

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Talks of "Why Not?"—She Hears of Entertaining for Tonight's Opera—Various Comings and Goings in Social Whirl

WELL, my hat is off to Helen Marshall Edison and Dave Vogels for having produced and directed one of the well-known, best amateur performances I have ever seen in Philadelphia, and believe I, Nancy Wynne, about a bit and has seen many amateur performances of "Why Not?" at the Little Theatre last night. To tell the truth I could go every night this week just to hear that orchestra once more. To see them accompany Madame More-nasser as well as hear them. It was simply marvelous! And Jack Whiting, who he's as good as any comedian I have seen for many a day. Really I don't know where to begin to tell you about it all, for from start to finish it was a riot of fun.

The first act opened at the Flower market in Rittenhouse Square, and the second scene was set in Broad and Chestnut streets in front of the Girard Trust Company, where Deborah Seal, attired as a street cleaner, came in with a broom, sweep, and then sang "Sweep, Sweep, Sweep," and then Helen Sewell, Margaret Curtis, Jeanne de Rouze and Carol Smith joined in with her and danced splendidly. Jack Whiting, who was splendidly well, and Alva Sergeant had most to do with the dancing, and Jack danced and sang in the usual non-consequential way that the leading comedians always have. His song that he made "no impression at first, but afterwards" brought down the house.

I really think the best thing if one could pick out the best, was the singing of "Passy's in the Wall" by Mrs. M. Lippincott, accompanied by Granibolich on the piano, and the whole orchestra by "Takeoffit." Jane Maule, who was wonderful, too, in her takeoff of Lay Foster and Lucy Gray as the leading chambermaid at the Bellevue-Stratford was as cute as could be. And the Wilbur Birds were simply darling in their little silver frocks and twisted hairdos. I enjoyed every minute of the performance. Mary Ernestine Johnson as the respectable child was splendid, and when she came in at the end and announced modestly that she was Daisy Ashford, and that two of the leading members of the performance were none other than Ediel and Bernerd Clark she was met with gusts of laughter. The bathing girls led by Alva Sergeant were great, too.

The scenery was all done by local artists and the entire show was the production of local talent. As I said at first, my hat is off to them. And I would certainly advise anyone who has not seen the performance to go. It's the easiest, most natural thing and it goes with all the swing of the regulation musical show. And oh! that orchestra!

FOR the third week in Lent we are quite gay, aren't we? "Why Not?" being given every evening by the younger set and tonight the opera comes one more. It is another new opera tonight, too, that is it's new here with the Metropolitan, and Claudia Muzio is going to sing and so every one is pleased. The Nick Biddies will have Mrs. Biddle's parents' box this evening and will have the Louis Borias as their guests. Mrs. Biddle, who was Sarah Lippincott, and Mary Alice Robertson of the army and had been living in California since then, but Sarah Biddle and Mary Alice Borias both live out on the Reading, the

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Low, of New York, and her daughter, Mrs. Hakey de Wolfe, of Providence, and Mr. Arthur Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. Low, and Mrs. de Wolfe are the guests of Mrs. Howe.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlton Varraill, of Seventeenth and Locust streets, will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler in their box at the opera tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen J. Roberts, 1527 De Lancey place, have issued invitations to a dinner on Friday, March 18, in honor of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth B. Roberts, before the meeting of Mrs. Charles Stewart Wurts' dancing class.

Mr. and Mrs. Kara N. Green, of Moore's and Radnor avenues, Bryn Mawr, will give a dinner-dance on Tuesday evening, April 5, at the Philadelphia Country Club, in honor of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth W. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wayne, Jr., 3229 Wayne avenue, will entertain at dinner this evening in honor of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Wayne, before the performance of "Why Not?"

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Neidhard Martin, 408 Moreland avenue, Chestnut Hill, have issued invitations for a Mask and Wig party on Saturday, April 10, to be followed by a supper at the Mask and Wig party in honor of their daughter, Miss Evelyn Martin.

Mr. Evelyn Coleman Freeman, of 17 Spruce street, accompanied by Miss Anne and Lucia, daughter of Mr. Charles Meigs Lewis, will leave on Thursday for Hot Springs, Va., where they will spend several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Ward, of Moxlin, Rose Valley, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Adelaide Ward, on February 14. Mrs. Ward before her marriage was Miss Adelaide M. Westover, of 14 West Washington lane, Germantown.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Percy Bright and his wife, Mrs. Bright, of 2121 Locust street, are spending several weeks at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. H. Smith, of 1000 Locust street, will be the guests of Mrs. Louise Butterworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Warner Butterworth, of Chestnut Hill, and Mr. Frederick Hemley Lewis, who will take place in June.

Mr. Harry A. Freeman, of 19 East Sedgwick street, Mr. Alfy, will entertain at tea on Saturday, from 2 until 4 o'clock, in honor of Miss Anna M. Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin B. Stokes, of Lincoln drive, Germantown.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Winslow Taylor, Jr., of the Wissahickon Apartments, Germantown, will entertain at dinner on Tuesday, March 29, for the Easter vacation. Miss Elliott, who will be a debutante at next season, will be presented to society at a tea on Saturday afternoon, November 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. McClaugh, of 1705 Spruce street, who have been spending a week in Cuba, have left for Europe. They expect to return to their home the latter part of this month.

Miss Elaine S. Sullivan, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Francis Sullivan, of the Woods, Radnor, and the Ritz-Carlton, who has been the guest of her uncle, Mr. Robert G. Le Conte, of Twentieth and Spruce streets, who has been spending a few days in Atlantic City, returned yesterday to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. Colburn, of 212 South Fifteenth street, will entertain in their box at the opera tonight. Mr. and Mrs. Beauveau Horio, Jr., of the box of Herbert M. Howe, of 1622 Locust street, at the opera tonight will be occupied by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William J.

Twenty-third street, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Frances Marion, to Mr. Jacob Simons. Mr. Edward Binns will give an address on "Some Unedited Revolutionary Letters," with comments, at the twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, to be held Monday evening, March 7, in the hall of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. White, of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Goldberg have returned from their wedding trip and are at home at 6243 Washington avenue. Mrs. Goldberg was before her marriage last month, Miss Lillian Weisblat, of 6245 Washington avenue.

Mrs. E. Gehring Harkness entertained her five hundred club at luncheon at her home on Friday when her guests were Mrs. Charles Barker, Mrs. Oscar Noll, Mrs. Jack Glaze, Mrs. Lillian Ball, Mrs. Frank Paul, Mrs. Hugh Hanna and Mrs. F. L. Passell. Mrs. Glaze will entertain the club at its next meeting on March 11.

A card party and dance will be given at the Young Men's Literary Club on Midvale avenue on Thursday evening for the benefit of the Edward East Post, No. 284, of the American Legion, the patronage for which includes Mrs. E. Dobson Altemus, Mrs. Alfred Byone, Mrs. Mary J. Lacey, Mrs. William Gordon, Mrs. William Gray, Mrs. Albert Harwick, Mrs. E. Gehring Harkness, Mrs. James Lawson, Mrs. Frederick Mitchell and Mrs. Anna Schwartz.

Mrs. Benjamin Clark, of the corner Cottage and Meridian streets, will entertain the members of her five hundred club at her home today. The following guests will be present: Mrs. Frank Lynnam, Mrs. Harvey Haines, Mrs. Harvee Walton, Mrs. Henry Weeds, Miss Florence Haines, Miss Ida Walton, Miss Caroline Snyder, Miss Alice Frost, Mrs. Charles McClure, Miss Helene Brommer and Mrs. John Parry.

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Mrs. J. Andrews of Rhawn street is visiting relatives in Washington for a fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Carter, of 308 South Forty-fifth street, who are spending some time at Atlantic City, have had as their guest for several days Mrs. E. H. Shields, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Parrott Thompson have returned from their wedding trip and are at home at 6243 Sherwood road. Mrs. Thompson was before her marriage at Miss Margaret Denise Boyle.

Miss Helen M. Kennedy, of Drexel road, is spending the Lenten season at Atlantic City as the guest of her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wright and Mrs. J. W. Gram Dougherty, of 1917 Rittenhouse street, who have been spending a few days in Atlantic City, returned to her home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Florence Huhn Walsh, of 5012 Drexel road, Overbrook, who has been the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Huhn, Jr., of New York, expect to return to their home the latter part of this month.

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