

The Larned family will go abroad after the holidays.

The Swifts are spending the winter at Citronelle, Ala.

Miss Florence Stuart is visiting in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Granger Farrell is threatened with pneumonia.

Mr. Lewis Bennett gave a stag party Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunne are the happy parents of twins—both boys.

Mrs. Parmenter is entertaining her father, Mr. Baldwin of Comstock, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dwight and Miss Florence Dwight go abroad for the winter.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steele was invaded by a boy baby Christmas eve.

Prof. Bournique's dancing class indulged in a German Thursday afternoon at Blackler's hall.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough gave a dance Friday night for their daughters, the Misses McCullough.

Mrs. Joseph F. Bowen gave a reception to the Hull House Woman's club on Friday afternoon.

Many Lake Forest young people attended the holiday dance at Perin's hall, Waukegan, Friday night.

Miss Annie Davies, who is engaged in teaching in St. Louis, is spending her holiday vacation with her mother.

Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormack gives a reception January 5th at her city home, in honor of her guest, Miss Hooper.

An illustrated lecture on "The Life of Christ" was delivered by Mr. W. H. Triggs of Chicago at the A. M. E. church on Thursday evening.

Mrs. John Connell, who was reported in our last issue as being dangerously ill of typhoid fever, died Sunday night. Mr. Connell and a young child are very ill of the same malady. The stricken family have the sympathy of all.

Mrs. Abram Poole gave a breakfast for her sons Thursday at her town house, 89 Lincoln Park boulevard. The Misses Poole gave a tea New Year's day.

Christmas was celebrated by appropriate exercises at all the churches and Christmas trees at all the Sunday schools. The music at the midnight mass at St. Mary's church was unusually fine. The choir will render the same program at the midnight mass New Year's eve.

Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock Mr. James Anderson's barn was discovered to be in flames, and in less than an hour was totally destroyed, together with some twenty tons of hay which was stored therein. Scarcely had the fire company disbanded when Samuel Blackler's ice house was in a blaze. It is the firm conviction of many that incendiaries are at work. The city fathers have taken precaution against further devastation by putting several special policemen on duty.

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Miss Ruth Barringer has had as a guest during the holidays, Miss Kattie White of Chicago.

Mr. J. A. Fritsch and family and Mrs. George Gutzler of Northfield and Mr. Kemper and family of Iowa visited the Messrs. Fritsch in Highwood on Tuesday.

Samuel Breakwell, who vanished some time ago from knowledge and sight of friends and family, played Santa Claus on Xmas day, Mrs. Breakwell receiving a letter from him saying he was looking over some mines in Oregon; the letter was a short one and Mr. Breakwell asked only as to how his family were—nothing about his business affairs.

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Mrs. George Leslie entertained a house party of twenty on Xmas.

New Year's service will be held in the Congregational church on Monday morning at nine o'clock.

Mr. T. H. Ellison left Winnetka for Minneapolis last week. From there he will go to Alaska.

Mr. Frank Otto, on Willow street, has choice plants and cut flowers to sell.

Miss Belle Mowers visited her parents this week.

Monday nights' Odd Fellow's dance at the Park pavilion was a great success in every way.

Mr. Carlson reports losing from his rooms on St Nick's day, an overcoat. There is one consolation to the once owner of the much needed wearing apparel, in that the new proprietor evidently could not keep warm in his illy gotten acquired overcoat for he is thought to have been the man who a few hours after his thievery set fire to the railroad shanty to further warm himself.

Sorrow invaded the Ravenswood home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Inman Monday morning, in the taking away of their little six-years-old daughter, Edith. The child was loved by all who knew her, and the afflicted parents have the heartfelt sympathy of a host of Highwood friends. The funeral services were held at the Inman home in Ravenswood Thursday, and the interment at Rose Hill.

Early Tuesday morning in the little frame house which railroad men use as sleeping quarters and which is on the railroad property, three of the Northwestern's men were awakened by fire. Somebody had placed, it was subsequently discovered, oil waste under the building and fired it. One of the men wakened none too soon and, after rousing his comrades, a desperate but successful attempt was made to extinguish the flames. A large reward will be given the men who caused the trouble if they can be discovered, as to the nature of the reward—that is a debatable question.

Mrs. C. Goodchild spent the holidays with friends in Michigan.

Miss Margaret Monrad spent the holidays at her home in Winnetka.

Miss Susy Windes has gone to Manhattan, near Joliet, for a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hapgood left Monday afternoon for a short stay in Chicago.