

Dance in Open Innovation at Gotham

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—A real innovation this summer has been the inauguration of the post of "social hostess" on a Hudson river excursion steamer. Heretofore only the best hotels have employed the services of a "social hostess."

When the outdoor season started, the managers of the floating dancing palaces, realizing the need of some one on board to cater to the wants of the society women and men who sail on them nightly, engaged to undertake this difficult work, Mrs. Myrtle Dunham.

Mrs. Dunham is well known, having acted in a similar capacity for a number of leading hostelrys. In addition to her work as hostess, she has also acquired a reputation as an interior decorator and water color artist. Acting as Mrs. Dunham's assistant is Miss Vida Talbot, who has appeared in several of David Belasco's productions for two seasons.

A varied program has been arranged by Mrs. Dunham for the evening trips on the Mandalay. Through her efforts numerous dancing teams, singers, musicians and other entertainers have appeared on the "Queen of the Hudson," as the boat is known.

In connection with the dancing contests that are held frequently, Mrs. Dunham has been able to arrange for the winners of the Hudson river championship dancing contest at the end of the season to be booked by Frank A. Keeney, the vaudeville manager, at several of his theaters. For this event the winners of the preliminary contests during the week dance a final elimination every Friday, the winners on that night being qualified for the championships, which also carry a prize of \$100 in gold.

Bridge Party and Musical for Guest.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Sukov, 466 Mesaba avenue, entertained at a bridge party last night for Miss B. Liberman of Chicago. Besides bridge there were solo dances and a program of music given on the piano by Miss Anna Kron, Miss Sarah Sher of Hibbing and Miss Bessie Kron. Vocal selections were sung by Miss Sarah Plotkin. The other guests were: Mrs. J. Laden, Mrs. F. Sweet, Miss Ida Sukov, Miss Plotkin, Miss Esther Sukov, Miss Edith Sukov and Miss Mariam Meswan.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Pierce and son, Lennie, and Miss Elizabeth Richardson leave today for a motor trip to the Twin Cities and Mankato, going later to Chicago and other eastern points.

Cabin Party Given At the Heights.

A week-end cabin party was given by a party of young people at Steven's cabin, Duluth Heights. A dainty dinner and supper was served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. B. Olson, Miss Ruth Johnson, Miss Louise Mueller, Miss Margaret Smith, Louis Mueller, Ed Stevens, Ed Johnson, Oscar Anderson.

Bride of the Month Honored at Shower.

Miss Christle Rude, 5531 Medina street, entertained Friday night at a bundle shower in honor of Miss Borg-hild Ness, a bride of the month. The rooms were prettily decorated with pink and white sweet peas and roses. Miss Ness was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. Those present were: Mrs. E. O. Nelson, Mrs. A. Rude, Mrs. A. Buttrick, Miss Isabel Ness, Miss Clara Winness, Miss Agnes Winness, Miss Violet Siddell, Miss Lottie McKay, Miss Myrtle Whalen, Miss Belva Downs, Miss Alice Whalen, Miss Annie Rude, Miss Alice Downs, Miss Helen Roe and Miss Anna Siddell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Gooch, 3808 Woodland avenue, have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ritzman and little son, Douglas, of Fargo, N. D.