

College Players to Present Popular Play for Children

Racketty Packetty House to Be Given Saturday, March 3

By N. C.

The Racketty Packetty House dolls and the Tidy Castle dolls from the story "Racketty Packetty House" have come to life and may be seen running in and out of their houses on the stage of the National Kindergarten and Elementary College auditorium almost any evening—dancing, singing, jigging, laughing, and playing, and getting in perfect trim to give the children of the community a rare treat when the play is presented on Saturday, March 3, by the North Shore chapter of the Alumnae association. The alumnae have arranged for two performances of the play, which is a great favorite with children, one at 10:30 in the morning and the second at 2:15 in the afternoon, with luncheon in between.

The antics of Ridiklis, Gustibus, Peter Piper and the other ragged, battered dolls from the discarded wreck of a doll house, would break the gloom of the doleful fairy-tale princess, and the disdainful "airs" of the dainty lords and ladies from Tidy Castle are almost as ridiculous and funny.

When "Racketty Packetty House" was given by the college students three years ago one of the newspapers ran: "Racketty Packetty House was one of the delightful things of fairyland come true. The rapt attention of the little auditors would have been an inspiration to the most professional players, and the evident delight of both performers and audience was spontaneous and charming." The fun and abandon with which the students are entering into the play this year promises a repetition of its former success.

The entre-performance luncheon is always a festive affair as it is the occasion of many large parties by mothers, children, and alumnae of the college. Several luncheon and matinee parties already have been arranged. Reservations for the luncheon are to be made at the college with Miss Virginia Solberg.

Mrs. Alfred R. Bates, president of the north shore alumnae, is chairman of all arrangements. Miss Ann M. Murray is chairman of ticket sales, and Mrs. Florence S. Capron, of publicity. Attractive posters are being made by college students and the mothers and children of the college children's school are assisting in spreading news of the happy event.

Rachel Almeda Foster Selects Wedding Day

The marriage of Miss Rachel Almeda Foster to John Foster Manierre will be solemnized March 3, at 4:30 o'clock, in the Winnetka Congregational church, with the Rev. James Austin Richards reading the service. The bride's matron of honor will be Mrs. Francis P. Magoun, Jr., of Cambridge, Mass., who was formerly Margaret Boyden of Winnetka. Miss Katherine Manierre, Miss Helen Hough of New York City, Miss Susan Carey of Baltimore, and Mrs. Malcolm Schroyer are to be the bridesmaids.

Mr. Manierre's best man will be Dillon R. Brown.

The ceremony will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Foster, 596 Maple avenue. The bridegroom elect is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John F. Manierre of 1401 Dearborn parkway.

To Be Spring Bride



Mr. and Mrs. George F. Unger of Chicago have announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen Mae, to Paul William Pretzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pretzel, 1035 Bluff road, Glencoe. Tuesday, May 29, has been chosen for the wedding day.

Circle Activities

The February meeting of the Indian Hill circle took place last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. L. A. Needham, 325 Fairview avenue, with Mrs. C. E. Swartz as assisting hostess. The meeting was well attended. Plans were discussed at that time for a charity bridge to be held at Community House Tuesday, March 6, to raise funds to carry on the work of the circle. Mrs. G. A. Hallstein, 595 Orchard lane, is in charge of the party. Tickets may be procured from her by calling Winnetka 953. A prize will be given for each table and refreshments will be served.

The Scott Avenue circle will meet Tuesday, at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. E. L. Weinstock, 1323 Asbury avenue. The assisting hostesses are to be Mrs. C. Roy Terry and Mrs. Leonard J. Bertoli.

The East Elm Street circle will meet Tuesday, February 14, at 2 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Percival Hunter, 510 Ash street. Her assisting hostesses will be Mrs. W. H. Shanner, Mrs. Arthur Sterrett, and Mrs. C. A. Fox.

The February meeting of the Winnetka Heights circle will be at the home of Mrs. D. L. Peterson, 1014 Starr road, next Tuesday at 2. Mrs. George Englehard will be the assisting hostess.

The Hawthorn Lane circle will meet Tuesday at 2 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. George R. Cooke, 395 Elder lane, with Mrs. Norman L. Kettlewell of 373 Elder lane, assistant hostess. Members will spend the afternoon sewing and tea will be served.

The Oak Street circle will meet on Tuesday with Mrs. Fred W. Schwall, 797 Cherry street, at 2:30. It will be a Valentine party with a special program. A most cordial invitation is extended to the members and friends.

Miss Lucile Brady, 511 Willow road, Winnetka, and Miss E. M. Hadden and Miss Helen Maloney, both of the Orrington hotel, Evanston, are entertaining a group of New Trier girls at a bridge Valentine party to be given at the Orrington hotel, Evanston, on Saturday afternoon, February 11, at 2:30 o'clock.

In Charge of Tickets



Mrs. Wynndham H. Channer of Winnetka is in charge of reservations for the Mardi Gras luncheon to be given February 20 and 21, at the Christ Church Parish House to raise funds for the erection of a community house for a group of mountain people of Tennessee. The artists who are to participate and the nature of their entertainment is not divulged, but the affair is to be one of the large society events of the season.

Cradle Maisonette Now to Serve Afternoon Tea

So popular has been the Cradle Maisonette, opened last summer by the Evanston Junior League for the benefit of the Cradle society, that the Leaguers have decided to extend their services and offer afternoon tea as well as luncheon. A feature of the teas will be the model tea tables set each week by a well-known store and kept on exhibit all week at the Maisonette, 612 Church street, Evanston. Carson, Pirie, Scott and company sets the table next week, which will be the first week of the Maisonette's teas.

Hostesses on the opening day, February 13, will be Mrs. Charles Little, Mrs. Lewis Blessing, and Mrs. Harry Clyde. The Winnetka branch of the Cradle, of which Mrs. Alvin Bastien is president, supplies the hostesses each Tuesday. Mrs. Dorr Price has charge of this part of the work. Hostesses next Tuesday will be Mrs. Harry Wells and Miss Edith Kohlsaat. Mrs. Philip Moore, Mrs. Raymond Durham, Mrs. Buckingham Chandler, and Mrs. Clifford Off, all of Winnetka, have been hostesses recently.

Farm Dinner at Skokie

Overalls, sunbonnets, and aprons will be in order at Skokie Country club next Saturday evening, when the members of the club will gather for a farm dinner and dance. There will be suitable decorations and a menu that would satisfy the hardest-working farm hand after a hard day's threshing. As usual, Cope Harvey will play for the dancing.

Carnival Postponed Again

The children at Indian Hill Country club had to be disappointed again last Saturday, as the warm weather necessitated another postponement of their ice carnival. However, if the weather permits, the carnival will take place this Saturday. Cope Harvey plays for the dinner-dance being given at the club Saturday evening.

Express Curiosity Over Artists for Mardi Gras Benefit

(Contributed)

All Winnetka is looking forward with interest and keen curiosity to the Mardi Gras luncheon to be given on February 20 and 21, at Christ Church Parish House. So far it has been kept a deep secret as to who are to be the artists who will provide the cabaret entertainment, and our curiosity is not to be satisfied until the moment of their appearance. We have definite information, though, that the talent is of the highest and that the performances are so varied as to be both amusing and beautiful.

Mrs. Charles McKinney is in charge of this part of the program, and Mrs. George Parker promises a delicious luncheon will be served under the direction of Mrs. Robert Biddle and Miss Margot Atkin. Assisting in the serving will be Mesdames William Bacon, James Marshall, Emory Wilder, Gilbert Crowder, Harry Edmonds, Charles Goodrich, Dane Fuller, Warren Crawford, Henry Stanton, John Roberts, and a group of debutantes, including the Misses Betty Pain, Rosamund Coffin, Judith Walsh, and Elizabeth Lamson.

Mrs. Wynndham H. Channer, Winnetka 2071, is in charge of the reservations, and we understand that the tickets are going fast and that the seating capacity is strictly limited.

When we understand something of the cause for which the proceeds of the luncheon are to go, we shall be all the more eager to secure our tickets or our tables for either of the designated days. It seems especially fitting that we in Winnetka, who are so fortunate in having our own Community House, should be asked to help provide one on a smaller scale for a less fortunate community.

Recently a small mission church has been built in Roak's Cove, Tenn., and it is here that the funds from the luncheon will go, to build a hall so that the mountain people in that district may have a suitable place for their social gatherings, their games, and their entertainments. These people, with their many fine and lovable qualities, are so isolated and in most cases so poverty-stricken, the pleasures in their lives are so few and so small that such a place would open up a new world to them.

Those of us who have spent any time in the southern mountains remember with feeling the gentle courtesy and friendliness which greets the most casual stranger with "Won't you set awhile?" or "Won't you stay the night?" even when the cabin is crowded and the food is scarce. It will be a privilege to return this kindness in the form of something that may mean as much in their lives as our own Community House means in the life of Winnetka.

League Giving Card Party

A Valentine card party will take the place of a regular program at the meeting next Tuesday of the North Shore Catholic Woman's league. Bridge and five-hundred will be played. Members are asked to bring their friends to the party, which is to be given at the Winnetka Woman's club. The affair begins at 2 o'clock.

The league's Parliamentary Law classes are being postponed on account of the illness of Mrs. Maurice Lieber.

Frederick William Wile addressed the Book and Play club, February 6, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Alschuler, 795 Lincoln avenue. His talk on "Behind the Scenes in Washington" was most enjoyable.