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Mrs. W. Deas, of Pauline Ave., who has been on the sick list, is much improved.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Harris was the scene of a very jolly Christmas Eve party and Christmas tree, December 24th. The tree was beautifully decorated and laden with gifts. Covers were laid for 24 guests including Jonquil Club members, their husbands and a few friends. The evening was spent in music, singing, dancing and stunts. Messrs. Harris, Bell, Ross and Mills furnished the music. After the luncheon the gifts were distributed and everyone departed after thanking Mr. and Mrs. Harris for their kind hospitality.

Christmas night the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Enix was aglow with merriment, when a few of the Jonquil Club members and friends met and had a very enjoyable evening. Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. G. Binford served a very delightful luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stowe entertained the Jonquil Club members, husbands and friends at a fancy dress party New Year's eve. Their home was beautifully decorated and the fancy costumes added to the merriment of the evening. At midnight the guests blew horns and whistles, threw colored streamers, then all joined hands and danced in a circle around the host and hostess, after which speeches were in order. After a bountiful luncheon, dancing was resumed and continued until the wee small hours, everyone departing, voting Mr. and Mrs. Stowe wonderful host and hostess and wishing them a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ardella were host and hostess on January 5th to the members of the Jonquil Club, their husbands and a few friends at their home in Monray street. A very delightful time was spent by all present. During the evening Mrs. Ardella was presented with a nice birthday gift from the Jolly Eight.

Mrs. W. A. Branch of Pauline Ave. entertained at a children's and young people's party Saturday evening, January 8, for her family. The house was gay with Christmas decorations and a large Christmas tree upstairs in the sitting room was aglow with lights and decorations. Mrs. Harry Brown and Miss Luella Wandle assisted Mrs. Branch in looking after and entertaining the guests. The evening was spent in games, music, singing, contests and dancing. Each person donned a paper cap and a dainty luncheon was served at 10.30. Each guest received a favor which included dolls, fancy pencils and balloons, and, on leaving, a large red apple. The prize winners were: Charleston contest, 1st, Master Frederick Hubbard, 2nd Phyllis Marshall; observation contest, 1st Miss Edith Lightfoot, 2nd Miss Edith McGrunder. Mr. Branch came in late and joined in helping the young folks to have a jolly time, which indeed was the case. The gathering expressed its thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Branch and, after singing "Auld Lang Syne," departed for home a tired but happy crowd.

Now that the holidays are over, a general review of happenings and events during the festive season is in order. I am glad to report that there was no serious mishap and very few scandals during the festive season among our people and that in itself is much to be thankful for.

Among the many great events and the most prominent was the "Children's Party," given by the Eureka Club. If you could have been there and have seen how very much those children enjoyed themselves and enjoyed meeting children they had never seen before and probably would never have met but for the party, your heart would have jumped for joy. Boys and girls born in Toronto, from 5 to 15 years of age, and perfect strangers to each other is something to think about. Why not have a supervised party every 3 months and let other children meet our children, understand our children and try to get together. You have no idea what it will mean to them and what a difference it will make to meet and greet each other.

It is just like a family meeting. You can go out into the world and meet everybody, see people you admire and even love, but when you come to your own home and meet your own people it means another feeling, another kind of love altogether.

But to go back to the party. There were children from one to 71, as the mothers and fathers are just "grown-up children," and the mothers and fathers were there with their children to help keep them in line and help take care of them.

They had a splendid children's program, after which they were sent to the tables prepared for them and served with cocoa, sandwiches, ice cream and cake, after which each child was given a Christmas present and went home feeling he had had a wonderful time. Each child was sent an invitation to this party and although the Eureka Club before this had sent candy bags to each church Christmas tree for the children I think they were able to get their greetings to more children this time than at any previous time. Here's wishing good luck and prosperity to the members of the Eureka Club and more get together parties for the children.

Did you attend the concert and dance during Christmas week given by the Home Service Association? Well, you missed a treat if you did not and you enjoyed one if you did. The program was very good, the music was excellent and the gathering was all that could be wished for. Everyone seemed to have had a nice time and if you did go and did not have a nice time, don't have the doctor examine you, but examine yourself thoroughly and see if you can't find something wrong. The hall was beautifully decorated and the dresses those ladies wore! Wow! You should have been there to have seen them. You wonder how so many people can talk hard times, and always look like new money. The tenor of the whole evening was congeniality. Everyone tried to overdo him or herself in making the evening pleasant.