

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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Mr. and Mrs. B. V. McMenam Jr. are back in their apartment at Mission Inn following a trip to Europe for Mrs. McMenam and a visit on the East Coast for Mr. McMenam.

Mrs. McMenam sailed on October 28, with her sister, Miss Betty Mary Wilson of Carmel, and Mrs. Suzanne Shelton, both of whom are now studying in Paris, the former in art school and the former at the Sorbonne. Mrs. McMenam toured England, Germany, Italy and Switzerland. She was visited in Paris by Miss Winifred Monahan, formerly of Carmel, and the two traveled together for a time.

The return voyage was made on the Queen Elizabeth, with Mrs. McMenam arriving in New York on December 7, where she was met by her husband. During a brief stay on the East Coast they visited in Greenwich, Connecticut with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Crossman, formerly of Carmel.

They then made stops in Chicago, New Orleans, in Houston, Texas, and Los Angeles, arriving in Monterey on December 23. Christmas dinner was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. McMenam with Mrs. McMenam's mother, Mrs. Betty B. Wilson, at her home in Carmel.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hill Gilbert were holiday guests of Miss Raymonde Rooney in her San Francisco home. On Christmas Day the trio motored to Hillsborough where they joined a family Christmas dinner party at the Residence of Mrs. Walter Chidester. They returned on Monday to their studio-residence on Munras Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Fish celebrated the yuletide holiday on Christmas Eve in their country home overlooking Carmel and the valley. Joining them for dinner and the merry festivities around the Christmas tree were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunt, Harry Hunt Jr., Colonel and Mrs. Allen Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hatey Jr., Peter Hatey, Mrs. Frances McComas, Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and Stuyvesant Fish of San Francisco.

The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Adrian Applegarth of San Francisco, Miss Adrienne Applegarth, announced her engagement to Elmer Earl Batts at a family dinner party on Christmas Day in Scarsdale, New York. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mrs. Laura Bride Powers, historian and author and former curator of the Old Custom House in Monterey.

The family for many years owned a home in Carmel, and Miss Applegarth and her brothers and sister spent much time on the Peninsula.

Present at the announcement dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Logan Cresap (Laura Bride Applegarth), the future bride's sister and brother-in-law, and her brother, Dr. Jerrold Applegarth, an assistant resident physician at the Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. The dinner was held at the home of the senior Mr. and Mrs. Cresap.

Both Adrienne and her fiancé, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Batts of Wilson North Carolina, are fourth year students at the Harvard Medical School. Miss Applegarth did her pre-medical work at the University of California, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma XI. She has one other brother, Adrian, who resides in Indio, California.

Her father is a San Francisco architect who designed the Palace of the Legion of Honor as well as several well-known buildings.

A June wedding is planned by the young people. After they receive their degrees they will make their home in the Bay Area while the bride will for research work at the San Francisco City and County Hospital, where Dr. Batts has an appointment as intern.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Bogen of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Farrington of Pacific Grove, spent the Christmas holidays in San Jose as the house guests of Mr. Farrington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Farrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Hawley and Mrs. Hawley's mother, Mrs. Roberts Lewis of San Francisco, spent the holidays at the Hotel San Carlos in Monterey. Mrs. Lewis lived in Monterey for many years and still owns her home at the top of Roosevelt Street. On Monday evening Mrs. F. L. Knudsen entertained at dinner in honor of the visitors. Others seated about the gayly decorated table were Colonel Knudsen, Miss Jessie Caffee, Mrs. William M. O'Donnell and Miss Catherine Knudsen.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Griffin were interested visitors on the Peninsula last week, with special emphasis on visits to the historic building and museums. Their home is in Gainesville, Florida, where Mr. Griffin is state archaeologist for the Board of Parks and Historic Memorials. Their trip west was to visit Mrs. Griffin's family in San Francisco.