

THE TIME TO DANCE

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Mary Wilson threw her knapsack on the ground, unbuckled the camper's stove from her shoulder and loosened the roll that made up her bed and blankets. It had been heavier than she had anticipated, and the hike through the woods to the lake had been easily a mile longer than she had thought.

Working in an office as she did for eleven and a half months of the year, it seemed good to think of being alone and quiet for these two weeks. More than that, the spot had a certain attraction for her, inasmuch as she had once motored out there on an early Sunday morning when John Smith had been one of the party. She thought of John Smith now, and tried to make her lip curl derisively as she thought of her name had she married him—Mary Smith, the wife of John Smith. The lip would not curl in the approved manner, for Mary Wilson knew that had John Smith ever said the least word she would have leaped at the chance of being Mary Smith.

He had taken her to several dances, had invited her out to dine four times, had bought tickets for the theater some half-dozen times.

As she set about making camp she wondered if she had been foolish to come off here by herself. The other girls in the office all went to gay summer resorts where they would meet men.

"You're foolish, Mary Wilson," Sophie Shonman had told her. "If John Smith doesn't speak up and 'spress himself—well, the best thing you can do is to get another sweetie. No girl wants to reach thirty—unmarried."

Mary Wilson had opened her mouth to speak, but Sophie had raised one hand hastily.

"Don't try to lie out of it, Mary. I'm a woman and I've seen that you love him. It's nothing to be ashamed of, is it? The thing is this—many a girl has not made an impression on the man she wanted—and she took some other. After all, marriage is much the same—full of fights after the first year."

Mary Wilson had been silent. It was nothing to be ashamed of, she mentally agreed, to love John Smith. But to marry some one else just to be Mrs. or for the sole pleasure of showing the world that she had captured a husband—ugh! And Mary Wilson had set about making preparations to camp alone at the spot where she and John Smith had gaily cooked fish over an open fire and eaten them quickly while they were hot from the pan.

Going over to the stove she began to set it up to get supper. She heard a car on the road and wondered idly who could be stopping. She did not turn, however.

"I beg pardon," came a man's voice behind her.

She whirled about; there never, she knew, was another voice besides John's which was just like that.

"Why, Mary," he stammered. "Wh-by—"

She laughed at his amazement. "What's the matter? Men go camping, don't they, without anyone making such a great to-do about it. Why should I—"

"It's not that," he said. "I—only I thought you didn't care about anything except dancing and dinners and theaters. I supposed your main aim in life was to dance."

She turned to put a slice of bacon in the hot frying pan. "I do love to dance," she said frankly, "but there is a time to dance and a time to camp. This is the time to eat. If you're hungry—"

"You bet I'm hungry," he said suddenly. "I'm starved. I have my two weeks' vacation and my uncle lent me his car for it. I thought I'd camp here. Why, I have a cooking outfit and a box of fishing tackle." He was eating now, cutting piece after piece of bread and spreading butter on hers for her rapidly. Deftly she saw him lift the hot bacon from the pan and put it on the bread.

"I—I've been a fool, Mary. I thought you wouldn't care for this sort of thing and, you know, cooped up in an office all year—I just have to get away like this on my two weeks. I wonder if all this stuff would be safe here—if we left for an hour or so?"

"Why, why?" she gasped, her heart thumping.

"Well, I was sort of thinking this would be a jolly sort of honeymoon—I have an extra fishing pole—and we could be married up in the next town if we hustle before the clerk's office closes."

He was standing now, looking at her.

"Besides, that's a peach of a stove you have there—that bacon was A1—"

"They say," said Mary demurely, "that cooking is the way to a man's heart and I—guess—"

But John Smith was pulling her to her feet and she found herself almost running with him, hand in hand, toward the car waiting in the roadway.

LOCAL NEWS

MORRISVILLE

T. C. Cheney is improving nicely from his serious illness.

Mrs. Mary Thomas wishes to thank her many friends for their joyous messages of good cheer at this joyous Christmas time.

The Dodge, Gilbert and Delano families were entertained Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Davis, where a Christmas dinner was served by the ladies. A happy afternoon was spent unloading a large Christmas tree, which held gifts for everyone, after which ice cream and cake were served by the hostess.

Leon Amsden and family of Montpelier were callers at Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodrich's Christmas Day.

Edward Crowell finished work for Elmer Barrows of Stowe last Saturday and is now staying with his daughter, Mrs. Fred Goodrich.

In a recent issue of a Pasadena, Calif., daily appeared the announcement of the appointment of Mrs. Henry George to the office of city mother, at the head of the domestic relations department of that city. Mrs. George had previously acted as substitute for the former head of this department. The announcement was most complimentary to Mrs. George and stated that she would retain her position as chief censor of the city, which she has filled very acceptably for some time. Mr. and Mrs. George are well known in Morrisville, the former being a brother of F. L. George of Summer street.

J. R. Freer has had electric lights installed in his residence and farm buildings on the Plains. The village line is being extended to also include the buildings of H. H. Lyon.

Mrs. Will Smilie and son, Henry Smilie, of Waterville were guests over Christmas Day of Mr. Smilie's sister, Mrs. L. C. Tillotson. Henry Smilie is a student at Cornell University.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Huntley and family and Mrs. Huntley's parents, Rev. and Mrs. George F. Tabor, spent Christmas Day with Mr. Huntley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Huntley, at Waterville.

Annual New Year's Ball, Hotel Melendy, Jeffersonville, Friday night, Dec. 29. Music by Burroughs' orchestra. Full bill \$2.00.—Adv.

Raymond Warren, instructor at Spaulding high school, Barre, is spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Warren, of Brooklyn street.

Miss Ina Wells has returned home from a few days' stay with her mother, Mrs. Lottie Wells, in Montpelier, and with Mrs. Arthur Austin in Burlington.

Donald Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Davis, who has been ill, threatened with pneumonia, is much improved. Robert Davis, who was also ill, is convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jenkins have returned to Waterbury after a stay with the former's father, A. A. Jenkins, and with Mrs. Jenkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Stearns of Johnson.

Luther S. Warren, who has employment in the quarry business at Granville, spent Christmas with parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Warren, on Brooklyn street.

Reginald E. Stancliffe, a student at the U. V. M., was a guest over Christmas of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Stancliffe. Others who were at the Stancliffe home for Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stancliffe and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ward and family.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Freer of Windsor spent Christmas at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Freer. We are glad to report that Dr. Freer is building up a fine practice in Windsor and Springfield. His many friends and relatives are much pleased to have them spend their Christmas holidays in this community.

Clarence Peake and Joseph Finnegan cut a spruce tree on Peter Allaire's farm last week that scaled 1,282 feet. It was skidded by C. R. Wheelock with one horse. There were 11 feet of waste in the tree, which was figured out.

Dance at Town Hall

There will be a dance at the town hall after the ball game Thursday night. Seven-piece orchestra. Admission \$1.10 per couple.—Adv.

FOR SALE

Two good stoves, wood heater and range, beds, chairs, etc., all in good condition. Mrs. H. C. Whittier, over Smith & Tillotson's store. 48,t

Woodman Dance

M. W. A. will hold a dance Tuesday night, Jan. 2, at G. A. R. hall. Everyone invited.—Adv.

Peanut Brittle

One cup white corn syrup, one tablespoon vinegar, one teaspoon vanilla, one cup freshly roasted peanuts, one-fourth teaspoon salt.

Cook the corn syrup, vinegar and salt in a saucepan until it forms a soft ball when dropped into cold water. Put the peanuts and syrup into an iron skillet and stir until the syrup is a golden brown. Remove from the fire, stir in vanilla. Have ready a shallow buttered pan into which the candy is poured and spread in a thin sheet. Cool; remove from pan and crack into pieces.

Stuffed Prunes

Wash and steam one pound prunes and remove stones. The kernel from the stones may be chopped and mixed with other nuts or raisins or dates and figs and used for stuffing the prunes. Another good suggestion is to stuff the prunes with stiff orange marmalade.

NORTH WOLCOTT

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Griffith of Waterbury visited at C. W. Griffith's Sunday.

Elmer Tallman and Reba Melville of Morrisville visited at George Tallman's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Reed and son, Wendell, visited at the home of Mrs. Reed's mother in Collinsville Sunday.

Clarence Putnam visited at C. W. Griffith's Sunday.

Henry Bashaw is visiting his uncle George.

Twenty-three of the young people of this place enjoyed a straw ride to Morrisville Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Churchill visited their daughter in Morrisville Sunday.

The Christmas exercises at the church Friday night were well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Russ and son, George, returned home Thursday from Sunderland, Mass.

Kenneth Eddy is spending the holidays with his folks in Danville.

JEFFERSONVILLE

Mrs. Edgar Reynolds was a visitor in Burlington recently.

Mr. Terrill of Hyde Park was a recent guest of Murray Noble.

Mrs. F. L. Start entertained her nephew last week from Fairfield.

Francis Smalley of Morrisville recently visited his cousin, Erol Butler.

Lieut. Cleveland of Coventry was a business visitor in town last week.

H. A. Hawley and family were visitors one day last week in Burlington.

Wilmer Safford of Bennington is a guest over the holidays at I. M. Powell's.

Mrs. Minard of East Thetford recently visited her sister, Mrs. Charlotte Buker.

H. A. Avery of Newbury is passing a few days with his daughter, Mrs. H. A. Hawley.

A Citizens telephone has been installed in the residence of H. W. Sinclair, No. 14-10.

Miss Charlotte Lang and Orlo K. Jenney were guests of friends Saturday in Hardwick.

Miss Mary Woodward of Burlington was a guest over Friday night of Mrs. H. F. Beard.

Mrs. Orange Burt and Harriet Griswold each underwent operations at the hospital last week.

Ray Washburn and family are passing the holidays with their relatives in Springfield, Vt.

Llewellyn Shafer of Wrentham, Mass., is passing his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Shafer.

Senator-elect B. E. Reynolds returned from Burlington last week with a new Lincoln auto.

An electric light plant is being installed on the farm of A. M. Carpenter by Mr. Goodwin of Montpelier.

Greta Morse, supervisor of music in the Cape Cod district, is passing her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Norton.

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday School Friday night were very largely attended. Many little folks took part in a most creditable manner. This, with Santa arriving and the well laden tree, made many young hearts merry. Much credit is due the committee in charge.

The special Christmas service Sunday morning was largely attended. An excellent sermon was delivered by Mr. Bartlett, while the chorus of 14 voices furnished all special music. In appropriate remarks by Mr. Bartlett Miss Beryl Powell, who has served as an efficient organist for so long was presented with a nice gift. A good number of shut-ins were visited by the members of the Sunday School and Y. P. S. C. E. A purse of gold was presented by the village people to Mr. Bartlett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Westover and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lease were guests Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Odell in Johnson.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express, through the columns of this paper, my heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and relatives for their many deeds of kindness rendered during the long illness and death of my husband. If the life of God in the heart is religion, then it seems these people have proved themselves Christians. I wish especially to thank Dr. Holcomb, not only for his untiring devotion to his patient, but for many acts of kindness rendered during the long illness. Elsie M. Wilson.

E. J. Rutter, optometrist, from Montpelier, will be at Hawley's Cafe Thursday, Jan. 4. Call and have your eyes examined.—Adv. 50,c

The regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic order will be held this week Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hawley were with the latter's parents Monday in Waterville.

Chester Davis and family of Plattsburg are guests for the holidays at Leander Fortia's.

Guy Hanley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hanley, Madam Hanley and daughter, all of Essex, were guests Monday at W. E. Hunt's.

W. F. Smith, while placing a barrel overhead in his barn, met with a serious accident when a pair of ice tongs fell on him, catching in one eye and piercing it out. He was taken at once by B. E. Reynolds to the hospital.

Mr. Brooks of Sugar Hill came Saturday for a few days. Mrs. Brooks has been caring for her mother, Mrs. Mari Fortia, for a few weeks.

George Pope and family of Underhill have been guests at F. E. Pope's.

Mrs. Frank Powell visited her daughter Sunday, who is at the hospital.

Mrs. Effie Roberts of Cambridgeboro is with her sister, Mrs. Emma Melvin.

President of Literary Club Entertains Among the novelties in social events of the season was that of

Wednesday evening when the Crescendo Club was invited to the home of Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Andrews. The event was in the form of a Christmas shower for a bride-to-be, the color scheme being pink and white. The walls of the room were draped with crepe Machia. Under the archway set the punch bowl, while just aside was placed the stand with the huge cake and candies. On the table was the Christmas tree with snowy ground effect beneath, while the roses in individual holders served as posts for the fence which enclosed all. In here was found a part of the dainty lunch, while the tree was laden with the baskets of roses which served as souvenirs. The program was on Home Economics. Mrs. Andrews gave a talk on Decorations. Miss Martha Sullivan gave a demonstration on the balanced rations, some of which was served in the menu. Miss Thelma Hawley and Mrs. L. M. Pearl assisted as waitresses. The menu consisted of pecan loaf with white sauce, date bread, sandwiches, punch with Waldorf salad, cakes, ice cream and candies. The day being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Andrews, a huge cake with dates, etc., and cut by the hostess, was a gift of Mrs. O. C. Hitchcock.

CAMBRIDGE

The village school closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Nellie Smith, who has been in Burlington for several weeks, is passing the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Smith.

The home of Mr. Bushey is quarantined for scarlet fever.

The children in the primary room of the village school enjoyed a Christmas tree, given them by their teacher, Miss Giorgianna Bailey, on Friday afternoon.

F. A. Plummer and daughter of Jeffersonville were guests Sunday of Mrs. M. A. Hyde.

Because of the illness of the librarian, Miss Hattie Hopkins, the Cambridge library is closed indefinitely.

E. C. Palmer and sister, Mrs. Rowley, were Burlington visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Chase and Mrs. P. A. Degree were Burlington visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Alvin Bogue of Cambridge Junction visited Mrs. Charles Wilson Friday.

Henry Burritt of Bristol is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. A. Chase.

Mrs. Austin Chase of Northfield visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Lillian Irish of Jericho and Mrs. W. H. Gomo and Miss Gladys Woodruff of Cloverdale visited Mrs. Elsie Hyde Thursday.

Harlow Leavens of Swanton has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linus Leavens.

F. B. Boyden has a new Ford touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wetherbee of Underhill passed Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Humphrey.

Alfred Woods was in St. Albans recently to visit his mother, Mrs. H. N. Woods.

Miss Hattie Hopkins is convalescing.

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