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WAS GIVEN A SURPRISE.

Mr. Oscar Porterfield was given a pleasant surprise last evening at his home on East Main street by members of the Lime Kiln club. The affair had been planned to celebrate his birthday anniversary and was most successfully arranged. An elegant dinner in several courses was served at 6 o'clock. After dinner the time was spent socially. The club is composed of a number of men who reside in the East portion of the city. They have given a number of enjoyable social functions this winter.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

The engagement of Miss Ruby M. Gard daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gard of Eaton, O., to Mr. Arthur M. Denham of Laporte, Indiana, has been announced. Both are well known here having been students at Earlham college.

LENTEN SEASON NEAR.

Only few social events of importance are scheduled for this week. This seems rather odd as the Lenten season begins February ninth and hostesses are usually making use of the intervening days.

RETURN ENGAGEMENT.

Only 200 more names are needed to secure a return engagement of the Donelly Prize Welsh choir. Mr. Edward Taylor, who is endeavoring to bring the choir here, has been offered the date of February 8. January 26 two big concerts were given in Indianapolis. They proved to be the most successful concerts ever given under the management of Mr. Taylor. The choir has been re-engaged for another concert in that city Thursday, February 10. Expressions of unbounded admiration and praise of their singing were heard on all sides. If the choir comes to this city next week it will present the following program:

PART I.

Welsh Airs—
(a) "Hob y Deri Dando"....E. Evans
(b) "Scherz Hudol"....E. Evans
(c) "Gwynith Gwyn"....Hy Evans
Choir
"Prologue"—Pagliacci....Leoncavallo
Mr. David Brazell
"Now by Day's Retiring Lamp"....Bishop
Choir

Mrs. Anna Kaminski, Mrs. Ray Robinson and two sons are in Florida for a several weeks visit.

"My Heart at Thy Sweet

Voice".....Saint-Saens

Miss Tydfl Brown

"Fair Land".....Pinsuitt

Miss Elizabeth Hall and Choir

"Prayer Scene"—Le Ville.....Puccini

Mme. Thomas, Messrs. John and

David Brazell

"Gladsome Light".....Sullivan

Choir

PART II.

Welsh Airs—

(a) "Yr Hen Delvyn"....Evans

(b) "Gadlef Morganwg"....Evans

Choir

"Echos"—Duet.....Moir

Misses Hall and Brown

"Old Black Joe".....American

Choir

"Sound of Alarm".....Handel

Mr. W. T. Rees

"Southern Airs".....Arranged

Choir

"Ernani, fly with Me"....Recit.

and Aria.....Verdi

Mme. Thomas

"Hail Bright Abode".....Wagner

Choir

WILL GO TO INDIANAPOLIS.

Miss Pearl Butler, Miss Hazel Rees, Miss Ruth Goebel of Greenfield, Ind., who are attending Earlham college and Miss Hazel Thomas will go to Indianapolis Friday with the Earlham delegation to attend the oratorical contest. They will spend Saturday and Sunday in Greenfield. Miss Thomas will be the guest of Misses Mable and Elsie Felt while there.

ARE IN FLORIDA.

Mrs. Anna Kaminski, Mrs. Ray Robinson and two sons are in Florida for a several weeks visit.

A GUEST HERE.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Frankel have been entertaining Mrs. Frankel's sister, Mrs. Riegelman of Milwaukee.

CLUB NOTES

CLUB EVENTS FOR TODAY.

Pure food exhibit given by Domestic Science association.

Woman's organization of the First Baptist Church is meeting with Mrs. Goodwin.

Penny club is meeting with Mrs.

Morris Renk at her home on South Second street.

Mrs. R. M. Lacey is hostess for a meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society of Grace Methodist Church.

Mrs. Harry Ladd is hostess for a meeting of the Good Cheer club.

West Side Aid Society of the First Christian Church is meeting with Mrs. Coffman, of North Seventh street.

Wednesday Evening Assembly meets this evening.

Foreign Missionary Society of First M. E. Church is meeting with Mrs. McFall.

A social will be given this evening by the Young Men's Biblical Class of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

SHEEPSHEAD CLUB.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Klute were host and hostess for a meeting of the Sheepshead club last evening at their home on South Fourteenth street. The game was played at several tables. Favors were given to Mr. Geo. Reid and Mrs. Edward Cooper. At the close of the evening's festivities a luncheon was served. In two weeks Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cooper will entertain the club at their home on South Twelfth street.

AID SOCIETY MEETING.

The Ladies Aid society of the East Main Street Friends church will meet Thursday afternoon in the Endeavor room. A good attendance of members is desired as matters of importance will be considered.

WILL GIVE SOCIAL.

A social will be given Thursday evening by the Young People's society of the St. John's Lutheran church at the hall on South Fourth street. A program will be given.

AID SOCIETY TO MEET.

The Ladies Aid society of the United Brethren church will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. L. Reid at her home, 2231 East Main street. The session will be in the nature of a business meeting.

AFTERMATH SOCIETY.

Miss Penhalig Moorman was hostess for a meeting of the Aftermath society Tuesday afternoon at her home on South Sixteenth street. A large number of the members were in attendance and the meeting was a most enjoyable one. "England's Debt to Gladstone" was the subject for a paper read by Mrs. N. H. Hutton. "Kippen" "Beyond the Path of the Outmost Sun" was read by Miss Mary A. Stubbs. One of the pleasant features of the afternoon's program was the paper read by Mrs. Stephens, entitled "Bournville, an Ideal English Community." She told in part of the founding and the purpose of this village near Birmingham, by the great English firm of chocolate manufacturers, the Cadburys. Mrs. Stephens was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cadbury when she was in England.

In two weeks Mrs. Arthur Murray entertains the society.

MRS. FOX HOSTESS.

Mrs. George Fox will be hostess for a meeting of the Aid society of the Reid Memorial hospital Thursday afternoon at her home 128 South Fifteenth street. The meeting will be called at two-thirty o'clock.

GENEVA CLUB MET.

The Geneva club was entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Mary Finch at her home on North Thirteenth street. Point euchre was played at several tables. Mrs. John Youngflesh, Mrs. Harmon Wierhake and Mrs. Cocoran were given the favors.

CONGENIAL TWELVE CLUB.

Members of the Congenial Twelve Whist club met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. E. R. Stover at her home on South Eighth street. Favors were given to Mrs. Howard Townsend and Mrs. Edward Klute. Mrs. Ira Brubaker was guest for the afternoon.

In two weeks Mrs. Webb Pyle will entertain the club. After the game yesterday a lunch was served.

PLEASURE SEEKERS.

Mrs. Will Klopp will entertain the "Pleasure Seekers" Thursday afternoon at her home, 510 South Tenth street. All members are invited to be present.

LADY MACCABEES.

The Lady Macabees will meet Thursday evening in regular review in the Odd Fellows' hall. Election of officers will be held at this time. Refreshments will be served.

MUSIC STUDY CLUB.

A meeting of the Music Study club was held this morning in the Starr Piano parlors. The time was devoted to the study of the Sonata, Mrs. C. H. Hunt having charge of the program. Illustrations were given by Miss Elsie Hawke, Mrs. Milton Elrod and Miss Elizabeth Hasemeyer. Wednesday evening, February ninth, an open meeting of the club will be held. Mrs. Downing will present the program at this time.

AID SOCIETY TO MEET.

The Ladies Aid society of the First English Lutheran church will meet Thursday afternoon in the church parlors. A good attendance of members is desired.

GROUND IS BROKEN

Ground was broken last week for the new foundry addition to the American Seeding Machine Company's plant. The work will be rushed so that 140 moulders and their assistants may be added to the force as soon as possible.

Economy.
Husband—Have you done your best to economize this month, Mary, as I requested?

Wife—Oh, yes! I spoke to the grocer, the butcher and the landlord and got them to put off their bills until next month.—Illustrated Bits.

CRAPS FAVORITE OF STREET BOYS

Neighborhood Workers Gather Figures to Prove It Most Popular.

ROLLER SKATING IS NEXT

RESEARCH DEVELOPS FACT THAT YOUNGSTERS FIND MOST SPORT IN CONTESTS THAT ARE PROHIBITED.

New York, Feb. 2.—Of all the games played on the streets of this city, craps ranks first and foremost, claiming not only more adherents than any other one sport among the children, but actually having more than tag, chalk games, ball, and "old cat" all put together.

This statement is not the imagination of some anti-gambling crusader, but from facts and figures found by the Neighborhood Workers' association as the result of an investigation covering nearly 10,000 children in all parts of the city. This association includes not only practically all settlement houses, non-sectarian or denominational, but many of the other institutions which meet the youngsters at first hand. The figures, however, were not gathered by the adult members of the association, but by children themselves, only too proud and glad to be called upon to do it.

Was Simply Planned.

The experiment was very simply planned. A certain number of children were supplied by each member of the association, and routes were laid out covering many sections of the city, east and west sides included, both up town and downtown. Each child was furnished with a record book and pencil and sent along a certain route for the space of one hour. During that time the boy or girl was set down all the different kinds of games met with along the route, and the number of children playing in each group.

Naturally, the analyzing and summarizing was done by the grown-ups, and here is the result: Out of a total of 9,666 youngsters recorded, 1,951 were playing craps, 1,851 were roller skating, 1,677 were playing with fire cans, 809 were shooting marbles, 718 were busy at the street form of football, while 701 were sufficiently outlandish to be riding bicycles. Tag claimed 674, while 464 were doing "hop, skip and jump" or some other variation of the chalk games. Ball, the great American game, had only 411 followers, unless the 406 "old cat" players can be included in the same group.

Not the least interesting point of the list is the fact that more than 40 percent of the players were indulging in illegal sport, and were consequently liable to arrest. Craps, of course, comes under the ban of the law simply as a gambling game, for it does not interfere with traffic, isn't noisy, requires but little space, and doesn't do any damage to property, unless the transfer of pennies from one pocket to another may be counted as such. Bonfires and fire cans are forbidden, lest holes be burned in the city's asphalt, while shiny, "old cat," and ball are prohibited, lest near-by windows be smashed or citizens struck.

But apparently as long as boys are

boys fire cans and ball will flourish,

and as long as craps remains both

convenient and exciting it is likely to

remain king of street games, city ordinances to the contrary notwithstanding.

Howard Bradstreet of the Parks and

Playgrounds association figures that

more money changes hands in the

Sunday crap games than finds its way

into the weekly collection plates of

all the Sunday schools of the city put together.

Mrs. Austin's famous pancakes

make a hearty, wholesome breakfast.

Fresh supply now at your grocer's.

Discovery of Coal in Wales.

During the reign of Henry VIII. many attempts were made to discover coal in north Wales, and a Shrewsbury man named Richard Gardner was the only person who succeeded. The old records read: "He attempted and put into prove to fynde out coles about the towne (Shrewsbury) in soondry placyds and in one place especilly called Emanette Haye, hard by the sayd towne, he found by his great diligence and trobail great store of see cole, the which is lyke to come much commody, bothe to the riche and poore, that he is not only worthy of commandacon and mayntenance, but also to be had in remembrance for ever."—Cardiff Western Mail.

There should be no more doubt about the rapid cure of rheumatism, no fears of the fatal termination of treacherous kidney disease or dropsy.

Rheumatism means nothing more nor less than that your kidneys do not work properly. Your blood passes through the kidneys hundreds of times a day to be filtered and purified. When the kidneys are weak, the poisons are not taken out of the blood as they should be. This leads to various diseases, such as rheumatism, terrible Bright's disease, diabetes, dropsy and bladder trouble.

The new guaranteed treatment is Dr. Derby's Kidney Pills. One day's use of them will prove their remarkable effect. M. T. Ridener of Lima, Ohio, says: "When I feel bad in my back, I just take a couple of Derby's Kidney Pills and get immediate relief."

If you have rheumatism anywhere, back pains, cloudy, foul urine, pains in the bladder, Bright's disease or diabetes, put your whole confidence in Dr. Derby's Kidney Pills, and you will not be disappointed.

Dr. Derby's Kidney Pills are sold at all drug stores—90 pills—10 days' treatment—25 cents, or we will send them direct from the laboratory of Derby Medicine Co., Dept. 12, Eaton Rapids, Mich., prepaid if you wish. If you want to try them first, just tell your druggist to give you a free sample package.

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MARGARET CULVER
DIED LAST NIGHT

One of the Oldest and Best Known Women and Most Highly Respected.

SHE SUFFERED LONG TIME

AGED WOMAN DIED AT THE HOME OF HER DAUGHTER, MRS. HENRY U. JOHNSON—FUNERAL WILL BE THURSDAY.

After having attained the very advanced age of 96 years, Mrs. Margaret C. Culver died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry U. Johnson, 39 South Fifteenth street, last evening at about 8:30 o'clock. Death followed a long illness.

In the death of Mrs. Culver, Richmond loses one of its oldest and most highly respected citizens. Lovable and kind in disposition, ever thoughtful of those who were near and dear to her, the beautiful character of this old lady is an inspiration to all and her memory is cherished by her many intimate friends. She was a prominent member of the Grace M. E. Church, and until recent years took an active interest in affairs pertaining to religion. Until the time of her death the deceased had always made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Johnson, wife of the well known attorney, Edwin Culver, died many years ago.

Mrs. Culver is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Johnson. There are several grandchildren, including Niram Johnson, superintendent of the Municipal light