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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. O. Dickinson Street and son, of New York City, are visiting Mrs. Street's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lincoln Wean.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Conrad and family will spend New Year's Day and the week-end with relatives in Woodstock, Ill.

The Misses Alice Drinkwater, Elizabeth Hearn and Loretta Bendt of Chicago, were the guests on Sunday of Miss Eva Morton.

Miss McCabe, who has been the guest of Mrs. M. M. McNamee for the past week, returned to her home in St. Louis on Sunday.

Captain Scales of Fort Smith Ark., is spending the holidays with Mrs. Scales at Fort Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ware and children of Winnetka were the guests on Christmas day of Mrs. Ware's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Zimmer.

Miss Mabel True of Lansing, Mich., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John W. Welch of W. Park Ave.

Mrs. A. M. H. Ellis of Seattle, Wash., was the week-end guest of Mrs. A. L. Moore.

Joseph Blum, who is a freshman at the Stout Institute at Menominee, Mich., is spending the holidays at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Reed Brown of Lincoln Ave., will entertain a party of six guests from Chicago over the New Year.

Miss Edith Davis, who is a student at the State Normal school at De Kalb, is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Finney of N. St. Johns Ave., spent the week-end in Edgewater as guests of relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cronies of Galva, Ill., are spending this week as guests of Mrs. Cronie's father and sisters, Mr. M. Ryder and the Misses Lillian and Madelyne Ryder of N. St. Johns Ave.

Miss Bessie Baker spent the earlier part of this week as the guest of Miss Grace Johnson of Irving Park, later going to Prairie View for the week-end where she will be the guest of Mrs. John E. Barrette.

Miss Alice L. Baker spent Sunday and Monday as the guest of relatives in Chicago.

Mr. Leonard Wolcott, who is a sophomore at Williams College, is spending this week with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wolcott on Laurel Ave. Mr. Wolcott will leave Saturday to fill an engagement with the Dramatic club at the college which will make trips to New York, Philadelphia and Brooklyn, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week.

The Misses Anna and Helen Hart entertained as their Christmas guests, the Misses Mary and Anna Kause and Miss Mary Hart, all of North Chicago.

Mr. Thomas Rectinwald of N. St. Johns Ave., who has been ill at the Evanston hospital for the past weeks, is much improved and will be home the last of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Hamilton spent Christmas in Fon du Lac, Wis., as the guests of Mrs. Hamilton's parents, Dr. Hamilton is now in Toronto, Canada visiting relatives while Mrs. Hamilton is still in Fon du Lac. They will both return to Highland Park after the first of January.

Mr. Winfield Spencer, Ensign of the Aviation Corps of the U. S. Navy at Pensacola, Fla., surprised his parents by coming in for Christmas and will be the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Spencer this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Trigg Waller and Mary Trigg spent Christmas as the guests of Mrs. Waller's father, Mr. F. H. Warren of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. C. U. Raymond of Dayton, Ohio, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ruffner this week.

Miss Janet Durie of Oak Park, will be the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bacon of N. Sheridan Rd.

Miss Viola Pansie will spend the week-end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Conrad at Woodstock, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harrison had as their week-end guests their son "Bill" Harrison of Wheaton, Edward Harrison, late of Boston, and Miss Ollie Hubbard of Chicago.

Harry B. Clarke Jr. and Marie S. Clarke, who have been spending the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Clarke, E. Central Ave. are returning east next Saturday to their respective schools. Master Harry returns to St. Paul's School for Boys at Garden City Long Island, N. Y. and Miss Marie to Eden Hall at Torredale Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schmidt and family and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Garrity were the guests on Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mead of North Chicago.

Mr. Geo. Schmidt of Chicago spent last week with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schmidt of McGovern St.

A very interesting meeting of the Elm Place division of the Parents and Teachers' Association will be held in the school auditorium Wednesday afternoon, January the thirteenth at three o'clock. Mr. C. B. Scott, head of the "Safety First" committee of Chicago, will speak.

Mr. Cholett Caldwell of Battle Creek, Mich., is the holiday guest of Mr. Tom Glass.

Miss Marguerite Schaefer will spend New Year's and the week-end in Milwaukee where she will attend the house party which Miss Charlotte Friese of that city is giving for a number of her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weisenberg of Sheridan Rd., have as their guest Mrs. Weisenberg's brother and bride, Mr. and Mrs. William Widmer of Maples, N. Y.

The Luther League of the Evangelical Lutheran church will have its regular annual election of officers New Years Eve in the new assembly room of the church, there will be a business meeting followed by a mid-night supper.

On New Years night there is to be a toboggan party at the Exmoor club, followed by a supper and an informal dance.

Mrs. Thomas G. Troxel of E. Central Ave. is spending the holidays with Captain and Mrs. Ryther at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mead of North Chicago, the latter being formerly Miss Agnes Garrity, will have as their guests over New Year's day Mr. Mead's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mead of Highwood.

The subscription dance at the Moraine Hotel will take place Friday evening, Jan. 8th.

Miss Doris Murry of Evanston, will be the guest of Miss Kathleen Bergen over the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Buchanan and their sons spent Christmas in Chicago as the guests of relatives.

Miss Margaret Oliver of Evanston was the guest at the Addison R. Warner residence on Belle Ave., the earlier part of this week.

Miss Eleanor Gould of Chicago will be the guest of Miss Jean Ten Broeck over the New Year.

Miss Madelyne Woodruff, who is a student at the Chicago University, is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Woodruff.

Miss India Taylor, an instructor at the Allendale Farm, is spending her vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Taylor of Rice St.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gilkinson are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a 12-pound son, born Tuesday.

William McNanly and Murray Moon again took the bowling prizes for Highland Park bowlers at the Lake Forest alleys last week.

William McNanly and Ambrey Warren now lead the two man tournament now running at the Lake Forest bowling alleys with the fine total of 1189. McNanly led in the pin getting with three fine games of 226, 173 and 241 for a total of 640.

Mr. George Moseley, who has been spending the holidays at home, will return to Yale College where he is a freshman, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. M. Warner had as her guest on Wednesday her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. R. Noel of Oak Park.

Mrs. Werner Spengler of Forest Ave., will entertain a number of guests over the New Year.

Mrs. Filmore Evans, who has been ill at the Evanston hospital, returned to her home on W. Central Ave. last week and is very much improved.

Mr. Robert Hussey, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin B. Hussey of N. Linden Ave., will return on the "Yale Special" which leaves Chicago on Sunday afternoon.

Tentle Hoyle Buell and Charles Clayton Buell, Jr., both students at the University of Illinois, are spending the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Buell.

Mr. Howard Kuist, who has been spending the holidays with his father, Mr. C. A. Kuist of N. Second St., leaves on Monday for Western Union College, Le Mars, Ia., where he is a sophomore.

Miss Evelyn Allan of Waukegan, will be the week-end guest of Miss Gladys Tucker of Oakwood Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. White and small son of Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, are guests of Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Mary O'Donnell, W. Central Ave.

Mrs. James Watson is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Schmidly of N. Second St., has as her guest this week Mr. Schmidly's daughter, Miss Catherine, of Janesville, Ill.

Miss Ethel Van Riper is the week-end guest of Miss Charlotte Friese of Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Holabird and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence G. Smith of Fort Sheridan, will spend New Year's in Chicago as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Urmmer.

Y. W. C. A. News

The regular Y. W. C. A. Vesper service will be omitted Sunday, Jan. 3rd, in order that all may attend the Vesper service at the Presbyterian Church. The Association rooms will be open however and all who care may meet there for a social time after the Vespers at the church.

The gymnasium classes will be resumed January 4th.

The Y. W. C. A. Santa Claus made the rounds Thursday afternoon, leaving gifts and candy for many a happy little boy and girl.

Miss Ritter conducted a most interesting Vesper meeting Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27th for the Y. W. C. A. girls. They always appreciate what she has for them.

FIRE EATERS.

The Trick of Breathing Flames and Sparks From the Mouth.

The first known fire breather was a Syrian slave named Eunus, a leader in the Servile war in Sicily, 130 B. C. He pretended to have immediate communication with the gods. When desirous of inspiring his followers with courage he breathed flames and sparks from his mouth.

In order to accomplish this feat Eunus pierced a nutshell at both ends, and having filled it with some burning substance, he put it in his mouth and breathed through it. The same trick is performed today in a more approved manner. The performer rolls some flax or hemp into a ball about the size of a walnut, which he lets burn until it is nearly consumed. Then he rolls around it more flax while it is still burning. By this means the fire is retained in the ball for a long time. He slips this ball into his mouth unperceived and breathes through it. His breath revives the fire, and he sustains no injury so long as he inhales only through his nostrils.

Various theories have been advanced to account for other feats of this sort performed by the ancients. An old record was the holding of a red-hot iron by the accused, who was not burned if he were innocent. Probably some protective paste was used on the hands. The peculiar property of mineral salts, such as alum, in protecting articles of dress from fire has long been known. An old Milanese devised a costume consisting of a cloth covering for the body which had been steeped in alum. A metallic dress of wire gauze was added to this, and thus protected a man might walk on hot iron.

TRAINING FOR LONGEVITY.

The Mental Attitude is as Important as Bodily Vigor.

A few years ago a young man "died of old age" in a New York hospital. After an autopsy the surgeons said that while the youth was in reality only twenty-three years old he was internally eighty.

It is the aged mind that frequently makes the body old. "Keep growing or die" is nature's motto, a motto written all over everything in the universe. There must be a constant activity in the mind that would not age, and the body is but the expression of the mind.

There is no doubt that as a race we shorten our lives very materially through our false thinking, our bad living and our old age convictions. Dr. Metchnikoff of the Pasteur Institute in Paris says that men should live at least 120 years. Yet it is only in rare instances today that a man reaches even the century mark.

Making a business of prolonging life and still retaining as much as possible of its vigor, freshness and buoyancy ought to be a prime object, especially after one has passed fifty. While proper care of the body is absolutely essential for the attainment of this object, the mental influence far transcends all others. The attitude of the mind has everything to do with hastening or retarding the degenerative processes incident to one's declining years. It is an established fact that the body follows the thought, is shaped by the mental convictions, emotions, moods.—Orison Swett Marden in Nautilus.

Submarine Mines.

Wet gun cotton in submarine mines is, of course, a very potent explosive, but in many respects it is quite outclassed by the compound used in German mines and known as trinitrotoluene, but abbreviated to "T. N. T." in Great Britain and to "trotyl" in Germany. A shell, torpedo or mine loaded with "T. N. T." (which requires to be detonated by means of mercury fulminate) bursts with great violence into large fragments, whereas if loaded with picric acid the splinters are very small and cannot therefore do as much damage. Although wet gun cotton is more powerful if exploded in close proximity to the target, the effect of "T. N. T." is much greater when the explosion takes place some distance away.—London Telegraph.

The Steamer Duck.

Around the southern extremity of South America is to be found a very large duck, which bears the common name of "steamer duck" or "race horse," owing to a peculiar habit it has of rowing itself along the surface of the water at great speed. This is said to be due to the remarkable fact that the bird loses its power of flight when it reaches maturity. These ducks are very common.—Chicago Herald.

Artistic Excuse.

"There," said Mr. Nagg after a complicated explanation of why he had stayed out so late: "I hope this is satisfactory." "It is more than satisfactory," Mrs. Nagg told him. "It is simply beautiful."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Her State of Mind.

Attorney—You can sue him for breach of promise, madam, but it seems to me that it's preposterous to claim \$250,000 damages. Fair Client—I want to get so heavy a judgment against him that he'll just have to marry me—the scoundrell.—Chicago Tribune.

Simple Arithmetic.

"How do you account for the passing of the after-dinner speaker?" "On business principles. A good talker can get enough money for a lecture to buy his own dinner and then have some cash left over."—Washington Star.

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