

Neighborhood News

Anacostia

SPECIAL MUSIC AT ST. THERESA'S

Classical Program Sung by Choir at Christmas Services.

The 5 o'clock mass Christmas morning at St. Theresa's Church was the occasion of a special musical program by the choir of the church. Before the mass Dehler's Christmas hymn was sung by Miss Bernice Knott. Mozart's Twelfth Mass was rendered by the choir. At the offertory Adeste Fideles, arranged by Novello, was sung by Miss Elizabeth T. Branson, Miss Addie Mathen, F. E. Price, and J. Verres, with violin obligato by J. Taylor Branson. At the conclusion of the mass Gounod's "Naxareth" was rendered by the choir, with Alston Moore as the soloist. The personnel of the choir follows: Sopranos: Mrs. T. J. Moore, Mrs. Thomas Leonard, Misses Elizabeth Branson, Bernice Knott, Era Branson, Regina Scott and Mary Beers; altos, Misses Adie Nathan, Carrie Marriott, Gertrude Leonard, and Mabel Branson; tenors, F. E. Price, J. Taylor Branson and Mr. Gates; basses, J. Verres, Alston Moore, John J. Downey and William Leonard. Miss Jennie G. Bartley presided at the organ.

The work of constructing an approach to the new Anacostia bridge on the north side has been commenced, contractors building a railway on N street and on Eleventh street southeast, from the vicinity of the gas plant to the bridge so that the cars containing the material which it is proposed to use in making the fill along Eleventh street, and which will be procured near the gas works may be taken to the desired point. Preparations are under way on the Anacostia side for the building of a similar railway.

The daily routine of work at the Birney School, of which Miss F. J. Smith is principal, was suspended for a short time Friday afternoon to allow the pupils to participate in their usual Christmas exercises. The teachers and pupils of the primary school were much interested in their Christmas trees, which have been exhibited in the rooms all the week. The recitations and songs of the children were regarded as quite creditable. The parents manifested their interest by a large attendance and in a parents' meeting following the exercises expressed their satisfaction in the progress of the children, as well as their pleasure in the entertainment held in their honor.

A movement recently started among the men of the Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church has resulted in the organization of the Men's Social Club. The following have been chosen officers: Walter Tolson, president; Nathan R. Harnish, vice president; Paul Green, secretary and treasurer. The club has a membership of about 25.

Emmanuel Chapter, No. 191, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, has elected officers as follows: Nathaniel R. Harnish, director (re-elected second term); Franklin G. Giesler, secretary (re-elected third term); F. E. Wood, treasurer (re-elected second term).

The members of the Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church tendered a surprise donation party to the Rev. George M. Cummings, the pastor, and his family last Friday evening at the pastor's residence, 220 Filmore street. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, who were being entertained at the home of friends, were summoned unexpectedly to their residence, where they found awaiting them a large number of members of the church, who had taken to the pastoral residence many packages and baskets containing provisions. A small papier-mache turkey was found among the articles with a generous dressing of coins.

The Men's Brotherhood of the Anacostia Baptist Church held a meeting recently, when committees were appointed for the ensuing year. The Rev. James R. Edwards, the pastor of the church, who had been chosen president of the organization, presided. It was decided to conduct a watch-night meeting New Year Eve, under the auspices of the club. There was a discussion of the proposition to erect a building for use as a gymnasium and a parsonage, and the unanimous sentiment was in favor of starting as early as possible. The church is at present without a pastor's residence, and it was agreed that the gymnasium advocated could be constructed on the first floor of such a residence as it is proposed to erect.

The Sunday school of the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church has elected the following officers for the year: Arthur H. Sini, superintendent (re-elected seventh term); James H. Dony, secretary (re-elected twelfth term); Mrs. Lavinia Cator, assistant secretary (re-elected); George W. King, Jr., treasurer (re-elected); Edward Mahoney, librarian (re-elected); Mrs. John E. Fort, organist (re-elected); Daniel C. Smithson, chorister (re-elected). James H. Dony, who was again chosen for the post of secretary, took occasion to announce his resignation of the post, owing to his removal from Anacostia.

George C. Manette, who has been absent the last three months on the Isthmus of Panama, where he was engaged in construction work on the canal, has returned to his home on Jefferson street, his health having greatly improved.

Information has been received here of the illness of the Rev. Thomas B. Hughes, for many years pastor of St. Theresa's Church, at this place. He has been confined to one of the Baltimore hospitals for a number of weeks. Owing to the state of his health he has been

Falls Church

MISS DUDLEY GIVES FANCY DRESS PARTY

Novel Costumes Are Worn by the Various Guests.

FALLS CHURCH, Va., Dec. 28.—A fancy dress party was given by Miss Margaret Dudley at the home of her father, Fred Dudley, on Great Falls street, Thursday evening, in honor of her cousin, Miss Kathleen McKee, of New York. Among those present were Miss Marion Payne, as Red Riding Hood; Miss Kathleen McKee, as Dorothy; Vernon of Haddon Hall; Miss Anna M. Stambaugh, as Columba; Miss Margaret Dudley, as Miss Portia, just from school; Miss Arlene Chester, as Pitee Sin; Miss Josephine Stambaugh, as Lady Cromwell; Miss Hattie Tuckerman, as Miss Gray; Claude Garrison, as Oliver Cromwell. A most delightful evening was spent by playing games, after which supper was served.

FORMER PASTOR GUEST OF FRIENDS

The Rev. George S. Painter, former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church here, now professor in Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio, is guest of Methodist Episcopal Church.

Miss Ida Thomas has returned to the Baptist parsonage after a pleasant visit to Washington friends.

James Luttrell, of Yale, and Emory Hodgson, Guy N. Church, and J. S. Luttrell, of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, of Blacksburg, Va., are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Pease, who have been making their home in Falls Church, left this week for Ohio, where they will reside.

The Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, and Methodist Sunday schools gave Christmas entertainments here this week.

Mrs. M. H. Flower, of Bethlehem, Conn., is the guest of George W. Hauxhurst.

Mrs. Weaver, of Luray, Va., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. M. Downing, on Broad street.

Dr. L. E. Gott, of Falls Church, has purchased the Metz property at East End, where he will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fellows and children left East End this week to attend a reunion at Mrs. Fellows' parents' home, at the Plains, Va.

The Rev. J. E. Amos and wife are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Rice, of Baltimore, Md.

Dr. T. K. Quick was called to New York last week to attend funeral of his nephew.

M. E. Church entertained his Sunday school class at luncheon last Friday.

W. Giles Staples, of Salisbury, Md., is spending a few weeks with his brother, C. A. Staples, at West End.

Rockville

MISS G. LAMAR OFF TO FLORIDA

ROCKVILLE, Md., Dec. 28.—Miss Gussie Lamar, who spent the holidays here, has gone to Florida to join her brother, who is spending the winter there.

Mrs. Corinne Dawson and Ernest Allnut and Willie Dawson, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. Clinton Allnut here, have returned to their homes.

Ralph Luckett, of New York, spent a portion of the holidays with his parents, Prof. and Mrs. Cooke D. Luckett.

Robert M. Higgins, who is in business in Richmond, Va., is on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Higgins.

Worthington Talbot, of New Orleans, son of Hattersly W. Talbot, is visiting here.

Wellington Lodge, of Gaffney, S. C., is the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. White, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr and their daughter, Evelyn, of Washington, and George W. M. Davis, of Richmond, were among the visitors this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Davis.

Mrs. Charles Larkins and child, of Oakland, Cal., are staying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vlett.

E. Bruce Flack, of Los Angeles, Cal., is here on a business and pleasure trip, and is the guest of his brother, Lawrence Flack, manager of the Corcoran Hotel.

The Country Club enjoyed a jolly entertainment on Christmas evening. Edward Hege, as Santa Claus, brought acceptable presents to a large number of the members of the club.

"The Golden Links," at their third annual entertainment, gave a concert and comedy, entitled "A Preplexing Situation," at the home of Mrs. R. E. L. Smith last evening.

Mrs. Lee S. Dorsey, who has been critically ill at the home of her father, Col. Washington Bowie, in Baltimore, is reported to be on the road to recovery.

Miss Mary Welsh, who is a student at Swarthmore College, Pa., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace W. Welsh.

The Public School Teachers' Association, of Montgomery county, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Prof. John T. Baker; vice president, Miss Sallie P. Brooks; secretary, Mrs. Clara V. Mace.

"Mr. and Mrs. Up-to-Date World," was the title of an interesting entertainment given at the Rockville Baptist Church Christmas evening.

Miss Platt, of Horse Head, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. Hetfield, of Twelfth and Lawrence streets.

Miss Lurberger, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James F. McHugh, of Fifteenth and Lawrence streets, for some time, has returned to her home in Minneapolis, Minn.

WOMAN DESCRIBES HARBOR CONGRESS

Mrs. Lydia Adams Williams Speaks Before Federation of Clubs.

Mrs. Lydia Adams Williams was the principal speaker Friday night at a meeting of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs, held at the Public Library. She spoke of the recent Rivers and Harbors Congress, which she attended as a delegate from the Federation of Women's Clubs, pointing out the close relations of rivers and harbors with the forests, and the necessity of the preservation of the forests to assure a permanent water supply.

Mrs. Williams gave much credit to Representative Joseph E. Ransdell, president of the Rivers and Harbors Congress, for his successful efforts in the interest of public waterways and to Representative Theodore E. Burton, chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House. She gave a resume of the addresses delivered at the Congress by Ambassador Jusserand, of France; Gifford Pinchot, Governor Perkins, Senator Newlands, President James J. Hill, of the Great Northern railroad, and President W. W. Finley, of the Southern railway.

Mrs. Williams introduced resolutions favoring the forestry and irrigation policies of President Roosevelt and the conservation of all other natural resources, which were unanimously adopted. The official report of Mrs. Williams appears in full in the January number of Forestry and Irrigation.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 16 ELECTS YEAR'S OFFICERS

Friendship Lodge, No. 16, Daughters of America, at its last meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Councilor, Miss Emily Bryan; associate councilor, Miss Alice Grimes; vice councilor, Miss Francis Raitz; associate vice councilor, Oliver T. Redden; recording secretary, Mrs. L. B. Haupt; assistant recording secretary, W. T. Collins; financial secretary, Miss I. F. Clokey; treasurer, Miss Lizzie Leaman; conductor, Miss Myrtle Fields; state council representative, Mrs. Van de Bogart; met at the home of District Deputy William McCaffrey on Christmas day and presented him with a handsome diamond studded emblem of the fraternity.

WILLIAM McCAFFREY HONORED BY WOODMEN

A committee of the Modern Woodmen of America, consisting of A. E. Chaffee, Dr. J. W. Sutherland, Dr. B. F. Gibbs, H. H. Millard, W. L. Hall, Henry Nolan, J. P. Cassidy, F. B. Schaeffer, F. H. Shanley, C. L. Davidson, and T. Van de Bogart, met at the home of District Deputy William McCaffrey on Christmas day and presented him with a handsome diamond studded emblem of the fraternity.

ADVANCE TENT, NO. 1009 CHOOSES ITS OFFICERS

Advance Tent, No. 1009, Independent Order of Rechabites, met in their hall, 60 Louisiana avenue northwest, on Christmas night with Chief Ruler J. T. O'Connor presiding. Among the visitors were High Tent Secretary J. H. Dony and Treasurer J. S. Hessler, Jr., of John B. Henderson Tent, No. 1085. Resolutions were passed in commemoration of the death of John Wagner.

SONS OF JONADAB COUNCIL PICKS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Pioneer Council No. 1, Sons of Jonadab, at the regular weekly meeting held Friday night, elected the following officers: Worthy chief, Charles F. Sudworth; worthy vice chief, Oliver Bennett; patriarch, John F. Harvey; recorded recording secretary, E. J. Rattigan; elected financial secretary, J. Ross Burgess; treasurer, Frank J. McGuire; re-elected guide, A. C. Birchett; assistant guide, C. E. Cutler; inside watch, W. P. Harlow; outside guide, W. B. Clark; re-elected trustee, E. V. Mullin; past chief, J. J. Kelly.

GOLDEN CROSS ORDER ANNOUNCE VISITATIONS

The annual official visitations by Grand Commander Sir Knight Robert E. Harvey and the officers of the Grand Commandery to the several subordinate commanderies of the United Order of the Golden Cross of this jurisdiction are announced as follows:

Trinity, No. 522, Saturday, January 4, 1908, 316 Pennsylvania avenue southeast; Mt. Vernon, No. 440, and Ideal, No. 738, Monday, January 6, 1908, 516 Ninth street northwest; Goodwill, No. 21, Wednesday, January 8, 1908, 516 Ninth street northwest; Methlan, No. 178, Friday, January 23, 1908, 50 H street northwest; National, No. 42, Wednesday, January 15, 1908, 727 Massachusetts avenue northeast; St. John's, No. 32, Saturday, January 18, 1908, 314 Pennsylvania avenue southeast; Standard, No. 723, Tuesday, January 21, 1908, 119 Kentucky avenue southeast; Capital, No. 323, Saturday, January 25, 1908, 314 Pennsylvania avenue southeast; Potomac, No. 44, Tuesday, January 28, 1908, 50 H street northwest; Louisiana, No. 346, Saturday, February 1, 1908, 623 Louisiana avenue northwest; Golden, No. 712, Wednesday, February 5, 1908, 516 Ninth street northwest; Halcyon, No. 128, Friday, February 7, 1908, Pythian Temple; Columbia, No. 374, Tuesday, February 11, 1908, Twelfth and H streets northwest.

FOUR NEW PLAYS SEEN ON BROADWAY LAST WEEK

again, and we are glad. Mothers and fathers take their children to see it, as they go to see the Christmas pantomime in London. Good for Charles Frohman, and we shall watch Miss Adams' new play with freshly augmented love because she endears herself to everybody more every year.

ETHEL BARRYMORE'S SUCCESS.

"HER SISTER," in which Ethel Barrymore appeared Wednesday night at the Hudson Theatre, is the best play since "The Climbers." Cosmo Gordon Lennox is recorded as collaborator, and there is nothing to be said of the material he furnished, but it is certain that the remarkable finish, and the fitting of the central figure to Miss Barrymore, were accomplished in the main by Fitch. To him, and to the acting of the star, went the credit of the approbation of the cordial opening audience.

The first act is quite on a plane with the highest example of dramatic art we have witnessed on the New York stage this year—and, by the way, such dramatists as Augustus Thomas with his "The Witching Hour," and Henri Bernstein with his "The Thief," have set a hot pace this season and fairly may be said to have established a definitely lofty standard, far above the plane of latter years. It is beginning to be understood now that a play, to succeed, must be more than merely clever—it must be gripping, logical, humanly interesting, and technically uncluttered with atrocious flaws. The first act of "Her Sister" is swift, true, and enticing. The third, and last, act again sounds the true, convincing note. The great defect of the play is what was intended to be the great second act, where the emotional climax comes. But right there the authors have used the acoustical devices of the mentally atrophied playwrights that served their time and should have been turned out to grass when that ancient pair, Belasco and De Mille, once fooled people with artificial stage cataclysms.

"Her Sister" is wound upon the old theme of taking the blame for her sister's indiscretions—but let that pass. In the second act Miss Barrymore is pressed to it, and asserts that she is her sister, and so, to be condemned for what the rest of the cast think that sister has done. The act ends in agonized suspense. There you have the beastly, meretricious, idiotic, theatrical device. How long must we suffer from such machinations and silly methods? One word in real life would have straightened out the tangle and led to the true dramatic situation, the development of the true state of affairs. Let Fitch, and Lenox, and Belasco, and every other man who puts things on the stage, go and learn something of right realism from Bernstein in "The Thief."

MAXINE ELLIOTT'S NEW PLAY.

MAXINE ELLIOTT, after three delays from Monday night because her leading man sprained his ankle, opened Christmas evening with her new play by H. V. Esmond, "Under the Greenwood Tree." Her beauty, her intelligent and poignant acting, her popular personality, and her baby-blue bathing suit, each made distinct hits. The story is, in substance, the same that appeared lately in a prominent magazine—the advances of beggars and money-hunting lovers goes out with a gypsy wagon that she has hired and tries to live the simple life with nature for her companion. Some of her friends come to visit her for a week-end, and there is an attempt at robbery by real ruffians. Two love stories run through the action, and some good actors and actresses beside Miss Elliott keep up the interest in fetching comedy and an agreeable play generally. It is a sort of a semi-idyllic treatment with up-to-date laughs and worldly philosophy—and, all the while, the predominating picture of Miss Elliott's loveliness in a baby-blue bathing dress. Her conventional skirts of the later acts were saddening in contrast.

GOVERNMENT URGED TO DIVIDE WORK

Navy Yards Fear Men Will Be Idle Following Fleet's Departure.

Strong influences are being brought to bear on the Secretary of the Navy to transfer some of the work for the two Dreadnaughts of the navy, now being built, to other navy yards so as to give work to the forces in those yards who will be idle because of the movement of the big fleet to the Pacific coast, unless Congress takes prompt action to appropriate money for new work in the Eastern yards.

Congressmen and politicians from Massachusetts are said to be moving the local politically to have a big lot of the work taken from the Washington Gun factory to the Boston yard. If such action is ordered by the naval authorities it will cripple the working force of the Washington yard, as a large number of men would have to be dropped from the active rolls and move on to other industrial centers to look for work.

Open Letter From Employers Issued by President Graham

An "open letter from the Employers' Association to open shop employers" was issued by E. C. Graham, president of the association, yesterday. It is as follows: "In view of a statement of labor news item, recently published in one of the local evening newspapers, headed 'To End Strike by Arbitration,' wherein it is intimated that the members of the Employers' Association of the building trades contemplated a settlement, which would throw out of work the independent workmen now employed as soon as the construction now under way is completed, and their places be filled exclusively by union mechanics, I deem it of sufficient importance to publicly assure all independent workmen in the District of Columbia that the members of the Employers' Association who have recently maintained such a condition. 'We absolutely maintain that the right of an individual to work shall not be abridged, and it is a ridiculous and unjust statement that places our open shop employers in the light of considering for a moment the turning down of the men who have enabled us to continue in business when union men refused to work.'

"The labor unions hold that the principle of employing exclusively union men is fundamental and have always and do now refuse to arbitrate this question. 'The Employers' Association respects the rights of the individual as given him by the Constitution of the United States and refuses to be a party to any agreement when these rights may be abridged. 'When labor unions so constitute themselves, by incorporation or otherwise, that they are a responsible body, and when membership in their organization means skill, efficiency, and honesty, a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, instead of being an organization without responsibility whose whole strength is in its numbers only, regardless of their ability, then and only then the Employers' Association might consider dealing with the labor unions. 'Our independent workmen will therefore understand that all such published statements are the product of the fertile brains of the walking delegates, and intended only to create distrust.'

Discussion of Injunction In C. L. U. Tomorrow Night

The weekly meeting of the Central Labor Union tomorrow night promises to be interesting. The appointment of an attorney to look after the interests of organized labor in the District of Columbia in connection with the injunction orders issued by Justice Gould against the American Federation of Labor, the Bakers' Union, and the Wagon and Cart Drivers' Union, will be made a special order. This matter was discussed two hours at the last meeting, during which some severe criticism of the action of the court was made. Conservative members fear that something similar may occur tomorrow night, and they will try to prevent that.

The Rev. Charles Steize, head of the labor movement as represented by the Presbyterian Church, a union machinist, will deliver an address this afternoon at the Belasco Theater, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The usual announcement of the scale of wages for the calendar year, which has heretofore been posted in the local navy yard not later than December 15, failed to appear before Christmas, and as a result there is much speculation among the men employed there, if there is to be the advance in their wages that they asked the wage board for.

I. C. Gibbs, of Capital Heights, a member of the first branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, who lost his home and all its contents two weeks ago by fire, was the recipient last week of a sum of money contributed by his brother workmen. In addition to this his organization voted him the accumulated "tool fund," usually voted to men needing tools.

The first branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners have elected the following officers for the year: R. Adams, president; W. S. McDonald, vice president; F. Hook, secretary; A. S. Robertson, check steward; C. D. Gibbs, money steward; W. W. Winfree, sick steward; G. E. Fowler, doorkeeper; W. F. Gilman, D. Wallace, and E. Purks, branch trustees (twelve months); A. R. Lingley, branch referee; E. L. McClelland and N. F. Jones, auditors; G. A. Adams, E. I. McClelland, W. W. Winfree, W. A. Fullers, and N. Sloane, delegates to Central Labor Union; R. R. Rhode, E. L. McClelland,

NEW SLOANE, DELEGATES TO BUILDING TRADES MECHANICS' COUNCIL.

The newly elected officers of Local No. 122, Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, is as follows: President, H. S. Holohan; vice president, John G. Robinson; recording secretary, E. B. Byrne; financial secretary, L. W. Matter; treasurer, G. Frank Davis; conductor, B. V. Stine; warden, Winifred Adamson; trustee, Jacob Nusseman; auditor, W. S. Dolman.

H. B. Angelo is the newly elected president of the Asbestos Workers' Union. This union is the baby organization of the local labor movement, has a strong membership, and is growing.

Columbia Typographical Union, No. 191, has appointed a general committee with subcommittees to prosecute the movement to secure the printers' union label on all printed matter. T. A. Bynum is chairman, and S. Salomon, secretary of the general committee, with the following chairmen of the subcommittees: D. V. Chisholm, W. J. Moore, E. S. Hill, W. C. Knapp, L. R. Taylor, and John R. Lawson.

Robert Fletcher, formerly with the Pacific Printing and Engraving Company, of San Francisco, Cal., has been appointed to a good position in the Government Printing Office.

Columbia Typographical Union, No. 191, has endorsed the candidacy of A. W. Bowen for trustee of the Printers' Home, at Colorado Springs.

J. H. McCullough, well known in labor circles, spent the holidays in Pittsburgh, his old home.

E. E. Helm, of the Engineering Department of the District government, an old printer and a member of Columbia Union, with a party of friends, is making a winter cruise of the Caribbean sea.

Philip Cornog, expert machinist attached to the erecting shop of the Washington Gun Factory, was stricken with paralysis last week and died. He was seventy years old.

C. M. Smithson, a popular and widely known master machinist of the Washington Gun Factory had a narrow escape from death last week. While passing under one of the big electric cranes in operation, as he was directly under the machine, the massive lifting chain parted, one end striking him on the head, inflicting painful but not serious injuries. He was unconscious for some time.

Frank M. Ryan, general president of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, was in the city the past week.

William J. Smith, labor editor of the Columbia (S. C.) Daily Record, accompanied by his wife, was in the city this week. Mr. Smith is president of the South Carolina branch of the American Federation of Labor.

Miss Beattie Ramsey, daughter of George M. Ramsey, of the Government Printing Office, who has been critically ill, is convalescing, and will soon be out.

C. B. Yater, of the Government Printing Office, who recently fell and broke his arm, is recovering slowly, but it will be some time before he will be able to return to work.

C. H. Barscher, business agent of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, of Greater New York, was in the city last week on business. He has many personal friends in labor circles here.

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