

# Society News of the Week

## "The Dansants" and Musical Comedy on Today's Calendar

Though Christmas is only a few days off and there are countless gifts to arrange and send, and a thousand and one things to be attended to, society's maids and matrons seem ever to find the time for the usual round of social gaieties. The calendar of the week to come is full of dances and Christmas parties, and that of the week just closed is no less replete with social diversions of various natures. Just for today there are a card party and two teas, two "the dansants," a ball and the musical comedy to be given in the San Mateo Polo club tonight.

The matinee tea dances and tonight's benefit are probably the most talked of of the many affairs, and will in consequence draw the largest crowds. Everybody will attend the Palace "the dansant." Those who were not invited to the St. Francis affairs will go to show that they were asked to the other, and those who were invited to see how the two compare.

### Palace 'The Dansants'

The matinee tea dances at the Palace will be slightly different from those of the rival hostelry. In the first place, they will "officially" be a bit more democratic, but the real democracy stops at the word. There is nothing ultra exclusive about either. They have been arranged and sponsored by a different set of patronesses, but both will draw about the same strata of society, the Palace, if anything, to have the larger membership—but this is probably due to space.

The dances will be held in the palm court, tables will be arranged there and in the luncheon room and the center of the court will be cleared for the dancing. Unlike their predecessors, the Palace "the dansants" will have no exhibition dancing other than the members may care to give by trying out the more novel dances for the benefit of onlookers. Miss Marion White will direct the affairs, which will be held every Saturday afternoon hereafter from 4 to 7 o'clock. Two orchestras will render music—a stringed orchestra and a brass band—so that the merriment may continue unabated during the afternoon. An excellent tea service will be given, including tea, sandwiches, small cakes or ice cream, for the admission price of \$1.

The patronesses are:

Mrs. George Pope	Mrs. George B. Kelham
Mrs. Arthur Murray	Mrs. Charles Mills Gay
Mrs. Frederick Sharon	Mrs. Charles Franklin
Mrs. George H. Men	Mrs. Bonnie Detrick
Mrs. Alexander Mc	Mrs. Frank Hooper
Mrs. Harry Manville	Mrs. Frank A. Giv
Mrs. Wright C. Stoe	Mrs. Robert Stone
Mrs. Galliard Stoney	Mrs. Reginald Knight
Mrs. Wickham Haven	Mrs. William B. Wald
Mrs. Frank Kerrigan	Mrs. T. Carey Fried
Mrs. Cullen Welby	Mrs. Wendall P. Ham
Mrs. Irving Moulton	Mrs. Edward D. Bal
Mrs. Florence Porter	Mrs. Lena Blandin
Mrs. Frank Dudley	Mrs. Louise Bord
Mrs. John Rodgers	Mrs. Auguste Foute
Mrs. Edith Blandin	Mrs. Marian Zelle
Mrs. Coleman	
Mrs. Dixwell Hewitt	

### Red Cross Seal Dance

The members of the Red Cross Christmas seal committee will hold their "the dansant" this afternoon at the St. Francis, the proceeds to be devoted to the benefit of their tuberculosis fund. As a means of filling the coffers for charity the "the dansant" has been found to be the most successful. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Crane will dance the tango and the castie walk and various other of the newer forms and will divide their time between the ballroom and the rose supper room, where tables will also be set and a space cleared for the surplus dancers. No seals will be disposed of during the afternoon. A splendid floor committee has been appointed and its members have promised a large attendance for this afternoon, with lots of catchy music and plenty of partners.

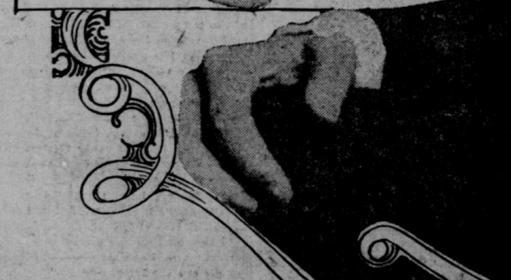
Among the women who will act as patronesses are the following who have been working for some weeks past in connection with the Red Cross Christmas seal committee:

Mrs. Charles H. Bent	Mrs. Jesse Liffenthal
Mrs. George C. Bell	Mrs. John F. Merrill
Mrs. P. A. Black	Mrs. A. P. Morrison
Mrs. James G. Black	Mrs. Garret McEneaney
Mrs. A. J. Brown	Mrs. Walter Martin
Mrs. William H. Crocker	Mrs. Timothy Guy
Mrs. George E. Croth	Mrs. Bent Hayes Rob
Mrs. A. M. Culver	Mrs. Laurence I. Scott
Mrs. Peter Dunne	Mrs. Edwin Stadtmuller
Mrs. E. G. Demoulton	Mrs. Leo Sims
Mrs. Lewis Gerstle	Mrs. Henry Sartori
Mrs. M. A. Gust	Mrs. Frederick G. San
Mrs. William Haas	Mrs. Bert Schlesinger
Mrs. Prentiss Cobb	Mrs. James Ellis
Mrs. E. S. Heller	Mrs. William Taylor
Mrs. D. C. Hege	Mrs. Gustave Timbom
Mrs. William C. Irwin	Mrs. John P. Wisner
Mrs. Homer King	Mrs. Christine Hart
Mrs. D. S. Libberger	

### Polo Fete Tonight

Tonight society folk who are not too fagged out from the affairs of the afternoon will go to San Mateo to attend the benefit to be given in the San Mateo Polo club. The musical comedy, "At the Outside Inn—A Musical Club Sandwich," will be given with Mrs. Felton Elkins as the leading woman and George de Long playing the principal male part. Mrs. Tom Driscoll, Miss Merritt Reid, Mrs. Christine de Guigne, Mrs. H. McDonald, Spencer, Miss Kathleen Finnegan, and

Miss Katherine Redding (left) and Miss Enid Gregg (right), two belles of the younger set.



Miss Helen Garritt, Miss Ruth Zelle, Miss Beatrice Nickel, Miss Isabel McLaughlin, Christian de Guigne, Felton Elkins, Count Albrecht Montgelas, Dudley Gunn, Edmunds Lyman, Fred Tillmann, Harry Hastings, Henry Land Jr. and Clinton la Montagne will be others in the cast.

During the performance, there will be several specialties. Mrs. Douglas Crane will dance "The Dance of the South Seas," a composition of her own, which she will perform to Edward Corliss' musical combination of Tahitian native chants. The love story of a young girl fruit vender of Tahiti, is beautifully depicted by Mrs. Crane in this composition.

Miss Kathleen Finnegan and Count

## MANY GAIETIES ARE PLANNED BY SMART SET FOLK FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK FESTIVITIES

guests will dance until the wee sma' hours.

The patronesses for the musical comedy tonight are:

Mrs. Norris K. Davis	Mrs. Henry T. Scott
Mrs. Edward J. Tobin	Mrs. William H.
Mrs. Cleaveland	Mrs. Crocker
Mrs. Charles W. Clark	Mrs. Baldwin Wood
Mrs. C. Frederick Kohlitz	Mrs. George Pope
Mrs. Christina de	Mrs. H. McDonald
Mrs. Eugene de Saba	Mrs. Oscar Cooper
Mrs. George Howard	Mrs. Joseph D. Grant
Mrs. Robert G. Hooker	Mrs. Tom Driscoll
Mrs. William Deia	Mrs. Harry Stetson
Mrs. Willard Chamber	Mrs. Michael J. O'Con
Mrs. Felton Elkins	Mrs. Harry Hastings
Mrs. Charles	Mrs. Cuyler Lee

### To Make Debut Tonight

The latest of the buds to be formal-

handsome Lake street residence has been converted into a garden of beauty for today's affair. Masses of roses, orchids and chrysanthemums have been combined with fernery and evergreens in transforming the reception rooms into an appropriate setting for the function, while Christmas berries, mistletoe and holly will furnish the decorative appointments for the dining room and halls. In the receiving party, besides Mrs. Van Winkle and her daughter, will be Mrs. James Clarke Jordan, Mrs. Winfield Scott Davis, Mrs. George P. Thurston, Mrs. Adolf Wenzelberger,

Miss Rebecca Shreve will also be feted at a tea this afternoon, Miss Myra Treat having asked some of her closer friends to accept her hospitality at the St. Francis.

Mrs. C. O. G. Miller is entertaining this afternoon at a bridge luncheon, which she is giving at the Miller residence in Pacific avenue.

### University Dances

The first of the university dances to be given this season will be held in Sorosis club hall in Sutter street,

of the club have been decorated in holiday attire with red berries and greens, and the program and supper favors will also be indicative of the season.

Mrs. Rudolph Baum, Mrs. Millard Layman, Mrs. William Shrock, Mrs. Gustave Umbsen, Mrs. William Littel, Mrs. G. X. Wendell, Mrs. James McNab, Mrs. Robert White, Mrs. Charles Bundschu, Mrs. William Metzger, Mrs. W. E. Palmer, Mrs. Kaspar Pischel, Mrs. D. S. Dorn, Mrs. Charles Runyon, Mrs. Frank Korrigan and Mrs. James Lannigan, who are the patronesses, will receive the guests.

which have been on sale for the last six weeks.

Besides the regular patronesses for the "the dansants" on Monday, there will also preside over the matinee tea dance, Mrs. Andrew S. Rowan, Mrs. I. Lowenberg, Mrs. Lorenzo Avall, Mrs. William Breeze, Mrs. W. J. Lindow, Miss Beth Livermore, Miss Emily Carolah and Miss Schussler.

### Hamiltons in New York

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Hamilton and their charming daughter, Miss Helen Hamilton, are enjoying a delightful sojourn in New York, where they are being extensively entertained by the smart set. Two weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. William Randolph Hearst were hosts at a brilliant ball in compliment to Miss Hamilton, who has just celebrated her eighteenth birthday. It was a fancy dress party, and the guest of honor went attired as a Spanish girl in a wonderful Carmen costume, the bright scarlet of her bodice and short skirt being enveloped, shawl effect, with rich Spanish lace.

Before going to the eastern metropolis the Hamiltons stopped for a brief visit in Washington, D.C., where Miss Hamilton also participated in a number of social functions. She attended the charity ball at the New Willard hotel, as well as the dansant at the Chevy Chase Country club and a ball at Georgetown.

The Hamiltons plan to remain in the east until the close of the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Calhoun, who have been sojourning in California for the last five weeks, have taken their departure for their home in Cleveland, where they will pass the holiday season. While here they were the guests of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foster, at their ranch near Sulaim, and were also entertained by the members of the smart set. Mr. and Mrs. William Mayo Newhall, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deering and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Foster were among others to give affairs in their honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson B. Hickox (Miss Martha Calhoun) and their little son have gone to Cleveland to spend the Christmas week as the guests of Mrs. Hickox's parents.

Pictures are shown in today's society page of Miss Enid Gregg and Miss Katherine Redding, who are both prominent in the activities of the younger set. Both are noted for their grace and skill in the new dances and are always among those to attend the bi-weekly the dansants at the St. Francis. Beginning with today, the Palace hotel will also see them on the floor at the Saturday matinee tea dances.

### Return From Norfolk

Mrs. Charles G. Norris and her little son, Frank Norris, have returned from Norfolk, Va., where they have been visiting Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles Conway Hartigan, and are again established at their home in Port Washington, Long Island. Mrs. Norris is still in poor health, and it will be some time before she will be able to resume her social duties. Mr. and Mrs. Norris are planning a family dinner for the celebration of Christmas, and on this occasion will entertain Lieutenant and Mrs. Hartigan, who will come up from Virginia to attend; Mr. and Mrs. William Rose Benet, Mrs. J. Walker Benet, Miss Kathleen Thompson, Miss Laura Benet, James Thompson and little Miss Margaret Alden Hartigan.

Mrs. John Pym Neville entertained a table at the "the dansant" yesterday afternoon, her guests crossing from Oakland to attend. Among those who accepted her hospitality were Mrs. Dennis Searles, Mrs. Wallace Alexander, Mrs. Edward Howard, Mrs. A. A. Moore Jr., Mrs. John J. Valentine and Mrs. Walter S. Starr.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Clay departed during the week for Mississippi to pass Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson (Miss Nina Clay), who since their marriage have resided in the south. The Watsons have a splendid plantation, "Arctocora Farm," in Mississippi, and the members of the Clay family will there enjoy a delightful holiday reunion.

During their absence, the Clay residence in Piedmont will be occupied by Lieutenant and Mrs. Langdon (Miss Ruth Dunham). Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bliss, the latter a sister of Mrs. Langdon, have closed their home at Tahoe, and are domiciled near the Langdons in the Frank L. Brown house.

Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs is arranging for a large Christmas party, which she will give at her home in New York on Christmas eve. Among the features of the entertainment will be the singing of Christmas carols, a huge Christmas tree laden with trinkets and gifts, and an elaborate dance. Her sister, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, will preside over a charming dinner party at her home on Christmas day.



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FRANCIS BEUGNIERE PHOTO

ly presented this season is Miss Evelyn Van Winkle, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Livingston Van Winkle, who will be introduced to the beau monde this afternoon. A "the dansant" will be the mode of her introduction. The

Miss Florence Williams, Miss Corona Williams, Miss Margaret Carrigan, Miss Esther Sharon, Miss Theresa Harrison, Miss Helen Funk, Miss Gisela Haslett, Miss Dorothy Hillmer, Miss Olympia Goldarcena, Miss Alma Birmingham and Miss Jean Wheeler,

and will be quite a small affair. The university members are limited this season to almost half the number who attended the dances last winter, and the affairs will be conducted on a much more informal scale. Tonight's will be a Christmas dance. The rooms

As a benefit for the San Francisco Association for the Blind, Monday afternoon's "the dansant" will be turned over to the officers and directors of that institution, and what of society appears will dance and drink tea for the sake of sweet charity. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Crane, as usual, will give exhibition dancing. The same afternoon there will be the drawing for the five passenger Chalmers 1914 touring car, the tickets for