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The Social Side of Life Local Affairs of the week

By the Observer

Our young people are beginning to count the days until the Christmas holidays. Soon they will be returning to their welcoming homes in Highland Park. Preparations are already being made for the many kinds of festivities planned in this happy season. The mails are filled with Christmas invitations and the holiday parties seem more numerous than ever before. The Christmas spirit is surely in the air and with all this buzzing, the Observer has succeeded at this early date in finding out a number of the gayeties planned for. Among them will be a buffet supper given by Mrs. Franklin B. Hussey for her son Robert on the evening of Dec. 31st. Mrs. William E. Ten Broeck will entertain informally at a Dutch supper Monday evening, Dec. 22nd for her daughter, Miss Jean Ten Broeck, who attends Wellesley College and is expected home next week. Mrs. Lloyd M. Bergen and Miss Kathleen Bergen have sent out invitations for a card party to be given Monday afternoon, Dec. 22nd at two thirty to meet Mrs. Alan McFarland and Miss Bradley. Mrs. William French will also be hostess at a buffet supper for her daughters Miriam and Mary on the evening of Dec. 27th, preceding the Junior dance at the Highland Park Club that evening.

Hardly a week passes that does not bring forth a surprise of some kind to the society world. This week an en-

agement of interest has been announced. It is that of Miss Frances Josephine Small, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Small, to Mr. Frank Clerihew Wymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Buckman, Jr. Just now luncheons and musicale teas seem to be the popular form of entertainment. Bridge parties also continue to hold their place in society events. Mrs. Arthur P. Van Schaick entertained informally at bridge Wednesday afternoon at two thirty for Mrs. Henry Ullman of Chicago, who is staying at the Moraine. Miss Dorothy Fessenden also entertained Wednesday afternoon at an informal bridge party for Mrs. J. H. Van Poole who is the guest of Miss Viola Shields for several weeks. Another informal bridge party was given by Mrs. Rolland Hastings Tuesday afternoon. A number of affairs were given this week in honor of Mrs. Van Poole. Miss Viola Shields gave an informal bridge Tuesday afternoon in honor of her house guest. Mrs. Gerard Van Schaick will entertain at luncheon this afternoon complimentary to Mrs. Van Poole, Mrs. Henry Ullman, and Miss Morel of Savannah, Ga. Mrs. Robert K. Buckman, Jr. will entertain at dinner Saturday evening in honor of Miss Frances Small and Mr. Frank Wymond. The guests will attend the mid-monthly dance at the Highland Park Club.

Among those from Highland Park at-

tending the Epsilon Chapter of Theta Sigma Phi Sorority dance at the Germania Club, Chicago Friday evening were the Misses Marguerite Schaefer, Helen Conrad and Nancy McPherson.

Perhaps one of the prettiest and most original parties given this season was the one on Saturday evening given by Mrs. Samuel Levin, Worthy Matron of Campbell Chapter Eastern Star, to her retiring officers at the Masonic hall. There were twenty guests present and the party began with a musical program given by talented friends of the hostess. Among those taking part were Mrs. Hatch of Chicago, who sang most charmingly; Mrs. Lillian Williams of Evanston gave some very beautiful readings, while Mrs. Levin played a piano selection as cleverly as everyone who knows her knows she can. Lester Levin sang several songs in his own original and pleasing manner. About ten o'clock the guests were invited into the dining room where a most delicious six course supper awaited them. Perhaps the most interesting part of this party was that everything in the way of edibles, decorations and souvenirs were prepared and made by the charming hostess. For place cards Mrs. Levin had painted in water colors an envelope bearing a flower representing each officers order color. Inside the envelopes were pretty quotations and instead of toasts, etc., these quotations were read aloud. The little nut baskets were very original as they were crocheted from different colors of silk thread. After dinner each guest was presented with a hand painted dish which corresponded with the flowers on the place cards. Mrs. Levin was presented with a mahogany Martha Washington serving table by her guests, Mrs. Charles Snyder making the presentation speech.

The reception on Friday evening given as a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Evans at the Baptist Church proved a most delightful affair. Several vocal selections were sung by Mrs. Cain and Mrs. Weeks of Ravinia in duet and solo, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Frank Weeks. Mrs. Frank Green read in her charming way and Mrs. Cain also gave a few recitations. Refreshments were served.

On account of the death of Mr. A. A. Putnam, the entertainment planned by the Dramatic Committee of the Ossoli Club for tonight has been postponed to the evening of Thursday, Dec. 18.

Miss Georgiana Stratford entertained nine guests at a tea on Monday afternoon.

Miss Florence McNeill of N. Green Bay Rd., entertained the Laurel Sewing Society on Tuesday evening.

The Friday afternoon tea club will meet with Miss Grace McKey this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orren Sanford Peabody had as their dinner guests last Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. Amos Cox of Chicago.

Mrs. Edward Francis Carry, formerly of Highland Park now of 1100 Lake Shore Drive, has sent out a large number of invitations for Wednesday, Dec. 24th, from four to six o'clock to a tea-dance for her daughter, Ermina Carry who will arrive home on the 18th of December for the holidays. The party is given for the young boy and girl set.

A number of Highland Park people were guests on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at a studio tea at the Blackstone, given by Victor Georg, maker of portraits by photography to display his collection. Among those assisting in receiving during the exhibition were Mrs. W. A. Alexander, Miss Marion Mason, and Mrs. Frank R. McMullin, Miss Peterson, Miss Paula Peterson, Miss Hazel Page, and Miss Lucia Page of Chicago. These Chicago people are well-known in Highland Park and all are frequent visitors in our city.

She Investigated.

What Elsie's sister wanted to know was where Elsie got that beautiful silver mounted walking stick. But Elsie didn't want Elsie's sister to know, so Elsie's sister got Elsie's father to ask Elsie.

"I found it," Elsie poutingly informed her father, "floating like a whooper on the waves one day when I was bathing."

But two days later Elsie's sister said to Elsie:

"Come—tell me! What is his name?" "Name?" repeated Elsie blankly.

"What do you mean?"

"I mean, dear," said Elsie's sister, "that last night I tried to make that stick of yours float in the bath, and—well, darling, it sank!"—Pearson's Weekly.

Playing Both Ends.

"I shall have a farewell series in America," explained the prominent actress.

"And then you will retire from the stage forever, eh?"

"Not at all. My manager is even now arranging for a welcome home series on the other side."—Washington Herald.

Too Frank.

A bashful man who visited a girl's school was asked by the mistress to say a few words to the pupils.

"Scholars," he said, "I hope you will always love your school and your teacher as much as I do."

Tablous, Gicalling pupils and a blushing teacher.—London Telegraph.

Gave It Away.

"Did you ever gamble in stocks?"

"No. I once thought I was gambling, but the gentlemen who obtained my money knew better."

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