

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Receives a Letter From "Over There" Telling How the Marines Spent Christmas. Various Matters of Social Interest

ONE day this week I received a letter from one of our brave boys "over there," and a little description he gave me of the Christmas which the marines gave to the little children of France is so touching I thought I would share it with you. He says: "Christmas Day was quite an event here. The fellows all clipped in and we bought two Christmas trees for the two villages where we are billeted. The trees were erected in the villages and were trimmed up with tinsel, trimmings and all that sort of stuff that you put on Christmas trees. Then they bought a little present for each kid, a doll for the girls and games and things for the boys and a box of candy for each one. On Christmas Day the school teachers led the poor little devils down the street and you ought to have seen them. They were tucked simple. The regimental band was playing Christmas music and the mothers of the kids crowded around and, as a matter of fact, the marines had as good a time as any one there.

"None of the kids in these village districts, nor the majority of grown-ups either, for that matter, had ever before seen a Christmas tree, and they were quite bewildered. After the ceremonies were over, all the trimmings were carefully saved by the padre of the village, and it was decided that each Christmas Day, war or no war, the village would erect a public Christmas tree in commemoration of the marines who first introduced the custom. The original trimmings are to be used each year until they are no longer fit for use, and then they will be carefully wrapped up and saved in the village church. Quite pretty and romantic, wouldn't it be certainly a pathetic sight. The day was rather clear during the morning, clouding up during the afternoon, and a tinge of frost in the air. And just as the ceremonies were well under way a flurry of snowflakes came down and it looked as if the afternoon was going to wind up in a heavy snowstorm. And the little kids, all of them or nearly all dressed in black, as well as their mothers, looked so pathetic. The brigadier general, lord of the marines in command here said the sight affected him so deeply he had the blues the rest of the day. Bless our American boys, generous, brave-hearted fellows. I bet those little French children love them, don't you? So you can imagine!"

Was it not sad about Phil Christy's death? I'm glad for his parents' and sister's sake, they were able to have the funeral here in Bryn Mawr. It was the most impressive ceremony. Seventeen men in uniform attended and there were six of his fellow soldiers as pallbearers. The body was wrapped in the flag and the men sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

For, though, he did not get "over there," he was preparing to go and gave his life for his country in that explosion just as much as those poor fellows who went down on the Tuscumia, and as those who have already fallen in France from German shot and shell.

LITTLE EMILY'S fond paternal parent believes only in reasoning with small children when she is naughty. One day recently he came home to find she had been very naughty all day. "Why do you do such things?" he asked. "Why don't you be good?" "I don't want to be good! I don't want to be good!" said small Human Nature. So, thinking to appeal to her reason and feelings at the same time, Daddy remarked, "Well, I'll have to go, I can't possibly stay in the house with naughty little children." And he put on his hat and overcoat and started downstairs. Well, you never heard such weeping and wailing. She would be good, and take her nap every time mother said she must, and wouldn't tease Brother and she'd be good for one thousand days. So back came Daddy smiling broadly. Once more he had proved that there was nothing in corporal punishment. Appeal to the heart and reason, and the normal child will reason, too. And Emily was so good all afternoon and evening it proved it.

That night, dear readers, Daddy listened outside the door when mother was hearing Emily's prayers; and after they were said he heard mother say as she tucked her in bed, "Oh! Emily, what would we do if Daddy did go away because you were a naughty little girl?" And Daddy with a broad smile once more listened to hear the loving words which would issue forth about her dear father. But alas, this is what he heard, "Oh, we'd get another Daddy."

Social Activities

The Alumnae of the Convent of Notre Dame will hold a special meeting on Saturday, at the Convent, Mittenhouse square. Dr. Whitlock Rose, who has recently returned from the other side, will talk on her work in the convents and hospitals of France.

Among those spending the week-end as the guests of Judge Joseph P. Lamorelle and Mrs. Lamorelle are their sons, Lieutenant Francis Fitzmaurice Lamorelle, Lieutenant Joseph A. Lamorelle and his fiancée, Miss Dorothy Myers, of Baltimore; Lieutenant Fagan and Lieutenant Douglas, of Pittsburgh. Today is the birthday anniversary of Lieutenant Joseph A. Lamorelle.

The Philadelphia Electric Company Section of the N. E. L. A. held its monthly meeting on Thursday evening at the New Century Drawing Room, 124 South Twelfth street.

Mr. Albert R. Grainger was chairman, and the program included several interesting features in addition to the regular minutes and announcements.

THREE YOUNG MATRONS WHO WERE BRIDES OF THIS YEAR



MRS. CHARLES A. WATERS

CONVALESCENT HOUSE FOR CAMP DIX MEN

New Jersey Red Cross Plans New Activities for Comfort of Soldiers and Families

WRIGHTSTOWN—The Red Cross workers seem to be busy everywhere just now. The Red Cross is rapidly building itself into the life at Camp Dix and every day its work is becoming more valuable, so that it is now regarded by the commanding officers as well as the soldiers as an almost indispensable institution. Not only are articles distributed to the men here, but a great deal of attention is being paid to the sick in the hospital and for the benefit of the convalescent soldiers at the base hospital. There is soon to be erected here a Red Cross Convalescent House, 100 by 100 feet, in the shape of a Greek cross. This building will be fitted with sick parlors and porches and furnished with all sorts of comforts and conveniences for the sick soldiers. There will be also several bedrooms in the building for relatives of soldiers who are very ill.

The work at the hospital is under the direction of what is known as the Bureau of Hospital Service, which means that the Red Cross workers, under the authority and direction of the Secretary of War, have access to daily lists of admissions to and egress from the hospital and are allowed to talk to sick men.

Another new bureau which is to play an important part in the life of Camp Dix, especially when the weather is warmer, is the erection of a Red Cross Inn, located near the Camp Dix station, where the soldiers may welcome their families and friends. The building is to be 60 by 100 feet, and a canteen service will be carried on there.

BURLINGTON—Miss Florence Naylor entertained at a musicale followed by a dance in the Masonic Temple Wednesday evening. The ballroom was decorated with the national colors and cut flowers.

MOUNT HOLLY—Lieutenant Henry H. Cross has received his commission as captain. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rhoads are expecting the birth of a son.

EDGEMONT PARK—Mr. and Mrs. E. Howard Frasier, of Philadelphia, are congratulating on the birth of a daughter.

MOORESTOWN—At the annual meeting of the Moorestown Field Club the following officers were chosen for 1918: President, Dr. Marvin A. Street; vice president, Dr. J. Milton Griscom; treasurer, Mr. Maurice E. Reeve; secretary, Mr. William H. Roberts; and fifth member of the board of trustees, Mr. Irving A. Collins.

PALMYRA—Mrs. Frederick Schoff, the national president of the Mothers' Congress and Parent-Teacher Association, will speak in the auditorium of the Palmyra High School this afternoon.

RIVERTON—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. M. Showell have closed their home for the remainder of the winter and taken an apartment in Philadelphia.

Mr. Warwick James Price, of Philadelphia, will deliver a course of lectures in the Porch Club on "History in the Making."

LUNCHEON FOR ENGAGED GIRL

Bride-to-Be of Tioga Will Be Guest of Honor at Entertainment to Be Given on Washington's Birthday

MISS CHARLOTTE DOAK and her sister, Miss Betty Doak, of 2545 North Twenty-first street, have issued invitations for a luncheon on Friday, February 22, in honor of Miss Charlotte Doak's engagement to Mr. William H. Hoop, which has been announced. The decorations and favors will be red, white and blue in keeping with the patriotic anniversary of the birthday of the first President of the United States.

Mrs. Louis G. Green, of 1902 West Venango street, entertained at luncheon and cards on Wednesday, at her home.

A dinner and linen shower was given on Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Edith Moyer, 3228 North Eleventh street, in honor of Mrs. Ezra Victor Rosenberger and Mrs. Daniel Fisher, by the tennis club of which they were formerly members.

Miss Georgiana Pitfield and Mr. Jacob Riegel, Jr., Married This Afternoon by Bride's Cousin

The wedding of Miss Georgiana Gaylord Pitfield, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lucas Pitfield, of 2211 Wayne avenue, Germantown, and Mr. Jacob Riegel, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Riegel, of 6003 Wayne avenue, Germantown, will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, The Rev. Gaylord S. White, of New York, a cousin of the bride, will perform the ceremony, at which only the immediate families and a few intimate friends will be present.

Miss Helen Pitfield, a sister, will act as maid of honor. She will be gowned in pink and will carry a bouquet of pink roses and white sweet peas. Miss Helen Pitfield, a sister, will act as maid of honor. She will be gowned in pink and will carry a bouquet of pink roses and white sweet peas.

Mr. Riegel will have his brother, Mr. George Riegel, as best man. The ceremony will be followed by a reception for the relatives and a few friends of the bride and bridegroom.

Drive by Girl and Boy Scouts to Aid Holmesburg Red Cross

The Girl Scouts and Troop 84, Boy Scouts, have started a drive to raise \$100 for the Holmesburg Red Cross Auxiliary. Prizes will be awarded to the most successful. A first-aid kit was awarded to Patrol Leader Miss Mattie Griffith for securing Red Cross subscriptions.

Birth Party for Small Boy in West Philadelphia

Little Aaron D. Altschul had a birthday last week when he was two years old and it proved quite an event in the neighborhood of 510 South Fifty-second street, where he lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Altschul, who gave a party, at which his playmates and relatives were invited.

New Scheme Will Urge Servants to Save Food

The Philadelphia Stewards' and Culinary Associations have joined forces with those of the butchers and caterers in launching a movement to smother the aid and co-operation of the servant in conserving food, according to Thomas Kevill, steward for the Huntingdon Valley Country Club and president of the Philadelphia Stewards' Association.

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MRS. L. ANDERSON LANNING

Mrs. Lanning is among those who are interested in the concert and cantata to be given in the Y. W. C. A. on the twentieth of this month in aid of the Friends' reconstruction work in France.

Miss Kathryn Louise Wurst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wurst, Jr., of 3765 North Fifteenth street, whose engagement to Dr. William A. Doebele, assistant surgeon U. S. N. R. F., has been announced.

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"WHAT'S DOING TONIGHT?"

- Phi Delta Gamma dance, Hotel Adelphi, 5 o'clock. Invitation.
Concert Orphan Club of Philadelphia, Academy of Music, 8 o'clock.
"Old Home Night" University of Pennsylvania Alumni of the Medical School, 8 o'clock. Members.
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Banquet Empire Line Alumni of Pennsylvania, 1229 Girard street, 8 o'clock.
Miss Kate Bostelle Maher lecture on "Practical Uses of Psychology," 214 Pine street, 8 o'clock.
Fall Cadets of Lebanon of Cadets' Association, 8 o'clock. Members.
Phi Omega Psi luncheon, 8 o'clock. Members.