NANCY WYNNE WONDERS AT THE WORLD'S ATTITUDE NEW YEAR'S EVE

Many Gay Parties Will Take Place—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pepper Will Give Large Ball for Their Daughter and Niece—Mr. Heckscher's Costume Party

WHY is it that many persons, be they gay or grave, sportive or serene, think it absolutely essential to dance the Old Year out or to watch it out in some hilarious fashion, ofttimes quite foreign to their nature? But so the world wags on, and the last day of the year is ended by many in this most unseemly fashion. I know of numerous very young girls, not to mention many staid and respectable matrons, whose mothers gaze on placidly while their daughters imbibe champagne or the more deadly cocktail until when midnight arrives they, while not actually intoxicated, are very silly and slightly maudlin in their behavior. And then, naturally, the next day they have that uncomfortable feeling with them; probably to this are due the many good resolutions which are annually made and as consistently broken.

Of course we are all looking forward to the George Wharton Peppers' ball tonight at the Bellevue-Stratford for Eleanor and their niece, Frances Scott. It is sure to be a success, for both girls are thoroughly well liked and will make charming hostesses. Frances Scott's mother is a sister of Mr. Pepper; she was Frances Pepper. Both Mrs. Pepper and Mrs. Scott will receive with the debutantes.

There will be a number of dinners before the dance. Mr. Willie Hopkins and his half sister, Miss Nellie Hopkins, who are as inseparable a pair as it is possible to find, will give a dinner for Rosamonde Fisher, and Aimee Hutchinson will entertain at dinner for Eleanor Cuyler, who is her cousin. Then the Alfred Clays will give a dinner for Emilie Kennedy; the J. Franklin McFaddens will also entertain, as will the William Townsend Wrights.

Then, too, Gee Heckscher's party will come off tonight, also at the Bellevue-Stratford. This is to be a costume affair, and many and weird are the frocks that are to be worn. Most of the younger married folk will attend this party, and I hear Gee has planned all manner of surprises and spectacles for the magic hour of midnight. The Ned Crozers and Albert Francines will entertain at dinner before the dance.

Billie Welsh has come up for the Christmas holidays. You know he is the manager of the Bureau of Fisheries and became quite famous several years ago for discovering a bank of scallops in some unusual place. Billie is one of the best liked men in town, and every one is delighted to see his genial countenance and Apollo Belvederean physique in our midst.

It is rather pathetic, I think, in passing through Rittenhouse Square to see the tiny Christmas tree, all decorated with bells and balls, at the foot of Tom's grave. The man who guards the square trimmed it there, for he says he can't get over Tommy's loss, over a year ago, how he wasted away before his very eyes; so every year he is going to dress the tiny tree in memory of the old cat which all the children loved so well.

Girls, be careful where you go to drive with the man of your heart and do not take the road which leads through the park, no matter how romantic the Wissahickon may seem, for alas! there is a law which forbids spooning; and I hear one warm evening recently a lass and a lad were motoring through and stopped the car a moment on the drive to enjoy the view as the twilight was coming on, when up came the guard in his heartless, matter-of-fact way and said, "Move on, please!"

So take warning and don't go into the park for a ride or a stroll unless you intend to keep moving all the time.

The Charles O'Donnell Lee, Jr.'s, who are occupying the Henry Pleasants' house at Wayne this year, have sent out cards for an eggnog party tomorrow, and as the Lees are from the picturesque Needwood Forest section of Maryland, a true Southern atmosphere will pervade the affair. The young matron will be assisted in receiving by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Lee, who will be remembered as Mary Harris, a niece of the Hartman Kuhns and a sister of Mrs. Charlie Boone.

Sarah Fisher's ball in Baltimore Tuesday night must have been quite a wonderful party, to judge from the enthusiastic accounts of it that I have heard. They do not often have late parties in Baltimore, but when they do they are very good. There was quite a crowd of Philadelphians there, among them Jean Bochman, who was Miss Fisher's house guest; Sarah Franklin, Theodora Lillie, Roddy Wister, Bert Bell, Reggie Hutchinson, Elbert Dent, Henny Geyelin, Brooke and Ted Edwards, Johnny Scott, Charlie Wetter, Harry Adams, Fred Spencer and Houston Woodward. The Belvedere ballroom was beautifully decorated with flags, and Louis Fisher, who seems to be the Meyer Davis of Baltimore, kept two orchestras going all the time. Breakfast at a ball is a decided rarity in Baltimore, and 6 o'clock found almost every one still going strong and thoroughly enjoying scrambled eggs, sausage and most delicious buckwheat cakes. Philadelphia is now doing its share of the entertaining, as Amy Robinson and Helen Whitridge came up for the Neilsons' and will remain for the Peppers, while Eleanor Carey, of tennis fame, and the two White sisters, Suzanne and Beckie (who, they say, is Baltimore's most popular debutante), also several boys, will come up today for the Peppers. NANCY WYNNE.

Personals

Of interest to this city and New York is the engagement of Miss Dorothy Greer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Greer, to Mr. Robert C. Myles, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Myles, which has been announced in New York. Miss Greer, who is a granddaughter of Bishop Greer, of that diocese, is the second New York debutante of this season to become engaged.

Mrs. Carl E. Grammer and the Misses Grammer, of 1024 Spruce street, will be at home informally on Monday afternoons in January after 3 o'clock. No cards have been sent out.

Mrs. Henry Rogers Cartwright, Jr., will receive informally on Wednesday afternoons during January at her home, 128 Highland avenue, Chestnut Hill. No cards have been sent out. Mrs. Cartwright will be remembered as Miss Mildred Gould Patton.

A costume dance will be given this evening at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, St. Martin's. Prior to the dance Mr. Craig S. Mitchell will entertain at dinner, and Mr. and Mrs. William H. George, of East Johnson street, Germantown, will also give a dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Louis Ketterlinus will give a dinner of 12 covers tonight before the meeting of Mrs. Ketterlinus' dancing class at the Bellevue-Stratford.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Beecher Finck have sent out invitations for a dance to be given tomorrow night at the Walton in honor of Miss Margaret Ann May, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davis May, and Miss Margaret Homie Cooper, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cooper.

Mr. John Fry, formerly of Philadelphia, has taken a house at Beverly, which he will occupy for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCully, of La Crosse avenue, Lansdowne, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen McCully, to Mr. Frederick Kilbride, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. de Negre, of West Greenwood avenue, Lansdowne, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edith de Negre, to Mr. John Banks, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Grove, of West Tulpehocken street, Germantown, will entertain at dinner this evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian H. Onderdonk, of Maryland. Covers will be laid for 16 guests.

A meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the National Red Cross was held this morning at the home of Mrs. Charlemagne Tower, 1315 Locust street.

The Rev. Percy J. Brown, who has been appointed rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church at Torresdale, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Gilbert A. Harvey, of the Gladstone.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kramer, of Cynwyd, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mabel M. Kramer, to Mr. Thomas Ross Allen, of this city. A dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford followed by a theatre party was given last night in honor of Miss Kramer and her fiance.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Birnbrauer, of Oak Lane, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Birnbrauer, to Mr. Harry Hesselbacher, also of Oak Lane.

Mrs. Leonard Rieger announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Louise Pauline Rieger, to Mr. Carl Theodore Biswanger, of Oak Lane, on Tuesday, December 28. Mr. and Mrs. Biswanger will be at home at 6521 North 13th street, Oak Lane. No cards have been sent out.

Mrs. P. Frederic Genther, of Hartford, Conn., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Francis C. Richter, of 3306 North Broad street, for the holidays. Mrs. Richter will entertain at cards on Tuesday afternoon for her daughters, Miss Beatrice Olive Richter and Miss Gladys D. Richter. There will be 24 guests present.

Dr. and Mrs. Leon Brinkman, of 130 North 18th street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Pauline Brinkman, to Mr. Edgar Wolf, a well-known theatrical man of this city.

Along the Main Line

ARDMORE—Mrs. J. Howard Brown will give a small luncheon at her home on Edgewood avenue on Monday. Among the guests will be Mrs. Lewis L. Smith, Mrs. C. E. Martin and Mrs. George O. Piersol.

Mrs. Walter Gardner is entertaining Mrs. P. Hutton, of Pittsburgh, for a few days.

Mrs. Katharine Keylor is spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Keylor, of Cochranville.

NARBERTH—Prof. and Mrs. John B. Alker, of 213 Forest avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Rhoda Lightcap Alker, to Mr. Alfred L. Cutts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Cutts, formerly of New York.

Miss Margaret Eyre entertained 25 guests at cards on Monday afternoon at her home, 123 Woodside avenue, in honor of her guest, Miss Pauline Nickerson, of Ocean City, N. J., and Miss Bertha Redifer, of Narberth, who is home from State College for the holidays.

HAVERFORD.—There will be a special dance at the Merion Cricket Club this evening, when the casino will be attractively decorated with poinsettias, holly and evergreens.

Tioga

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Hallowell, of 1822 West Tioga street, will give a dinner tomorrow at their home. Evergreens and poinsettias will be used in the decorations. Their guests will be Mr. and Mrs. E. Scott Banister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Bannister, of Holmesburg; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Biggard, Mr. and Mrs. Raynor Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Bauer and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hallowell.

Miss Marian Gerber and Miss Sabina Loeb will give a New Year's dance tomorrow night at the home of Miss Gerber, 1425 West Ontario street. The decorations will be appropriate to the holiday season.

Miss Anna Cree gave a luncheon and card party this afternoon at her home, 1231 West Allegheny avenue.

South Philadelphia

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Rosenberg, of 217 Montrose street, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on Christmas day.

TWO ATTRACTIVE DAUGHTERS OF MR. AND MRS. BURTON

MISS MARGUERITE FORRESTER BURTON

MISS ELEANOR SEAL WUNDER

Bala-Cynwyd

Miss Del Rose Macan, of Montgomery avenue, Cynwyd, entertained at a small tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. William A. Macan, Jr., Mrs. George C. Macan, of Easton, Pa., and Miss Margaret Fechtler, of New York. Mrs. George Macan and Miss Fechtler are spending the New Year's holidays with Miss Macan.

Miss Margaret Glynn, of Bala, left yesterday for New York, where she will visit Miss Irene Godfrey and Miss Rose Godfrey.

The Woman's Club, of Cynwyd, gave a delightful musical and moving-picture performance Wednesday night at the Fire House, on Montgomery avenue, Cynwyd. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Cynwyd Branch of the Red Cross Society, which is about to be reorganized for the winter.

The Cynwyd Club will give a delightful masque dance tonight at the clubhouse, on Llandrillo road, which will be decorated with Christmas greens and holly. Mrs. John G. Fleck and Mrs. Martin P. Glynn will receive the guests, who will include Mr. and Mrs. William B. Kraft, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Waffer Addison Fox, Mr. and Mrs. George Durgan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pickford, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice D. Longz, Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. McAdams, Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vitus, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Christie, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Mecke, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Tull, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wigfall and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Croze.

Along the Reading

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Du Puy, accompanied by Miss Clara Du Puy and Miss Noble, of Jenkintown, will leave about January 13 for Nassau, B. I., where they will remain for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warr, Jr., of Abington, have returned to their home, after having spent several months traveling throught the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward George Lavino, of 274 South 23d street, have bought a country residence on Hampton road, Rydal, which they will shortly occupy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Hall, of Oak Lane, will have as their guests this evening Mr. and Mrs. David H. Megill, of 123 Market street, Wilmington, Del., and Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Endow, of Merchantville.

North Philadelphia

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Feld, of 1923 North 33d street, announce the betrothal of their daughter, Miss Clara D. Feld, to Mr. Harry Promislove.

Miss Adele Steele has returned to her home, 1821 North Broad street, from the National Park Seminary, where she is attending school.

Miss Helen Nuss entertained the members of the Sigma Beta Phi at her home, 2044 North 18th street, at an informal tea Tuesday.

Roxborough

The most prominent event of the week in this section will be the performance of "George Washington, Jr.," by St. John's Opera Company tomorrow night in the parish hall. The opera is given by special permission of George M. Cohen, and will be elaborately staged under the direction of Mr. Edward A. Kennedy, of Wissahickon. Mrs. Marie McKinley Makem, organist of St. John's Church, will be the musical director. The cast is composed of many excellent soloists and includes Miss Mary O'Brien, Miss Marie Gagus, Miss Marie McCormick, Miss Madeline Kennedy, Mr. Edward A. Kennedy, Mr. Peter Loftus, Mr. John Callahan, Mr. John Mellor, Mr. Walter Loftus, Mr. Frank Costello, Mr. James Miles, Mr. John Rodgers and Mr. Aloysius Makem. The well-rounded chorus is composed of Miss Marie Godfrey, Miss Anna Walsh, Miss Regina Walsh, Miss Marie Cunnie, Miss Cecelia Norton, Miss Bertha Hare, Miss Anna Boyle, Mr. Francis Desmond, Mr. Arthur McKernan, Mr. John Connelly, Mr. John Ryan, Mr. Thomas Everly, Mr. William Seery and Mr. Joseph Tobin.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD PAUL KEEKHUT

WEDDINGS

MOORE—WARD.

A wedding at which her two children officiated was celebrated at 11 o'clock on Wednesday when Mrs. Alice B. Ward became the bride of Mr. Alfred I. Moore, of Conshohocken, at the rectory of St. Francis De Sales Church, 47th street and Springfield avenue. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. J. Cowl. The bride wore a traveling costume of woodbrown velvet, with deep collar and cuffs of beaver, and her hat of dark brown velvet was trimmed with a single metal rose. She carried a bouquet of orchids. Miss Rose A. Ward attended her mother as maid of honor and chose a costume of hunters' green chamois cloth, effectively banded with moleskin. Her hat of green velvet was enlivened by a wreath of tiny rosebuds. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and pink roses.

Mr. James B. Ward, who gave his mother away, attended the groom. A small reception followed the ceremony and Mr. and Mrs. Moore left immediately after for Bermuda. Upon their return they will live at 1415 South 58th street. The groom is a civil engineer and a member of many prominent clubs. He has held various high offices in the Knights of Pythias and is a member of the School Board of Conshohocken.

PANCOAST—BURR.

The wedding of Miss Gladys V. Burr and Mr. Herbert A. Pancoast will take place at 2 p. m. on New Year's Day, at the residence of the bride, 5721 Wallace street. Dr. Charles Bronson, of the West Hope Presbyterian Church, Clifton and Aspen streets, will perform the ceremony. Miss Ruth Greenwood, a cousin of the bride, will attend her as maid of honor, and the groom will be attended by his brother, Mr. Russell Pancoast.

The bride, who will be given away by her father, will wear a gown of white crepe de chine, veiled in tulle and a tulle veil, caught up with orange blossoms and tied with silver ribbons. Her bouquet will be composed of lilies of the valley and white orchids. The maid of honor will be attired in a frock of lavender crepe, with a tunic bordered in pearls and sequins. She will carry a bouquet of pink and white roses.

A reception will follow the ceremony. The young couple, on their return from their honeymoon, will reside at 5409 Walnut street.

ARMSTRONG—LORD.

A quiet wedding was celebrated early on Wednesday morning, when Miss Katharine H. Lord, of 3537 Pearl street, became the bride of Norbert Armstrong, 944 Highland street, at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, 63d street and Girard avenue. Miss Eleanor Lord attended her sister as maid of honor, and the bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Kenneth Lord. Only the relatives of both families attended the ceremony, and immediately after the bride and groom left for Florida. On their return they will reside at 152 North Robinson street.

SHANNON—PUSEY.

An attractive home wedding was celebrated at 7 o'clock last evening, when Miss Ida P. Pusey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry T. Pusey, became the bride of John T. Shannon, of Los Angeles, Cal., at the home of her parents, 5104 Springfield avenue. The ceremony was performed by Dr. S. C. Gamble, of the First United Presbyterian Church. There were no bridal attendants. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a traveling costume of dark blue broadcloth, with a shawl collar of beaver. Her hat of blue velvet was adorned with a narrow banding of beaver, and she wore a large bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. After a reception to the immediate members of both families, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon left for their new home in Los Angeles.

BLUMENTHAL—SMEYNE.

The marriage of Miss Pauline Smeyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smeyne, of 2865 Amber street, to Mr. Bernard Blumenthal, of 2606 Girard avenue, took place on Sunday evening at the Grand Hall. Rabbi Brenner officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception. Miss Hannah Blumenthal, the bridegroom's sister, was maid of honor, and the bride's brother, Mr. Jacob Smeyne, was best man. Miss Nora Smeyne, the bride's 6-year-old sister, was flower girl. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Smeyne and daughter, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Mursky, of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. Blumenthal, of Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. Smeyne, of Lebanon; Mr. and Mrs. Wagman, Mr. and Mrs. Kalusky, Mr. and Mrs. J. Blumenthal, Mr. and Mrs. David Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. Alperovwitz, Mr. and Mrs. Penn, Mr. Samuel Blumenthal, Mr. Harry Brash, Miss Jennie Miller, Mrs. Albert Goodman. After a wedding trip, the bride and bridegroom will return to live in the city.

MEARS—DUER.

A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. Bernard H. Duer, 5340 Walnut street, when his sister, Miss Ella Lillian Duer, became the bride of Mr. Harry Cecil Mears, both of Pocomoke City, Md.

The bride wore a traveling suit of taupe broadcloth trimmed with top collar and cuffs of rose fox fur and a jaunty little hat to match trimmed also in fur and a bird of paradise. Mr. and Mrs. Mears will live in Pocomoke City after returning from their wedding trip.

Germantown

Mrs. Edward A. Wiener, of 5301 Pulaski avenue, will return from a visit to New York today.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hayward Roberts, of 815 Lincoln drive, are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Roberts, of St. Joseph, Mo., as their guests for the holidays.

Mrs. E. Eldredge Pennock, of 5722 Greene street, has as her guest Mrs. William Davidson, of Dobb's Ferry, on the Hudson. Mrs. Pennock was hostess at a small informal tea given in Mrs. Davidson's honor Wednesday afternoon. She will give a family dinner on New Year's Day.

Miss Charlotte Brooke, of 5225 Archer street, has left for Pottsville, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Barlow Cullum for a week.

Mrs. Arthur Hood, of 243 West Rittenhouse street, will entertain at dinner tomorrow night at her home. Mrs. Hood also entertained at luncheon yesterday in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur W. Carroll, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lansdowne

Mr. John Roberts, of Stewart avenue, entertained with a luncheon of 12 covers Wednesday afternoon.

The pupils of St. John's Sunday school will give an entertainment in the parish house on January 4. They will present two playlets, "The Bird's Christmas Carol" and "The New Minister's Wife."

Miss Rebecca Stackhouse has returned from Brooklyn, N. Y., to her home on Stratford avenue for the holidays.

Mr. Joseph Ryan, of La Crosse avenue, has returned to Scranton after having spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Ryan.

Miss Mary Long, of East Stratford avenue, is home from Wellesley College for the holidays.

Miss Frances Hannington, of West Greenwood avenue, is spending several days in Washington.

Delaware County

Mr. Franklin Rutz is home from Reading for the holidays.

Mr. Harry Lamb, of Drexel Hill, is entertaining his parents from Boston, Mass.

Miss Edna Gretz, of Garrettford, is visiting her brother in Baltimore, Md.

Professor and Mrs. Clyde King, of Drexel Hill, are spending the week in Washington, D. C.

Miss Emma V. King, of Media, is spending the holidays at Atlantic City.

Dr. and Mrs. George H. Brinton, of Media, are visiting in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Melick, of Media, are entertaining Miss Margaret Dudley, of Washington, D. C.

Camden and Vicinity

Mr. John Read, who now makes his home at Summit, N. J., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Read, 8th and Cooper streets.

Miss Elizabeth Keene gave a small dance on Tuesday evening at the home of her mother, Mrs. Warren Coffin, of 5th and Cooper streets.

The first annual tennis dance will be held at the Haddonfield Country Club this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Croft and daughters, of South 6th street, will move to Haddonfield in the spring, having bought the Grey property.

Dr. and Mrs. John W. Lyell, of 1471 Baird avenue, are entertaining a large family party during the holidays.

The Reading Section of the Haddon Fortnightly gave a Christmas entertainment at Artisans' Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Engel Entertained at Their Home in Honor of Their Daughter, Miss Marion Engel, and Mr. M. C. Packman, Whose Engagement Was Announced

MR. AND MRS. ENGEL announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marion Engel, to Mr. Maxwell C. Packman at their home, 1632 North 6th street, at a banquet given in their honor Sunday evening. Among the guests present were Mrs. M. Packman, Mrs. Anna Davis, Miss Betty Packman, Miss Sylvia Davis, Miss Florence Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Herman M. Comroe, Albert Comroe, Mr. Samuel Engel, Miss Dorothy Engel, Mr. Emanuel Engel, Herbert Engel, Isidor Engel, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weiss, Edward Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Lowenthal, Miss Marion Lowenthal, Mrs. M. Schlessinger, Mr. Jack Schlessinger, Miss Sarah Keiner, Mrs. E. Poller, Mr. and Mrs. Steinberg and son, of Atlantic City; Mr. Meyer Weisbrod, Miss Annette Davison, Miss Lena Weiss, Miss Lene Jacobs, Miss Sue Wismer, Mr. Harry L. Asher, Mr. Samuel Gordon, Mr. Albert Cooper, Mr. Daniel Levis, Mr. Henry Friedman, Mr. Jack Mandrel and Mr. Harry Keith. An entertainment followed.

The Augustine Social and Beneficial Association, 329 Washington avenue, held their 30th annual children's night entertainment on Wednesday evening. Over 250 children were entertained by musical selections, vaudeville and a Punch and Judy show. A real live Santa Claus was also on hand to distribute gifts, including a box of candy to each child present. This evening the association will hold its annual New Year's Eve reception for the members and friends, to be followed by an entertainment and dance and a display of fireworks to usher in the new year.

A reception was given last Saturday evening in honor of Mr. Samuel Baron at his home, 318 Reed street. Among the entertainers were Miss Lena Finestinger, Mr. George Baron, Mr. B. Bernard Richfield and Mr. Carl Lowenthal. The guests included Miss Nellie Burke, Miss Florence Appelbaum, Miss Elizabeth Rosenblum, Miss Waldorf, Miss Lena Finestinger, Miss Lillian Shull, Miss Anna Rosenblum, Miss Anna Buck, Miss Brattman, Mr. Benjamin Bernard Richfield, Mr. Carl Lowenthal, Mr. George Baron, Mr. Henry Cohen, Mr. Benjamin Baron, Mr. Edward Bruner, Mr. Harry Luet, Mr. Samuel Brattman, Mr. Albert Wallingsford and Mr. Samuel Baron.

The Regal Club will hold their next dance on New Year's afternoon at Mosebach's, 13th street and Girard avenue. The committee in charge of the dance is composed of Mr. William Keegan, Mr. Frank Carney, Mr. James Conaty, Mr. John Christie, Mr. Charles Gillingham, Mr. Edward Dougherty, Mr. Robert Keown, Mr. Joseph Dougherty and Mr. William Byrnes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cohen gave a birthday party in honor of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Cohen, on Monday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. Cohen, Mrs. Simons, Mrs. Edward Rosenblum, Miss Anna Feinsinger, Miss Eva Zorn, Miss Pearl Block, Miss Henrietta Glick, Miss Sarah Kolman, Miss Bertha Appebroth, Mr. Kenneth Lyons, Mr. Harry Greenberg, Mr. Isadore Jones, Mr. Isadore Satinsky, Mr. Jacob Abstien, Mr. Philip Lavor, Mr. Selig Cohen and Mr. Sydney Cohen.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Crane, of 412 West Price street, will entertain at dinner tonight at the Germantown Cricket Club, Manheim, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Reynolds, of Winston Salem, N. C., her guests including Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Grant Pierce and Mrs. Yardley, of St. Paul, Minn. Another party dining together will include Mr. and Mrs. John Blakeley, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fitch, Mrs. Frederick Dudley and Mr. George Purviance. Mr. and Mrs. John Humphreys will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Welsh, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gage and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hansen. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Connell will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Reynolds at dinner. Mr. and Mrs. William A. Law will have several guests, and others dining will include Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rehmann, Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Alexander, Doctor Maroney, Mr. W. A. Darrow, Mr. and Mrs. S. French Reeves, Mr. F. S. Hovey and Mr. Frederick Wolstenholme.

CHORAL SOCIETY GIVES ANNUAL "MESSIAH"

Reverential Rendition of Handel's Classic Oratorio—Chorus Work Well Balanced

Those whose kindly sentiment is satisfied by the Yuletide rite of a reading of "The Christmas Carol" doubtless form a large majority of steady audiences for "The Messiah." In accordance with the custom of many years Haendel's classic oratorio was given annual performance last evening at the Academy of Music by the Choral Society.

The reverential rendition of an authentic masterpiece which has its text and content in the glories of the Messianic narrative is spiritually worth while at any time when the form is a masterpiece of musical art, and is extraordinarily worth while at the season of the Nativity, when it serves as the medium of the Choral Society's year-end performance.

The soloists were of high rank, including May Ebrey Hotz, soprano; Marie Stone Langston, alto; Arthur Hackett, tenor, and Frederick Martin, bass.

Furthermore the members of the Philadelphia Orchestra lent steadfast instrumental support, giving with notable attention to dynamics and tone color, accompaniments which fulfilled the demands of the score.

So well maintained was the religious feeling of the work, sheerly through the spiritual influence of the composition and the reverent attitude of all concerned in the presentation that no thought of the intellectual phases intruded and throughout the atmosphere appropriate to the Tide of Noel was preserved.

Mrs. Hotz showed her versatility in proceeding from operatic music, which she sang recently, to the sacred strains of Haendel. Her voice was just as lovely and her interpretation revealed artistic insight.

Mrs. Langston was a tower of strength; her contributions were devout in spirit and wholly adequate in vocal externals. Her singing, co-equal with Mr. Martin's, was invested with impressive drama.

Mr. Martin's familiar and excellent art finds its finest utilization in the specialized field of oratorio.

Mr. Hackett, a tenor from Boston, with a voice of rare sweetness, had much to do in his role and succeeded so well as to be a fitting compeer of his associates.

Judge Ralston's Condition Improved

Judge Robert Ralston, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia at his home, 1328 Spruce street, is improving. The Judge spent a comfortable night last night, and the attending physicians are pleased with his condition.

What's Doing Tonight

Illumination of City Hall in welcome to New Year, midnight.
Pelting of ball as New Year greeting, Independence Hall, midnight.
Watch night services in churches.
"Pop Ball," Academy of the Fine Arts, 9 o'clock.
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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reed Jones Receive Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reed Jones, of 1939 South Sartain street, are receiving congratulations from their friends on the 61st anniversary of their marriage. The anniversary fell Thursday, but they are going to receive their friends all this week-end.

Mr. Jones is a veteran of the Civil War and almost all his life has been a resident of South Philadelphia. He is a jolly old man, reads without his spectacles and thinks the next dearest thing in the world to his wife is his pipe. He is never without it. He is 85 years old and his wife is 78.

For 50 years they have lived in their home in Sartain street, and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary there in 1905. They have eight children, four of whom are living, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

FIRM ENTERTAINS EMPLOYES

Dinner and Dance Given by Jacobs Brothers for 300

Jacobs Brothers, clothing manufacturers, gave a New Year's dinner and dance for their 300 employes at the Jacobs Building, Broad and South streets, last night. Following the dinner a beneficial savings association was organized, toward the defraying of expenses of which the firm gave $500, and promised to make this amount an annual contribution.

Among the speakers were Reuben Jacobs, of the firm; C. C. A. Baldi, Adalberto Caporale, Pasquale del Vecchio, Frank P. Jacobs and George F. Goldsmith, advertising manager of the EVENING LEDGER, who acted as toastmaster.