

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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Christmas and New Year festivities are over and there are many interesting and delightful events for participants to look back upon through 1950.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson were hosts on New Year's Day when they held open house in their home on Alameda and Colton streets. The gayly lighted Christmas tree and other holiday decorations made the already charming setting perfect for the gathering of more than half a hundred friends of the hospitable couple.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Justin McCarthy of Oakland, aunt and uncle of Dr. Anderson, who spent the weekend with the Andersons. Judge and Mrs. William F. James, who make their home on the Stanford University campus, and Judge James' daughter Ms. Chapman and Mr. Chapman, were also among the guests. Judge James is superior court judge of Santa Clara County and Mrs. James is a full professor of psychology at Stanford.

The couple spend many weekends in Monterey in their home on Madison Street, which was formerly the home of Judge James' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. James.

It was a delight to the many friends who called during the afternoon to see both Dr. and Mrs. Anderson so enthusiastic about the prospects for a Happy New Year, as they have both been ill during the past year and have spent some weeks in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Hughes' San Juan Road home in Carmel Woods was most attractively decorated for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The large Christmas tree was a sugar pine which had been brought from Georgetown in Eldorado County, where Mr. and Mrs. Hughes own property. Long pine cones, which were used for decoration in addition to the shiny red Christmas balls and silver trimmings, had been painted red also. The mantel was covered with greenery and many candles, and over the fireplace were hung a group of large and small red and white Christmas stockings

For Christmas Eve and Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes grouped members of their family about them, including their two daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cary and son, Stuart, of Santa Clara; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Alsop and son, Clark, of Salinas, and Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Hughes and son, David, of Carmel.

Just before Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes entertained a large group of Carmel friends at open house and on Friday of last week Mrs. Hughes asked a group of friends from the Peninsula and Salinas to meet together for a cup of tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Norris held open house on New Year's Day, inviting friends to their home on San Antonio Street in Carmel for Tom and Jerries. This party is an annual tradition in the Norris family because, aside from celebrating the coming of a new year, it also celebrates their wedding anniversary. Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Norris in welcoming their guests were their two grandchildren, Mary and John Bacon of San Francisco.

Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Philip Perabo Jr. who have been residents of Monterey for the past year while the commander was a member of the General Line School at Del Monte, have left for their new station in Philadelphia. They spent Christmas in Dallas, Texas, with Mrs. Perabo's family, and then motored on to Tupelo, Mississippi, to visit the commander's parents. During their stay in Monterey they occupied the home of Commander and Mrs. Monte McCauley on Johnson Street.

Major General and Mrs. Jens Doe mailed their Christmas and New Year's greeting cards to their Peninsula friends from 126 West Beauregard Avenue in San Angelo, Texas, where they are spending some time before returning to their Carmel home.

The First Theater also received a Christmas present, and the curator, Mrs. Isabel Hartigan, and her assistant, Miss Myfanwy Lloyd, are delighted. Mr. Stephen Martinelli of Watsonville presented the old bar room at the theater with an old desk, a much more appropriate piece of furniture for this ancient room than the modern desk which has been serving there these past many years. The new old desk has been the property of Mr. Martinelli's grandmother, Mrs. Neil McLean, one of the very early settlers here. It is practically a duplicate of the desk in the Wells Fargo exhibit in San Francisco which was supposed to have been used by Mark Twain.