



One of the notable events of the season will be the dance which will be given at the Zem Zem Shrine club Friday evening for Shriners and their families. The affair will be informal and there will be special music for the dance. The committee in charge of the party is composed of the following persons: Harry Cowles, Theodore Chester, Stanley Smith, Will Edmondson, Richard Holzapfel, Fred Meek, Fred Mahret, Dr. Squire and Frank Benn.

A service will be held by the Spiritualist church of Truth in its hall on South Seventh street Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mrs. Raymond Crouch was pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening at her home, 314 Randolph street, the affair being in honor of her birthday. The time was spent informally and a luncheon was served. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Russell McMinn, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Koski, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Black, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Blunk, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crouch, Mrs. Leslie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baker, Masters Winfield Williams, Carl Raymond Crouch and Little Miss Mary Louise McMinn.

Mrs. Lon Grice was hostess to the Lawton club Wednesday afternoon at her home on Main street. The time was spent in needlework, and plans were discussed for the market to be held Feb. 4. Later refreshments were served. Those present were: Mrs. Roy Reynolds, Mrs. Ferdinand Yedding, Mrs. William Schneider and daughter, Dorothy; Mrs. Albert Kenepohl, Mrs. Joseph Mangold, Mrs. Ira M. Tucker, Mrs. Conrad Weist, Mrs. Charles Muegel and daughter, Colleen; Mrs. Carl Wadman, Mrs. Benjamin Heithaus, Mrs. Richard Jones, Mrs. Gilbert Hennigar, and Mrs. Lon Grice. The next meeting will be held in a fortnight with Mrs. Benjamin Heithaus at her home on South Seventh street.

Mrs. I. Esmacher entertained informally for the Earlam Heights Dorcas society Wednesday afternoon at her home on Easthaven avenue. Twelve persons were present. Refreshments were served by the hostess following the business session. The next meeting of the society will take place Feb. 22, at which time Mrs. Reese Mitchell will be hostess at her home on Charles avenue.

Mrs. William Patterson was hostess to the Tirzah club when it was entertained at cards Wednesday afternoon at the club. After routine business cards were played at three tables, favors going to Mrs. William Schultz, Mrs. Cora Elter and Mrs. Morgan. Later refreshments were served. Among those present were: Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. R. R. Robinson, Mrs. Cora Elter, Mrs. Emma Englebert, Mrs. Benjie Robinson, Mrs. Badi, Mrs. William Schultz, Mrs. William Patterson, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Anna Hale. Mrs. William Jones will be hostess to the club when it meets next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the club.

A homecoming banquet and entertainment was held at Garfield school Wednesday evening attended by present and former teachers of the school. Covers at dinner were laid for 55 persons. Miss Margaret Kiff, chairman of the social committee, acted as toastmistress. Speeches were given and four groups of the guests sang original songs written especially for the occasion.

Dinner reservations for the Country club Saturday evening must be made sometime Friday, it is announced.

The Ladies' Aid of the Science Church of Spiritualists will hold its meeting Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Red Men's hall. All members are asked to be present.

The Ladies' auxiliary, Sons of Veterans, of William P. Benton camp, met at the court house Tuesday afternoon. One candidate was present. At the next meeting there will be a work followed by a program in commemoration of McKinley's birthday. Lunch will be served by the entertainment committee. All members are urged to come.

The Women's Benefit association of the Maccabees met the L. O. O. F. hall and installed the following officers for 1922: Mrs. Margaret Bessellman, commander; Mrs. Nevada Adams, lieutenant commander; Mrs. Florence Mitchell, past commander; India Partlow, record keeper; Carrie Timberlake, collector; Elizabeth Surritt, sergeant; Marie Cromer, chaplain; Mrs. Mayne Morrow, sentinel; Mrs. Laura Anspaugh, piper. The installing officer was Mrs. Laura Anspaugh.

The Women's Benefit association of the Maccabees will meet Friday evening in the L. O. O. F. hall. After a short business session the evening will be turned over to the Recreation club. Mrs. Roll Hamilton will be the leader. All children and their parents are invited to come and spend the evening. There will be no charges for anything.

The picnic supper which the Westminster Guild class of the First Presbyterian church was to hold Thursday evening has been postponed until further notice, it is announced.

The market which the Spanish-American Ladies' auxiliary will hold Saturday, Feb. 4, will be held at Weiss's Furniture store instead of the American Trust and Savings bank.

Circle One of the First M. E. church will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. Nichols at her home on the National Road West at 1 o'clock to quill. A large attendance is desired.

Ben Hurs will give a dance at their club Saturday for members and their friends. The Eaton orchestra will furnish

10:30 o'clock with music by the Paul Harris orchestra.

Reservations for the Country club dinner dance Friday evening can be made for the last time Thursday evening. Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock followed by dancing for which the Treaty City Six of Greenville, O., will play the order of dances. The orchestra is making its first appearance here. It comes highly recommended.

The W. W. class of the New Westville Sunday school will hold a basket supper Friday evening at the K. of P. temple for members, persons eligible to membership, and ex-service men. A meeting of the auxiliary will be held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to elect officer. Following supper a program will be given by legion and auxiliary members. The Indiana state commander of the legion is to be a guest.

The Merry-Go-Round club will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Vanderveldt Friday evening at their home, 421 South Fourteenth street. The rehearsal of the Richmond symphony orchestra to be held Thursday evening, has been postponed until Sunday afternoon, when it will be held at 3 o'clock at the high school auditorium.

Harold Holmes was the guest at a surprise party given in honor of his sixth birthday, Tuesday evening, at his home, 614 Richmond avenue. Decorations in shades of pink and white were used in the dining room and a large birthday cake illuminated with pink candies adorned the center of the dining table. A number of games were played and later luncheon was served. Among those present were: Miss Janet Stinson, Miss Naomi Harris, Miss Harriet Coffman, Miss Helen Davies, Miss Viola Shute, Miss Mary Catherine Hinshaw, Miss Olive Mae Hinshaw, Francis Quigley, Roger Shute, Harold Holmes, Ralph Holmes, Mr. Carl Coffman, Mrs. Earl Stinson, Miss Ruth Harris, Miss Bernice Truskowski, Homer Dugranut, J. Shaffer and Mrs. Herbert Holmes.

Mrs. Horatio Lamb entertained the members of a bridge club Wednesday afternoon at her home on South Twenty-second street. Bridge was played at two tables, the favor for high score going to Miss Marjorie Gennett. Luncheon was served by the hostess, following cards. The guests were: Miss Helen Johnson, Miss Stella Knobe, Mrs. John M. Crawford, Mrs. Earl Bullerdick, Mrs. Harold Grimes and Mrs. Clyde Semler.

Vergil Kenworthy was given a party in honor of his birthday Monday evening at his home on South Fifth street. The guests were: Miss Alice Taylor, Miss Melba Pryfogle, Misses Hazel and Florence Fosnot, Misses Hilda and Marie Buessem, Miss Dora Kenworthy, John Lamb, Byron Pierson, Cecil Manning, Jack Jones, Jerome Buessem, Charles Bostick, Floyd Odden, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Fordyce, Mr. and Mrs. John Kenworthy.

A Mother Goose tea-party will be given by children in costume at the First M. E. church Saturday afternoon, Jan. 28, at 3 o'clock. Admission will be charged. The public is invited.

The annual recital of the department of music and dramatic art of Earlam college will be held at Lindley hall Friday evening, Jan. 27, at 8 o'clock. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend. Pupils of Miss Grace Nicholson, Professor Samuel B. Garton, Prof. Walger and Prof. Rollo Talcott are to be present.

A reception will be held at the West Richmond Community House Friday evening for Mr. and Mrs. S. Edgar Nicholson, who leave soon for residence in Washington, D. C. Members of the congregation of the West Richmond Friends church and friends are invited to attend.

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An event of the next week will be the dance which will be given for Masons at the Masonic club next Thursday evening. The Paul Harris orchestra will play the program of dances. Refreshments are to be served during the evening.

Mrs. L. C. Chammess will be hostess to the U. C. C. club Friday afternoon at her home, 108 North Eighteenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kolp will hold their assembly in the I. O. O. F. hall Friday evening. The Harry Frankel players will furnish the music.

An assembly dance will be held from 8:30 until 12 o'clock Friday evening by the Evan J. Smith orchestra at the Eagles' hall.

The Confraternity of St. Mary's church is giving a dance and card party Friday evening, Jan. 27, at the St. Mary's Community House. Cards will be played at 8 o'clock promptly. Dancing will commence at

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By MARION RUBINCAM

A LETTER

Chapter 69

Mrs. Talbot went away depressed by her last glimpse of Claire—a little, slim figure of gleaming silver and blue, her shining hair exquisitely dressed on top of her head, the light touching every ripple of it, the attendant maid with a great powder puff, and behind her, the dressing table with its confusion of expensive glass and bottles and brushes.

Luther's income was not large by city standards. Luther was much too poor to provide this sort of thing for his wife. Claire had sold herself for a little empty luxury.

She would never return to Luther—Mrs. Talbot was sure of that.

She remembered the vain little smile that curved Claire's pretty lips as she turned before the mirror. Suddenly her personal prejudice against her brought her to a second decision—Claire ought not return to Luther!

"So, feeling her second problem was engrossed about half an hour—probably one of the shortest and least romantic engagements on record. I couldn't even come home for my little suitcase, because I knew you would be there, and then I'd have to explain—

She reached home later than the Talbot's early dinner hour, hoping that Amy would not tell where she had gone. But Luther was there alone, cheerfully and methodically cooking the evening meal.

"Amy is working tonight; she was gone before I got home," he explained.

He had read the telegram. Luther and his mother sat down together. Jane's chair was empty for the first time since the winter began. Both looked at it gloomily, eating silently. They talked of Jane spasmodically, it was more like a funeral than a wedding!

Two days later Jane's letter came.

"I suppose you'll never forgive me for having done it this way," she began abruptly. "But I really couldn't help it. I simply hated the idea of having anyone I knew stand around and watch me being married."

"But I'll tell you all about it, and perhaps you'll feel better, and not think I've left you out entirely. I met Donald yesterday afternoon, we were to go to the steamship company to see about his passage. I told him I would marry him and go. You see, I met him at the steamship office, he had already booked a single passage.

He changed it to a cabin for two (his company is paying all expenses), then we went across town and got a license, and into a notary's office next door and were married, two of the clerks acting as witnesses.

"And that's all there is to tell about. I sent you a wire, so you would know we were married. I thought that would

please you, and also to have you send my trunks to the pier. I hope whoever addresses them will remember to put Mrs. Donald Moore."

There was a break in the letter—the ink of that paragraph was black, as though Jane had let it dry on, while she sat and looked at it. The rest of the epistle was lighter. Jane had an odd little habit of blotting every few lines as she wrote. And it was evident that she had broken off the effusion, for she went on:

"That's the first time I've written my name—my new name—and it looks rather odd. I'm sure I never thought I'd ever see a Mrs. before Don's name, or that the Mrs. should be myself.

How frightfully domestic it does look—just as though I belonged to him! I hope Donald never has that idea, he would begin at once to rebel.

"So, feeling her second problem was engrossed about half an hour—probably one of the shortest and least romantic engagements on record. I couldn't even come home for my little suitcase, because I knew you would be there, and then I'd have to explain—

You're right, I feel bad about this, mother, and think I haven't any affection for you. It isn't that—I don't know why I should want to keep everyone out of it. I just do."

It was strange that Jane should confess ignorance of the reason why she acted as she did. Jane prided herself on her knowledge of psychology, and could always give scientific reasons for every mental reaction either she or Donald had. Never before had she confessed admitted acting upon blind, illogical feminine instinct.

"Then something else domestic happened—Donald gave me some money; the first time any man has given me money, except father. We both laughed at it, and I went off to buy a traveling bag and toothbrushes and other

things, and met him in time for dinner. The boat sails this afternoon. We have a beautiful little cabin, with wee round port holes looking out over the waves! It takes a little more than three weeks, we go to Buenos Ayres, and inland by rail. I'll write on the boat. So now forgive my running away, for I've told you all about it. You'll be horrified that I wore my old tailored suit as a wedding gown! With love to all, hurriedly,

"Tomorrow—'A Young Cynic.'

tell him plainly I don't care for him. I feel too young to settle down. I want to become a school teacher. My mother and a married sister insist upon my going with this boy, but I feel as though I am old enough to choose my friends. If I quit this boy they will object to my going with any one else. Please advise me what to do.

A HOOISER LASS.

Tell the boy plainly that he has no right to object to your going with other young men and you intend to do so whenever you want to. I do not think it would be kind to say that you do not care for him. Under the circumstances, let him come occasionally but do not encourage him to think he means more to you than any other friend.

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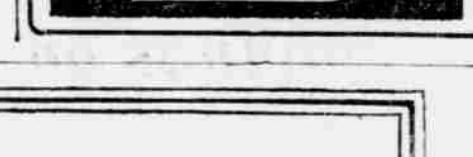
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