



Dinner at Bateson Home

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Bateson were hosts for a smartly arranged buffet dinner Friday night at their country place in compliment to a group of their friends.

The buffet table was centered with an arrangement of yellow chrysanthemums and candles. The evening hours were spent informally.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bateson were Cpl. and Mrs. Marion Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Peary T. Buren, Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Stadter, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Fasnacht, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ziesch, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kephart and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morrow.

The Sojourners will meet for a dessert luncheon Thursday afternoon at the Salem Woman's club at one o'clock. Hostesses will be Mrs. Larry Lucas, Mrs. O. K. Beals and Mrs. R. W. Buckles.

The Business and Professional Women's chorus will meet at 8 p. m. tonight with the leader, Mrs. Jessie Bush-Mickelson, 1349 Saginaw street.

Betrothal of Miss Gene Tucker

Miss Gene Tucker's engagement to Mr. Robert C. Comstock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Comstock of Independence, was revealed at an informal party Friday night at the home of the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tucker. The wedding will be an event of February 1.

Miss Tucker is a graduate of Salem high school and is employed at the state industrial accident commission. Her fiancé attended Independence schools and is now with the Salem Alumina plant. He has been discharged from the navy and served in the Pacific for three years.

After an informal evening a late supper was served by the hostess and her mother, Mrs. Arthur Tucker. A winter scene and white candles provided the table centerpiece. Scrolls, tied in pink ribbon and bearing the names of the couple, revealed the betrothal news.

Miss Tucker's guests were Miss Vera Merk, Miss Lois Reidesel, Miss Esther Reidesel, Miss

Toody Schloss, Miss Ruby Friesen, Miss Velma Wickman, Miss Marie Hannegan, Mrs. Douglas Farmer, Mrs. Donald Schaefer and Mrs. Arthur Tucker.



Members of the cast of "The London Murderer" are pictured above in a tense scene at the opening performance on Thursday night at the "Cellar theatre." Left to right are Geraldine Keene, efficient London police lieutenant, Sidney Anne Kromer as Christina Fountaine, Marcia Maple as Jeanne Fountaine and Julie Miller as the maid.

Pictured below are Bill and Karen Ringnald in their play "The Magic Stocking." Characters are themselves played by themselves, with Santa Claus making an appearance too. (Statesman photos).

Drama Department

Premiere of Play Opens Three-Day Performance at Salem Theatre House

Attending the world premiere of a hit play is something even the small city drama critic dreams fondly of.

True, we were only one of the audience in a packed house out at the "Cellar Theatre" on Thursday—but we did attend the opening performance of the hit play "Murder of London" which played a successful run of three performances. And afterwards we met the actor-playwrights, although we neglected to get any autographs.

I suppose you wouldn't compare it exactly to a long run on Broadway, or the playwright-actors to Noel Coward but they wrote the play themselves, and they were the stars in it, and the audience had lots of fun watching.

Three young Fairmount hill personalities collaborating in writing "Murder of London" were Geraldine Keene, Sidney Anne Kromer and Marcia Maple, who had an excellent supporting cast consisting of Julie Miller. Of course Bill Ringnald uttered the sinister lines, "Let's see, where do they keep the silver" with real feeling—but he wasn't exactly the star, he was practically nothing but the shadow of a murderer. He had his innings later.

To Mrs. Marco Ringnald goes credit for directing the little play. She gave enough smoothness to keep up audience interest, all the while retaining the charm of the children's own words and actions.

Geraldine was the dashing lieutenant of the London police force, named Michael O'Shea, as I recall, whose mere presence kept the Fountaine sisters, Jeanne and Christina (Sidney Anne and Marcia) from completely collapsing from fear. The latter two, in whose house one of the murders occurred, sat on a quaint, child-sized davenport or wrung their hands in dismay, every moment believing themselves to be the next victim.

Julie Miller played the adonoid maid with gusto, shaking the crumbs from the table cloth in her mistress' faces, and generally attending to the housework for all the threatened tragedy.

Classic line of the play was uttered when a scream from the kitchen heralded the murder of the cook and one of the Misses Fountaine exclaimed "Oh dear, and servants are so hard to get these days!"

Stick Tricks

Second of the plays was written

figures manipulated. It was a story of gifts and sheep and the Christ child as she can't even read, her mother did the prompting.

We suspect that Mr. Ringnald, who spends time as a Willamette faculty member, contributed many hours to making the attractive little stage in the Ringnald basement corrugated paper, with rough side out, was painted dull black to form overhead drops and side wings. Back drop was a piece of drapery found somewhere and the curtain was once a luscious piece of brocade silk. Lights were manipulated by Leon Bertram from a regular switch marked "footlights," "hood" etc. Catching the interest of the audience before the curtain went up were the lifelike heads of donkey, tiger and fox made of paper, which hung on the walls of the basement.

Incidentally, calling up a parent of one of the youthful playwrights to get a couple of names straightened out, we found that the girls had been so tight lipped about giving out pre-performance secrets the mother didn't know any more than we. First hand information was unavailable—the actors were out playing in a neighbor's yard!

Mr. and Mrs. Garold Simpson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Daniel, on Saturday, January 5 at the Salem General hospital. The little boy's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Simpson of Salem and Mrs. Charles Daugherty of Aberdeen, Wash.



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RESOURCES

Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$115,897,543.74	
U. S. Bonds, including U. S. Gov't Agencies	329,470,833.90	\$445,368,377.64
Municipal Bonds		60,514,309.26
Other Bonds		1,601,115.94
Loans and Discounts		83,404,335.70
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank		300,000.00
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures		2,629,671.99
Other Real Estate		None
Interest Earned		1,965,378.33
Other Resources		195,618.13
Total Resources		595,978,806.99

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 4,500,000.00	
Surplus	5,500,000.00	
Undivided Profits and Reserves	11,706,164.75	21,706,164.75
Reserves Allocated for Taxes, Interest, etc.		696,624.32
Acceptances		None
Interest Collected in Advance		176,097.30
Other Liabilities		182,816.04
Deposits (Excl. of reciprocal bank deposits)		573,217,104.58
Total Liabilities		595,978,806.99

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND

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