

FROLIC FOR CHILDREN

National College Preparing for Annual Midsummer Event to Be Held at "Craigie Lea" July 23

(Contributed)

Mrs. Caroline Crawford McLean and Miss Willmina Townes, both members of the Summer school faculty of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college, are co-chairmen of the production and presentation of this year's "Children's Midsummer Frolic" to be held at 3:30 o'clock Monday, July 23, at "Craigie Lea," 459 Longwood avenue, Glencoe, the home of Mrs. Andrew MacLeish.

Mrs. McLean of Fairhope, Ala., is widely known and admired for her valuable contributions to childhood education as an authority on "The Relation of the Arts to Life and Character." She is a most scholarly and brilliant lecturer and author presenting the various aspects of her chosen subject. She is a thorough child psychologist having had the inspiration of years of close association with Col. Parker, Dr. John Dewey and other famous educators and as a valued member of the faculties of Columbia university and of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college. She is most original in the production and presentation of dramas and festivals. She arranged and taught all the dances in "The Blue Bird" as presented at the New Century theater in New York, and co-operated with Winthrop Ames in the production of "Prunella" and "Snow White" at the Little theater.

Among her published works which are regarded as authoritative are: "Rhythms of Childhood," "Dramatic Games and Dances for Children" and "Choice Rhythms for Youthful Dancers." Her latest work on "The Arts in Child Education" will soon be off of the press.

Miss Townes is a specialist in children's games and rhythms, and is a member of the faculty of the college and children's school. She is giving Mrs. McLean valuable aid so that the Frolic will be a culmination of work done in class room projects in dramatic art, children's literature as well as rhythms, music and design and decoration. This gives it all a vital educational value to the student players as well as to those who are present on July 23, when this delightful ensemble program is given.

A very charming contribution is made each summer to the pleasure of north shore children when the National Kindergarten and Elementary college presents "The Children's Midsummer Frolic."

Monday, July 23, is the day and 3:30 the hour set for this year's entertainment when Mrs. Andrew MacLeish, a trustee of the college, again will welcome the children and older friends, as she did two summers ago, at "Craigie Lea," her beautiful Glencoe home.

Last year the Frolic had the lovely setting of lawn and gardens at Bluff Edge, Hubbard Woods, the home of Mrs. Douglas Smith. The beauty and artistry of the plays presented there by the college students is still a happy memory of the summer time a year ago.

What could be more enticing than the woodland setting for fairies, elves, brownies, and all the story book animals, the bunnies, Brer Fox, and all the other favorites!

Everyone is keen for a good time these lovely summer days and an afternoon at "Craigie Lea" with its famous gardens, with the lake as a background for the greensward stage, with the lilting song of wildwood birds and the story book friends come to life, ensures a joyous time not to be missed and never to be forgotten.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fletcher and their daughter, Varley Lee, of 147 Chestnut street, returned recently from Kansas City, where they had been visiting Mrs. Fletcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Prewitt, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fletcher. The latter, who are Mr. Fletcher's parents, returned with them by motor and after visiting here about a month both families will leave for New Jersey.

The T. N. Wheatleys, who have been living in Evanston at the Ridgeview hotel for the past year, have returned to their home at 329 Fairview avenue.



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