss Habenicht has made the Keokuk V. N. A. one of the very best to be found any place and is a nurse of unusual ability and judgment.

### Refreshments were served and a pleasant afternoon was spent.

Classes Enjoy Social.  
Mr. Knapp's Sunday school class held a business meeting at the home of Ross Blake, 215 South Eighth street, Tuesday evening. While they were busy discussing plans for a basketball team, the class of young ladies, taught by Mrs. Blake, pleasantly surprised the young men by coming in. Business was soon discarded and various games and music took its place. Refreshments were served and a jolly good time was enjoyed by all.

### Home for the Holidays.

The Misses Leonore and Mary Richmond will be at home this week from Richmond, Ind., where they are attending Elhriam college.

### Ladies of Charity Meeting.

The Ladies of Charity will hold their regular monthly meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock in St. Vincent's hall.

### Mrs. Ballinger Hostess.

Mrs. William Ballinger entertained the Church Woman's society of St. John's church on Friday afternoon at a business and social meeting.

### Alliance Will Not Meet.

There will be no meeting of the Woman's Alliance this week, and the Trinity Ladies' society has suspended meetings until after the holidays.

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