



MISS MURIEL WILLIAMS, WHO HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM NEW YORK

INvariably the week prior to Christmas is an exceptionally dull one, owing to the all engrossing preparations for the Yuletide, the few affairs during the past week being confined to home-coming dinners and social events among immediate relatives. It is truly the week devoted to family affairs, and social doings have their existence only in functions that have an immediate bearing on home ties. The sale of the Christmas and New Year's stamps has had a marked impetus during the past week, and many prominent people are devoting their time to its promotion. Of the coming events may be noted the Fortnightly Club dance, to be given at Murlark Hall on December 25; and the dinner dance at Hill Military Academy, to be given by Joseph Adams Hill and Major G. C. von Eglloffstein. On New Year's night the Intercollegiate from the Portland students of the Pacific Coast colleges will be of interest. On January 2 the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, of the University of Oregon, will give a dancing party at the Portland Heights Club, followed by the second dance at Murlark Hall of the other Fortnightly Club. The second of the Academy Club dances will be given on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Hunt Lewis has cards out for a reception to be given on New Year's evening at her home on Nineteenth and Flinders streets.

Mrs. Henry Ladd Corbett left last week for New York, where she will spend a month visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reese Hoyt.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Russell and daughter Nan are spending the holidays at Nice.

On today's page appears a portrait of Miss Muriel Williams, who has recently returned from a five months' visit in New York, where she was the recipient of much attention, and social courtesies. While in New York Miss Williams also studied vocal music and made her first appearance before a Portland audience when she sang Rotoli's Ave Maria in D at the Pro-Cathedral on last Sunday morning. Miss Williams has a charming lyric soprano voice, and her friends are enthusiastic regarding its possibilities.

Mrs. Samuel Kerr is contemplating a journey to her old home in Melbourne, Australia. She will sail from Victoria, B. C., in the latter part of January, taking her baby daughter Isabel with her.

An engagement that is causing much pleasant comment is that of Miss Sara Jean Winans, daughter of W. P. Winans, president of the Farmers Savings Bank at Walla Walla, Wash., to George Leroy Converse, a Lieutenant in the Fourteenth Cavalry. Miss Winans is a graduate of the class of 1904 at St. Helen's Hall, and is socially popular in Portland as well as in her home city. She was a bridesmaid at Miss Harriet Ankeny's wedding last month.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Clerin were dinner hosts on Monday, December 14, in honor of Dr. Charles H. Bloor, of Everett, Wash., who is recently of Seward Peninsula, Alaska. Covers were laid for eight. Those asked were Dr. and Mrs. George B. Van Waters, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Swanton, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Clerin and Miss Clerin.

Miss Frances Gill has arrived from Berkeley, Cal., and will spend the holidays at home.

Of interest is the second Academy Club dance, which will be given Wednesday evening at Murlark Hall. The patronesses will be: Mrs. William Ladd, Mrs. Zeta Snow, Mrs. T. B. Wilcox, Mrs. Charles H. Caro, Mrs. Da-

last week was that given by Mrs. John Rittenhouse Stephens for her small son Rockwell Rittenhouse Stephens. The party was given on Wednesday evening and 16 small guests were asked in. The decorations were typical of the season with holly and greens, and the feature of the evening was the beautiful big Christmas tree which stood in an enclosure on the balcony, and from which presents and favors were given to each guest. Downstairs the tots participated in marbles and dancing, with games and music. Besides the hostesses present were: Stephanie Strain, Marcella Carlock, Mary Gill, Peggy Levinson, Nan Montgomery, Gerri Seelack, Maud Montague, Randolph Bingham, Herbert Wilcox, Eric Cranston, Harold Rafferty, Richard Montgomery, Alex. Bell, Ben Reed, Leland Fenton and George Bronaugh.

On Thursday afternoon Bishop M. C. Harris, of Japan, was host at a handsomely appointed luncheon at the Portland Hotel. The decorations were of white and green, and the centerpiece at table was an asparagus fern of luxurious growth set in a large Japanese brazier. Bishop Harris' guests were Bishop Smith, who has just arrived from Pittsburg, and has taken up his work and residence here, Dr. Rader, Dr. T. L. Elliot, Mr. Y. Numano, the Japanese Consul, Mr. Iwayo, the Vice-Consul, and Dr. C. R. Templeton. Bishop Harris has on two separate occasions been honored by the Emperor, with a decoration, first in 1905 and later in 1907. The decorations are similar to honors conferred by English knight-hood.

Mrs. T. L. Elliot was the honor guest at a dinner given by P. P. Ostrom, in Eugene, last Friday evening. Mrs. Elliot remained in Eugene until Saturday, when she continued her trip to San Francisco, where her son, S. E. Elliot, is to be married on the 25th to Miss Elsa von Manderheid.

Miss Elics Elmore, who has been the guest of Mrs. Guy W. Talbot, has returned to Astoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Blesinger will take their departure in January for a trip in Southern California.

Mrs. John Gill and her daughter, Miss Elsa Gill, are contemplating an extensive tour through Honolulu and the neighboring islands, and will make their departure shortly after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lauer left on last Sunday for Los Angeles to take up their residence.

Mrs. George Boschke, accompanied by her small children, George and Elizabeth, left on Friday for California. Mr. Boschke is spending the Yuletide season with Miss Marguerite Boschke, who is attending Miss Mason's school at Ferrytown-on-the-Hudson. Miss Boschke and her father will visit in Concord, N. H.; Boston, and other cities, where she will be a guest at several house parties.

Miss Annie Blanche Shelby, who had planned to leave for California after the holidays, has postponed her departure until the middle or latter part of January.

On New Year's eve the members of the Portland Heights Club will be entertained by a watch party. Owing to the incompleteness of the bowling alley, the original plans of the club to hold a formal opening and reception to the public on New Year's day, has been abandoned. On Tuesday evening the Christmas tree party will be given, and the little folk are anticipating a gay time. A feature of the entertainment will be the Punch and Judy show given by William J. Stanley. The hostesses will be: Mrs. R. J. Marsh, Mrs. Richard J. Grace, Mrs. C. C. Holt, Mrs. M. C. Banfield and Mrs. A. A. Dekum.

Mrs. May Dearborn Schwab has returned from a recent visit in Seattle with Mrs. Francis Hanlon. During her stay she was the recipient of much attention and was the motif for a large luncheon given by her hostess. Later Mrs. Schwab participated in the musical festival given in Tacoma for the stadium fund benefit. Many flattering notices have been received relative to Mrs. Schwab's appearance and there was much interest manifested in her singing. She gave a number of rose songs, which received enthusiastic applause.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Thompson entertained at their beautiful new home on Portland Heights with a dinner party on Christmas day, asking in Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Templeton with Charles and Marguerite Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Shanon and their children, Ruth and Margaret.

A dancing party is to be given by the Portland lodge of Elks at Murlark Hall, on Tuesday evening, December 26. The committee consists of C. C. Bradley, T. J. Swivel, A. E. Krull, C. E. McDonell, H. Pellitz, W. I. Harris, Dr. T. L. Perkins, Guy Haines, and the patronesses for the occasion will be Mrs. J. B. Coffey, Mrs. G. C. Moser, Mrs. W. R. Apperson.

The Kitchen Garden of the People's Institute will be entertained on Monday afternoon at the handsome residence of Miss Frances Lewis, at Ninth and Gillson. The children's ages range from 9 to 12 years, and form a very interesting class. Those who are instrumental in arranging the party are Miss Mildred Nichols, Miss Louise Carey, Miss Effie Houghton, and Mrs. Samuel Kerr. There will be a tree and a gala time for the youngsters.

Miss Clara Petra Woid arrived Tuesday evening from Eugene, to spend the holidays with her sisters at Elton Court.

One of the delightful holiday affairs of last week was a red luncheon given at the Portland Hotel by Dr. Joseph Casey, of the First Infantry, stationed at Vancouver Barracks, complimentary to Miss Rose Stahl, the distinguished actress, and James H. Morrison, of Miss Stahl's company. The table was decorated with masses of poinsettias and the appointments were handsome in the extreme. Dr. Casey's guests were: Miss Stahl, Mrs. Cleveland Rockwell, Mrs. J. V. Bounstef, of Los Angeles; Miss Levia Shannon, of the Stahl company; Captain and Mrs. Knight, of Miss Stahl's company; Mr. Estery, of Philadelphia, of Vancouver Barracks, and Mr. Morrison.

Of interest is the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Norcross and Henry M. Esterly, which will be solemnized at the residence of Mrs. Harriet K. McArthur, on Wednesday, December 20. Miss Norcross, who is a Bryn Mawr girl, and who has been twice abroad, has for several years been a popular instructor in German at the Portland Academy. She is a daughter of Rev. George Norcross, of Carlisle, Pa. Mr. Esterly is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and also of the law school there. He is president of the Juvenile Improvement Association, of which organization Miss Norcross is secretary and treasurer. The service will be a very simple one, Dr. J. R. Wilson reading the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Butterfield with their sons Albert and George, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Scott and son, Herbert, are spending the holidays at the Butterfield ranch "The Maples" at Deer Island. Miss Lois Scott and Miss Greata Butterfield, who are attending the James Milken University at Decatur, Ill., did not return home for the holidays. Miss Scott is a guest at the home of her uncle, Dr. Taylor in Decatur and Miss Butterfield is spending the season with Mrs. Walter Turner, at Pana, Ill.

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