

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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Family gatherings and small parties seem to be the rule this Christmas season rather than the large affairs which have been the custom on the Peninsula since the war years. With sons and daughters home from college and house guests arriving, life is now quite gay and Christmaslike.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe will have a happy time tonight and tomorrow at their home in Hatton Fields. Their son, Bill Monroe, is at home from the University of Oregon, bringing with him as a house guest Miss Harriet Vann Atta, whose home is on the Island of Hawaii and who is also a student at the Oregon university. Paul Roberts of Pasadena, the godfather of the two Monroe boys – John, a student at Carmel High School, and Bill – is also a guest of the Monroes. Joining the family for Christmas festivities this evening will be Mrs. Monroe's brother, William Parker, and his bride of two months, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boeger, all of Beverly Hills, who are staying in Carmel for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Dormody will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones and the former's father, Mr. John T. Jones, at Christmas dinner tomorrow. Dr. and Mrs. Dormody have tickets for the Rose Bowl game and are anticipating an exciting experience in the southland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bacon and their son and daughter, John and Mary Bacon of San Francisco, will be the house guests of Mrs. Bacon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Norris, in Carmel during Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Glaser have sent a picture of their Glencoe, Illinois home as it looks surrounded by snow, as their greeting to friends on the Peninsula. Mr. and Mrs. Glaser will arrive in January to make their permanent home at Strawberry Hill, the former Ingels estate at Pebble Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke Shepard Jr. will be surrounded by their family tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shepard and their young son of Santa Rosa, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bennett (Virginia Shepard) and their son, Ronnie, of Turlock, are all at the Shepard home in Carmel. Sharing Christmas dinner tomorrow with the family will be Mrs. B. V. McMenam Sr. and her mother, Mrs. Sherman Houston; and Mrs. Shepard's cousin, Miss Eleanor Swanson of Minneapolis, Minn., who now makes her home in Carmel.

Mr. Derek Godbold arrived last Sunday from London, England, after an ocean voyage and a trip across the continent to join his family. Mrs. Godbold and their two daughters, Mary and Grace, at the Country Club home of Mrs. Godbold's mother, Mrs. G. G. Howland, Mr. Godbold, who has been a tea planter in India for many years, expects to make California the permanent home of the family. Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes will join Mrs. Howland and the family for dinner tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Stanley of Fresno will spend the holidays in Carmel as the house guests of Mrs. Carl Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley are completing a new home in the Pebble Beach area, where they expect to spend many weekends in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Geyer will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitman and two sons, Colden and Paul Jr., for Christmas dinner. Other members of the family, of course, will be Peter, who is becoming quite a good golfer, and Harold Allen Geyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stanton will have a family dinner with their three children and Mr. Stanton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stanton Sr.

A card from Miss Polly Hecker, formerly owner of the Mexican Idol Shop in Monterey, tells of her life in Phoenix, Arizona, where she is hostess at the Arizona Biltmore.

Mrs. Stuart Work opened her Lopez street home in Carmel for the annual Christmas party of the Monday Afternoon Club. A program of Christmas music and readings arranged by Mrs. John Sandholdt, entertained the members present until the hour set for the distribution of gifts, followed by holiday punch and cookies served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stryker and their two young daughters are the Christmas guests of Mrs. Stryker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Parke, at the Forest Hill Hotel in Pacific Grove.