JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Tells of the Doings Today in the Social World—She Hears of the Play for Convalescent House—Other Bits of Interest

THE younger set is beginning to have its innings now, and tonight will see the second meeting of the Saturday Evening Dancing Class, which is held, you know, in the Bellevue-Stratford Rose Gardens.

Several dinners will precede the class, including one to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Philippus Miller for their daughter Mary and another given by the Frank Mosses for Anna. I think it will be a very gay class. And do you know, there are some awfully pretty subdebs this season. There will be tearing beauties next year!

I saw a number of them all standing together and talking the other night at a party, and I was impressed with their lovely faces.

The patronesses of the Saturday Evening Dancing Class are Mrs. John White Geary, chairman; Mrs. Robert Leaming Montgomery, Mrs. Paul Denckla Mills, Mrs. R. H. Bayard Bowie, Mrs. George H. McFadden, Mrs. John Sargent Newbold, Mrs. Stuart Patterson and Mrs. Charlton Yarnall.

THE second meeting of the Supper Club will be held this evening, too, at the Bellevue-Stratford. Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Brinton will give a large theatre party for Elizabeth and afterward take their guests to the Supper Club, and there are a number of other parties planned. It certainly does go with a great "go" and was the finest kind of fun last Saturday.

DOESN'T the time fly around, as I remarked yesterday? Well, here today come the invitations for the forty-ninth club night of the Plays and Players, and it's next Wednesday and Thursday nights. Why it scarcely seems a week since the last one, and yet it is a full month! Mrs. Thomas Philip Hammer is director of the December play, and this month, instead of having two or three one-act plays, they are going to give "Doormats," by Hubert Henry Davies, which is a comedy in three acts and has five persons in its cast.

Those who will take part will be Mrs. Fitzwilliam Sargent, Mrs. Charles H. Whitcomb, W. Walter Timmis, Samuel McDowell and Joseph Anthony Deering, Jr.

It all sounds very interesting to me and I certainly intend to go. By the way, they are to have one of their delightful "tea chats" on Sunday afternoon, with music of course, and with Mrs. Robert Geddes as hostess. And you know those teas are always delightful.

TALKING of plays reminds me that the St. Francis Aides have chosen "Miss Bob White," that pretty little operetta by Willard Spenser, for their annual play, and it's to be given on the night of January 21, if I am not mistaken. You know it is for the benefit of St. Francis' Home for Convalescents, which is out in Darby and has been such a boom to the sick, dismissed from the Philadelphia Hospital, and other hospitals as well, who still need a little rest and air to build up their strength.

All our hospitals are so full they are unable to keep patients after they are pronounced well, and a place where those who have been sick may fully recover their strength was unknown a few years ago.

Now there are two or three, I understand, but St. Francis' is one of the largest. Last year they added the property of the late Richard Y. Cook to that already owned, and they have a beautiful place. A number of prominent women are interested in the home, among them Miss Florence Sibley, Miss Laguerenne, Frances Sullivan and a great many others whose names I do not now recall.

ELSIE was going slowly around the library after dinner offering each member of the family a piece of candy out of a precious little bag which she clasped tightly in her small hand. I am afraid the candy was offered a bit grudgingly, but mother, you see, is very strict about generosity, and so when any one in the family has a treat he or she is supposed to share it, so Elsie offered her small hoard. Finally it was over and she finished her own share with delight.

And then suddenly she looked at the table where father had placed the piece he had taken while he finished his cigar. Well, Elsie watched it and watched it, and all the while mother was reading a little story to her, but she was so distracted she could not take her eyes off that bit of candy. Final y she could not stand it another minute, and as mother finished the story and looked up for Elsie's smile and thank you, mamma," she exclaimed: "Oh, daddy, your candy's getting cold."

NANCY WYNNE.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Invitations have been issued for the Benedicks' Ball, which will be held in the foyer of the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening, December 28, at 10 o'clock. The committee includes Mr. John Hampton Barnes, Mr. Edward F. Beale, Mr. Beauveau Borie, Jr., Mr. John Cadwalader, Jr., Mr. Gardner Cassatt, Mr. Benjamin Chew, Mr. Charles E. Coxe, Mr. George W. C. Drexel, Mr. William S. Ellis, Mr. George Harrison Frazier, Mr. George L. Harrison, Jr., Dr. Richard H. Harte, Mr. Henry Pratt McKean, M. W. Plunkett Stewart, Mr. Alexander Van Rensselaer, Mr. Edward Lowber Welsh, Mr. Charles Wheeler, Mr. Owen Wister and Mr. Charlton Yarnall.

The four women's committees of the Philadelphia Orchestra will give a large subscription ball to be called the Academy of Music aniversary ball on January 24, which date will celebrate the seventy-fourth anniversary of the opening ball given at the Academy of Music on January 24, 1857.

The guests who will attend the dinner to be given by Mrs. Jones Wister, at her home, 1819 Walnut street, on Friday night, January 7, at 8:30 o'clock, before the first Assembly, in honor of Miss Anne Wister Barclay, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lyttleton Barclay, of Gravers lane, Chestnut Hill, will include Miss Alice Downs, Miss Mary L. Bayard, Miss Margaretta Lorge Harrison, Miss Nancy B. McKean, Miss Eleanor Gummey, Miss Dorothy W. Stevens, Miss Carolyn S. Barclay, Mr. Edward M. Biddle, Mr. Edward Brooks, Jr., Mr. Edward Lyon Clark, Mr. Charles Brooks, Mr. Morris H. Merrick, Mr. John Da Costa Newbold, Mr. Van Antwerp Lea, Mr. W. Spencer Service, Mr. Louis H. Rowland and Mr. Louis M. Washburn. Mrs. Wister will also entertain at dinner at her home tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Emory McMichael, 2041 Walnut street, have issued invitations for a dinner on January 12 in honor of Miss Jane Shaw Hepburn, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Hepburn.

Mr. Gustave A. Heckscher, of the Isleborook, Strafford, has issued invitations for a ball on Wednesday, January 21, in honor of his niece, Miss Lucretia S. Heckscher, 2d, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens Heckscher.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Biddle will entertain at dinner at their home, York road, Noble, on Saturday night, December 18, in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson G. Taylor, of Hartford, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. B. Steel, of Sugar Loaf, Chestnut Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. William G. Loew, of New York, will leave today for Brown's Mills in the Pines, where they will be the guests over the week-end of Mr. Zerhan Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Ferguson, of Chestnut Hill, will entertain at a theatre party in honor of her debutante daughter, Miss Peggy Ferguson, on Monday night, January 3, before the dance to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dexter Warriner, of 135 South Eighteenth street, at the Ritz-Carlton, for their debutante daughter, Miss Eloise Warriner.

Mrs. Cornelius Lynde, of Winnetka, Ill., who is spending a fortnight in this city as the guest of her mother, Mrs. James Pollock, at the Bellevue-Stratford, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ferguson. Mrs. Lynde will leave on Monday for the West.

Mrs. Herbert B. Weller, of Pacific Heights, Honolulu, who has been spending the fall as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Samuel Y. Huebner, at the Bellevue-Stratford, will leave for California on Friday, December 17, where she will join her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Weller will spend the Christmas holidays as the guests of Mrs. Weller's aunt, Miss Julia Heebner. After a short trip through California, they will return to their home in Honolulu.

Mr. and Mrs. John Winthrop Claghorn, of St. Martins lane, Chestnut Hill, will entertain at a tea today from 4 until 6:30 o'clock. Mrs. J. Clayton Strawbridge and Mrs. Frederic H. Strawbridge, Jr., will preside at the tea table.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jordan will occupy the box of Mrs. Jordan's mother, Mrs. Herbert M. Howe, of 1622 Locust street, at the opera on Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan will not return to their home, 922 Clinton street, as they will remain for the winter at Glenside.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Wilson Sharpless, of 10 East Chestnut avenue, Chestnut Hill, will entertain as their guest over the week-end Mr. Rodman E. Montgomery, Mr. Cornelius Winant and Mr. Henry Ford, all of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Henderson Supplee, of 5065 Wynnefield avenue, Wynnefield, have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Marie Supplee, and Mr. William Tennent Dickson, which will be solemnized on Saturday, January 1, New Year's afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in the Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Overbrook, to be followed by a reception at the Bellevue-Stratford. The bride will be attended by her sister, Mrs. Frederick Steck Kirk, as matron of honor. The two little flower girls will be Miss Marguerite Diff, of Newark, N. J., cousin of the bride, and Miss Emilie Dickson Pearce, niece of the bridegroom. Mr. John Dickson will attend his brother as best man. The ushers will be Mr. Thomas Dickson, brother of the bridegroom; Mr. Frederick Steck Kirk, brother-in-law of the bride; Mr. Mark H. Hubbell, Jr., and Mr. C. Henderson Supplee, Jr., brother of the bride. The bride and bridegroom will be at home after March 1 at 61 Manor road, Wynnefield. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Steck Kirk will entertain at a large dinner at their home, 4920 Monument road, Wynnefield, tonight, in honor of Miss Supplee.

Mrs. T. Carrick Jordon, of Seminole and Rex avenues, Chestnut Hill, is entertaining at a children's party this afternoon in honor of the ninth birthday of her son, Master Mahlon Jordon.

Mrs. Francis R. Strawbridge, of Woodside, Germantown, will entertain at luncheon on Tuesday, December 21, in honor of her sister, Miss Hacker, of Rhode Island, who will be her guest over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Edgar Pardee Earle, of Gravers lane, Chestnut Hill, returned yesterday from a short visit to New York.

Mrs. Burrows Sloan, of Orchard Hill, Ardmore, has issued invitations for a luncheon on Wednesday, December 15, at the Bellevue-Stratford, in honor of Miss Adeline Cary.

Miss Agnes de Selding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Shrewsbury de Selding, of New York, and Mr. William Letcester Van Leer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Van Leer, of 4619 Spruce street, who will be married on Wednesday afternoon, December 18, in St. James' Church, New York, will be at home after February 1 at 4530 Chestnut street.

Miss A. C. Knight, of 1605 Chestnut street, will entertain as her guests in her box at the opera on Tuesday night Miss Erisman, Mr. Edmund Waterman Dwight and Mr. Edward Collings Knight, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pechin announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lillian Meyer Pechin, to Mr. Carl de Beaulieu.

The marriage of Miss Louise Genevieve Smith, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elton Allen Smith, of Eltondale, Smithville, N. J., to Mr. Edmund Farley Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Barrett, of 272 West Eighty-sixth street, New York, will take place at Eltondale on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, the Rev. Walter Drum, assisted by the Rev. P. J. Kelly, officiating. The bride will be given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. M. A. O'Byrne, of Savannah, Ga., who will be attended by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Smith, as maid of honor, two flower girls, Miss St. Clair Piel, of Erie, Pa., and Miss Michaela O'Byrne, of Savannah, and also by Master Teddy Hetzler, of New York, who will act as page. Mr. Richard Hamilton, of Washington, will be the bridegroom's best man. A breakfast will follow. After their return from a wedding journey, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett will live in Dayton, O.

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MISS CHARLOTTE GRAVES

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand J. Graves, of Chestnut Hill, who was the guest of honor at a dinner given last evening by her parents before the first meeting of Mrs. Troth's dancing class

MANAYUNK

The alumni association of St. John the Baptist High School will give a reception to the members and their friends on Monday evening in the parish hall. Guests of honor will include several members from out of town.

The Evening Public Ledger welcomes social notes of interest from various parts of the city, but these notes must be capable of verification. Hereafter social items sent by mail to the paper will not be published, unless signed by the sender with name, address and telephone number. Address social items to the Society Editor, Evening Public Ledger, 606 Chestnut street.

WEST PHILADELPHIA

The marriage of Miss Nellie C. Black, of Westminster, Md., and Mr. George C. Scholey, of 326 South Forty-third street, took place on Wednesday afternoon at Christ's Presbyterian Church on West Twenty-third street, New York. The Rev. William Neely officiated and Mr. and Mrs. G. Bayard Sugg attended the bride and bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gross, of 5845 Chestnut street, will be at home on Sunday afternoon, December 19, in honor of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Beatrix Gross and Mr. Philip Charles Altman. The reception will be from 3 until 6 o'clock.

Mrs. J. Reiman Smyzer entertained at luncheon, followed by bridge, on Thursday, in the Gray Room of the Arcadia Cafe. Sixty-five guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Myers, of 5522 Spruce street, announce the betrothal of their daughter, Miss Sadye L. Myers, to Mr. William Notis, of this city.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Colbert, of 2416 South Hicks street, entertained informally at their home last Sunday evening. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. F. J. King, Mr. and Mrs. H. Zoner, Miss Ethel Colbert, Miss Marie McFadden, Miss Beatrice Dougherty, Mr. Edward Olson, Mr. John McLaughlin, Mr. Edward McGoldrick and Mr. Pud Conners. Mrs. Colbert will be remembered as Miss Lillian Bolsbron, formerly of 2417 South Sixteenth street.

The Lafayette Club held its fifth annual dance at MacCrea's studio, Fifteenth and Snyder avenue, last evening.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Miller, of 5128 North Broad street, entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. William Schratom, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kinfelder, Mrs. Theodore Hillsley, Mrs. Benjamin Dale, Miss Martha Bowman, Mr. Theodore Hillsley, Jr., Mr. W. Scott McFadden, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wentz, Miss Elinor Hillsley and Mr. John Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee I. Robinson, of 922 Roosevelt Boulevard, will give a birthday party in honor of the fourth anniversary of their small daughter, Miss R. Eunice Robinson, on Sunday afternoon, December 19. There will be twelve little guests.

Miss Elvina Eberling, of 728 North Twentieth street, left early this month to spend the winter with her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. William [illegible], in Los Angeles, Calif. Miss Eberling will stop in Albuquerque, N. M., on her way West.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finestone are occupying their new home at 3519 North Twenty-second street. Mrs. Finestone was Miss Florence Kraus, of 2127 Venango street, before her marriage in October.

DELAWARE COUNTY

Mrs. Albert Granger, of Upland, entertained the bridge club of which she is a member at her home on Wednesday afternoon. Her guests included Mrs. Edward Cannon Burton, Mrs. Nellie Comfort, Mrs. Edward Glauser, Mrs. Samuel Lyons, Mrs. Frank Sweeney, Miss Anna de Launoy and Miss Mary Harner.

Friends of Mrs. Harry E. Green, of Drexel Hill, will regret to know that she is suffering from an attack of grippe.

FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL

Mrs. John May entertained the Five Hundred Club of which she is a member at her home on Wednesday evening. Her guests included Mrs. Joseph Borgin, Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. Felix Vera, John Guffy, Mrs. John Hohanagle, Mrs. Charles Kelly, Mrs. Sadie Metz, Mrs. Lewis A. Reese, Mrs. William Timbers, Miss Ella Boyd, Miss Ella Foley, Miss Dorothy Loughlin and Miss Mary Richards. Mrs. Hohanagle will entertain at the next meeting on Wednesday evening, December 15.

GERMANTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Booth sailed on last Saturday from New York on the Lapland for Liverpool. They will remain in England until some time in January as the guests of Mrs. Booth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Purseglove, of 128 West Gorgas lane, who are spending some time in England. Mr. and Mrs. Booth will then leave for Rhodesia, South Africa, where they will make their home. Mrs. Booth will be remembered as Miss Bessie Purseglove.

Celebrate Their Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sherwin, of 673 North Thirty-fourth street, will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary tonight. Among those present will be Mr. and Mrs. E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. White, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Gundlack, Miss Margaret Gundlack, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Long, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gardner, Miss Gladys Sherwin, Miss Ruth Hallman, Miss Blair Harris, Miss Gean Knable, W. Trintle, W. Leonard, G. Clark, R. Miller, W. Roscoe, H. Masham, R. Mora and H. Prowell.

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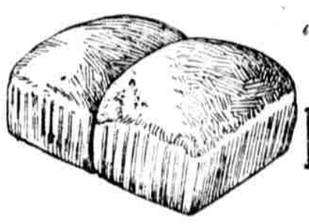
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