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"The Pied Piper"

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Goings and comings during the holiday season have brought to light all sorts of queer experiences. One of the best jokes was told at a recent wedding. An out-of-town man came to Omaha to attend the Phi Lambda Epsilon dance, given at the Blackstone last Friday evening. When he arrived in the city he immediately bethought himself of a young woman, a former acquaintance, whom he wished to accompany him to the party. Accordingly he called the young woman's home and made his "date."

So far, so good. Soon, however, the young man began to reflect. Who was this young man; did she know him? She knew a man of his name; it was not an unusual one. Then she questioned her young brother, and from his description of the man in question she decided that a sad mistake had been made, but how could she rectify it? She had no idea of the young man's whereabouts; she could not reach him by note or by telephone; in fact, she couldn't do anything but wait.

When the hour of the dance came, the young man appeared and the whole mystery was unraveled. The out-of-town man had known her sister, now married; had telephoned to ask this sister to go with him to the dance, had talked to the unmarried maid, thinking that she was her sister, and finally was nonplussed to find that she was not. But as all good stories should end, they went to the dancing party and had a perfectly grand and glorious time.

That story led a staid married man to tell of how once when he was young, his younger brother got into a mixup and was scheduled to take two young women to a party. Elder brother said, "I'll take care of the girls," for he thought he knew her. But when he called for Fair One No. 11, much to his surprise, he had never seen her before. Fortunately, he looked enough like his younger brother to pass himself off as such. The charm couldn't work very long, of course, and so before he arrived at the party he had to make his explanations. He succeeded in convincing his companion that he had telephoned for her in the first place, with the happy result that they were devoted friends for a long time afterwards.

Now these stories may gain a little spice if two names are added to them. Fit them in their places and mail your reply, care of the puzzle editor; oh, no, don't bother, the names are Rogers and Clarke.

Leap Year Dance.
The Prairie Park club gave a leap year dance Saturday evening. The club rooms were beautifully decorated by Messrs. Haynes and Nelson. The following were present:

- Misses—Kathleen Green, Ruth Nicum, Eleanor Pitzer, Marjorie Parsons, Elva Smith, Mildred Threll, Olive Walton.

Original Cooking Club.
Mrs. Ward M. Burgess entertained seven members of the Original Cooking club at luncheon at her home today. Other club members were unable to be present.

Flance Dangerously Ill.
Miss Helen Hayden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hayden of Birmingham, Ala., formerly of Omaha, who with her sister, Miss Clara, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Flynn, received word this morning of the dangerous illness of her fiancé, Mr. J. B. Jones of Washington, D. C. Miss Helen Hayden will leave this evening for the east, but Miss Clara Hayden will continue her visit in Omaha until further word is received.

Luncheon for Mrs. Coutant.
One of the largest affairs of the day was Mrs. George Haverstick's luncheon at the Blackstone couplet-meatery to her guest, Mrs. C. K. Coutant of Chicago. The decorations were baskets of Killarney roses. After luncheon auction bridge was played in the parlors of the hotel. Covers were laid for the following guests:

- Misses—Frances Poole, Kathleen Green, Ruth Nicum, Eleanor Pitzer, Marjorie Parsons, Elva Smith, Mildred Threll, Olive Walton.

Wellesley Club.
The Omaha Wellesley College club met yesterday afternoon at Brownell Hall for a business meeting. The club meets the first Wednesday of



THE Pied Piper of Hamelin' came over the meadows in fairy-tale land and piped away the little children of the village—so sweet was his music. They trooped out behind him, and over the hills, and they did never come back. And in Hamelin their mothers and fathers wept. There is a Pied Piper with golden gleam-

ing hair, a white body and sea-blue eyes, with a passion-flower behind his ear, who comes a-piping in this little world—and it isn't a fairy-tale! And when the little maids hear his music passing by, silver and seductive as the drip of pale honey, they shake what they have from their busy laps and out of their home-gardens they go and follow him over the world. And they never come back. And their

fathers and mothers are sad, because they know that the child who has heard the piping of love is a child no more—that that maid who arose to follow him over the world will never come back again! 'Hark—the Pied Piper—Love!' Close your ears—little pigeon—for I would have you, my little child, a little longer."
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each month. Of the twenty-five members only ten were present yesterday. Mrs. J. B. Prichard was hostess for the occasion.

Entertain for Guests.
Mrs. Charles C. George entertained at luncheon today for her guests, Mrs. Harris Rouse of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. George will entertain at a pretty dinner this evening. Russell roses in the center of the table and surrounded by tall pink candles will be used. Covers will be laid for:

- Misses—Charles C. George, George Tunnick, O. C. Redick.

New French Society.
Madame August Mothe Borglum and Miss May Mahoney are asking all who are interested in the French language, literature and art to attend a meeting Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the public library, preliminary to the organization of a local branch of L'Alliance Francaise. This federation originated in France many years ago, but now maintains organizations in many European capitals, as well as 158 groups in this country. Louis de la Marre, general secretary of the society and its official lecturer, comes to Omaha January 24 to assist local men and women in organizing and to give a lecture in French as well.

L'Alliance Francaise is instrumental in maintaining the Romance language department at Columbia college in New York.

Bobsled Party.
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Lonergan gave a delightful bobsled party Tuesday evening in honor of their son, Charles. The guests were met at the end of the Florence car line and taken to the Lonergan home, five miles northwest of Florence, where an oyster supper was served. The party was chaperoned by Miss Lucile Craven and Mr. Philip Doak. The guests were:

- Misses—Gladys Broderick, Lillian Henderson, Florence Benson, Eva Smith, Mildred O'Brien.

Luncheon Postponed.
On account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Esther M. Allen, Mrs. F. J. Biss has postponed until next Tuesday the luncheon which she had planned for today in her honor.

Past Festivities.
Miss Ethel Anderson entertained at her home New Year's day. Games and music furnished amusement for the following guests:

- Misses—James Wilford, Charles Richardson, W. W. Moore, A. T. Anderson.

Personal Mention.
Dr. P. T. Barber has returned from Long Beach, Cal., where he was called to attend the funeral of his father, W. C. Barber.

Mr. James Winsor of Maurice, Ill., has been making a short visit at the J. H. Rushton home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fowler ofavenport, Ia., and formerly of this city,

who have been the holiday guests of Miss Hallie Wilson at the Colonial, leave tomorrow for their home.

Family Reunion.
Mrs. J. S. Marshall entertained at a Webster family reunion dinner on New Year's day in honor of her mother, Mrs. James Webster, a pioneer resident of Omaha, who had about forty children and grandchildren present.

Mr. and Mrs. James Young, the latter a daughter, came from Blackfoot, Idaho, for the occasion. The guests besides the children were:

- Misses—James Young, A. E. Gladden, Blackfoot, Idaho, Albert Turner, Will Getty, Harry Getty, George Chester, Albert Weber, James Marshall.

Anderson-Brooks Wedding.
Miss Kathryn Elaine Brooks of Rushville, Neb., and Dr. William Vance Anderson of this city, son of Mrs. M. C. Anderson, were united in marriage at the home of Mrs. S. H. Wilson Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock by the Rev. T. J. Mackay. Only the relatives of the young people were present. Dr. Anderson is associated in business with Dr. Leroy Crummer. They will make their home in Omaha.

Future Events.
The University Mixer club of Creighton will give its New Year's dance January 9 at Keeps academy.

Box Party for New Play.
Additional box parties for Sister Mary Angela's new play, which is to be held at the Krug theater January 22 to 28, inclusive, with three matinee performances, are as follows:

- Misses—John Latimer, T. J. Mahoney, Dean Cole Martin, W. J. Jeffers, Gene Melady.

Smith College Club Plans.
Local Smith college alumnae, meeting at the home of Mrs. A. L. Gordon Wednesday, decided to exhibit in Omaha a moving picture film depicting life at Smith, the college buildings, campus and other features of their alma mater. Plans for making available a Nebraska scholarship to Smith were also discussed. Mrs. Lloyd Holsapple will be hostess for the February meeting.

Press Club Election.
New officers named at the Omaha Woman's Press club annual meeting at the Fontenelle Wednesday are: President, Miss Ella Fleishman of the Bee; vice president, Miss Elizabeth Kern, World-Herald, and secretary, Miss Henrietta Rees, also of The Bee. Miss Faith Lee Hoel is the retiring president.

Miss Rose Rosicky will have press club members to tea at her home Sunday afternoon January 14, when prize plays, short stories and poems in the club's recent contest will be read.

For Out-of-Town Guests.
Mrs. John A. Bruce was hostess at luncheon at the Blackstone Wednesday followed by an Orpheum matinee party, honoring Mrs. George Hoerner of Hastings, Neb., who is the guest for a few days of Mrs. Herbert Hoerner. Mrs. Ward roses decorat-

ed the luncheon table, at which covers were placed for:

- Misses—Myron Hayward, Herbert Hoerner, John E. Pulver, H. Kvonild, O. P. Goodman, C. R. Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rushton will entertain at a dinner party this evening at the Blackstone in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Usher of Pittsburgh, Pa., who are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Usher. The decorations were in roses and stavia, arranged in baskets, and covers were laid for the following:

- Misses—F. A. Howe, G. M. Sumner, E. P. Foster, Howard Rushton, R. F. Howe, J. H. Rushton.

School Set Affairs.
Miss Mildred Rockwell was hostess this afternoon at a Strand party to the Neveves club of Central High school. After the matinee the girls had tea at Rogers. Mrs. A. S. Rockwell chaperoned the party, which was as follows:

- Misses—Francis Poole, Frances Wall, Dorothy Gray, Marjorie Guild, Dorothy Canan, Gwendolyn McCoy, Ethel Widner, Mildred Rockwell, Irene Dyalist.

Miss Katherine Denny entertained at a luncheon today at her home in honor of Miss Winifred Smith, who leaves Monday for St. Mary's seminary in New Jersey. Seventeen of her school friends were included in the guest list. The decorations were in yellow and white, the narcissus being used with yellow ribbons. After luncheon they spent the afternoon dancing and playing cards.

Miss Ethel Piel, who leaves next Monday to resume her work at National Park seminary in Washington, was the inspiration for a card party this afternoon, given by Miss Ruby Klingbeil. Poinsettias were used in decorating the parlors and the following guests were present:

- Misses—Margaret Holden, Katherine Reynolds, Ruth Linder, Catherine Ritchie, Martha Geiger, Honor Norris, Grace Brown, Virginia Halpine, Margaret McCormick, Margaret Oltman, Pearl Klingbeil.

Miss Josephine Platner will entertain at a luncheon and Orpheum party tomorrow, when the guest list will include members of the school set. The billiard room, which will be decorated in the holiday greens, bells and poinsettias, will be the setting for this pretty luncheon. The guests, who will be seated at small tables, are as follows:

- Misses—Mary Gifford, Gertrude Koenig, Marie Novelli, Lydia Bennett, Donna McDonald, Dign Langdon, Gertrude Peyske, Josephine Williams, Elsie Schmidt, Charlotte Denny, Dorothy Arter, Christine Mann, Anne Axtell, Dorothy Morton, Katherine Denny, Margaret McLaughlin, Lillian Head, Mary Wright, Joelyn Stone, Dorothy Davis, Virginia White, Charlotte Abrams, Winifred Grant, Dorothy Hippie, Katherine Goss.

Exodus of School Set.
The following students have returned to Lincoln to resume their work at the state university: Anne Russell,

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Gerardine Johnson, Elizabeth Gould, Louise Bailey, Florence Jenks, Katherine Newbranch, Helen Giltner, Gertrude Donovan, Margaret McCoy, Elizabeth Crawford and Messrs. Lyell Rushton, Richard Ballman, Gene Nelson and Richard Perley.

Engagement Announced at Tea.
At a large tea at her home on New Year's day Mrs. I. C. Russell of Ann Arbor, Mich., announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Edith, to Lieutenant John Singleton Switzer, U. S. A., recently with the Fourth United States infantry stationed at Brownsville, formerly at Fort Crook, but now at Fort Leavenworth.

Lieutenant Switzer is a popular young man in Omaha society circles. He was one of the ushers at the Penfield-Bacon wedding last fall. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a member of the Zeta-Psi fraternity.

Miss Russell is a daughter of the late Prof. I. C. Russell of the University of Michigan, who was noted for his geological research work in Alaska. During Ak-Sar-Ben she was the guest of Mrs. J. S. Switzer at Fort Crook. The wedding will probably take place late next fall, although the date has not yet been set. Lieutenant Switzer left Tuesday evening for Fort Leavenworth, where he will be for several months.

Events to Come.
The Phi Tau Pi fraternity will give a dance at the Blackstone hotel on Thursday, January 11.

Mrs. Ronald Paterson is entertaining at luncheon Saturday for Miss Ruth Hamilton.

The Delta Gamma Sorority will be entertained at its monthly luncheon



Mr. A. E. Headley.

Mr. A. E. Headley, recently of Portland, Ore., where he has been associated with the Lipman-Wolfe Furniture Co., one of the largest mercantile houses on the Pacific coast—has accepted a place on the selling force at Raymond's. Mr. Headley formerly lived in Omaha and for a number of years was connected with a local firm here. He is well known to many Omahans whom he will be glad to meet at his new quarters—The Raymond Store, 1513-15 Howard street, where he will be actively engaged in dispensing Raymond Service and looking after the interests of Raymond's customers.

Saturday, when Mrs. Hugh Wallace and Mrs. B. J. Hull will be the hostesses at the home of the former.

Miss Winifred Brandt will have an informal party at her home tomorrow evening.

Pleasures Past.
Miss Catherine Hastings entertained at an Orpheum party, followed by supper and dancing at the Fontenelle. Eighteen young people were included in the party.

Personal Mention.
Mrs. Thomas Piper of Philadelphia with her small son, Thomas, Jr., arrived Sunday to visit for several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mulvihill.

Retiring Officers Entertain.
The members of the Prettiest Mile Women's Golf club were entertained by its retiring officers Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Edward R. Burke. The officers for the new year were installed: Mrs. P. J. Creedon, president; Miss Lillian Paul, vice president; Mrs. L. D. Hopkins, secretary; Mrs. Glenn Smith, treasurer.

The business meeting was followed by an enjoyable social program, in charge of Mrs. Vincent Hascall.

Miss Ruth Madden gave a piano solo, Mrs. Fred M. Crane a recitation and vocal selections were given

by Mrs. Robert Adams. There were seventy-five members present.

Stork Special.
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stein New Year's morning.

Brownell Hall Trustees Call for Building Plans

Two or three sets of plans for the new Brownell Hall will be presented at the next meeting of the trustees. Wednesday at their meeting with Bishop Williams, ex officio president, a committee was appointed to call for and receive plans for the new college building.

The plans are to show a group of buildings, including administration, chapel, auditorium, gymnasium and dormitories. Estimates of cost are also to be submitted. The group is to be built in Fairacres.

Second Minnesota Boys Will Go Through Saturday

The Second Minnesota infantry, enroute home from the Mexican border, will be in Council Bluffs some time Saturday. The men are traveling on two special trains over the Burlington. In Council Bluffs they will be transferred to the Northwestern and carried on to Fort Snelling, where they are quartered out.

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