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Masquerade Party

One of the most unique functions that ever occurred in Okolona was the masquerade, leap valentine party given on Monday evening, February 14th. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith complimenting their charming daughter, Miss Margaret Smith. The guests were received by Mrs. Myers Hodges, who welcomed each one in his usual dignified and elegant manner.

Before entering the drawing room each guest was presented with a numbered heart and their partners for the "Progressive Proposal" contest. Matching hearts with corresponding number. A heart necklace was given to each young man and at the close of the contest the number of hearts received on the "string" or given by designated the number of acceptances or refusals she had received.

A pencil and paper game was introduced by the hostess. Each guest was presented with a faintly heart shaped booklet, covers of which were artistically decorated with cupids and hearts. The inside sheet of this booklet was found to contain a story with blank spaces to be filled in, each missing word beginning with "heart," either word or syllable. At the close of this contest Miss Smith removed her mask, thus giving a cue for the other maskers to likewise. Of course no valentine party is complete without a fortune game. In the library a "fortune booth" where fortunes received being quite and amusing.

The guests were then invited to the dining room by Miss Annie Miller, attractively gowned in blue silk net over blue tulle, where they were served to delicious menu by Misses Bonnell Smith and Blanche Blumiston. As they left the dining room Mrs. James Gordon, elegantly gowned in black tulle with jet trimmings, presented each one with a tiny red heart tied with red ribbon and asked each to register under their own names and assumed character.

The house on this occasion was exquisitely decorated, the valentine motif being carried out to the most minute details. In the drawing room strings of valentines were carried from butterfly bows on the chandelier to the corners of the room. The dining room deserves special attention because of its artistic decorations. The table was covered with a valentine cloth, adorned with hearts and valentines. In the center was a valentine amid of Rose O'Neils famous waffles. The plates were decorated with twin hearts and ribbon bows. The napkins also carried out the valentine suggestions. Cupids darts and arrows were suspended on ribbons from the chandelier to the corners of the table.

Many unique and original games were worn on this occasion. Those fortunate enough to be present were: Miss Smith and Gayle Lewis of Birmingham as Queen and King Hearts, Miss Deavenport as Heart with Dr. E. Q. Withers as St. Valentine, Miss Mastus the Cream of Wheat, Miss Baskin as the Red Heart with C. B. Wilbourn as the Heart Officer, Miss Chandler as the Heart with Houghton Sansom as the Heart, Miss Louise Warmoth of Humboldt, Tenn., as a Clown

with Jack Sansom as Foxy-Grandpa, Miss Frances Chandler as Bo-Peep with Harry Redwood as a Chinaman, Miss Myers as an Indian Girl with William Baskin as a Mexican, Miss Dawson as a Witch with Allen Dean as Uncle Sam, Miss Clem Miller as a Shepherdess with E. M. Rubel as a City Sport, Miss Cora Berry as Snow-Drop with Fred McGehee as a clown, Miss Elias as Minne-ha-ha with Frank Owings as Hiawatha, Miss Williams as Barbara Worth with Albert Gunn as a Convict, Miss Gladney as a College Student with Adam Gates as a Clown, Miss Rheinheimer as a Witch with Archie McDonnell as a Farmer, Miss Charline LaGrone as Night with W. E. Roberts as M. & O. Conductor, Miss Moss as Queen of Hearts with Frank Miller as a Sailor Boy, Miss Neubert as a Fairy with Clifford Chandler as Jack and the Beanstalk, Wilford Bonner as a Country Sport, Harry Boyles as a Hunter and Myers Hodges master of ceremonies.

At the close of the evening prizes were awarded for the best representations, Misses Williams, Neubert and Myers and Messrs Withers, Baskin and Redwood tying. Miss Williams and Dr. Withers were the fortunate winners.

Missionary Notes

In explanation of the absence of any Missionary Notes for the two preceding weeks we will say that the space was taken up with other articles. We regret this as we were anxious for the public to know of a most delightful social meeting which took place at Mrs. W. O. Harbour's Feb. 7th. We were glad to have our pastor with us. There were, including visitors, twenty five or thirty ladies present. Two of the visitors, Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Brewster joined us. Another visitor was Miss Beetles. Another visitor to whom we wish to call attention was Dr. Keller's mother, whose every lineament of her face bespeaks her christian character. She sets great store by the old time class meeting and so do I and regret so much that the M. E. church South has relinquished it. We think it good to be at least occasionally here on earth arranged before that great Tribunal and confess our sins to Him and one another.

Back to our subject, proper. The house was called to order by the president, then singing, scripture reading by Pres. and prayer by Bro. Meyers. Business propositions were brought up and discussed. Several interesting papers and talks were given. One paper by Sister Meyers on "How we should treat the immigrant" was enjoyed by all.

We learned from minutes of January meeting that Mesdames Keller, Harbour and Miller had organized a Missionary Society in Vardaman. Such good work as this puts the Aberdeen District ahead. We hope soon to be able to say hurrah for Okolona who is in the lead. With God as our guide, so good a pastor and wife to assist us and such an excellent body of women to follow how can we fail?

Mesdames Harbour, Hair, Miller and Shell are attending our conference which is in session at Clarksdale.

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"Cleanest Town" Contest.

Mr. Willis Walley has again been selected as state sanitary inspector, and has inaugurated another clean town contest, similar to the movement carried out so successfully in Mississippi last year. This "Cleanest town" contest began Feb. 1 and will end May 6. The following rules and regulations of the contest have been set forth by Dr. Walley.

1. This contest will begin Feb. 1, and closes May 6, 1916. Grade of all towns entering this contest must be made by the county health officer and county superintendent of education and submitted to the state board of health for final grades. All score cards must be in the office of the state board of health not later than May 11.

2. Any town may enter the contest where an organized club of federation of clubs exists. Where no club federation exists any town of not less than five hundred inhabitants may enter by organizing a sanitary club of civic league, and remitting the entrance fee of \$5.00 before the time of entry expires.

3. All towns entering the contest must through their clubs, pay an entrance fee of \$5.00 before Mar. 15, remitting the same to Mrs. J. H. Fox, Jackson, Miss., chairman of public health of Mississippi Federation of Woman's clubs, who will issue receipt for same.

4. Towns entering the contest will be divided into five classes according to following: (a) Towns of more than 15,000 inhabitants. (b) Towns of more than 7,000 inhabitants. (c) Towns of more than 1,500 inhabitants. (d) Towns of more than 500 inhabitants. (e) Towns of more than 500 inhabitants.

5. Cash prizes to be used for public health purposes under the direction of the local committee of clubs winning with our approval will be awarded as follows:

The town making the highest grade in each class will be awarded the cash prize.

The Town in each class making second and third highest grades will be awarded certificates and all towns making above 90 per cent will be placed on the honor roll.

6. Towns winning first prize in the contest last year will not be eligible for the first prize this year but must enter and maintain their former grades in order to retain their place on the honorary list.

7. After all score cards have been received by the board of health, those towns making the highest grades will be inspected by the chief sanitary inspector before the prizes are awarded.

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Witness my hand this Feb. 23, 1916.

H. L. MORRISON,

Mayor.

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