

North Shore Society Is Deep in Plans for Holidays

"Racketty-Packetty House" Continues During December

BY JEAN TEN BROECK

Hundreds of children flock to the Harris theater Saturday mornings to become delighted spectators at "Racketty-Packetty House" the Junior Leaguers' entrancing production which continues throughout the current month. North Shore children are in its audiences, north shore society girls and young matrons are in its cast.

A special performance of "Racketty-Packetty House" was given Thursday afternoon for the benefit of crippled children. The last performance of the play will be given December 29.

"Treasure Island" will be the league's next production which is scheduled to open January 5, to be given each successive week until February 23, inclusive.

The Junior leaguers already have held several rehearsals of the new production but the cast has not yet been announced. Several of those who have had parts in "Racketty-Packetty House" will take part in "Treasure Island," among whom are Mrs. J. Waller Marshall of Winnetka, and Katherine Adams.

Tickets for the plays may be purchased in advance from Roberta Harvey, 340 Barry avenue, Chicago, or at the box office two weeks in advance.

The Junior league seems, in carrying out its purpose, "To foster interest among its members in the social, economic, educational, civic, and cultural conditions of their community and to make efficient their volunteer service," to make it effective by appealing to children. Its plays are for them, and its Lake Forest book shop is for them.

"The Junior League Theater for Children was started," an announcement states, "in the fall of 1921 by Alice Gerstenberg and Annette Washburne with the purpose of providing amusing and wholesome entertainment for children of all ages. It quickly found its niche in the life of the city and in seven years has increased its following from about 1,000, to 12,000.

"Junior leagues all over the country have taken up the idea and look to Chicago's Children's theater for inspiration and help. In December 1926, the first national Junior League Children's Theater conference was held in Chicago, at which a bureau was established for the purpose of keeping complete records of all plays, hunting up new plays or new books for dramatization, giving information to any league, and arranging for the interchange of scenery and costumes. This bureau has been moved to New York National headquarters and is functioning very efficiently."

All proceeds derived from the Junior league plays go to Junior League charities. Donations for 1927-28, amounting to \$11,200 were divided between eleven charitable institutions.

Officers for the Chicago Junior league for this season are: Sarane Otis, president; Mrs. John V. Farwell, III, first vice-president; Ellen Stuart of Hubbard Woods, second vice-president; Mrs. Lyman Manley Drake, Jr., now of Glencoe, secretary; Mrs. Gardner Hammond, treasurer; Mrs. Lattimer Goodrich, executive secretary.

Directors, Mrs. John L. Cochran, Mrs. John R. Winterbotham, Jr., Mrs. Walter Paepcke, Mrs. Nathan G. Osborne, Mrs. Robert Curtis, Mrs. John C. Hawkins, Miss Dorothy Schmidt, and Miss Helen Bournique of Highland Park.

Mrs. R. Poole Re-Elected Ravinia Opera Club Head

The officers and committee members of the Ravinia Opera club were entertained Monday by Mrs. Leverett Thompson of Lake Forest, vice-president of the club, at an afternoon tea at Onwentsia club.

Mrs. George E. Parker, 200 Linden avenue, presided at a short business meeting during which a discussion of future activities took place.

The nominating committee reported, announcing that Mrs. Ralph Poole of Lake Forest, who is at present in Europe convalescing after a severe illness, will act again as president with practically the same group of officers that served the past year.

Among those present were Miss Isabel Cline of Kenilworth, Mrs. Lester Mee of Wilmette, Mrs. Edward Baumann, Mrs. Robert Ripley, Mrs. Theodore Coyne, Mrs. Roland Whitman, Mrs. Everett Harris of Winnetka, Mrs. J. Williams Macy of Hubbard Woods, and Mrs. George Orr of Glencoe.

Welfare Auxiliary Gives Afternoon Bridge Monday

The Wilmette Junior auxiliary of the Infant Welfare society has invited the members of the senior board and the waiting list to join it at its Christmas fund bridge Monday afternoon, December 17, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the second vice-president, Mrs. A. J. Ruby, 191 Park avenue, Glencoe.

The hostess will be assisted by the other officers of the auxiliary, Mrs. J. W. Shedden, Mrs. E. M. Antrim, Mrs. H. J. Smith, Miss Ella Butz, Mrs. G. H. Redding, Mrs. R. Armstrong, Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Mrs. Roger Williams, Mrs. L. W. Benson, Miss Alice Wheelock, Mrs. William Balhatchet, and Mrs. A. L. Fuller.

Here for Holiday Fetes

Miss Ann Mitchell, daughter of the John Mitchells who were formerly residents of Glencoe but now make their home in Greenwich, Conn., will be here for the holidays and will attend the debuts and balls given by her many north shore friends. She is staying in town with Miss Edwina Litsinger. Miss Jean MacLeish and Miss Elizabeth Knode are also entertaining Miss Dorothy Newton of West Newton, Mass. Miss Newton will stay with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLennan, in the city but will attend all the festivities with Miss MacLeish and Miss Knode.

More Holiday Affairs

Invitations for more social affairs for the younger set were sent out last week including those for a dinner to be given December 26, by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Butler for their sons, Hermon and Francis, previous to the dance which Mr. and Mrs. Francis North of Highland Park are giving for their son, Francis, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barrett will give a dance on the evening of December 27, at their home at 530 Cherry street, in honor of their son, William.

Makes Bow Next Week

Miss Louise Lackner will make her debut on December 23, at a luncheon given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis I. Lackner at Indian Hill club. The following debutantes will assist: The Misses Ellen Stuart, Myra Colburn, Jean MacLeish, Elizabeth Knode, Phoebe Nelson, Beatrice Ripley, Susan Burlingham, Louise Badgerow, Charlotte Picher, and Harriet Leonard.

Gerould-Greeley Wedding Is Taking Place in East

Today, in the east, Miss Margery Gerould of Cambridge, Mass., will become the bride of Joseph May Greeley, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Larned Greeley of 655 Maple avenue. Following the church ceremony at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, a reception will be held in the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Benjamin F. W. Russell, in Brookline, Mass. The bridal attendants are Miss Betsy Gerould, the maid of honor, and Miss Katherine Johnson, Mrs. Richard Gerould, the bridesmaids, and the latter's daughter, the little flower girl.

Benjamin Wood of Waltham is to serve as best man and the ushers are James Murphy of Swamscott, Stephen Heard of Brookline, and Russell Gerould, brother of the bride.

Third Week in December Busy for Vista del Lago

The third week in December at the Club Vista del Lago opens Monday with a luncheon and pivot bridge for members of the club and their guests. Wednesday and Thursday evenings of the same week, respectively, are the occasions of a family dinner bridge and a family dinner. Saturday evening, December 22, will bring the customary dinner dance.

The same schedule is followed this week, with a dinner dance Saturday evening, December 15, concluding its events. The one digression from next week's program occurred Monday when the bridge following the luncheon was a progressive game rather than pivot.

Wellesley Club to Hear Christmas Carols Tuesday

The North Shore Wellesley circle is to have what is always one of its most delightful affairs, its Christmas meeting which, again this year, as in seasons past, is to be held in the home of Mrs. Irwin Rew, 217 Dempster street, Evanston. The singing of carols and Christmas music will commence at 3:15 o'clock, and tea will be served at the close of the program.

Club Dance Saturday

Tomorrow evening the fourth of the series of eight subscription dances given as a benefit by the ways and means committee of the Woman's club of Wilmette takes place at the club house. The affairs are in charge of Mrs. Earle D. Lyon of Wilmette and are for the purpose of raising money for the club building fund.

Welfare Board Meets

The Wilmette Senior board of the Infant welfare society met for a day of sewing Monday at the home of Mrs. J. B. Marshall in Wilmette. During the afternoon the regular monthly meeting took place.

Luncheon Hostess

Mrs. George D. Richards entertained at luncheon and bridge Thursday December 6, at her home in Deerfield in honor of Mrs. Mortimer B. Skinner of Wilmette.

Plans Children's Party

Children of members of the Southern Woman's club of Chicago are to have a party of their own on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 27, in the East room of the Hotel LaSalle, at 2 o'clock. An attractive program is being arranged for the little guests.

Dance Guape Brings Suggestion of Paris to Kenilworth Club

BY P. H.

Every once in a while some one who has charge of the affairs of the Kenilworth Club attempts some novel and unique idea in the way of entertainment. It is difficult to arrange card parties, either bridge or Military euchre, in any but the usual way and it takes a clever hostess to plan a luncheon or dinner which is "different".

On last Friday evening the two hostesses, Mrs. DeWitt Stillman and Mrs. Jacques de la Chapelle, together with their respective husbands presented a "Dance Guape" — Soiree Parisienne, and it was a real French dinner dance. Even the orchestra appearing in smocks and French berets giving the appearance of the Latin quarter of Paris.

Those in charge had gone to no end of trouble to decorate the rooms of the club with French posters and over the door of the way to the dining room was the large sign "Au Rat Mort." The tables were laid with red and white checked oil cloth and the only lighting in the room came from candles of all sizes, shapes, and colors, stuck in old French wine bottles.

"Red Wine" had been announced so the two head waiters, the hosts of the soiree during the evening brought in two big wash tubs filled with cracked ice and old wine bottles filled with a red claret punch. It caused a great deal of merriment.

A real French dinner was served, some of the courses having been prepared at the French restaurant in Chicago. It was a "real" party and very successful.

The following parties are scheduled for December: December 14, supper bridge; December 21, an entertainment; December 28, Young Peoples dance and Children's party; December 31, New Year's Eve dance.

Stutson-Pruden Wedding Takes Place December 27

Thursday, December 27, has been chosen by Miss Elizabeth Stutson as the day of her marriage to Bradlee Pruden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Pruden of DeLand, Fla., formerly of Wilmette. The Rev. J. W. F. Davies of the Winnetka Congregational church will read the service at 7:45 o'clock in the evening in the presence of the two families and a reception will be held between the hours of 8:30 and 10. Both the ceremony and the reception following will take place in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Stutson, 479 Sunset road, Winnetka.

Miss Lorraine Thoms of Winnetka will attend the bride as maid of honor and Paul Schumacher of Cleveland will serve as Mr. Pruden's best man.

Mr. Pruden and his bride will make their home in Cleveland.

Hold Arden Shore Meeting

The Wilmette Arden Shore board held its December meeting Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. Leslie W. Millar in Wilmette. During the day sewing was done for the encampment and plans made for Christmas at the Arden Shore winter camp for undernourished boys.

Luncheon for Bride

Mrs. Carl D. Kelly and Mrs. Alvin E. Bastien will give a luncheon at Mrs. Kelly's home, 35 Indian Hill road, Thursday, January 3, in honor of Mrs. Sturtevant Hinman, an autumn bride.