

MY VENTNOR DIARY

By VIRGINIA MORSE PACKARD

Djinn, my dear—Almost a whole week has passed since you last honored me with a visit and poised yourself beside me as I wrote in the manner of all of your kind. Well, you are really an exceptionally nice sort, Djinn, and I am thoroughly glad to see you again. Do I see you smile a bit cynically? Of course I know I am not always as glad to see you as I might be. But after all, isn't that your own fault since you do have such a tenacity of purpose and you do persist in coming when you are least expected, but this time—Welcome! Your cynical smile will change to one of envy when I tell you all that has been happening in the realms of Ventnor. I can already see how disappointed you are that you had to miss something. Oh, well, one has to pay a penalty for something in this life of ours and you can not expect to be exempt.

This has been a real music week. First there was the meeting of the Crescendo Club on Tuesday night in the Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church. It was a Colonial evening and the program was devoted to Colonial music. The costumes of that period were lovely and took one back to the days of stately minuets. Mrs. Dorothy Johnstone Baseler, the visiting artist achieved a musical artistry which is rare among harpists. After the meeting was over there was a reception to meet Mrs. Baseler. The concert was delightful and appreciated by the many who were there and it was indeed a full meeting, the chapel being taxed to its capacity.

And on top of that more joy came to the souls of the music lovers of the city for on Wednesday evening at Vernon Hall Marie Rappold, Dramatic Prima Donna Soprano of the Metropolitan Opera House, assisted by Nathan Reinhart, gave a recital. The programme was well made and largely devoted to familiar pieces of well known composers. Mme. Marie Rappold demonstrated her artistry to the complete satisfaction of her listeners. Her singing and command of style were such that her recital maintained a high artistic level. Nathan Reinhart was excellent as accompanist and soloist. The entire programme was as follows:

- 1—Solo for piano-concert paraphrase on "Rigoletto"....Verdi-Liszt Mr. Reinhart.
- 2—Aria—"Pleurez, pleurez, mes yeux".....Massenet Mme. Rappold.
- 3—Soli for piano—
(a) "Sous Bois".....Staub
(b) "Romance".....La Forge Mr. Reinhart.
- 4—(a) "Jewel Song" (Faust).....Gounod
(b) "The Last Hour".....Walter Kramer
(c) "Pierrot".....Dagmar Rybner
(d) "Indian Lullaby".....Lieurance
(e) "Dan Cupid".....Mona Zucca
(f) "Robin, Robin, Sing Me a Song".....Spross Mme. Rappold.

Since a recital given by Mme. Rappold and Nathan Reinhart is regarded as an event of musical importance the patronesses were representative of the musical clique of the city. Among them were Mrs. A. E. Bates, Mrs. August F. Bolte, Mrs. H. Walter Gill, Mrs. Herbert W. Hemphill, Mrs. W. Scott Johnson, Mrs. Alfred McClure, Mrs. George Meredith, Mrs. David Moore, Mrs. W. L. Rodelheim, Mrs. Albert Sachse, Mrs. Charles Tilton, and others. On Thursday evening Mrs. Charles Ulmer was hostess to the Woman's Foundation. This was a very important meeting in the history of the club as it marked a step forward in the organization. Since the national body disbanded in the spring, plans for continuing have been in the process of formation. This meeting brought about the complete reorganization of the club and we can safely say that it is now launched on a firm basis. The name, Woman's Foundation will be retained. The club is to be essentially a luncheon club—that is a series of luncheons will be held at regular intervals at which luncheons the women will meet and exchange ideas and views. There will be speakers, just as there are at the Kiwanis and Rotary luncheons. The club does not aspire to politics, reform work or charities but it will however be ready and willing to take its place with other organizations whenever called upon to help or to take a definite stand. The officers of the club are Miss Sara Miller, president; Mrs. Robert Craighead, vice-president; Miss Maude E. Mitchell, treasurer. There are many Ventnor people among its list of members. A welcome awaits any wide awake, active woman of the business or home world.

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With Thanksgiving so near, friends are coming, friends are going and fortunately friends are staying. It seems rather a pity, doesn't it, that we have to compete with Philadelphia—and I am afraid we do it poorly with the younger set when it comes to staging a real live football game. Of course I say this with all respect to our good and faithful High School team, who defend valiantly the Blue and White. But think of Philadelphia with the Army and Navy game on Saturday and the Penn-Cornell game on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Humphries, of Berkeley Square, and Christine Humphries, who has been away at school in Washington, were among the cheerers at the Army-Navy game. Mrs. Harry Godshall, of Oxford and Ventnor Avenues, is in New York for a few days. The card party given on Friday afternoon by the Colony Club at Vernon Hall was a success. A large sum of money was added to the rapidly growing fund for the ambulance.

On Thanksgiving afternoon the Shriners are going to give a party to the little residents of the North American home.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Risley gave a small dinner party on Wednesday evening. And speaking of dinner parties, the Atlantic City Yacht Club has sent out invitations for a dinner and dance on Saturday evening, December 2nd. It is to be a real Thanksgiving party the invitation assures us and with Dr. and Mrs. Edward R. Doughty as host and hostess, we haven't a doubt of it. Surely they would never disappoint us!

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Among Our Friends

By I. BAKER STEWART

Much sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clawson S. Coles, of 2 North Victoria Avenue, because of the accident to their interesting little daughter, Mary, who will be nine years old next month. Mary was learning to ride a bicycle when she fell and broke her leg just above the ankle. Dr. Silvers set the injured limb and then an X-ray was taken to see if there were any splinters, but it was found to be a clean break, but will necessitate Mary being confined to her bed for several weeks. Friends have turned her bed-room into a veritable toy shop. I think I counted eight story and picture books, besides dolls, crayon sets, games, and other interesting toys to help the little sufferer forget her pain.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schmidt, of 21 South Sacramento Avenue, are receiving many friends who call to give them a hearty welcome home after a four-months' stay in Europe, where they visited many points of interest and saw the Passion Play. Mrs. Schmidt will be remembered as Mrs. Arnold, mother of Mrs. August Generetzky.

Going away on a visit for six weeks is very pleasant, but to get back again to dear old Ventnor City is much pleasanter, so assert Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knauer, of 25 South Oakland Avenue, who have been visiting their married daughter in Sterling, Ill., also their son, who lives in Oshkosh, Wis. Mr. Knauer believes in killing two birds with one stone, so attended the Convention for Printers which took place in Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Marie Halphen, of 102 South Wissahickon Avenue, can hardly wait until Thanksgiving and one can hardly blame her, for she is to have her three sturdy boys home with her for the weekend. George, Andre and Marshall are attending the Villa Nova College in Pennsylvania.

Frances Harris, of 110 South Surrey Place, is convalescing at her home after an operation for appendicitis in the Atlantic City Hospital. She was delighted when

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JUST NOTES

By TERESA WASLESKI

Miss Jean Godfrey entertained the members of the Keo Kyr Club at her home, South Amherst Avenue, Ventnor. Following a short business meeting a social hour was enjoyed by those present: Misses Jessie Roberts, Dorothy Smith, Gladys Smith, Rena Stebbens, Mildred Scott, Jean Hooper, Bernice Custer and Madeline Savage.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, of Overbrook, is the guest of Miss M. Kelly, at her home, 5251 Winchester Avenue, for a few days.

Mr. Daniel Lutz has opened his home, at 104 South Surrey Avenue, for a few weeks, where he is enjoying a much needed rest.

Mr. Francis Mohoney and Edgar Gravenstein have left for Florida, where they will spend the winter months.

Commodore and Mrs. Stimson J. Brown, who summer in Longport, have sailed for Cuba to visit Mrs. Brown's daughter, Mrs. C. R. Kears, who resides in Havana.

Miss Margaret Duffield and Mr. Sidney Duffield entertained a few friends—at an informal dance on Saturday evening. Several specialty dances were rendered by the guests. During the evening refreshments were served by the host and hostess. Those present were Mr. Francis Hand, Miss Idella Cramer, Mr. J. Irwin, Miss Anne Haughey, Mr. Stanton Voss, Miss Esther Drager, Mr. Earle McKeen, Miss Laura Van Kirk, Mr. Thomas De Vinney, Miss Margaret Duffield, Miss Annie Duffield, Mr. Sidney Duffield, Mr. Thomas Ordeman, Mrs. Hazel Gadsby, Mr. Jimmie Kline, Miss Mary Kline and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kline.

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Mrs. Joseph Shinn entertained at a luncheon-bridge at her home on Newport Avenue. Following luncheon cards were enjoyed by the members present: Mrs. F. E. Croasdale, Mrs. Jos. J. Farrell, Mrs. George H. Rogers, Mrs. Joseph Leeds, Mrs. Elizabeth Schwarz and Mrs. Joseph Shinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Feyl have taken possession of their attractive home at Ventnor and Cornwall Avenues, which has just been completed.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bailey motored to Dividing Creek, where they were the guests of Mrs. Bailey's mother for a few days.

Mr. Emile Dumas, accompanied by his mother, motored to Beach Haven on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson motored to Philadelphia on Saturday to attend the Army-Navy football game.

Miss Gertrude Wasleski, Mr. Harry C. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Emile Estoclet, all of Ventnor, will motor to Philadelphia for Thanksgiving to attend the Penn-Cornell game.

Mrs. F. Farrington and Miss May Farrington have returned to their home, 14 South Wyoming Avenue, from a two weeks' stay at Galen Hall, Wernersville, Pa.

Miss "Honey" Feyl entertained the members of the Sigma Delta Chi Sorority on Thursday evening at her home, 11 North Vassar Square. Plans were discussed for a subscription dance to be given on Christmas night. Those present were: Carew May, Celeste Burkhard, Dorothy Gossler, Dorothy Norman, Helen Ghegan, Tamzin Lewis, Isabelle Westney, Kay Mansfield, Dorothy Parsells, Mrs. Thomas Burns, Evelyn Mathis, Mary Verga and "Honey" Feyl.

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