JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Talks of the Claxton-Atlee Marriage. Miss Mellor's Engagement to Mr. Barrington an Interesting Event—Other Bits of News

WITH the exception of Gertie Ehret's wedding to Lieutenant Colonel Butler on Wednesday at Edgewater Park, there will be nothing doing in the social world this week round this part of the country. It was therefore diverting of Christiana Atlee and Oliver Claxton to get married in New York last Tuesday and electrify us all by announcing it on Saturday, because not many of us knew they even knew each other. Besides, Christiana had not come out yet.

Since his mother's death, nearly three years ago, Oliver has lived mostly in New York with his uncle, Oliver La Farge, only coming on here to visit his sister, Margaret Claxton Hebard, in Chestnut Hill or attend some special ball or party. He is a grandson of the late Mr. John La Farge, so celebrated for his wonderful art work. Mrs. Claxton was Miss Emilie La Farge. She married William Rehn Claxton and came to this city to live a number of years ago. Mr. Claxton died some time since. Mrs. Claxton, who had moved to Chestnut Hill with her four children, three of whom are now married, went into the business world. She was a most attractive woman. A few days before Christmas in 1919, while staying with her daughter, Mrs. Morgan Hebard, she slipped on the snow in front of the house and sustained an injury from which she never recovered. Oliver's eldest sister, Elizabeth, married Humphrey Storer, of Boston, and his third sister, Emilie, spends here time between New York and Philadelphia.

Christiana Atlee is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Atlee and a granddaughter of the late Dr. Walter Atlee, who lived for so many years on Thirteenth street below Walnut. Her aunt, the former Miss Adele Atlee, married the late Count Louis de Branges de Bourcia. He was injured in the recent war and died about a year ago. The Louis Atlees live in town at 2321 De Lancey place and have a summer home in Devon. On her mother's side of the family Christiana is related to the Dillinghams. Mrs. Atlee was Miss Alice Dillingham, a sister of Miss Florence Dillingham and Mr. Conway Dillingham, who have apartments at the Swarthmore.

ANOTHER interesting bit of news on Saturday was the engagement of Miss Margaret Mellor, daughter of Mrs. Edward Mellor, of School House lane, Germantown, to George Wharton Barrington, of this city. Miss Mellor had quite an enviable record during the war. She went overseas and worked in one of the huts. And she has always been interested in social welfare work, for a time holding a responsible position in one of our large commercial establishments over hundreds of girls. Lately she has been running a small shop at Bryn Mawr, selling "eats" and embroideries, a sort of tearoom for the college girls. She is a member of the Women's Overseas Legion of this city. The Mellors live in the most fascinating little house next to the Quaker Meeting House on School lane.

THE Wilmer Biddles and their family of Biddles and Gordons have left the Adirondacks for Bar Harbor and expect to remain there for the rest of the season. Mrs. Biddle is so good looking and has such a delightful manner! They are stopping at the Malvern House in Bar Harbor and have been attending the tennis, which has attracted so many of the younger people up there. I find the Gordon girls, Mrs. Biddle's daughters very attractive. But they spent so much time last year in Baltimore, as well as this city, it was hard to see all one wanted of them.

Virginia Gordon, you remember, came out here and in Baltimore both, and that meant she had to miss some parties in both cities. But she certainly did have a good time. Every one likes her.

DADDY took the baby out walking with him last Sunday. It's true, she could not walk very far, for she's only a little more than two; but she struck sturdily out, noticing every blade of grass and every tiny flower, much to daddy's delight.

Suddenly on the still Sunday air rang out the distant clang of a church bell. Miss Baby stopped and listened carefully, then with a seraphic smile she turned to daddy and said she expectantly: "Ice 'eam cones, daddy."

NANCY WYNNE.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson Spencer entertained at dinner at their Newport villa on Saturday in honor of the guests they are entertaining at a house party.

Miss Anna S. Newbold entertained a number of friends at a house party at her cottage in Bar Harbor, Me., over this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Drexel Biddle have returned from a motor trip through the New England States and are at the Hotel Lorraine, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic H. Strawbridge, of Torwood, Germantown, have recently returned from an extended trip through New England and are spending this month at Pocono Manor in the Pocono Mountains. Mr. and Mrs. J. Clayton Strawbridge are with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tilghman, of Haverford, entertained Mrs. Tilghman's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bohlen, Jr., of Berkeley road, Haverford, informally at dinner yesterday.

Miss Julia V. Laguerenne is spending this month in York Harbor, Me., and will return to Haverford on September 1.

Miss Muriel Bishop, of Torresdale, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, at her camp in the Adirondacks.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Willcox, of Itahan, are spending several weeks in Bar Harbor.

Miss Agnes Reppller is spending the summer at York Harbor, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hazlehurst Mason, Jr., of Queen Lane, have left for a trip of several weeks on the Great Lakes.

Mrs. Samuel Hope Carpenter, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Robert Barklie, at Clayton, Del., will return to her home in Haverford this week.

Mrs. Charles E. Barba and her two children are spending some time with Mrs. J. Nevin Pomeroy at Eggemogin, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Riegel, Jr., of Wayne avenue, will leave August 25 to spend two weeks at Beach Haven. Their little daughter, Miss Elizabeth Riegel will accompany them.

Mr. and Mrs. Addis Downing, of Los Angeles, Calif., are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter a few weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Downing lived formerly in Moylan, where Mrs. Downing's mother, Mrs. Frank Taggart Downing, has a home on Idlewild lane.

Mrs. Richard Smith and her daughter, Miss Ruth M. Bersch, of Haddonfield, N. J., have returned home after spending several weeks in Chelsea.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Elmer Barrett announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Helen Juniata Barrett, to Mr. William Ewing Speers on Thursday, August 17 in Moorestown, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Speers will be at home after September 15 at 81 South Mountain avenue, Montclair, N. J.

Along the Reading

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Britt and their children, of Rydal, who have been staying for a fortnight at the Marlborough-Blenheim, Atlantic City will return to their home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund B. Rhodes, of Glenside, will return on September 1 from Harrisburg, where they are spending a few weeks.

Along the Main Line

Among those entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Charles Willing Heeber at her home in Merion a few days ago were Mrs. Elwood Turner, Mrs. Morris Scott, Jr., Mrs. Lindsley, Miss Sophie Delany and Miss Marion Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley, who have been guests of relatives in the East for some weeks, left by motor for their home in California this week.

Miss Nora M. Burke and her niece, Miss Rita McNally, who have been in New York for some time, returned to their home, 6389 Overbrook avenue, last week.

Mrs. Vincent Carroll, of Overbrook, is spending the summer in Atlantic City with her mother, Mrs. M. E. H. McMichen.

Miss Helen Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Smith, of Overbrook, is spending this month at Camp Jeanne d'Arc, Chateaugay, in the Adirondacks.

West Philadelphia

Mrs. Lucy O'Donnell and her daughter, Miss Peggy O'Donnell, are spending a vacation at Wildwood.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sweeney and Miss Gertrude Dougherty, of 5355 De Lancey street, have returned from Atlantic City.

Miss Minerva Dorfman, of 5905 Christian street, has returned home after spending several weeks in Maine.

Miss Caroline Price and Miss Jessie Price, of 423 Preston street, have returned home after a stay of several weeks in the Poconos.

Miss Rosalie V. Toomey, of 1402 South Fifty-fourth street, has returned from Atlantic City.

North Philadelphia

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Cabrey, of 2644 North Twenty-second street, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Patricia Pierre Cabrey. Mrs. Cabrey was Miss Kathryn Marie Crane.

Dr. and Mrs. William Teller, of 1713 Green street, are spending several weeks at Pickford, Me.

Mr. Walter D. Dalsimer, of the Royal Apartments, Broad street and Girard avenue, spent a few days with Judge and Mrs. Horace Stern at the latter's cottage in Ventnor.

Miss Florence Morehouse, of 1922 North Camac street, has returned home after spending a few days in Doylestown.

Miss Eleanor Smith, of 4519 North Carlisle street, has returned home after spending a fortnight in Chelsea.

Mr. John McAninley, of 1230 West Erie avenue, has returned after spending several weeks at Mount Gretna.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Brown, of 179 Dauphin street, have left on a trip through the State, stopping for a while at Gettysburg. They will return home after September 5.

South Philadelphia

Dr. John J. Gilbride and his son, Master Donald Gilbride, of 2521 South Broad street, have returned home after spending some time in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Isabelle Baney, of 2433 South Seventeenth street, and her aunt, Miss Mary C. Rooney, who have just returned from Washington, D. C., are spending several weeks in Atlantic City.

Mr. Malcolm Fox, of 1421 Snyder avenue, is spending a few days as the guest of friends in Wildwood Crest.

Mr. Frank Rooney, of 2433 South Seventeenth street, has left on an extensive trip to New York.

Germantown

Miss Nora Smythfield, of West Johnson street, is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George West, at their cottage at Manhattan Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lipkin and their daughter, Miss May Lipkin, of 792 Cliveden avenue, and Mr. Horace Mayer have returned from an automobile trip through Canada.

Mr. Benjamin McCarthy, Jr., of Germantown, spent the week-end at Wildwood.

Frankford

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dysart, of Sellers street, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tomkinson, of the Oxford Apartments, are occupying their cottage in Asbury Park for the summer.

Delaware County

Mrs. Louis Jack, of Moylan, has been entertaining her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Jack, of Chester, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. William Booth Todd and their family, of Chester, have returned from a fortnight's stay in Williamsport, where they were guests of Mr. Todd's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wirz will sail in a short time for Europe, where they will remain for a few months.

Mrs. Norris Scott entertained informally at luncheon at her home in Moylan last week, her guests including Mrs. Sewel Corkran, Mrs. William Comegys, Mrs. Harvey P. Howard, Mrs. Nan Hall, Mrs. Herman Wirz and Miss Louise van Zant. Mr. and Mrs. Scott and their daughter and son, Miss Gretchen Scott and Mr. Norris Scott, Jr., have left by motor for Eaglesmere, where they will remain until after Labor Day. Their niece, Miss Hildegarde Jacob, accompanied them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bodine are spending the greater part of the summer at their place in Villanova, taking a trip of several weeks' duration to New England

Norristown

Mrs. Kenneth Howle, of 1033 De Kalb street, entertained at a tea on Wednesday afternoon at the Plymouth Country Club in honor of Miss Gertrude Hunter. The marriage of Miss Hunter and Mr. John W. Gault, of Portland, Me., will take place the latter part of October. Mrs. Howie and Miss Hunter received the guests in the main reception room of the club. Mrs. George W. Harrison and Mrs. Ashley P. Hunter presided at the tea table. They were assisted in serving by Miss Mary Hunter, Miss Isabel Ryder, Miss Harriet B. Chain, Miss Catherine Yeakle and Mrs. P. Frank Hunter, Jr.

Mrs. David M. Martin, of Ridge pike, gave a dinner last week in honor of their daughter's, Miss Mary Martin, twelfth birthday.

Miss Anna B. Eisenhower, of 802 De Kalb street, is at Diamond Pond, Colebrook, N. H., for several weeks. Miss Eisenhower spent the past six weeks in study at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel March, of 1421 De Kalb street, left this morning for a trip to Niagara Falls.

Miss Mary Evans, of 522 Swede street, is visiting relatives and friends in Furniss, Pa.

Mr. Benjamin Hughes is spending several days in Barnegat City.

Mrs. Sara Herron and her daughters, Miss Katherine Herron, Miss Margaret Herron and Miss Wilda Herron, of 208 East Oak street, are spending some time in Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. Charles D. McAvoy and his family, of West Main street, have returned from a motor trip to Maine.

Miss Beatrice Jarrett, of 618 Haws avenue, will spend the next several weeks in Baldwin, N. Y.

Moorestown

The Rev. John R. Mason, and his family are home from a vacation spent at Ocean City.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmere Atkinson and their family, of South Washington avenue, are in the Pocono Mountains.

Mrs. N. N. Stokes, Jr., of Chester avenue, has gone to Buck Hill Falls.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Henderson are among the Moorestown colony at Buck Hill Falls.

Miss Maude Lefferts, of East Central avenue, is spending a fortnight at Orr's Island, Me., and Portsmouth, N. H., as the guest of friends.

DOCTOR IS ROBBED

Dr. R. S. Rusling, a physician at the Germantown Hospital, was robbed of jewelry valued at $62 yesterday. A sneak thief entered the physicians' rest room while Dr. Rusling was attending a patient and took two stickpins and a gold watch.

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