

NANCY WYNE CHATS ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY TO TAKE PLACE TONIGHT

First of the Two Famous Balls Will Be Held Tonight in the Bellevue-Stratford—Six Beautiful Matrons Will Receive the Guests—Other Doings

MOST of us are excited about tonight because it will be for many their first Assembly, and to the deb that means a wonderful thing, let me tell you. And many are the strings that are pulled and the wires that are stretched by anxious Mammas to try and get in so they can take their small daughters, too. But as yet the line is pretty strict and one sees very few new faces, except the debs whose parents have always come and the guests who come from out of town to this ball, which dates back before the Revolution, when the social life was such a great part of this city, and, in fact, is yet peculiar to Philadelphia, outside of any other city in the Union. In New York, Chicago, and even Boston, money has much to do with prestige, and, of course, Washington has a sort of international society.

Without doubt Philadelphia stands for family, even though we must acknowledge in about five cases money has had its effect, but then there has been a tiny background to help it also. A strange thing about social position here is that no matter how reduced a person may be, unable to entertain or make any return in point of invitations, etc., still he or she is always invited to everything and not one degree of prestige is lost. In fact, I know of many gentlemen who are now engaged in making their own living and have been obliged to drop out from many social things, and yet, I assure you, let one of these women appear tonight and she will be more than welcome.

Philadelphia holds to its old majestic ways and all the courtesy and polish of hundreds of years of breeding and good form is shown in the conduct of these balls, which are up to date in every particular of decoration, music, supper and other things which make a dance a success, but which keep to the old-time courtesy and formal bow on the part of chaperones and guests. I think what lends itself most to the dignity of these affairs is the fact that the scions of all our old families feel it their duty to appear on this occasion; and I assure you it is a pretty sight to see the courtly old gentleman of threescore and ten and some fourscore bowing and smiling to the younger generation, which is happy, indeed, to see them.

I remember being told how little old Miss Mary Cox, long since dead, but so well known in this city, used to appear at each ball like one resurrected, in a gown of soft brown or gray, cut high at the back, but square, low neck in front (this was when the balls were held in the foyer of the old Academy), and would be seen, leaning on the arm of the courtly Dr. Richard Cleman, or his brother, Mr. Ludovic Cleman, (both of loving memory, as well), walking about the lobby, waving her wonderful old feather fan and smiling benignly on the crowds of friends who greeted her.

A more remarkable figure, however, of the olden times was Aunt Ad Thompson. She was Miss Adeline Thompson, and used to live with Miss Elizabeth Norris, the aunt of George W. Norris and the late A. Garesche Norris. Every one called her Aunt Ad, and she must have been a character from all I hear of her. She lived to be about 90, if I am not mistaken, and always appeared in public fairly decorated with old lace, and the palest shades of ribbons in wee bows would be arranged in various places on her gowns, which were also as gay as could be.

Speaking of all these old-time people and customs does not mean that the young people do not have their fashions; not by any means, for the floor is splendid for dancing and the orchestra is always fine, so it really is great. This year the patronesses will be especially handsome women, it seems to me, and quite a younger clan of matrons. Mrs. Cuyler and Mrs. Gowen both have debutante daughters, Eleanor Cuyler and Marianna Gowen, and the others who will receive are Minnie Cassatt, Honor Vaux, Becky Pepper and Pauline Brook.

I don't think we attach quite as much importance to the ball as our elders did. My sister told me once of the awe with which every one awaited the coming of old Charles with his book, in which you wrote your subscription, and we betide any one who tried to put down the name of one who was not eligible, for this old negro knew who should go and who should not, and held the strings of social fate in his hands for many years. So you see we are all getting ready, practicing our courtesies and best smiles, for tonight's night.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drinker Riley are entertaining Miss Fanny Morris Wain, who is spending the winter with her mother, Mrs. C. M. Wain, at Warrenton, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Riley will take a party to the Supper Club at the Bellevue-Stratford tomorrow night. Among the guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Kemble Yarrows, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Furness, Miss Fanny Morris Wain and Mr. and Mrs. Armit Brown. Among the guests at the theatre party and supper at the Ritz-Carlton which Dr. and Mrs. John Marshall gave last night in honor of their daughter, Miss Helen L. Marshall, were Miss Barbara and Mrs. James Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. M. Boyd, Miss Rachel Fisher, Miss Marjorie Hutchinson Button, Miss Mary Norris Arbel, Miss Margaret Morris Perot, Mr. D. Hayes Agnew Adams, Mr. John M. Carter, Mr. James N. Carter, Mr. J. J. Armstrong, Mr. W. H. W. Skerrett, Mr. J. Howe Adams, Jr. The guests afterwards attended the ball given by Mr. and Mrs. Roland S. Taylor in honor of their daughter, Miss A. Marjory Taylor.

Among the Philadelphians who are in New York for the week are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lower Walsh and Mr. John Walsh, Mrs. A. J. Devel, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. James Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brooks, Jr., Mr. J. Carlton Townsend, Miss Marjorie Townsend and Mrs. Anne Elverson, who gave a ball here last night. Miss Josephine...

WILL BE PATRONESSES AT ASSEMBLY BALL TONIGHT



MRS. ROBERT K. CASSATT

Miss Taylor's Debut
Mr. and Mrs. Roland L. Taylor, of West Chester avenue, gave an attractive ball at the Ritz-Carlton last night for their debutante daughter, Miss A. Marjory Taylor. The ballroom was artistically decorated with palms, boxwood trees, cycladium ferns and azalia plants, besides a quantity of cut flowers which were sent to the debutante. Mrs. Taylor wore a handsome gown of black and gold brocade, the skirt of which had panels of gold cloth. Tulle and lace composed the bodice. An exquisite frock of fresh color net trimmed with lace in an unusually beautiful pattern was worn by Miss Taylor. Iridescent trimming was used with good effect on the bodice. About 500 guests were present, many of them from this and last year's debutante set.

Along the Reading
Mrs. A. Thompson and Mrs. Joseph Gravenstein will be the hostesses at the potpourri which will be held at the Old York Road Country Club on Wednesday, January 12.

On Wednesday, January 13, a military 500 will be held and the committee in charge is Mrs. J. K. Taylor and Mrs. J. D. Ellis.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 26, a coffee klatch and sewing at 230, Mrs. J. F. Ely and Mrs. S. E. Larceter will be the hostesses.

"A military 500" will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the club. The committee in charge includes Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Braham, and on Saturday evening, January 15, a dance will be held, which will be in charge of Mrs. R. Y. Elbert and Mrs. Charles M. Kent. A bridge and 500 will be held at the club on Saturday evening, January 22, which will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Clay and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clayton.

Mrs. Albert Brown and Mrs. Thomas Brown will be the patronesses for the dance which will be held Saturday evening, January 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hand, of Webster avenue, Wyncoffe, Pa., have had as their guests for several days this week Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Cruise, of Dorchester, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Cruise will return to their home tomorrow.

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BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY IS CELEBRATED BY SURPRISE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Leonard Gave Brilliant Affair in Honor of Miss Augusta E. Leonard's Natal Day—Other Entertainments

ON NEW YEAR'S night a surprise party was given in honor of Miss Augusta E. Leonard's birthday anniversary, which was held at the home of her parents, 253 South 31st street. Miss Leonard received a number of presents, and the presentation address was made by Mr. Mark Kupperman. After the surprise a supper was served, which was followed by a dance. Some of the guests present were Mrs. S. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Botter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tuff, Mr. Harry Leonard, Mr. Benjamin Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Leonard, Miss Augusta E. Leonard, Mr. Leon Leonard, Mr. Ralph Leonard, Mr. Daniel Leonard, Mr. William Roter, Mr. Edward Lechner, Miss Pauline Brown, Miss Celia Wolf, Miss Belle Kupperman, Miss Bertha Kupperman, Miss Anna Kupperman, Miss Rose Ledner, Miss Tilly Tuff, Miss Beatie Lakoff, Miss Yeta Yampolsky, Miss Pauline Uthman, Mr. George Garwood, Mr. George Jeph, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Cruise, of Dorchester, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Cruise will return to their home tomorrow.

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MRS. NORRIS W. VAUX

Roxborough
The first weekly conference of the District Branch of the Society for Organizing Charities, now being organized in the 21st Ward, will be held at the home of Dr. Dorothy Donnelly, 213 Green lane, Mansyunk, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. When it is held there will be a large and enthusiastic gathering of both men and women interested in improving the social conditions and alleviating the distress of the poor and unfortunate. At this meeting, which will be presided over by Mrs. Louis C. Madeira, Miss Julia E. Branson, the district social worker, will tell of the aims and purposes of the organization, and several "friendly visitors" will report on some of the good work accomplished during the last year.

Mrs. Clarence C. Keever, of Harmon road, will give a luncheon today for Mrs. John B. Warrington, Mrs. William Fattor, Mrs. Benjamin Johnson and Miss Anne Burwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton B. Seltzer are occupying their new home, 3211 Ridge avenue, Mrs. Seltzer was Miss Elizabeth B. Black, niece of Miss Mary Bodkin, of 129 Gay street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne I. Meyer have returned from their wedding journey through the South and are receiving at 401 Lycom avenue. Mrs. Meyer will be remembered as Miss Iva Louise Kerkelager, daughter of Mrs. Milton Kerkelager.

St. Mary's Catholic Club, composed of young men of the parish of the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Conover street, above Baker, has elected the following officers for the new year: Mr. Charles Snyder, president; Mr. William J. Niekels, vice president; Mr. Andrew Smith, financial secretary; and Mr. Peter P. Liebert, treasurer.

Mrs. John Wilde gave a dinner on Monday night at her home, 3211 Ridge avenue as a surprise to Mr. Wilde, Pink sweet peas and maiden-hair ferns formed the very attractive decorations. Among her guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fawley, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Kerkelager, Miss Emily Fawley, Mrs. Sarah W. Fawley, Miss Agnes Fawley, Miss Edna Jones, Mr. Lindwood Fawley and Mr. Clarence W. Fawley.

Mrs. Verrin Frame, of Lauriston street, entertained informally Tuesday evening. Her guests were Mr. Walter Earley, Mrs. Theodora Baldwin, Mrs. James Frame, Mrs. Charles Haslerlein, Mrs. James Rothwell, Mrs. William Stetler, Mrs. Joseph Sumner, Mrs. Robert Whiteside, Mrs. Charles Terney and Mrs. Abraham Leonard.

Mrs. Joseph Schofield, Jr., of Rice avenue, was hostess to the members of her card club Tuesday afternoon.

The Woodlyn Club, which is giving a series of dances in the Twentieth Century clubhouse, will hold the fourth of the series tomorrow evening. Mr. Alfred H. McCausland has charge of the committee.

The Alpha Sigma Sorority will give a dance in the Twentieth Century Club on January 15. Miss Alice Grover is chairman of the committee.

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U. D. OF C. TO HOLD ENTERTAINMENT JAN. 19

Will Commemorate Birth of General Robert E. Lee by Brilliant Affair

The Philadelphia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of which Mrs. Allan H. Harris, of Bethlehem plus, Chestnut Hill, is president, will give an attractive entertainment on Wednesday, January 19, at the Bellevue-Stratford, in commemoration of General Robert E. Lee's birthday. The guest of honor will be the president general, Mrs. Frank Odenholmer, of Baltimore. There will be Southern dialect stories as only Mrs. Cocks, of Honokoo, Va., can tell them, and songs by Mrs. A. C. Dalton. Among the Philadelphia Chapter members are Mrs. George Franklin Brown, Mrs. Joseph Earnshaw, Mrs. Tolbert N. Richardson, Mrs. Joseph Houston, Mrs. Henry R. Hobbs, Mrs. Theodore Presser, Mrs. P. H. Lane, Mrs. T. Ashby Hilyard, Mrs. E. Constant Jones, Mrs. W. H. Meredith, Mrs. Lucy G. Mayor, Mrs. Edgar Marburg, Mrs. R. H. Lee, Mrs. Benjamin F. Orr, Mrs. Miss F. Agnes Morrison, Mrs. Cyrus H. Bradford, Mrs. George H. Kara, Mrs. H. T. Hartman, Mrs. William D. Mason, Mrs. J. P. Martin, Mrs. Allan H. Harris, Mrs. Milton Burgoyne Craig, Mrs. James A. Smear, Mrs. Harry H. Hickman, Mr. William C. Foulds, Mrs. W. W. Halbert, Mrs. Henry L. Davis, Mrs. George C. Davis, Mrs. Edward W. Beach, Mrs. Albert C. Bruce, Mrs. M. Burch, Mrs. Lea Stout Harris, Mrs. Harry B. Hickman, Mrs. Miles P. Hoffman, Miss Nancy L. Kryst and Mrs. George E. Lawrence.

Miss Marie Strand, of 2554 North 43d street, has returned to town after spending the holidays visiting friends at Shamokin, Pa.

Mrs. Thomas Jones, of Donaldson, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Godshalk, of 107 West Allegheny avenue.

Miss Helen Kallenback, of 383 North 20th street, left Sunday for Palm Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Hannah Smith, of Clementon, N. J., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Clark, of 127 West Loudon street.

Dr. Walter Wetsel of Shamokin, Pa., is visiting friends in this city.

Miss Mildred Seeler, of 629 North 19th street, entertained at cards on Tuesday afternoon. Five hundred was played, and the game was followed by a buffet luncheon. The guests were Mrs. Seeler, members of the card club of the hostess, included Mrs. Wood Robinson, Miss Helen Richardson, Mrs. Albert Smith, Mrs. Maryjoy White, Miss Florence Bars, Miss Elizabeth Pitt, Mr. Roy Earle, Adcroft Havens, Miss Melita Zehnder and Miss Reba Wick.

The stage electricians affiliated with the I. A. T. S. E. are arranging for their annual banquet in February. The affair is in charge of Mr. John D. Barry, Mr. Albert Norris, Mr. Harry Sprague, Mr. Frederick Glosner, Mr. Christopher Warbrick and Mr. Howard Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Satinover, of 407 North 10th street, gave a dinner party on Sunday evening, January 2, in honor of the engagement of their son, Mr. Jack Satinover, to Miss Mary Pinsky, of 712 Ritzner street.

The engagement of Miss Etta D. Schumacher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Schumacher, of 411 Frankford avenue, to Mr. William H. Roy Earle, of 25 West 1st street, Germantown, was announced last week at a party given at Miss Schumacher's home. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Burton Day-report, Mr. Linnert, Mr. and Mrs. Addison J. Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Suedell, Miss Ella Kesler Doyle, Miss Lillian Hart, Miss Edith Holt, Miss Helen Greenwood, Mr. Carl Hartman, Mr. Clarence Spaulding, of Kirksville, Mr. George Smith and Mr. Thomas W. Schumacher.

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Lecture, Harvard College, speaker, William Wistar Conner, Roberts Hall, 8 o'clock.

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