

Society News and Club Affairs

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Engagement Told In University Circles

The annual Christmas party of the Alpha Phi Alpha sorority proved to be harboring a secret that when told gave university circles a surprise Wednesday evening.

Miss Helen Styles, president of the sorority, announced her engagement to A. Lars Nelson, graduate of Willamette university with the class of 1931 and now in Syracuse university on a fellowship in political science.

The dinner party is an annual affair and all members of the sorority house and town members were present Wednesday night. Tables were centered with holly and red tapers. Christmas cards were programs given the toast of the dinner hour, for which Mrs. George H. Alden was toastmistress.

Responses were given by Miss Helen Hanke on "The Star," Miss Bernice Rickman on "The Three Wise Men," Miss Edith Glasys on "The Manger," and Miss Lucile Summerlin on "The Other Wise Man."

The announcement came with the dessert course. Tiny pieces of paper containing the names of the betrothed were tightly rolled, wrapped in red paper and placed in the center of individual cakes. They appeared to be candles until investigated and when unwrapped displayed the surprise.

The gift to the house was also presented following the engagement announcement and telegrams from absent members were read.

Miss Styles, who is now a senior, has been an active member of university circles all through school. She is president of her sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha; vice-president of the student body, and is president of Theta Alpha Phi, in addition to having majored in French and taken part in many other school activities.

Mr. Nelson is affiliated with the Alpha Psi Delta fraternity. No date has been set for the wedding.

Willamette Will Sing Carols Tonight

Tonight Christmas carols will ring in the chapel of Waller hall when Willamette university students under the direction of the Pep club of the university will gather to celebrate the annual Christmas sing.

In former years the glee clubs of the school have taken over the Christmas caroling, but this year a bit different program is being planned. The chapel has been decorated for the occasion with small fir trees and greens. Miss Betty Boylan and her committee and members of the Cubs and the Blue Key had charge of the decorating.

The program will begin at 7:15 o'clock. The Y. M. C. and the Y. W. C. A. will have vesper services as a part of the program and at this time Prof. J. T. Matthews will speak.

Miss Helen Styles will give a reading, accompanied at the organ by Miss Merlan Armitage. Miss Marjorie Winder and Miss Jeanette Scott will present violin duets, and there will be group singing of many old carols and Christmas songs dear to the heart through long years of yuletide tradition.

To this service any interested townsperson is invited, together with all the university people.

Refreshments and a social hour concluded the pleasant evening. Mrs. Lynn Cronemiller and Mrs. W. F. Fargo assisted Mrs. F. G. Franklin in serving.

Prof. and Mrs. William Lawrence of Corvallis, Prof. and Mrs. Lawrence Zilman, and Mrs. J. M. Devers were additional guests for this evening.

Members present were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clifford, Dr. and F. G. Franklin, Dr. Mary Rowland, Miss Grace Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. J. C. Nelson, Miss Renska Swart, Mrs. Lynn Cronemiller, Miss Lucy Higgins, Mrs. Robert Paulus, Mrs. Jessie Singleton, and Mrs. Ora F. McIntyre.

Writers' Section Presents Work

An excellent presentation of work was enjoyed by the writers section of the Salem Arts League Tuesday night when it met at the home of Mrs. Claudius Thayer in her home, Willamette Lodge.

To be a member in good standing in this group it is necessary to contribute regularly some piece of original work. Tuesday night much material in verse, prose and a talk by Dr. Carl Holliday, president of the League of Western Writers, the latter by Dr. F. G. Franklin, were given. Dr. Holliday would like to organize a branch of the League in Salem.

Those presenting verse were Mrs. J. C. Nelson, Mrs. Ora F.

McIntyre, Mrs. J. M. Clifford, Miss Renska Swart, Prof. William Lawrence of Corvallis; stories were read by Miss Grace Elizabeth Smith, Dr. Mary Rowland and Mrs. Jessie Singleton.

A special feature of the program was a poem written by the late Claudius Thayer and read by Mrs. F. G. Franklin, leader of the section. J. M. Clifford reviewed the life of Rachel Lindsay and a discussion of his work followed. A display of batik work by Dr. Rowland added interest to the varied program.

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Artisans Plan Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Artisans will be enjoyed by the group tonight in Fraternal temple. Families of the members are invited for the affair.

A program is being planned in which the Junior Artisans will have a part under the direction of Mrs. David Smith. A large Christmas tree will hold presents which

are being exchanged this year. Those in charge of the plans include Mrs. R. O. Kriess, Mrs. E. A. Pruitt, Mrs. Jessie Polle, Mrs. Lenora Barham, Mrs. Joy Turner, Mrs. Lynn Martin, Mrs. Oscar Demore, Mrs. Charles Anderson, Mrs. L. A. Williamson.

Among Salem matrons who have been in Portland this week are Mrs. Ted Chambers, Mrs. Harry Crane, Miss Dorothy Steunloff, Mrs. C. K. Logan, Mrs. John McNary, Mrs. Wallace Carson and Mrs. J. T. Delaney.

All members of the Neighbors of Woodcraft and W. O. W. lodge are urged to attend the potluck dinner which will be given as a home-coming affair Friday night.

Contract Club is Entertained

Mrs. George A. White entertained her contract club at her home Wednesday afternoon. Luncheon with attractive Christmas decorations used for the table, preceded the afternoon of contract.

Mrs. Clarence Keene and Mrs. Romeo Goulet tied for high score and Mrs. Homer Goulet won the consolation prize.

Present were Mrs. William McGilchrist, Jr., Mrs. Margaret LeFur, Mrs. Homer Smith, Mrs. Karl Steiner of Jefferson, Mrs. Clarence Keene, Mrs. Homer Goulet, Mrs. Romeo Goulet and Mrs. White.

Mrs. William McGilchrist, Jr., will be the next hostess.

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Mrs. Carrie Chase Complimented

Mrs. Carrie Chase was the inspiration for a birthday party Monday afternoon which time Mrs. O. Mundingar entertained. Chrysanthemums, and gayly decorated Christmas trees were used for the decorations in the guest rooms. A social afternoon with tea at the close made a happy memory for the birthday of Mrs. Chase. Mrs. Charles Davis gave a group of vocal solos accompanied by Ethel Poling Phelps, Mrs. A. L. Bonnet assisted Mrs. Mundingar at the tea hour.

Guests in compliment to Mrs. Chase were Mrs. Dwight Wyatt of Amity; Mrs. W. J. Winkler, and Mrs. A. L. Bonnet of Vancouver, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Hazelwood, Woodburn; Mrs. Susie Wallace, Mrs. Mabel Burke, Mrs. J. O. Farmer, Mrs. J. B. Scott, Mrs. E. Staiter, Mrs. E. A. Robertson, Mrs. Pauline E. Robertson, Mrs. Charles Davis, and Mrs. Ethel Poling Phelps.

Silverton — Mrs. F. A. Moore and Miss Cathaleene Cuddy entertained the members of the Methodist choir at the home of the former, Monday night. The rooms of the Moore home were beautiful with Christmas greens. The early part of the evening was spent in practice and this was followed by lunch and a social hour.

Present were Mrs. A. W. Klobb, Mrs. Lee Alfred, Mrs. Ray Thomas, Mrs. W. F. Tate, Mrs. F. A. Moore, Mrs. Robert Goets, Mrs. Roubel, Mrs. F. E. Sylvester, Miss Elaine Clower, Mrs. Edson Comstock, Mrs. Fred Baker, Miss Cuddy, Mr. Cain, H. E. Sprick, I. B. Alfred, A. H. Smith, B. J. Day, and Fred Baker.

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