

BYRN MAWR GIRLS FAIL TO FIND JOY IN SKATING MINUS PROFS

Hockey Field Still Furnishes Ice to Girl Students, but Since Instructors Left Hands Are Too Cold

MARRIAGE IS TO BLAME

It's no use; they remain disconsolate. The secret was let out today when Bill Schwenkheim pulled up his team in front of the Bryn Mawr postoffice, where John Pinerton was standing, aching to pass the time of day.

"Them college girls," vouchsafed Bill, with one eye averted at the sky, "may have some skatin' soon! Whoa! An' then agin, they masn't."

"Mebbe they will an' mebbe they won't," declared John boldly. "But them young professor fellers won't. Haw-haw!"

"Haw-haw-haw!" Bill replied. "Didja hear the latest one 'bout that?"

They do say in the village—for the center at Bryn Mawr College is stricter than those in Europe—that the most modern kind of skatin' provided for the college girls, along with the most modern forms of everything else, has failed to render them any less inconspicuous in the loss of their handsome and intellectual young masculine professors as skating partners.

The catastrophe fell out of a clear, cold sky two winters ago. But, as 'tis said, the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts, absence lends enchantment; and ever since then the college authorities have racked their brains to make skating so alluring that the college students should forget their absent teachers.

But it's no use. Not even a skating rink sprinkled on the landscape with a hose is balm for the wounded hearts.

In former years skating at Bryn Mawr was romantic. The pond on the lower campus, set in a valley fringed by the Gothic halls of Bryn Mawr, trees and the residences of the young professors, was covered with the gliding figures of Bryn Mawr girls and the inhabitants of the residences. They usually skated in pairs. This was for the warmth that goes with a big pair of hands, for the air was cold; perhaps, too, some of the girls couldn't be instructed in skating any more than in calculus or Sanskrit.

Hearts were warm. If the air was cold, and there was the trouble. Mixing chemicals in the laboratory became precarious when eyes met. Greek verbs became terribly tangled when eyes met. Geometric figures became grotesque when eyes met. Worse than that, some of the young women interested were betrothed and the instructors merely intellectual. And, worst of all, a marriage occurred. Dr. M. Carey Thomas, president of the college, issued a pronouncement, forbidding the young preceptors from skating with their pupils.

The tiny rivulet which fed the pond could have dried up for all the use it got. Skating ceased abruptly.

This winter, to revive the dead interest in skating, the college authorities introduced a skating innovation, something unheard of so far south as Bryn Mawr. There is no skating pond, but on freezing cold nights workmen, under the direction of Thomas Foley, superintendent, sprinkle the lower hockey field with a snow. The girls skate on the field of snow, fresh ice the next day without any danger of breaking through.

But their hearts are not in the sport. The professors are skating down at Haverford or at St. David's, or maybe they're reading Browning in their studies.

WAR ON 8-CENT EXCHANGES

110 Business Associations to Join in Protest on January 4

A meeting of protest against the 8-cent street railway exchange tickets will be held by the United Business Men's Association, Tuesday night, January 4, in the Adelphi roof garden. Representatives and delegates from 110 business and improvement associations will be present.

Mayor-elect Smith has accepted an invitation to be present and all the members of the new Councils have been invited. The committee in charge of the meeting follows:

Edward H. Martin, chairman; Charles L. Fluck, William H. Huppold, Edwin J. Lafferty, J. N. Grison, William E. Hoxamer, Aug. L. Phillips, Arch H. Schoch, John J. Mulholland, Irving Dillon, John N. McGarvey, Sidney M. Earle, John J. Orr, Edward E. Ziegler, Hayes Hoyle, John P. Stuhltrager, Thomas H. McCaffrey.

Two Boston Firemen Killed

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Two firemen were killed, another buried under tons of machinery, from which he was rescued nearly dead after two hours' work, and a fourth seriously hurt by a fall at a fire, believed to have been incendiary, in a six-story factory building on Cambridge street early today.

CHRISTMAS THIRSTS MAY STRIKE DESERT

Bartenders Say Yes, but Proprietors Still Have Their Eye on the Till

The very latest is a dry Christmas. Of course, it is still in abeyance, or contemplation of some other indefinite place where its name and address cannot be learned, but nevertheless there is such a movement, and in the opinion of the more optimistic bartenders it has a wonderfully fine chance to succeed, almost as much chance as a sphere of congealed water in the place that is paved with good intentions.

The idea is to give the bartender a holiday on Christmas. But unfortunately for the bartender, nearly everybody else has a holiday on Christmas 25, and humanity at rest is prone to thirst. Statistics prove that purveyors to this thirst have the interest of their purveying establishments at heart, hence the chance of the dry Christmas.

Organizers are now said to be at work collecting dues and initiation fees from bartenders who wish to join the new movement for Christmas at home.

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