

Outdoor Omaha Girl Now Turns to Skating

SOCIETY

Gleam of the Ice and Ring of the Steel Lures Society to Indulgence in Healthy Fun Outside

CALENDARS

D ID YOU EVER SEE anything like it," said one matron, "my young son has fourteen invitations for less than a week!"

A big brother said, "Why, you should have seen the invitations the kid had! She'd have been going morning, noon and night if we'd let her." And so it goes, for there is a wonderful array of parties for the young people during the holidays. And not only for the school and college set, either, for the parties range from dancing frolics for the very little folk to staid, dignified functions for the grownups.

It is hard to realize that at least twenty dancing parties are scheduled to take place within a week. Of course the first was the Junior club dance at the Fontenelle last evening, which was probably the most brilliant event ever given by the club. And the final party of the week from Saturday to Saturday will be the dance at the Fontenelle given by Yale alumni for their visiting fraters, the Yale Glee, Mandolin and Banjo clubs. Since this is the only college group which will perform in Omaha during the vacation time, this concert is the cynosure of all eyes. It is most exciting for all the pretty young girls to meet such a company of handsome young college men, and perhaps it is exciting for Omaha men to compete with these young easterners for a place in the affections of our pretty girls. You know that more than one serious love affair has developed from a visit of a college organization to our city.

St. Louis is being honored with two visitations. The Cornell Glee club, which will include Omaha on its itinerary next year, sings in St. Louis this year. The Princeton Triangle club will also play in St. Louis this week and the young men of both organizations are already looked for an endless round of entertainment.

Last week all the young people came home. As a contemporary in another city put it, "Last week was home-coming week." Many of the young girls came as far west as Chicago in special trains, there to separate to the north, west and south. At home they are being welcomed by teas, luncheons, dinners and dances. In fact, the elders seem rather in the background, as if they had stepped aside to let the children take their places and play at being grownup.

The variety of the entertainment this season is wide. Mrs. Ernest Eldred Hart's breakfast dance is truly unique, being perhaps the first affair of its kind which has been given here. Speaking of novelty reminds me of something else about St. Louis. There a certain young hostess introduced a great innovation in the matter of teas by asking some of the young men of her acquaintance to assist. The plan was such a delicious success that any number of other hostesses are adopting it.

Two holiday weddings are claiming the attention of society circles. Miss Alice Switzer's on New Year's day we must leave for the chat of another week. This week on Wednesday Miss Eleanor Mackay will wed Mr. Austin Galley. The wedding will be a charming affair. A color scheme is being carried out which those who know say is beautiful, but what it is is being kept a dark secret from the rest of us. The ceremony will be performed at 8:30 at All Saints church by the bride's father and every friend of the young people around is asked to share in the joyous occasion. It will be a fitting part of the glad, happiness-sharing holiday time.

Not only do weddings gladden the holiday season, but prospects of weddings, as well, have been added to the festivity. Today the engagement of two prominent girls of the younger set are being announced. June may be the month of roses and of brides, but this year winter seems to be capturing some of June's attributes, for the roses are superb and so are the brides and brides-to-be. Miss Stella Thummel and Miss Mary Barkley, with their respective fiancés, surely stole a march on us. Yesterday one could write either of those names in a list as calmly as you please, but today a bridal luster hangs about them and their mention brings thoughts of gay affairs-to-be.

Miss Mary Norris is one of the young hostesses who have entertained for Miss Eleanor Mackay this week and who will be a January bride. How does it happen that there is such an epidemic of love-making; is the happiness of all these young benedicts and matrons-to-be contagious? If it is, Melliflora should beware, for her fingers go poling into every wedding pie. But, as the colonel said when he stood under the mistletoe, "I am immune."

The marriage of Mr. Harry E. Smoot of Chicago to Mrs. Hallie Barton Meyer, also of Chicago, took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Stanley Phraner Conover, last evening. Christmas decorations were used throughout the house. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. G. Peters of the North Christian church. Only the immediate family witnessed the marriage and were present at the informal reception which followed. The bride was attended by another sister, Miss Elizabeth Bradford, and Mr. Conover was best man for Mr. Smoot. The young people will go immediately to spend Christmas with Mr. Smoot's parents in Petersburg, Ill., and will be at home after the first of the year at 1702 1/2 West avenue, Chicago.

Now that all the weary world to quiet rest has gone, it is the grand gay time it had at the Junior club dance at the Fontenelle last evening or the glorious frolic at the Blackstone, where Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barker entertained. To think of the cotillion and the favors and the pretty frocks and the handsome men and the Christmas decorations and everything—what a gay medley that makes in a dream. These two parties marked the beginning of the holiday affairs for everyone but the high school set.

Those young persons are indefatigable. Their very biggest social event of the year, with perhaps the exception of the military prom, which will take place some time in February, was held Friday evening, just at the close of the last school week before the Christmas vacation. The senior prom was the occasion and the youngsters had such a glorious time that they spent all Saturday morning recuperating. That will be their program from this time on, frolic by night and sleep by day, for the club dances will occupy almost every night.

Tomorrow and Monday are largely the children's days. Tomorrow all the little ones will see the big tree with its candles or twinkling electric bulbs lighted for the first time on Christmas eve and then they will hang their big borrowed stockings up near the chimney place to await Santa's visit. We have chronicled before and elsewhere in this paper news of many, many Christmas home-comings and gatherings, for everyone is feeling sociable and home-loving and tender-hearted at this happy time of year.

We are all trying to make the rest joyful in some little way. Poor families have been helped generously by those who are rich, the charitable organizations have responded to the needs of institutions and individuals, singers from the churches will sing old-time Christmas carols to fill the holiday air with sweet music and the last-busy shopper has gone his homeward way to rejoice on the Sabbath and Christmas day. With this pleasant prospect before Omaha's society folk Melliflora ventures to wish you all a very merry Christmas.

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Monday—
Christmas family dinner parties.
Dancing party for Miss Grace Smith, given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crittenden Smith.
Society night parties at the Orpheum.
Subscription dinner-dance at Fontenelle for members of Country club set.
Christmas dinner at Blackstone given by Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sturtevant.
Christmas dinner at the Blackstone given by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Morsman, jr.
Informal house dance, Miss Mona Cowell.
Christmas dinner party at Blackstone, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Todd.
Christmas subscription dance for high school set at Harte hall in Dundee.
Dinner for Galley-Mackay wedding party given by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McConnell at Blackstone.

Tuesday—
Dancing party for Miss Emily Keller, given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Keller.
Luncheon at the Blackstone for Miss Margaretha Grimmel, given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Grimmel.
Tea for Miss Dorothy Judson, given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Judson.
Treis Kideka club of Central High school dancing party at Keep's.
Happy Hollow Bachelors' club, dance at Dundee hall.
Luncheon at the Blackstone, Mrs. F. J. Fitzgerald, hostess.
Omaha Whist club luncheon and card party at Blackstone.

Wednesday—
Dance for Elsie and Robert Storz at their home, given by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Storz.
Luncheon for Miss Helena Chase, Mrs. Waite Squier, hostess.
Annual Christmas dinner-dance at University club.
Galley-Mackay wedding at All Saints' church at 8:30.
Les Hiboux dance at Keep's dancing academy.
Dinner before Les Hiboux dance, given by Miss Margaretha Grimmel and Miss Ruth McCoy.
Afternoon reception for Mrs. Arthur Brandon Howell, Mrs. Samuel Emerson Howell and Miss Lois Howell, hostesses.
Luncheon at University club, Miss Esther Graf, hostess.
Elks' formal dancing party at the lodge rooms.

Thursday—
Dancing party given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metz at their home, for their nieces, Miss Helen Peycke, and Miss Olga Metz.
Children's Christmas dancing party at recital given by Miss Mary Cooper at the Blackstone.
Buffet luncheon for Miss Josephine Williams and Miss Helena Chase, Mrs. F. J. Fitzgerald, hostess.
Luncheon for Miss Luella Peterson and Miss Laura Callahan of New York, Miss Katherine Krug, hostess, at the Blackstone.
Cheopian club dance at the Blackstone.
Unitarian Junior club dancing party.
Christ Child Christmas celebration at Creighton Auditorium.

Friday—
Dancing party for Miss Louise Clarke, given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Clarke, jr.
Dancing party for Miss Ruth and Mr. Tom Kinsler, given by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Kinsler.
Maltese club dancing party at the Blackstone.
Luncheon for Miss Elsie Storz, Miss Olga Storz, hostess.
Friday Night Dancing club, leap year party at Druid hall.
Pan-Hellenic luncheon at Blackstone.
Luncheon for school girls, Miss Martha Gyger, hostess.
Societal Rice Woman's club, reception and card party.
Bridge luncheon at Blackstone, Mrs. C. J. Claassen and Mrs. Clinton Brome, hostesses.
Dinner at Blackstone, Miss Marjorie Smith, hostess, before Kinsler party.

Saturday—
Breakfast for Yale Glee club men, Mrs. Ernest Eldred Hart of Council Bluffs, hostess.
Dinner before Yale Glee club concert, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stewart, jr.
Dinner party at Blackstone, given by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Syfert.
Dinner party for Yale Glee club men, given by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Barlow.
Dinner and concert party for Miss Dorothy Belt, given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. T. Belt.
Dinner for Yale Glee club men, given by Mr. and Mrs. Casper Yost.
Dinner for Yale Glee club men, given by Yale alumni at the Omaha club.
Dinner before Yale Glee club concert, given by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kountze.
Tea for Yale Glee club men, Mrs. Charles Offutt, hostess.
Yale Glee club concert at Brandeis theater.
Dancing party for Yale Glee club, given by Yale alumni at Hotel Fontenelle after concert.
Le Mars club dancing party at Keep's dancing academy.
Assembly club dance at Miss Cooper's studio.

CLUB

Tuesday—
Old People's Home association, election, Y. W. C. A., 10 a. m.
Business Women's council, luncheon and prayer meeting, court house, 11 to 2 o'clock.
Woman's Relief corps, George A. Custer, Memorial hall, 2:30 p. m.

Wednesday—
Mothers' Culture club, luncheon, Mrs. Titus Lowe, hostess, 1 p. m.
Benson Woman's Foreign Missionary society, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, hostess.
W. C. T. U., Omaha branch, Y. W. C. A., 2:30 p. m.
W. C. T. U., North Side union, Mrs. O. Perry, hostess.
W. C. T. U., Frances Willard union, Christmas program at House of Hope, 2 p. m.

Thursday—
Benson B. L. S. club, annual meeting, Mrs. Joseph McGuire, hostess.
Philathea union, Christmas reception, First Christian church, 8 p. m.

Friday—
P. E. O. sisterhood, Chapter B. K., Christmas party, Mrs. Frank D. Wilson, hostess.
Society of American Widows, 206 Crouse block, 7:45 p. m.