

# SCFTY

The Country club social committee for February is announced as follows: Mrs. Frank A. Lackey, chairman, Mrs. Thomas Nicholson, Mrs. Rudolph G. Leeds, and Mrs. Julian Cates. A card party for the club membership will be given the first of the month, the date to be announced later. Other functions are being planned by the committee.

Chief among events for February at the Country club is the musical comedy from the pen of Frank Holland which will be presented under the direction of a committee composed of Mr. Holland, Mrs. Walter J. Engle and Mrs. Frank Druitt. The production is to be presented the last week in February, but no definite date has been set yet.

Parties who wish to take dinner at the Country club Saturday evening are requested to make their reservations by Friday evening. Dinner is served at 7 o'clock and is followed by cards and dancing Saturday evening.

The Woman's Benefit association of Maccabees met in the I. O. O. F. hall Friday evening and after a short business session the evening was spent in community games led by Mrs. Roll Hamilton. A large number of persons were present. The order will have open meetings once a month thereafter, it is announced. They will meet next Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members are expected to be present for drill team practice as a class of several candidates will be arranged for.

Mrs. Jessie Orr was hostess to an informal assembly of Current Events members Tuesday afternoon at her home. Two guests, Mrs. George Herbst and Mrs. Alice Beach and 17 members were present. Two interesting papers were read, one by Mrs. Mary Nieuwoehner on "What is the Best Method of Censoring the Movies," the other by Mrs. Clara Williams on "Effect of Movies in Churches." Later refreshments were served. Mrs. Leslie Beach will be hostess for an all day meeting next Tuesday when officers will be elected.

The U. B. Hustlers were entertained Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. George Martin and Mrs. Charles Sprong. Piano numbers were played by Mrs. Stanley Appleton and Miss Thelma Martin, and violin selections by Miss Francois Martin. Mrs. H. S. James spoke on the Otterbein home. Luncheon was served following the program. Those present were: Mrs. Floyd Lamb, Mrs. H. S. James, Mrs. Paul Christopher, Mrs. Russell Bailey and children, Mrs. Watson Faunce, Mrs. Stanley Appleton, Mrs. O. H. Baird, Mrs. Leslie Crebb, Mrs. Ollie Harter, Mrs. Wesley Leshner, Mrs. Thomas Phelps, Mrs. Charles Sprong, Mrs. Elmer Miller, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Haas, Mrs. Roy Roberts, Mrs. Claudio Yoke, Mrs. Warren Weaver and children and Mrs. George Martin.

Mrs. Willard L. Stump was hostess to the Criterion club Tuesday afternoon at her home on South Sixteenth street. The program was on the negro situation in the United States. Refreshments were served. Decorations through the rooms were carvings and ferns.

Mrs. May Lennard entertained formally at her home on South Fifth street Tuesday evening for the Silent Eight. Euchre was played during the evening, after which refreshments were served. Those present were: Mrs. Henry Beckshulte, Mrs. Howard Jarrett, Mrs. Ferdinand Schwegman, Mrs. Ben Schroeder, Mrs. Eva Sauer, Mrs. Andrew Putter, Mrs. Henry Pardieck, Mrs. Eva Fye and Mrs. May Lennard.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell and son, Charles, Jr., of Maxwell, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thomas, of South Ninth street.

H. R. Robinson will return the latter part of the week from Kansas City, Mo., and Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mrs. James Brumfield, who has been seriously ill at her home on South Eighth street, is reported improving.

An important event of the week will be the dance for Masons which will be given Thursday evening at the Masonic club. The Paul L. Harris orchestra will play the order of dances. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

Elks with their families will be the guests at a large dance to be given at the Elks lodge Wednesday evening, for which the Joe Kayser players, of New York City, will furnish the music. Dancing commences at 8:30 o'clock.

The Knights of Columbus will hold an assembly dance from 9 until 12 o'clock Thursday evening at St. Mary's hall for which the Harry Franck players will furnish the music. The regular K. of C. dancing class will be held the same evening from 7:30 until 9 o'clock.

A euchre and sheephead party will be given Wednesday evening by the Moose drill teams at the Moose home. The public is invited.

The Wide Awake Bible class of St. Paul's Lutheran church will hold an all day sewing meeting Thursday. Each person is asked to bring scissors and pieces. Coffee will be served. Each person is asked to bring her own lunch.

Denver Brown camp and the ladies auxiliary of Spanish-American war veterans, will meet at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening in the post rooms at the court house. A special program is to be presented in celebration of McKinley's birthday. All members are urged to be present.

The regular meeting of the women of the Moosehead legion will be held Thursday evening at Moose hall. All members are requested to be present.

The Loyal Woman's class of the First Christian church will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. McCormick, 308 North Eighth street, instead of at the home of Mrs. J. L. Blossom, South Ninth street.

The Helping Hand society of the Science Church of Spiritualists will meet in the hall, 15½ South Seventh street, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Everybody is welcome.

The Ladies' aid of the First English Lutheran church will not hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon, it is announced. The change is to be made as a valentine party, is to be given by the society, Feb. 14, at 7:30 o'clock to which all members of the church are to be invited.

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Mrs. George Q. Johnson and her son, Jean.

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A group of the children, photographed on their departure from Chicago.

One hundred children brought to Chicago by the American Red Cross from Poland when that country was in the throes of famine following the World war, have just sailed for their native land. The photo, taken on the occasion of their departure from Chicago a few days ago, indicates that the children did not suffer from hunger during their stay in America.

## THOUSANDS EXPECTED TO ATTEND GATHERING TO TRIPLE-LINKERS

(Special to the Palladium)  
CONNERSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 1.—

Plans have been made by Union lodge, No. 31, I. O. O. F., of this city for a district meeting to be held here March 15 and it is expected that the gathering will be the biggest lodge event in the history of this section of the state. Invitations will be sent to every lodge in the Sixth district and, with fair weather, thousands of visitors are expected to attend.

One of the features of the meeting will be a red-fire parade to be held at 7 o'clock preceding the conferring of degrees at the evening session. It is

H. H. MEERHOFF

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supported himself and learned the English language. He lived in Oxford, Ohio, a few years before coming to Richmond in 1866.

Begins Work Here

Mr. Meerhoff worked for the James M. Starr company gas plant shortly after coming here. While with this company he helped lay the main gas pipe from the plant to Fourteenth street, along Main.

"In the seventies I opened my own plumbing business under the name of Wefel and Meerhoff," Mr. Meerhoff said in an interview shortly before his death. "Soon after we took Jo Dickinson's brother into the firm. The shop was on the site of the present business house."

Mr. Meerhoff was one of the first to introduce to Richmond the inside sink. One of the first installed by him was at the home of Dr. J. F. Hibberd, on the corner of Eighth and North A streets.

Left an Orphan

It is said that as a small orphan boy in Germany, Mr. Meerhoff was taken care of by an aunt and uncle, whom he repaid by doing farm work. He was married in Cincinnati. Mrs. Meerhoff died in Richmond, May 10, 1914.

He was the first president of the Citizens' Mutual Fire Insurance company. William F. Miller, another official of the company, died Tuesday.

He is survived by four sons, John, William, George, all of this city, and Dr. Charles Meerhoff, of Chicago; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Weisbrod; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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(By Associated Press)  
QUEBEC, Feb. 1.—The provincial government is to encourage production of literature, a bill just having been passed by the legislature providing three annual cash prizes for budding authors. The highest is \$2,500. The bill was sponsored by Athanase David, provincial secretary, himself a writer and the son of L. O. David, of Montreal, a French-Canadian historian of note.

Literary efforts will be judged by a jury of nine comprising professors of literature in the universities of Montreal, McGill and Laval; one member of the French section of the Royal Society of Canada; one member of a Quebec literary society; and the provincial secretary or his representative.

For some years the government of Quebec has given encouragement to young writers of the province by buying large numbers of copies of their work.

Microbes in connection with disease were first written about by a German scientist in the seventeenth century.

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