

NANCY WYNNE'S DAILY GOSSIP OF VARIOUS SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Benedicks' Ball to Be Important Event Tonight—Mr. and Mrs. Charlemagne Tower Will Entertain Before Ball—Other Dinners

The most important affair socially tonight will be the Benedicks' Ball, which will be given at Horticultural Hall. This ball is always one of the most enjoyable of the year and is looked forward to by old and young, and the debutants who are lucky enough to receive an invitation is the envied of all others.

There will be a number of large dinners before hand. Mr. and Mrs. Charlemagne Tower will entertain in honor of Helen and Gertrude, and the John Hampton Barnes will entertain for Mary Bohlen, who is one of the "lucky" debs.

Among those who will receive at the ball will be Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Edward Lowber Welsh and Mrs. Tower.

It is a strange thing and a rather serious one to say the least, how a story rises out of a very trivial occurrence, is told from mouth to mouth and I am afraid each one enlarges a tiny bit and the first thing you know some one is spread by an absolutely untrue tale. There has been one going the rounds lately about one of our little debutantes, which though by no means wicked, still made her seem decidedly racy and which turns out to be the manufacture of many imaginative brains. It was said that this same little girl attended a party lately on the Main Line and when in the conservatory of this private home accepted a dare from two young men to pose in the fountain, which she did and the young men are supposed to have turned on the water and half drowned the small girl. Now I think it is rather interesting to know that the same little lady did not remove her shoes and stockings and jump into any fountain in any private house, nor even think of so doing.

The true story is this: The deb in question was walking through Rittenhouse Square with a certain young suitor and when they came to the fountain or rather pond there, said suitor dared the wee girl to walk around the edge on the broad border and straightway they both proceeded to do so. It is such an innocent little story and just plain fun and it does seem a pity that such a story grew out of it, just because the small girl is full of life. Of course, I do not mean to advocate running around the curbs of fountains and ponds, but surely the worst that could be said about it is that it was not very dignified and there it ends. Unfortunately they both thought it was fun and told different friends, who in turn repeated it to others and so it grew.

That this is indeed the day of delightful democracy was brought home to my astonished gaze the other morning when I beheld one of the most attractive of our younger matrons, swathed in furs, hurrying in the direction of her home on South 13th street. A glorious morning for the "constitutional" I conceded; but there was a vastly different object in that early morning stroll, for fate decreed that at that juncture, or perhaps it was a capricious wind, that the package which she carried behind her huge muff should slip its moorings and lo! the twinkling of an eyelash, the sidewalk was littered with nice, crisp breakfast rolls. Her embarrassment, when a passerby offered to restore the broken bag and its former contents, was pretty to behold, but I'm wondering if "dejeuner" was disposed of that morning, for the lady hurried on toward her home with only the remnant of a smile as an indication of the morning's adventure.

The engagement of Agnes Kennedy, the older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Townsend has been announced. The secret has not really been a secret to those "in the know" for some time, although many people thought they had decided to wait until the spring to make any formal acknowledgment. Agnes, who is smaller than her debutante sister Emille and much more of a brunette type, possesses much charm of manner and wears the most ultra-clothes with a verve that makes them extremely becoming. At the recent Page-Kremer wedding she appeared in one of the most distinctive costumes seen for some time. Her tulle, of deep brick-red broadcloth, had a short coat which flared out from the skirt at the waist line and was trimmed with a deep, square collar and wide cuffs of sable fur. Her hat was the oddest shape conceivable—of gold lace in a scoop, the peak tapering almost to a point at the crown, where it had a band of sable. Miss Kennedy has won quite a reputation for herself on the courts, and generally succeeds in carrying off some honors in the spring and fall tennis tournaments. Her fiancé is a son of Mr. J. Barton Townsend, of Overbrook, and a brother of Miss Marjorie Townsend and of little Anne Townsend, who will probably spend several more years at school.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Evans announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edith Evans, to Mr. J. Lawrence Pannocost, of Moylan.

Announcement has been made by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Z. Weber, of Norristown, of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jean Weber, to Mr. Jay V. Hare. Miss Weber is a graduate of Wesley College, class of 1914, and a popular member of the younger set in Norristown. Mr. Hare is assistant secretary of the Reading Railway. The marriage will take place in the early summer.

Maxson and Thaddeus Rich. No cards have been sent out.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sellers, of Ardmore, have changed the date of their dance from tomorrow to Monday evening, January 3. The dance will be given for their daughter, Miss Nancy Sellers, and will take place at the Acorn Club instead of the Merion Cricket Club, as was originally planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seeburger, of Bala, will give a Christmas dance at the Cynwyd Club tonight in honor of their daughter, Miss Ursula Seeburger. There will be about 85 guests.

Dr. and Mrs. George D. B. Darby, of Merion, will give a dance on New Year's night in honor of their daughter, Miss Janet MacLaren Darby, and their son, Mr. James Douglas Darby. The guests will be of the college and school sets.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. McCall will give a dinner before the meeting of Mrs. Ketterlinus' dancing class on January 13. Beautiful decorations were the feature of a large dance given last night at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Taylor. The guests included Miss Emily Lewis and Miss Mildred Lewis. The ballroom was a mass of Christmas trees lit up with colored lights, while from the ceiling were festooned long garlands of laurel. Most interesting was an old-fashioned "patz," which was built in an alcove. Lights all through the room were covered with red crepe paper, thus shading the subdued and rosy light on the dancers.

Miss Betty Scott, daughter of Mrs. J. Hutchinson Scott, of 261 South 21st street, will entertain a number of friends at the Supper Club at the Bellevue-Stratford on Saturday, January 8.

Mrs. Frank Crozer Knowles, who will entertain at luncheon, followed by a theatre party, on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 6, at the home of Mrs. L. J. Crozer McCowen, will have as her guests Miss Elizabeth Conne, Miss Helen Gray Murray, Miss Mary D. McCowen, Miss Gladys M. Conne, Miss Marjorie Allison, Miss Mary Allison, Miss Margaret May, Miss Isabel Montgomery, Miss Mabel Leonard and Mrs. Emmanuel Brown McCowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer F. Ellis, of 1125 W. Locust, will entertain at luncheon and cards this afternoon to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Viola Helen Ellis, to Mr. William G. Beck, Jr., of this city. The guests will be Miss Frances Lauer, Miss Alice McFadden, Miss Edna Scull, Miss Violet Carson, Miss Florence Geibler, Miss Adelaide Froelich, Miss Charlotte Fleming, Miss Katherine Clark, Miss Katherine M. Callahan, Mrs. Frederick Fleck and Mrs. George Knapp.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Frazier, Miss Harriet M. Frazier and Mr. George H. Frazier, Jr., are occupying their home, 2134 Spruce street, for the winter months.

Mrs. James Arnold Lowell, of Boston, has been visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles West Churchman, at their home on Summit avenue, Jenkintown. Mrs. Lowell was Miss May Churchman.

Mrs. A. Loewenstein announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Selma J. Loewenstein, to Mr. Edward I. Prosen, formerly of Clarkesburg, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis I. Gowen, of Flourtown road, are occupying their winter home at 2006 De Lancey street for the remainder of the season.

Miss du Pont's Debut. WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 28.—One of the largest and most brilliant affairs of the holiday season was the debutante party given last night by General and Mrs. T. Coleman duPont for their youngest daughter, Miss Renee duPont. About 200 guests were present from Philadelphia, Washington, this city and other places. The guests were received in the ballroom, which was handsomely decorated with holly wreaths, Christmas greens and American Beauty roses. In the conservatory and other rooms of their home, 598 Broome street, the decorations were poinsettias, hydrangeas and a large Christmas tree. The house guests of the duPonts include Miss Ellen Wood, of Sayville, L. I.; Miss Mary Kirk, of Baltimore, and Miss Katherine Clarke, of Northampton, Mass., the fiancée of Francis Victor duPont, son of General and Mrs. duPont. Receiving the guests were General and Mrs. duPont, Mrs. Paul Wilson and Miss Ellen C. duPont, sisters of Miss Renee duPont; Miss Katherine Clarke and Miss Alice Bush, formerly of Chester, planned for the dancing and during the evening supper was served. Miss Renee duPont wore a charming white tulle gown, embroidered in silver. She carried many orchids. On Christmas day General and Mrs. duPont announced the engagement of their eldest daughter, Miss Ellen C. duPont, to Hollyday S. Meads, Jr., formerly of Washington, D. C., but now of this city. The guests for the party included virtually all the younger set, who are home from school for the Christmas holidays. Miss duPont has been the most feted debutante of the season, and several parties have been given in her honor, one of which was given by United States Senator and Mrs. Willard Saulsbury.

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MISS HELEN DUDLEY Whose engagement to Mr. Matthew McCloskey has just been announced. Miss Dudley will be the guest of honor at a tea to be given tomorrow afternoon by her sister, Miss Mary Dudley, at her home, 5229 Chester avenue. The decorations will include poinsettias and holly. The guests will include Miss Marie O. Neil, Miss May De Longe, Miss Adelaide Gillingham, Miss Augusta Welsh, Miss Vera Tubedy, Miss Ann Whelen, Miss Marguerite Hadley and Miss Mary Lyons. The hostess will be assisted in receiving by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Gerome Dudley. Mrs. Dudley will give a dinner for Miss Dudley and her fiancé on Thursday evening, followed by a theatre party for a number of additional guests.

Weddings EATON—ENDRES. A very quiet wedding took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock when Mrs. Helen Cross Endres, daughter of Mrs. William Cross, of 113 Cedar street, Jenkintown, was married to Mr. Ralph Waldo Eaton, of Norwich, Conn. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. M. Groton, rector of the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, and took place at the home of the bride. The room was artistically decorated with ferns and Christmas greens. The bride had no attendants and the bridegroom's brother, Mr. Willis Eaton, was his best man. A small reception followed the ceremony for the family and a very few intimate friends. After an extended wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Eaton will be at home at Norwich, Conn.

TAYLOR—LAWRENCE. The wedding of Miss Irene Lawrence and Mr. Herbert W. Taylor, of Malvern, took place today at the bride's home in Brooklyn. Mrs. Taylor is a graduate of Vassar College. After her graduation she spent the summer abroad, being among the unfortunate ones who were detained in the war zone. Mr. Taylor is a graduate of Haverford College, being active in athletics while there. Since his graduation he has taken up the study of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will make their home at 15th and Walnut streets, West Philadelphia, where they have taken apartments.

ROBERTS—BROWER-HIGHLEY. Prominent among tonight's weddings will be that of Miss Rebecca Brower-Highley, the bride, who will be given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. George W. Highley, of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Highley, and Mr. Walter Roberts, which will take place in the Toga Methodist Episcopal Church, Toga and 18th streets, at 4:30 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. John Gordon, of the theological department of Temple University, will perform the ceremony. The bride will attend her usual school, and Mr. John Lynch will be his brother's best man. After the ceremony the couple will leave for a trip through the West.

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orange blossoms, will extend to the end of the long court train. Bride roses and lilies of the valley will be carried. Mr. Alvin Snook will be the bridegroom's best man and the usher, will be Mr. Sidney Farish, Mr. Leonard Pearson, Mr. Charles Kunz and Mr. Roland Rudrauff. Owing to the recent death of the bride's aunt, the reception will be omitted. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts upon their return from their wedding journey, will be at home after February 1 at 2121 West Venango street.

ROSMAN—RICKMAN. A very pretty wedding will be solemnized tonight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rickman, 5033 North 6th street, when their daughter, Miss Jennie Rickman, will be given in marriage by her father to Mr. William Rosman, of West Lehigh avenue. Rabbi Englander will officiate at the ceremony, which will be followed by a reception. The bride will wear a gown of white chiffon draped over white satin and a veil of tulle arranged with a cap and lilies of the valley. A shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, the bride's sister, will be maid of honor.

Mr. Rosman will have for best man Mr. Morris Rickman, the bride's brother, and for ushers Mr. John Schaffer, Dr. James Untenberger and Mr. David Samuels. BLATTBERG—SACK. The marriage of Miss Celia Sack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Sack, of 2814 North 20th street, to Mr. Benjamin Blattberg, of 2817 North 28th street, was solemnized Sunday afternoon at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Dr. Englander. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was unattended. Following the service a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Blattberg, upon their return from their wedding journey, will live in Wilmington, Del.

LINER—KEMPF. Miss Gertrude C. Kempf, daughter of Mrs. Selma Kempf, of 2148 North 13th street, became the bride of Mr. William M. Liner on Friday afternoon. The ceremony was performed at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother by Magistrate William M. Glenn and was followed by a reception. The bride, who was unattended, wore her traveling suit of dark-blue broadcloth, trimmed with fur and a velvet hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Liner left on a short honeymoon trip and will be at home after January 15 at 2148 North 13th street.

LYNCH—COFFEY. A very quiet wedding will take place this afternoon in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 2nd and Berke streets, at 4:30 o'clock, when Miss Evelyn Agatha Coffey will become the bride of Mr. Francis Lawrence Lynch. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. John L. Moore, and will be witnessed by the immediate families only, owing to the recent death of Miss Coffey's mother.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Martin M. Coffey, of 1827 North 24th street, and Mr. Lynch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Richard Lynch, of 2305 Catharine street. Miss Mary Coffey, a sister of the bride, will attend her as maid of honor, and Mr. John Lynch will be his brother's best man. After the ceremony the couple will leave for a trip through the West.

LARGE BALL ARRANGED FOR NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

The One Hundred Club Will Give Its Fifth Annual Dance at Horticultural Hall on Saturday Night. Other Entertainments Incidental to Holiday Season.

THE fifth annual ball of the One Hundred Club will be held on the evening of Saturday, January 1, at Horticultural Hall, Mr. Fiererick A. Shimp is president and Mr. Henry B. Nightingale, 3d, secretary of the club. The members include Miss Adelaide Anderson, Miss Charlotte Austermeil, Mr. Morton J. Barry, Mr. James M. Bonner, Mr. Howard Brazier, Mr. Charles M. Brendlinger, Mr. Harry Brown, Miss Edith Brown, Mr. William E. Burke Jones, Miss Edith Ditz, Mr. Jack H. Campbell, Mr. Charles B. Callahan, Mr. Edward B. P. Carrier, Miss Margaret Cox, Miss Ruth H. Cross, Miss Jane B. Cunningham, Miss Dorothy D. Cushing, Miss Edythe Dawson, Mr. Theodore De Bow, Mr. Russell Dolly, Miss Mildred Demmy, Mr. Theodore Fitzgerald, Miss Elizabeth Fricks, Mr. Joseph Callahan, Miss Beatrice Garraques, Mr. Irvin C. Garverick, Mr. Watson Garvin, Mr. Alexander Glass, Mr. Edward Graham, Mr. Lauris V. Grove, Mr. Frank A. Guba, Mr. Oscar Guenther, Miss Claire Hildenbrand, Miss Mary Hayward, Miss Elvia Spruance, Miss Helen Cunningham, Miss Sallie Hill, Miss Florence H. Howell, Miss Marie Partidge, Miss Mary Patterson, Miss Beatrice Kilson, Mr. Charles H. Knowlton, Mr. Joseph R. Knowlan, Mr. Horace Koons, Miss Martha A. Lupton, Miss Rosalie MacLain, Miss Jeanne Kelley, Miss Edythe L. Maulick, Mr. William McCargo, Miss Marion McCooker, Miss Abbie McCooker, Mr. Earl S. McPooter, Miss Maneta Mellon, Mr. Frank Millard, Miss Beatrice Millard, Miss Ethel Moore, Mr. Harold V. Mirdock, Miss Edna Muench, Mr. Earle Myers, Miss Elizabeth Nelson, Miss Laura B. Nightingale, Mr. Marie Partidge, Miss Mary Patterson, Miss Edith Patterson, Miss Marion Perry, Miss Josephine Pile, Miss Beattie M. Pollock, Mr. Edwin P. Poulterer, Mr. William Pyle, Mr. William Austin, Miss Helen Smith, Miss Marie Ditz, Mr. Frank Epps, Mr. David Pyle, Mr. William Quinn, Mr. Frank Bamba, Miss Claire Robinson, Mr. John Robinson, Miss Bernice Scherer, Mr. Ralph Schumaker, Mr. Earle J. Schurfer, Mr. Edward Schmidheiser, Mr. Frank L. Shallow, Mr. Frank Snowden, Miss Mary Collins Smith, Miss Margaretta Smith.

A dance was given last week by Mr. Edwin Burnell Rhoads and Mr. Barclay Walton Fox, of Toga, in honor of Mrs. Paul H. Bonberg and Mr. Lloyd G. Tillman, of Mercerburg Academy, who are home for the holidays. Among those present were Mr. Grace Rudolph, Miss Ralph Clarke, Miss Dorothy Zurn, Miss Grace Hart, Miss Eleanor McMurray, Mrs. Wagner's Bon Ton Masque Wed. Jan. 5.

What's Doing Tonight Opera, "Tosca," Metropolitan Opera House, 8 o'clock. 50th anniversary banquet, Catholic High School, Bellevue-Stratford, 7 o'clock. Christmas Eve, Horticultural Hall, 9 o'clock. Christmas celebration, Robert Morris Club, Commodore Hotel, 9:30 o'clock. Dance, Medico-Chirurgical Hospital nurses, Hotel Rittenhouse. SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES Department of Commercial Education Special Courses in Shorthand, Book-keeping, Reporting, Fire and Casualty Insurance start January 24 in Day and Evening Schools. Temple University Broad St., below Berks, Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA TURNGEMEINDE The Normal Course in Swimming begins on Jan. 4th 1916. This course is designed for those contemplating teaching, or wishing to gain a thorough knowledge, theoretical and practical, of the proper methods used in swimming, diving and life-saving. Inquire at office, 1705 N. Broad St. FRANKLIN INSTITUTE SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL ARTS, NAVAL ARCHITECTURE, MECHANICS, MATHEMATICS, MECHANICAL DRAWING. New courses in Practical Algebra, Trigonometry, Structural Design. Spring term Jan. 18, 15 E. 7th St. STRAYER'S The Best Business School, 801-807 Chestnut Street.



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