

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Attends the Benedicks' Ball—She Notes Some Striking Costumes—The Roland Taylors' Ball at the Bellevue-Stratford

WE ARE really and truly over the moon all right, when it comes to one of the real home-to-goodness Benedicks' balls! For there we were last night in our best, dazling into the five o'clock hours, forgetting that there had not been a Benedicks' for three years and having a wonderful time!

In the first place, have you seen the Christmas tree in Rittenhouse Square? As we drove past there on our way to dinner before the eight o'clock start of it, and I do not think I have ever seen anything so beautiful as that tree. It was out up under the auspices of the Art Alliance, you know, and William Kriegerhoff, the artist, pointed some of the branches and the trunk and arranged the lighting. It looks like a bit of fairyland. There are just quantities of tinzel and stars, and then the pale lights are thrown upon it and it stands out as a sort of shadow. I just can't say how wonderful an impression it made.

On Christmas Eve all the houses around the square burned candles in the windows while the tree was lighted. Just think how lovely! I believe that illumination of the tree is to be kept up for five more nights till New Year's Eve.

Do you know I think the Art Alliance is a great institution. Mrs. Taylor's reason certainly is a very good one, thanks from the citizens of Philadelphia for keeping up that idea until she finally got a building, and when the need for new buildings is needed it will be an even greater thing for the city!

TO GO back to the ball. Every one began to arrive at 11 and 11:30. The Ritz ballroom, though small, admits of wonderful decoration, and it was simply lovely. There were holly and greens and great exclamation ferns, and scarlet poinsettias and gorgeous touches of color. The gowns were simply beautiful. I noted two especially which were just as pretty as they could be. One was Polly Thayer's, and another that took my eye was Celestine Warner's.

Polly's was of black velvet. That sounds odd for a debutante, does it not? But if you had seen it and if you had seen the neck emerging from that frock, with its filmy tulle trimmings, you would have thought as I did that it was "just the thing" for her to wear. It was a simple, but artistically draped and the girl was a dream! It was fashioned of flowers. Every possible flower of every conceivable color was in the frock. It was simply fascinating. Then, Celestine's frock was sweet. It was turquoise blue and silver brocade and the skirt was looped up on one side with the dress of pink roses and English daisies. She had some very pretty rhinestones in her hair and just a string of pearls on her neck. The whole frock was lovely.

Of course, I saw numbers of other frocks, but those two stood out. The ball was small, of course. It always is. In fact, the list is more exclusive than our sacred Assemblies, when it comes down to brass tacks.

The patronesses received in the rotunda. They were Mrs. Gardner Cassatt, Mrs. Charles E. Coxo, Mrs. George Drexel, Mrs. George Harrison Frazer and Mrs. Henry Pratt McKean.

Supper was served after midnight as usual, at small tables. Roses and poinsettias were used in the decorations in the supper room also. Altogether it was a decidedly beautiful affair.

OVER at the Bellevue in the Rose Garden there was the ball given by the Roland Taylors for Elizabeth Ann, which was a very beautiful affair. Marguerite, Elizabeth and Helen, who were her mother and the debutante, and most of the buds of the season were among the guests. A great many people went to both balls. In fact, I heard one man at the Benedicks' say that he had just danced with M— at the Taylors' and was going back again for a dance with C— after two dances at the Benedicks'. M— went, and every one had a great time.

CERTAINLY the teas at the Cushman Club are most attractive, are they not? I went yesterday afternoon to meet the little miss of honor, who, though her stage name is Lorraine Sherwood, is really Lorraine Stahl, the daughter of the late Richard Stahl, of the city, whose work as a composer of light opera was so well known in his time.

Mary Dixon Newbold. Among the guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Widener and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller Cassatt.

Mr. G. Lee Knight will give a dinner on Thursday, January 1, at the Bellevue-Stratford in honor of his niece, Miss Mary Taylor Knight, debutante daughter of Mrs. Bradford Knight, 1917 Rittenhouse street. Among the guests will be Miss Elizabeth Ross, Miss Carolyn Valentini, Mrs. Mrs. Louise Ashurst, Miss Margaret Newbold Smith, Miss Dorothy E. M. Williams Paul, Mr. W. Newbold Ellis, Mr. George Knickerbocker, Mr. Eugene S. Chrysler, Mr. Francis B. Reeves, Sr., Mr. Barclay Knight, Mr. John Bankson and Mr. T. H. Butler Smith.

Miss Carolina Nightingale, of Wynwood road, Overbrook, is giving a costume dance this evening in honor of Miss Mary Lorna Grant, whose engagement to Lieutenant Forbes Hicks has just been announced. A number of out-of-town guests will attend.

Dr. and Mrs. John Marshall gave a small theatre party last evening in honor of their niece, Miss Juliet Rogers, of Columbia, D. C. before the ball which she and Mrs. John Marshall gave in honor of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Ann Taylor. The guests included Miss Lucy Grey, Miss Elizabeth Boyd, Miss W. W. Whitman, Miss Margaret Purvis, Mr. George Knickerbocker, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram C. Plinson and the party.

Mrs. Carl Z. Tyson will entertain at luncheon on Tuesday, December 29, in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Tyson, at her home on Roosevelt, Haverford.

Mr. Tristram C. Collet, of Bryn Mawr, has issued invitations for a dinner on New Year's Day from 1 to 2, at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Tyson, at her home on Roosevelt, Haverford.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. K. Scott will give a dinner, 101 Montgomery avenue, Conyngh, tonight before the dance which Mrs. Alexander B. Montgomery will give in honor of her granddaughter, Miss Agnes Yarnall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yarnall, at the Bellevue-Stratford. Miss Yarnall will leave the city tomorrow for Pittsburgh, where she will be the guest for a week of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Logan Hardie.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Rayfield, Mr. and Mrs. Humbert B. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Ziesing, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Cochran, of St. Davids, entertained at a progressive dinner last evening at the home of Mrs. Edwin C. Donoghue and their daughter, Miss Henrietta Donoghue, of Bryn Mawr, in celebrating the holidays with Mr. Donoghue's sisters in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Warrall, of New York, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs at the home of Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Miss Eleanor Painter, who left yesterday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie in Pittsburgh before returning to the school at the end of the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry George Lewis, and their children are visiting Mrs. Lewis's father, Mr. B. E. Leonard, of New York.

Admiral and Mrs. Edwin Tausig are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Tausig, of the home of Mrs. Mabel Bell Copkin, to Mr. Allan Jeffrey Auchterlonie, also of this city.



MISS HENRIETTA COX Whose marriage to Mr. John M. Dunlap will take place on January 11

MISS ANNETTE MEELAN, of York road, will entertain the members of the Delta Tau Sigma Sorority this afternoon at 2105 West Ontario street, in celebration of her seventieth birthday anniversary. Following the dinner, there will be a reception from 8:30 to 10 o'clock. Among the out-of-town guests at the dinner will be Mrs. L. J. Reinheimer, Mrs. S. J. Nathan and Mr. Goodfriend, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Cole, of 3421 Amble street, will give a dinner tomorrow in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. Marshall, of West Philadelphia.

Mrs. Margaret Walton, who has been passing the early winter with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gehring Harkness, of Queen Lane, will return to her home, 26 Rhode Island avenue, Atlantic City, on January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Schmiedel, 2820 Diamond street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Catherine S. Schmiedel, to Mr. Albert Frede, also of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Scharf entertained at a family dinner last evening at their home, 2429 South Alden street. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Kurland, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fedorin, Miss Freda Binefeld, Mr. Leon Binefeld and Mr. Louis Kinsberg, Mr. and Mrs. Scharf left today for New York, where they will visit relatives over the week end.

Mrs. Anna Hubbert, 2509 Frankford avenue, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Florence Hubbert, to Mr. Frank C. Forderer, of Germantown.

Mrs. Elizabeth Corkin, 4925 Pulaski avenue, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Mabel Bell Copkin, to Mr. Allan Jeffrey Auchterlonie, also of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cady, of 1337 Calvary street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ethel Ann Cady, to Mr. Thomas Henry Cassidy, of 4852 North Fifteenth street.

The class of June, 1919, Germantown High School, is giving its first annual dance at the Delmar-Morris this evening. Officers of the class are Miss Miriam McGhee, president; Miss Ruth Hutchison, secretary; Miss Elizabeth Seigert, treasurer; and Miss Adelaide Grace, vice president.

NUMEROUS HOLIDAY WEDDINGS TODAY

Miss Elizabeth Shaw Bride of Mr. Hess—Donnelly-Apel-dorn Nuptials

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Larimore Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edgar Shaw, of 5214 Wayne avenue, and Mr. John Jay Hess, will take place this evening at the home of the bride's parents.

The Rev. Frank S. Moore, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, will perform the ceremony, and Mr. Shaw will be the father of the bride. Miss Marie Marie Grandin Smith will attend her sister as maid of honor and Major Walter W. Hess, Jr., will act as best man for the bride.

The bride's dress will be of white satin trimmed in pearls and will have a court train falling from the shoulders. Her tulle will be held in place by orange blossoms. She will carry a shower bouquet of bride roses and sweet peas. Miss Shaw will wear a gown of pink chiffon trimmed in blue ribbons and will carry a bouquet of pink roses with a blue ribbon.

A reception will immediately follow the ceremony. After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hess will be at home in Detroit.

The marriage of Miss Emma Jane Smith, daughter of Mr. Y. Smith, to Mr. Roy A. Stoner, will take place this evening in the M. Y. Smith Memorial Church, in Jenkintown. Only the immediate family will attend the ceremony, which will be performed in that church because it was built in memory of the late Mr. Smith. The Rev. W. K. Goodrich performs the ceremony. A reception will be held at 7:30 o'clock at the town house of Mrs. Smith, 2651 Locust street. Miss Kathryn Smith, a sister of the bride, will be the bridemaid and Mr. Albert E. Weber, of New York, will be best man. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Stoner will live in Scranton, Pa.

An interesting wedding was solemnized with nuptial mass this morning in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Williams alley, when Miss M. Jean Apeldorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Apeldorn, of 2113 North Howard street, was married to Mr. Joseph F. Donnelly, of 1521 Van Hook street, with the Rev. Father H. J. O'Connell officiating. The bride's father gave her in marriage. She wore a gown of white satin and champaign lace and a tulle veil caught in the clusters of orange blossoms. Roses and lilies of the valley were combined in her bouquet. Miss Elma Apeldorn, the bride's sister, was maid of honor and wore a gown of soft pink tulle draped with a robe of cream colored lace. Her hat was of pink crepe and she carried pink roses.

Mr. Augustus Donnelly was his brother's best man. The ceremony was followed by a breakfast at the Rittenhouse for the families and close friends. After a short trip, Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly will live in Cammergh, Cuba.

A pretty home wedding that took place on Christmas evening at the home of Miss Helen H. Nusbaum, daughter of Mrs. Henrietta Nusbaum, of 1935 North Park avenue, and Mr. William Vincent Stroup, Jr., of 2211 North 22d street, was followed by a reception given by the Rev. Dr. Hanna and was followed by a reception. The bride wore traveling suit of brown cloth trimmed with green squirrel, and will return to her home, 26 Rhode Island avenue, Atlantic City, on January 5.

Miss Claire Nusbaum, was her only attendant. Mr. Milton Stroup was his brother's best man. The bridegroom and bride, after a short trip, will be at home at 1653 North Park avenue.

An interesting wedding of the week was that of Miss Norma Boyd Jones, daughter of Mrs. N. H. Jones, of 2214 North Eighth street, and Mr. James D. Watson, which took place on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, the Rev. Father H. J. O'Connell, officiating. The house was decorated with holly and Christmas greens. The bride wore a gown of white crepe and carried lilies of the valley. She was attended by Miss Jean Larginum.

Mr. Watson had for best man Mr. Frederick H. Jones, the bride's brother, who was followed by a dinner. Upon their return from a fortnight's trip Mr. and Mrs. Watson will spend the winter in Philadelphia. Mr. Watson is a member of the United States marine corps headquarters in this city, while Mr. Watson was pharmacist mate in the United States navy.

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HOLIDAY CONCERT BY THE ORCHESTRA

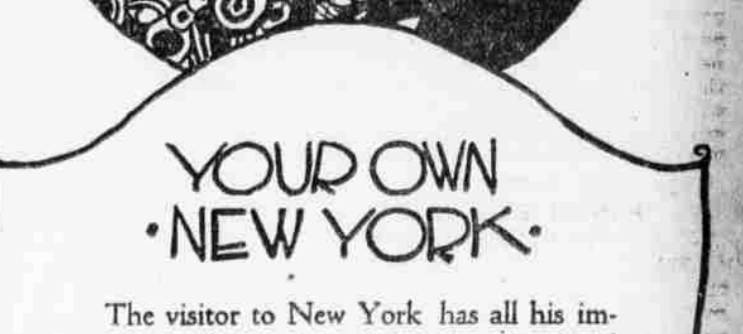
New Work of Hadley and Beethoven Symphony Performed. Moiseiwitch the Soloist

A new composition and a pianist new to Philadelphia were the features of the holiday concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon. The composition was the "Overture" of Henry Hadley, a work bearing so recent a date as October 5, 1919, and dedicated to Mr. Stokowski.

The program, follows generally the overture form and is a worthy composition, although he has done better work for the orchestra than this. As a whole the overture is melodious, in Mr. Hadley's characteristic vein, and his harmonic plan is generally that of the classic composer, although he makes an occasional incursion into modern harmonies, notably in the opening andante, where the clarinet has a melody against rather obscure harmonies in the horns. The orchestration is excellent, but, in spite of all these things, while the overture made a satisfactory, it did not make a profound impression.

The soloist, who made his Philadelphia debut, was Benno Moiseiwitch, a young Russian pianist who is now making his first tour of the United States. He played the Liezt concerto No. 4 in E-flat and made a good impression, although his interpretation, generally speaking, was the traditional one. He has an unusually fine touch, especially in pianissimo, while his tone is excellent and he goes without saying, his technique abundant.

The concert closed with Beethoven's Symphony No. 6, commonly known as the Pastoral. It is one of the rare compositions in which Beethoven appeared as a composer of program music, but the titles are suggestive rather than descriptive. Mr. Stokowski, apparently to have no break in the continuity of the symphony, played the entire five movements without a pause, and the result was eminently satisfactory.



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