

Tid-Bits of New York Society

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The Lenten season, so far as social activity is concerned, never means 40 lean days in New York. We do find a cessation of the usual brilliant affairs and attention is concentrated on charitable pursuits and bridge and then we find a few weddings occurring, followed by the usual receptions and at homes.



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Mrs. Edward Thomas of W. 93d St. was hostess on Tuesday to the interracial group of the Women's International league, who invited friends to meet Mrs. Margaret E. Cousins, B. Mus., honorary secretary of the Women's Indian association, who spoke interestingly on the social and political life of women in India. Mrs. Cousins has been in America but a short while and intends to meet and discuss with various interracial groups the existing conditions of the mother country. She was among the first to sponsor the cause of woman suffrage and the first woman magistrate to be appointed in India. To meet Mrs. Cousins were Mesdames Minnie B. Trotman, H. H. Proctor, Roscoe Bruce, W. Pickens, H. Spearman, Mary Holbrook, Napoleon Marshall, Addie Hunton, L. Hart, Eunice Carter, Bessye Bearden, Helen Curtis, S. J. Freeman, John Stockton, Cora C. Horn, Miss Belle Davis and others.

At the Dark Tower Thursday a delightful bridge party was given for those who love cards by the Swastika Bridge club, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Nanette Taylor of the Women's Committee of One Hundred, N. A. A. C. P. Twenty-two beautiful prizes were awarded, which came as donations to the cause, through the following committee, from friends and some of the leading merchants of the city.

The officers and members of the Swastika Bridge club are Mrs. Beatrice Adams, president; Mrs. Nanette Taylor, vice president; Miss Olivia Furr, secretary; Mrs. Florence Hendricks, treasurer; Mrs. Martha Turner, Miss Mazie Fitzgerald, Mrs. Collie Turner, Mrs. Rosetta Goodwin, Mrs. Mary Gwathmet, Mrs. Mamie Herbert, Mrs. Clara Janet Hart, Mrs. Georgia Roach, Miss Gertrude Winston, Mrs. Hattie Moseby, Mrs. Bertha Stovell, Mrs. Alice Gantt and Mrs. Suzanne Taylor.

Mrs. Marie Wilson, who spent several days in Gotham as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Austin, returned to her home in Washington to attend the inaugural ceremonies.

Stanley Moss, well-known business man of Philadelphia, was a visitor in the city during the week.

Mrs. Agnes Peters of 79 St. Nicholas Pl. and daughter, Betty, left the city Friday for Virginia for two weeks' visit with relatives.

Not for some time have I seen a prettier bride than Miss Lucille Parker, who on last Wednesday in the chapel of the Little Church Around the Corner, was married to George Nixon, member of the "Show Boat" cast. The bride was beautifully costumed in a gray ensemble and looked charming as she walked to the altar escorted by her uncle, Daniel Parker, who gave her in marriage. Although the marriage was to be a quiet one news of the event leaked out and a number of friends were in attendance. Members of the family and friends noticed at the church were Mrs. Mary Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Savage, John Parker, Mrs. Thelma Cotton, Mrs. A. Chavis, Miss Rae Pope, Miss Ethel Murray and Dr. Milton Williams. Mrs. J. A. Savage, aunt of the bride, and Jules Bledsoe were bridal attendants. The newlyweds will spend two weeks in West Newton, Mass.

Quite interesting was the bridge party given by Mrs. Minnie Romney of 250 W. 147th St., at which time she entertained her club, the Moles. Prizes for the evening's playing were awarded Mesdames Betty Pollard, first; Jennette Colon, second, and Ruth Brown-Price, third.

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard university, was guest speaker on the WABC radio, sponsored by the Howard club of New York.

Mrs. Charles A. Butler spent a few days in Washington as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Mordecai Johnson.

Informal Tea

Mrs. Henrietta Havenell informally entertained at tea on Sunday evening at her home, 201 W. 136th St. To spend the evening with the hostess were Mesdames Georgia L. Worrell, Ruth Martin, Ellen Langford, Edith Smith, Adele Carter, Josephine Dawson, Nettie Downing, Julia Wilson and Dr. May E. Brown.

Mrs. Lettie Simms of 231 W. 142th St. received guests in honor of Miss Jimmie Kennard of Worcester, Mass. To meet this delightful visitor were Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur Coleman, Dr. and Mrs. John Finley, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzherbert Howell, Mrs. Bertha Cotton, Miss Elsie Walker and Al Delaney.

Aaron Smith, United States deputy collector, second district, New York, left for Washington in company with Attorney and Mrs. Z. D. Green on Saturday to attend the inaugural exercises.

Mrs. Ossie Gardeen of 508 Macon St., Brooklyn, was hostess to the Les Joffe Hunt club on Tuesday night. Card playing featured the social hour.

The New York colony has been augmented by the personality of Mrs. Clarence Cameron White, formerly of West Virginia, who has established residence in the city. Her son, William White, attends New York university law school.

Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, founder of Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C., was a guest in the city for a few days. On Monday Mrs. Brown installed the officers of the Utopia Neighborhood club at their home, 170 W. 130th St.

Coming events in New York cast their shadows so far ahead that one notes with interest the coming benefit bridge and whist tournament, sponsored by the Debutant club, which will be held at the Imperial auditorium on the afternoon of April 12.

From Nice, France, comes word that Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner Layton are having an enjoyable vacation.

A small group of persons met at dinner in the blue room of the Young Women's Christian association Wednesday to discuss plans with Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown for presenting the work of her school at Town hall on Thursday, April 18.

Arriving on the Ile De France on Tuesday was Frank T. Wilson, national secretary of student work of the Y. M. C. A., who returned from the World Federation of Student Councils, which met in Mysore, India.

V. Kenneth Duncan, well-known business man of 2303 Seventh Ave., left the city Saturday for a sojourn in Hot Springs, Ark.

Miss Edna Jones of 138 W. 133th St. in company with a party of friends spent the week end in Washington.

Mrs. V. K. Duncan of 2303 Seventh Ave. and children are visiting with relatives in Philadelphia.

DePriest Here

Hon. Oscar DePriest, congressman-elect from Illinois, was the honored guest at a monster welcome and reception held at Bethel A. M. E. church on Sunday, March 2, under the auspices of the Young People's lyceum.

Norman Walker, well-known concert pianist and teacher of 182 St. Nicholas Ave., had as his dinner guests on Sunday Mesdames Christine Johnson, Bessye J. Bearden and Henry McCullough to honor Mr. and Mrs. Eustace Doyle on their first wedding anniversary. Vases of orchid colored tulips were artistically arranged throughout the studio apartment. Mme. Johnson, accompanied by Mr. Walker and Mr. McCullough, entertained with several vocal and instrumental selections.

Dr. Norman Cotton, prominent physician of Paterson, N. J., attended a business meeting held during the week at Lincoln university, Chester, Pa.

The well appointed home of Mr. and Mrs. Watt Terry of Convent Ave. was the scene of a piano recital by Princess DeBrogle, assisted by Mrs. Charlotte W. Murray, soprano, on Sunday evening. The guests included Dr. and Mrs. Louis Williams, Dr. and Mrs. W. Crump, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cotton, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elzy, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jones, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Innes, Alderman and Mrs. Fred H. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. Ira E. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Seymour, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Saunders, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Douglas, Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Murray, Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Roberts, Mr.

and Mrs. William Pickens, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pace, Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeFrantz, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Mills, Mesdames L. F. Keller, Penelope Matthews, Arthur Moore, A. B. Green, Trice Rustell, Blanche Stone, Leander Simms, Edwin Horne, B. Trotman, Helen Curtis, Adah Thoms Smith, Marie Coleman, Georgia Law, Louis Wright, Misses Victoria Bishop, Louise Terry, Bessie Daniels, Althea Rochon, Jimmie Kennard, Annie Cowdell, Mae Hawes, Eva D. Bowles, Mary White Ovington, Louise Latimer, Messrs. Alala Locke, A. G. Dill, G. Clemons, Dr. J. D. Jamison, Dr. M. V. Boutte and Dr. W. E. B. Dubois. Hostesses of the evening were Mesdames Watt Terry, M. V. Boutte, E. R. Matthews and S. G. Maxwell.

Mrs. Flournoy Miller of 252 W. 135th St. was hostess to the members of her bridge club and guests on Sunday evening. At the bridge tables were Mesdames Louise Johnson, Ann Dingle, Bernia Austin, Blanche Miller, Eunice Carter, Sadie Tandy, Minnie Patterson, Elsie Finley, Ida Hilton, also Attorneys Harry Austin, Fred Johnson and George Hilton. First club prize was won by Mrs. Sadie Tandy, second, Mrs. Ann Dingle, and third, Mrs. Louise Johnson. Guest prize was awarded Mrs. Ida Hilton.