

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Anticipates a Delightful Evening at the Play and Players—Dinners Before Lockwood Class—Two Points of View on Dancing

THE Plays and Players will give one of their interesting musical evenings on Sunday night at the Playroom, and it sounds as if it would be worth going to. Mrs. Robert Meade Smith, Jr., is going to sing. You remember she was Margaret Ritter and married Bob Smith about two years ago. She has a lovely voice, a dramatic soprano. Mrs. Joseph Janney Steinmetz will play the piano, Dan Donovan is to sing and Mrs. Mahon will accompany both soloists. Mrs. Scammon-Jones is in charge of the program.

I wonder if Tony Biddle will get up a concert for his Bible classes now that the war is over? Those concerts were among the joys of the winter! The introductions of the singers and the presentations of bouquets and all the rest of it made an evening very few would want to miss. And the singing was nearly always good.

WERE you not shocked to hear of Edith Gracey Adams' death on Tuesday in New York? Do you remember how attractive she was when she used to come on here to visit several years ago? I remember she stayed with the Lussons out in Ardmore. It was the year Lucille came out, and Edith was quite a friend of hers. She was the daughter of Archibald Gracey and was as pretty and attractive as could be. She was married just about a year ago in Washington to Dunbar B. Adams, and she had been living at the Savoy in New York since then. About a week ago she contracted influenza and, with the faithful pneumonia setting in, she died on New Year's Eve.

THE younger set in Chestnut Hill are going to have quite an exciting time tonight. It's Miss Lockwood's class, you know, and there are to be several dinners beforehand. Dr. and Mrs. Murray Elisey, of 106 Highland avenue, will give a dinner for their two daughters, Alice and Polly. The guests will be Caroline Davis, Polly Davis, Agnes Hamill, Mildred McCloskey, Roland Moran, Jr., Charles Cowper-Swalle, Jr., Thaxter Bicknell, Barry Colahan, 4th, Daniel Donahue and James Murray Elisey, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Knowles are going to have a dinner, too, in honor of Nancy, and their guests will be just a little older; not much, but enough to have a separate dancing class. It will be a big evening, because there are so many boys, and girls, too, home from school for the holidays.

DID you know that Mary Wharton Sturgis and her husband have returned home again after spending the holidays with Alanson's father and mother up in Boston, Mass.? The Sturgises have been living part of the winter with Mary's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Wharton, on Spruce street near Eighteenth. Alanson is an ensign in the navy and has been stationed in this city for a short time.

WHEN you're married and have two perfectly beautiful daughters, one aged two and 'other about three months old, and you haven't danced for about three years, you are apt to feel like an old man when you go to one of these "modern" dances. "Daddy" isn't a day over twenty-six, but he has all the above-mentioned symptoms, and he felt odd and haggard on New Year's Day after trying to do a fox trot while surrounded by about eight thousand people all doing the same thing. "Oh, it was awful!" he said afterward. "The music wasn't very good and the floor was jammed, and just as you'd get a clear place to step on along comes one of these infants that don't care what they bump into as long as it doesn't stop them—I couldn't get along at all."

Five minutes later in breezed younger brother, aged seventeen. "Oh, you missed a wonderful party," he told his mother. "Why, Gee! They had two banjos and a saxophone and all the other stuff, and they could play music and the floor was great; and oh, boy, there were some good dancers there!"

Point of view makes an awful lot of difference "in this man's country," as they say in the army, doesn't it?

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Royster, of St. Croix, V. I., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on Monday, December 23. Mrs. Royster will be remembered as Miss Helen K. Borda. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Borda, of Jenkintown. Doctor Royster is a surgeon in the navy.

tant of Battery B, 167th Field Artillery. Lieutenant Dayton is a Cornell graduate and was a member of the old Second Regiment, N. G. P. His brother, Mr. Logan Dayton, who left Wesleyan College to enlist, is also a member of the 167th Field Artillery. Mr. and Mrs. Dayton have been among the most active Red Cross workers in the Twenty-first Ward. A large room in their home at Wilschickon was arranged for a group of workers doing surgical-dressings work.

The wedding of Miss Letitia V. Farrell, daughter of Mr. William H. Farrell, of 2366 Green street, and Mr. Samuel G. Hall, of 724 North Twenty-fourth street, will take place at the home of the bride's father on Saturday, January 11.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Joseph Donahue, of 1855 Wynnewood road, Overbrook, will be at home on Sunday from 4 until 7. No cards have been sent out.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Marloff, of 2614 South Marshall street, gave a party in honor of their daughter, Miss Anna Marloff. Among the guests were Miss Bertha Kessler, Miss Sadie Lieberman, Miss Stella Salzman, Miss Sylvia Silverman, Miss Ruth, Miss Sadie Dubis, Miss Minerva Brownstein, Miss Geralline Smoger, Mr. Harry Schneiderman, Mr. David Kessler, Mr. Louis White, Mr. Louis Gibson, Mr. Mark Rosenfeld, Mr. Albertus Steinberg, Mr. Harry C. Marloff, Mr. Morris J. Marloff, Mr. Samuel B. Chekin, of New York, and Mr. Joseph Fine, of Chicago.

A party was given in honor of Private Charles A. Stotzner at his home, 2128 Ridge avenue, on New Year's Eve. The guests included Miss Ada Van Meter, Miss Bessie Hatch, Miss Ellen Cresson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stotzner, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stotzner, Jr., Mr. P. F. MacEllister, Mr. Charles Greener, Jr., and Mr. William Stotzner.

Miss L. E. Best, of 5190 Walnut street, advised the engagement of her daughter, Miss Margaret Verna Jardine, to Lieutenant Norman K. Berry, of Roxborough. Lieutenant Berry has just returned from overseas where he has been an instructor in the aviation corps for more than a year.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE WORKER



MISS CECILY BARNES. Photo by Bachrach. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hampton Barnes, who is very prominent in war relief and social affairs in this city.

SUFFRAGISTS HERE TO CABLE PRESIDENT. Senators Also Will Be Asked to Help Amendment—Leader Calls Wilson Inincere.

The present status of the Federal woman's suffrage amendment and the part Pennsylvania suffragists shall play in the demonstrations now being conducted in Washington are discussed in a statement issued today by the executive committee of the Pennsylvania branch of the National Woman's party.

The suffragists will send to President Wilson, at Rome, the following cablegram: "Pennsylvania women remind you democracy awaits your aid at home."

Mrs. Lawrence Lewis made this supplementary statement: "President Wilson not only has not kept his promises to help in every way possible to have the Susan B. Anthony amendment passed, but he has, for his own political gain, actually worked politically against the success of the amendment."

GRANT MITCHELL DIVORCE. Wife Says Husband Deserted Her and Believes Financial Troubles to Blame.

MISS FLORENCE CLISHAM HAS MILITARY WEDDING. Marriage to Sergeant Gallagher Solemnized in Church of St. Francis de Sales.

TALKS ON RACIAL QUESTION. Leon Dominian Speaks Tonight to Philosophical Society.

MRS. JOHN HIGGINS. Who before her marriage early last month was Miss Blanche Quigley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quigley, of 405 West Penn street, Germantown.

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TEUTON GAS WARNINGS SENT HERE BY SOLDIER

Private Givnish, Lansdowne, of Iron Division, Shows Foe's Protection System.

Copies of German rules for gas warnings and instructions for use of gas masks have been sent to Philadelphia by Private Thomas Givnish, of Lansdowne, a member of the 103d Sanitary Training Corps, of the Iron Division.

Notice for Gas Protection. Trust your mask. It protects you when properly fitted, and you know how to use it.

Follow closely the instructions you received in the gas chamber, and notice particularly that the gas chamber is not airtight.

Should your mask be out of order after emergency purposes start right into your mouth the wrapper.

VISITING NURSES TO MEET. First Rally After Heroic Work During Influenza Epidemic.

For the first time since their heroic work during the influenza epidemic, members of the Visiting Nurse Society will meet tonight at the headquarters, 1214 Lombard street, for their annual New Year party.

Services at Hero's Grave. Anniversary of Birth of Stephen Decatur to Be Observed.

PHILADELPHIA'S FOREMOST THEATRES. FORREST BIG MAT. TOMORROW.

SEATS NOW FOR NEXT WEEK ENGAGEMENT EXTENDED! SPECIAL VICTOR HERBERT WILL CONDUCT THE NEW MUSICAL RENAISSANCE.

THE VELVET LADY! GREAT CAST OF YOUTH! BEAUTY CHORUS!

BROAD Last 2 Nights. CYRIL MAUDE in C. HADDON CHAMBERS' COMEDY 'The Saving Grace'.

GEORGE ARLISS. NEXT MONDAY—SEATS NOW EVENINGS AT 8:10 SHARP. MATS. AT 2:10.

GARRICK—Now NIGHTS. CHESTNUT and Juniper. MATINEE TOMORROW.

POLY WAX PAST. WITH INA CLAIRE, CYRIL SCOTT, H. REEVES-SMITH and Entire Original New York Cast.

Reader's Viewpoint

Letters to the Editor on Topics of General Interest.

For acceptance and publication in this column, letters must be written on one side of the paper, deal with topics of general current interest and be signed by the author.

Sauce for Goose and Gander. Sir—What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

"Liberty Boulevard" Approved. To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

American in England. To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Skipp-stop and Step-stops. To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

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them daily dragging themselves up the stairs, panting and ready to fall over on account of the exertion. I daily expect to hear that some folks have dropped over dead. I see aged and crippled people plodding up the stairway and my heart goes out in pity to them. Surely the convenience of the public is not taken into consideration.

Praise for the Ledger. To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Allow me to submit these few words of praise and encouragement for the splendid fight you are making against the infamous skip-stop.

Mugging and Slugging. To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—A recent issue of your valuable paper contained an item which implied that a bill to prohibit "mugging" of police prisoners arrested on trivial charges and not previously convicted will be introduced in the next Legislature by Representative William J. Brady, of the Fifteenth Ward.

A Boy Scout informed the writer that he witnessed a brutal act. A policeman had arrested a negro who had imbibed too freely. The youth declared that the policeman struck the negro a vicious blow on the head with his club, the rebounding of which struck the attention of passersby, one of whom had the audacity to inquire of the bluecoat "if he had broken his stick."

PHILADELPHIA'S LEADING THEATRES. SAM S. SHUBERT THEATRE. Last 2 Days. Last Mat. Tomorrow.

MAYTIME. WITH JOHN CHARLES THOMAS. Dorothea Bigelow, John T. Murray and Last Performance Saturday Evening, Jan. 4.

McINTYRE & HEATH. HELLO, ALEXANDER. With ALMA TELL and N. Y. CAST.

ARCADIA. CHESTNUT BELOW 16TH. 10 A. M. TO 11:30 P. M. WILLIAM S. HART "BRANDY" "BROADWAY" "LITTLE MISS HOOPER"

Oh, Lady! Lady! Absolutely Identical New York Cast. ACADEMY OF MUSIC BURTON.

HOLMES. Motion Pictures—Colored Views TONIGHT AT 8:15 WITH THE "YANKS".

CASINO. LADIES' MAT. TODAY! Jean Bedini's PUSS PUSS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. TOMORROW (SAT.) AFTERNOON AT 2:30 RACHMANINOFF FOREMOST RUSSIAN PIANIST AND COMPOSER.