

New Year's Parties Will Bid Adieu to 1931 and Greet 1932 Thursday

Wedding Bells and Christmas Bells Have Rung in Happy Unison

June be the months of brides then Christmas has set apart a week which runs high competition to the celebrated spring month. Weddings and announcements have kept people busy entertaining and buying just the sort of wedding present which will suit the taste of the bride-elect.

Among those to announce have been Miss Helen Stiles, senior in Willamette university and member of the Alpha Phi Alpha sorority. She announced at the annual Christmas dinner celebrated at the sorority just before the members left for holiday vacations. She will marry A. Lars Nelson, the date not yet being announced.

Christmas Concert Will be Presented

One of the anticipated programs of today will be the sacred Christmas concert to be given by the choir of the First Christian church, the Salem Madrigal club, and the Salem Civic Male chorus under the direction of Prof. E. W. Hobson.

Oak Point Club Enters State Federation

Oak Point — Independence Rural Woman's club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Edwara Harnsberger in Salem.

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Miss Helen Prang also announced her engagement at an attractive bride party this past week. Miss Prang, member of the department of music in Parrish junior high school, will marry Lester Beck of Providence, R. I. The date has not yet been announced.

Dinner Dance Pretty Weekend Affair

A group of maids from the younger crowd entertained with a party dinner at the Gray Belle Saturday night followed this with a dancing party in the attractive Silver Grille room of the Gray Belle.



In compliment to the season of "special occasions", when happiness and good will and merry-making run riot, when visiting is the order of the day and surprises fill the air, in compliment to this season we present two maids whose activities symbolize two of the features of this Christmas season. Miss Helen Stiles, left, like many other maids at this Christmas, has just announced her engagement to A. Lars Nelson. Miss Stiles is a popular senior in Willamette university and a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha sorority.—Portrait by Kennel-Ellis.

Miss Francis Sande, right, also a popular member of one of the younger circles in Salem social life, is among the many people enjoying the holidays in visiting afar. Miss Sande is in San Francisco and expects to return this weekend.—Portrait—Gunnell-Robb.

Hilarity Club Has Party Series

MEMBERS of the Hilarity club have celebrated the month of December with a series of three parties which was concluded Tuesday with a card afternoon at the home of Mrs. Louis Lorenz in compliment to Mrs. Leon Hansen.

Guests Gather From Many Places

Christmas time is one of the great inspirations for family reunions and the members of the family of Mrs. F. D. Cornett answered the urge in a happy manner.

Card Afternoon Compliments Guest

MISS VIRGINIA HOLT, who is spending the holidays from Oregon State college at her home in Salem, entertained in compliment to her house guest, Miss Margaret Zimmerman of Portland, Saturday afternoon.

Silver Tea Will be Observed Tuesday

An attractive affair planned for Tuesday is the silver tea being sponsored by the East Division of the Ladies Aid of the First Presbyterian church at the home of Mrs. C. A. Sprague, 425 North 14th street.

Mid-Winter Meet Will be Discussed

A meeting to which all high school Girl Reserves are urged to come, is being called for Monday at 10:30 o'clock at the Y. W. C. A. special rooms, by Mrs. Theresa Ulrich, president of the group.

Carol Singing Ends At Bouffet Supper

One of the delightful Christmas affairs was the "caroling party" arranged by about 25 members of the Young People's Forum of the First Methodist church, Christmas eve. A number of homes were visited and carols were sung. Then the group returned to the home of J. Burton Crary where a festive bouffet supper was served.

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Miss Lois Steinke was in charge of the plans and also sang the soprano lead in the carols. Ronald Craven, tenor; R. D. Barton, bass; and Hazel Shultz, contralto, took prominent parts in the chorus.

New Year's Throws Its Spell Over Salem Society for This Week

NEW YEAR'S has a charm all its own. Dancing and fun, carnival and frolic rush the old year on its way without mercy for either the good or ill it has done and the new year is greeted with anticipation even though past anticipations have proven false in the years back.

So with this week there is planning and there are parties manifold. Among the smartest parties is the Subscription club dance which will be New Year's eve at the Masonic temple. Many out of town guests will be present for this annual affair. A large no host dinner among others will precede the dance.

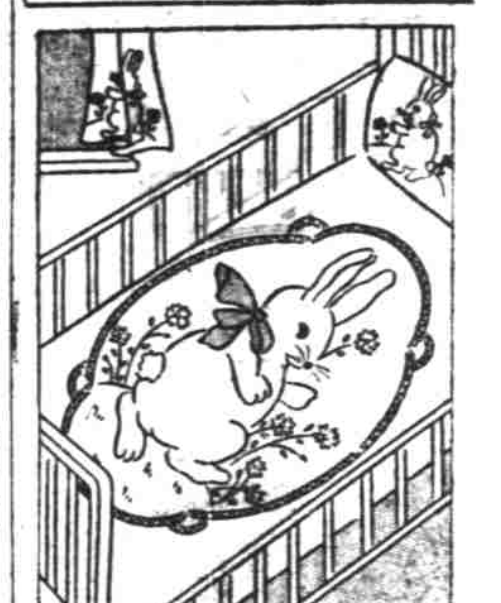
The Tillicum Dance Club Will Sponsor a Formal Dance

New Year's eve at the Marion hotel. This will be preceded with dinner parties and guests will also enjoy this festive occasion with the club members.

Christmas Busy Time in Silverton

Silverton — Family reunions and parties were the order during Christmas time. Progress at various churches and the big community program held on the afternoon of Christmas Day were also features.

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Annual Party Planned Wednesday

Each year, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Pound entertain members of the Leslie Can Do class of the Leslie Methodist church at their home with a Christmas party. Dr. Pound is teacher of the class. This year the party will take place Wednesday night.

Writers' Club Will Have Extra Meeting

As a special occasion, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lawrence of Corvallis, new members of the writer's club, will be hosts to the club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Clifford Thursday night.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

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By E. V. SHEPARD

Leading Partner's Suit.

Both against trump and no-trump declarations ordinarily it is wise to assume that a suit considered worth bidding by your partner should be better to lead than your own suit that was not worth bidding. I continually see games lost needlessly at no-trumps because senior is short of his partner's suit and will not make an opening lead of it, although his own suit is markedly inferior.

Against trump declarations you may first lay down a winning card, such as the K from A-K-J-X, before leading your partner's suit, thus showing how you can help to defeat the contract. Ordinarily at no-trumps you at once lead partner's suit.

Against a trump declaration you had best lead fourth-best, in case you are long in partner's suit, so that he may better know how many cards the declarer holds of that suit. The old idea of leading the top card of partner's suit only holds good when you hold fewer than four. Against no-trumps not only should you lead low from four of partner's suit, but you should lead low from any fair honor (A, K, Q, or even J) that is twice guarded. The following hand shows how such a lead defeated a game contract at no-trumps.

Deal and passed, after which contracting went as follows: A, 1-Diamond; E, 1-Heart; H, 1-Spade; L, pass; A, 2-Diamonds; Y, 2-Hearts; B, 3-No Trumps.

Had I led my top heart, B would have led two to the suit and he would have led a spade, which I would have won, and again I would have led my partner's suit, but two spade tricks, two heart tricks and five diamond tricks would have given B game before my partner could have gained entry with his side ace to run off his good hearts.

As play went, my low heart was won by Y's ace and the 10 was led; my low return was the only heart trick won by B. He had to lead a spade. I won the trick with my ace and led my J of clubs through dummy's K. A p went to partner's ace and back came three good hearts, defeating the contract by three tricks.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

Sunday, December 27

First Christian church choir, assisted by Madrigal club and Salem Civic Male chorus, Christmas concert in church, 7:30 o'clock.

"The Other Wise Man," four-act drama, at First Methodist church, 7:30 o'clock.

Presbyterian choir will repeat concert of last Sunday at 7:30 o'clock.

Monday, December 28

Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, 8 o'clock in Woman's clubhouse; election of trustees for auxiliary.

High school Girl Reserves meet at 10:30 o'clock in Y. W. C. A. rooms to plan mid-winter conference.

Tuesday, December 29

East Division of Presbyterian Ladies Aid society, tea meeting with Mrs. C. A. Sprague, 425 North 14th street; 2:30 o'clock.

Epworth club will meet for regular dinner meeting, 6:15 o'clock in Y. W. C. A.

Wednesday, December 30

Leslie Can Do annual Christmas party at home of Dr. B. F. Pound; election of officers.

Woman's Home Missionary society of First Methodist church, 2:30 o'clock, in church parlors. Mrs. E. E. Gilbert, leader.

Thursday, December 31

Writer's section of Salem Arts League, special meeting, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lawrence at John Clifford home, 1585 Ferry street, 8 o'clock.

North Salem W. C. T. U. will meet at Old People's home between 3 and 4 o'clock; special program will be presented.

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Monmouth — Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mulkey Sr., were hosts to their children and grandchildren at a Christmas dinner served at the Monmouth hotel. Those enjoying the affair were: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mulkey and son Kenneth, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Butler, and the hosts of Monmouth; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mulkey Jr. of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chauvin, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Booth, and daughter Portia and Mrs. Frank Lucas, of Portland; Mrs. Bernice Dinwiddie and sons William and Frank of Oaklawn, Cal., and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bailey of Medford; and Mr. and Mrs. Marjorie French, and son Larry of Stayton. The out of town guests came here for the Butler reunion Christmas eve.

Monmouth — W. B. Egelston celebrated his 56th birthday anniversary December 22. He was born in Mercer county, Mo., in 1875. In 1904 he and Mrs. Egelston came to Monmouth to make their permanent home. A Christmas dinner party was enjoyed at their home Friday with their children as guests: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petrie and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Egelston of Salem.

Miss Gussie Niles, daughter of Mrs. Ida L. Niles, is home from Portland where she is a student in the University of Oregon Medical school. Mrs. Belle Niles Brown, daughter of Mrs. Niles, entertained with a family dinner Christmas day and covers were placed for Mrs. Niles, Miss Gussie Niles, Miss Mary Lola and Miss Elizabeth Brown, and Mrs. Brown. Miss Niles will remain in Salem until January 4.

Miss Merle McKelvey of Seattle, formerly a member of Salem high school staff, is the guest of Miss Carlotta Crowley for the holidays. Several informal affairs are being planned for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ringo of La Grande, former residents of Salem, were the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Simpson.