

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harrison Entertain at Dinner-Dance—Numerous Dinners Before Meeting of Mrs. Wurts's Dancing Class

WITH the exception of a small dinner-dance for the younger married set to be given by the Harry Wain Harrisons and one debutante affair, the school set its innings tonight at the meeting of Mrs. Charles Stewart Wurts's dancing class at Asker's.



MRS. PERCY ALLEN RANSOME Mrs. Ransome before her marriage last month was Miss Clarice Frishmuth, of Riverton

Among those who will entertain at dinner before the class will be Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Warriner, whose guests will include Eleanor Dunning, Eleanor Gummery, Evelyn Page, Anne Ashton, Jane Hepburn, Banning Grange, Marianna Bonnell, Russell Tucker, Charlotte Starr, Dan Bacho, Billy Hayes, Churchill Williams, Jr., Morris Duane, Edward M. Jeffery, Persifer Frazer, Jr., Billy Tucker and Morris Clements.

W. K. Freeman, Charles Pancoast, Harold Mockridge, Thaddeus Daly and Joseph Chapman. Mrs. Henry Jeanes will also entertain for her daughter, Elizabeth. It looks to me as if things would be mighty festive. What do you think?

And yesterday came the invitation from the Abrahamson Committee of the University Hospital to attend its Christmas celebration. This is a committee of women who, in the name of dear old Professor Abrahamson, the much-beloved and well-known teacher of German in this city, have undertaken to hold festive parties at the pleasure of hospital patients at the University Hospital every Christmas and Easter, and to say they are "some" celebrations is saying very little, for the children patients at least can scarcely wait for the time to come.

It seems a fitting tribute to the professor, who has so loved children and attracted them to him all his life, that many of those of an older growth, who had been taught by him in their day, should have founded this memorial to him while he is here and can enjoy the knowledge of it in his life.

The entertainment will start at 11:30 and last for two hours, and from certain hints given out by the members of the committee there will be a Christmas tree and presents for every one. The women on the committee include Mrs. J. Kearney Mitchell, 34, chairman; Mrs. Alfred Stengel, vice chairman; Mrs. William Pepper, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. Thomas G. Ashton, Miss Mabel A. Brice, Mrs. Benjamin Chew, Mrs. John O. Clark, Mrs. William J. Clothier, Miss Emma A. Dorr, Miss Margaret Dunlap, Mrs. George W. Elkins, Jr., Mrs. Ralph B. Evans, Mrs. Barton Cooke Hirst, Mrs. Frederic R. Kirkland, Mrs. Arthur Newlin, Mrs. Theodore S. Paul, Mrs. Charles B. Penrose, Miss Sarah H. B. Penrose, Mrs. O. H. Perry Pepper and Miss Marion E. Smith.

Personals

The marriage of Miss Molly Wood Bally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wintor Bally, and Mr. E. H. Brewster Koons, will take place next month very quietly. Mr. Koons is at present in business in Rome, Ga. Miss Bally, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Van Pelt, 24, in Atlanta, Ga., has returned in time to spend the holidays at home. Mr. and Mrs. Van Pelt will spend Christmas with Mrs. Van Pelt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hayward Bowie. Mrs. Bowie will give an informal tea for her daughter tomorrow afternoon, at her home, 1710 Walnut street, when Mrs. Stanley Stokes and Mrs. Orville H. Bullitt will preside at the table.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Sartori, 6730 Emelen street, Germantown, have issued invitations for a dinner on Monday night, January 1, at 7 o'clock, in honor of their daughter, Miss Anna Sartori; later the guests will attend Mrs. Troth's Dancing Class, held that evening at the Germantown Cricket Club.

Mr. Clement Buckley Newbold and his daughters, Miss Mary D. Newbold and Miss Anna S. Newbold, of Crosswicks farm, Meeting House road and Fox Chase lane, Jenkintown, have left for town for the winter, where they will occupy apartments at the Ritz Carlton.

Miss Mary Paul, of Grave's line, Chestnut Hill, is entertained at luncheon on Wednesday. There were twelve guests.

Mrs. George C. Thomas, of Norwood avenue, has returned from Atlantic City, where she was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Ridge, who are spending a month at the Marlborough-Hilshelm.

Mrs. George C. Thomas, of Howard avenue, Chestnut Hill, is occupying her town house at Twenty-first and Spruce streets.

Mrs. H. N. Crosswell and her daughter, Miss Marion Crosswell, of Edgewater Park, will leave for Florida next week, where they will spend some time this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gaylord, of 2114 West Penn street, Germantown, are being congratulated upon the birth of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. Erskine M. Smith and their little son, of Long Island, will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenson, of 1921 Spruce street.

Mr. Henry Bell, Miss May Bell and Mr. Henry Bell, Jr., of Evergreen avenue, Chestnut Hill, will occupy apartments at the Morris, 311 South Thirteenth street, after January 1.

lando Crease, Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo de H. Stokes.

Another dinner party will include Dr. and Mrs. Fielding Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. Brooke M. Anspach, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Craig, Dr. James A. Rabbitt, Miss Catherine Brown, of New York; Miss Katharine Henderson, of Pittsburgh; Miss Berenice Berens, Dr. George Pfaber, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Moffatt, Dr. William C. Sheehan and Dr. Daniel Hoyt.

Another party will include Mr. and Mrs. Kern Dodder, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Watt, Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Deacon and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Timanus.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blizard will entertain several guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol B. Grace are arranging a dinner party. Among the members will be Mr. and Mrs. G. Rose Carver, Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dykman, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Steen, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Murray, Mr. Thomas Grace and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beneset.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Tatton, of Lincoln drive, will give a children's party tomorrow for their daughter, Miss Natalie Elliott Tatton, and twelve of her little friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leach Marvin announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruth May Marvin, to Mr. Charles J. Thomas on Saturday, December 16, at Portland, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will spend the holidays with Mr. Thomas's parents at 444 State road, Cuyahoga, Pa.

Mrs. M. L. Lerselore and Mrs. E. A. Williamson, of 322 South Massachusetts avenue, Atlantic City, are being entertained by their brother, Mr. William H. Lerselore, 1740 Diamond street, over the holidays.

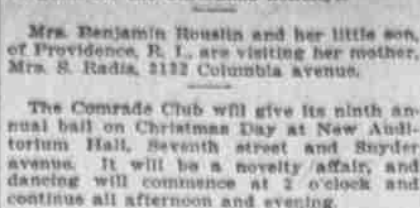
The third of a series of subscription dances which are held the third Monday in the month during the winter in the Casino in Germantown will take place January 15. Among the subscribers are Mr. and Mrs. R. Marshall Trost, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Singer, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tunnell, Mr. and Mrs. Kara Dodge.

Plans are being made by the Jenkintown Club for its midwinter concert which will be held in the Jenkintown auditorium the first part of February.

Miss Yolande Haydon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. Hayets, of 4908 Wayne avenue, has returned from boarding school in Virginia for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Benjamin Houston and her little son, of Providence, R. I., are visiting her mother, Mrs. S. Radia, 2122 Columbia avenue.

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And, storm-driven, the biplane hurtled westward, ever westward, through the gloom. Nor could its two passengers by any sight or sound determine what speed they traveled at, whether they went, what lay behind, or what ahead.

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NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY

TO CELEBRATE TONIGHT

Thirty-sixth Annual Dinner Will Commemorate Pilgrim Fathers' Coming

Two hundred and ninety-six years ago today our Pilgrim forefathers, 101 men, women and children, set foot upon Plymouth Rock. They left their homes with the avowed purpose of establishing for themselves in this country a government dedicated to higher ideals of citizenship.

Through all the intervening years their descendants have striven to carry out the work which this little band so nobly started. Throughout the United States are scattered more than 2500 descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers.

The anniversary will be one of the topics in the classrooms of the public and private schools, while in many of the New England States special services commemorating the event will be held. The day also marked the twenty-second anniversary of the organization of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

The largest celebration in honor of the event will be held tonight in the Hotel Stratford Hotel, when the New England Society of Pennsylvania will hold its thirty-sixth annual dinner.

The principal speaker will be ex-President Taft. Other prominent speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Nehemiah Baynton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and ex-Congressman J. Adam Bada, of Minnesota.

At every one of its dinners the society has presented an array of speakers renowned in politics, literature and other walks of life. Among the distinguished speakers who have addressed the members in years gone by were President McKinley, Mark Twain and Wu Ting-fang.

The present officers of the society are: President, Cyrus H. K. Curtis; vice presidents, Lincoln K. Passmore and Arthur W. Sewall; secretary, E. W. Mumford; treasurer, George Irving Merrill; chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins; physician, Dr. S. D. Halsey.

The menu will include typical New England dishes. The decorations will be attractive and the banquet promises to be notable in the number of distinguished men who will attend and in the wit and brilliancy of the speeches.

Santa Claus Train From Camden

WOODBURY, N. J., Dec. 22.—Postmasters between Woodbury and Camden have been notified that on Sunday night a special train carrying mail will be run, principally for parcel post packages. Post-offices will be open on that day for the delivery of these packages between 1 and 4 p. m., while in this city carriers will deliver packages only during the day. This has never been done before and never were there such congested conditions of mail in the package line.

Advertisement for Hostkins pens. Features a large illustration of a fountain pen and text: 'Hostkins The Xmas Gift Shop of Chestnut Street Last-Minute Thought for the friend forgotten or the gift you couldn't decide upon. GIVE HIM A Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen \$2.50 and up. Pen Points Exchanged to suit your touch. \$1.50 a box up. Stationers Engravers Printers Office Outfitters 902 to 906 Chestnut Street Display of Beautiful Gifts and Personal Greetings Cards in the New Store'

Advertisement for Van Dusen & Stokes Co. Gifts. Features a list of gift items and prices: 'Wrist Watches, platinum, diamonds \$400.00 to \$800.00; Dress Chains, platinum and pearl \$50.00 to \$75.00; Brooches, diamond and platinum \$50.00 to \$1100.00; Scarf Pins, diamonds and sapphires \$15.00 to \$175.00; Bar Pins, diamond and platinum \$110.00 to \$1000.00; Dress Sets, platinum, mother of pearl \$35.00 to \$175.00; Lorgnettes, diamonds and platinum \$150.00 to \$450.00; Rings, diamond and platinum \$115.00 to \$400.00; Pendants, diamonds and platinum \$50.00 to \$900.00; Link Buttons, diamond set \$100.00 to \$250.00; Rings, platinum and diamonds \$50.00 to \$2400.00; Gold Cigarette Cases \$85.00 to \$200.00; Flexible Block Bracelets, platinum \$110.00 to \$1200.00; Gold Match Boxes \$40.00 to \$75.00. VAN DUSEN & STOKES CO. 1123 Chestnut Street'