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## Tennis Tourney With Wading River Sunday Afternoon

Matches to be Played on Shoreham Courts; Tea-Dance on Labor Day

The annual Wading River-Shoreham tennis tournament will be held on the Shoreham courts at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and in case of bad weather will be held on Monday afternoon at the same time.

This annual match is a traditional rivalry between the two neighboring towns. The silver cup, which is now in the hands of the Wading River team, will be given to the winner of the match at the tea dance at the Shoreham Country Club on Monday afternoon. This cup will be the permanent possession of the team to get five legs on it. At present there is a question as to how many legs each team has. The five matches played which decide the winner are three singles and two doubles.

The winner of the local tournament will play first singles for Shoreham, and the runner-up in this tournament will play second singles. A glance at the chart shows that C. V. Pallister, Jr., and Bill Davis will fill these positions and probably Gilbert Frei will play third singles. The doubles situation is in the same indefinite state as that of the singles. From present outlooks it appears that Bill Davis and Junie Pallister will play first doubles, and Gilley Frei and Al Barnhart will play second doubles.

News from Wading River is a little more definite for it was disclosed that Wading River will be presented by Samuel P. Carter, 3rd, Reid Hagar, Jesse Heatley, Philip Gregory and Eugene Mock.

## Children's Masquerade Last Wednesday Was Best in Some Years

The children's masquerade held last Wednesday at the Country Club was the best final party that the children have had in a long time. Mrs. Sarkany was hostess and she was assisted by Mrs. Frank Cross. The children arrived at the club early in the evening in costumes, some of which had the populus guessing. For example, who was that skeleton and who was the girl with the peroxide hair and the old-fashioned sunbonnet? It was the big feet which gave her away, but then which of the boys was masquerading as a girl. As it turned out in the end, the skeleton was Eddy Barnhart and the shy (?) little girl was Buddy Sherman.

Soon the grand march began and the three judges took their places on the platform to make the momentous decision on this fine aggregation of costumes. These judges were Mrs. A. J. Cross, Miss Janet Waters and Mr. Donald MacKinnon, chosen for the office because none of them had children in the running.

When the parade started, there were three cowboys: Jimmy Brandon, Harry Laurecot and the so-

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## Children's Dances & 'Nite Club Night' Are Feature Programs For Week-End

### Dances of Past And Present to Be Presented

Program Put On by the Shoreham Children Will Be Work of All Ages

It has already been pointed out that the children's program at the Shoreham Country Club this evening will be one of the greatest things to be presented in Shoreham for some time past. Miss Jantzer, who is doing the directing, has been working hard with the children with special rehearsals and she has taught them many new dances for the occasion. Rehearsals were held all day yesterday at the club house in spite of the storm which was raging outside, many of the gang stayed at the club all day and

The program will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock this evening and let it be understood that there will be no admission charge and that every one is invited. During the past week the children's mothers

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### Buffet Supper Here Last Week-end Was Enjoyed by Everyone

It was a gay crowd of Shorehamites who attended the annual buffet supper at the Shoreham Country Club last Saturday night. Every one present mentioned how good the food was and how well it was served which means bouquets to Mrs. F. A. Koch and to Teddy of Teddy's Hotel. Also the warning which was published last week about getting to the party early before the food was gone was not necessary because there was plenty of food for all and some left over.

As soon as the dinner was over while the orchestra was setting up for the evening the assembled Shorehamites had a fine time singing and playing. It was an impressive thing when the entire party rose and sang "The Star Spangled Banner" with all eyes on the new flag which Mr. John Brandon gave to the club. After the singing which included many songs which are old favorites and a duet by Mr. Barnhart and Mrs. Bates, the party got into a playful mood. They started a snake dance around the floor which ended with a game of "Farmer in the Dell."

It was Mrs. Ada Sherman who said that the party took her back ten years to the times when similar parties were held in the basement of the old clubhouse. And many people said that it was the best party that had been held at the Shoreham Country Club for several years.

### I JUST DON'T GET IT

It seems that Quinn Hunsicker is putting in a strong bid for the most amusing baby in Shoreham. His mother was reading to him the other day and he just couldn't figure it out until at last he said to his mother, "Mother, why are you talking to the book!"

### 'Northeaster' Storm Lashes Island Coast, Setting Rafts Adrift

The first "Northeaster" of the season lashed the Long Island coast during the past week with the storm reaching the height of its fury Thursday morning. At Shoreham the damage done to small boats was negligible, as all of these craft were brought to safety early when the storm first showed its teeth. But the Shoreham rafts did not have such easy sailing. On Wednesday the small raft had ~~been~~ its mooring and was being tossed in the breakers at the foot of Pollock's bulkhead. At the same time it appeared that the big raft was holding its own in spite of the fact that it had been pulled toward shore and was riding the waves at a point below its regular position.

However, during the night the big raft broke loose and was later found in the vicinity of Rocky Point being dashed mercilessly against the beach, and in this predicament it presented a sad spectacle with its ladders gone and its high dive completely washed away along with its springboard. Wally Bull of Port Jefferson who takes care of the rafts in the winter, came out from Port to see if anything could be done to protect the rafts but it was found in this surf that it was next to impossible to do a thing.

And in the meantime, what was happening to the little raft? It was still at the foot of Pollock's bulkhead hanging on to its shore rope for dear life and doing its best to ride the waves, while the sea was ripping its canvas deck to shreds.

### LIGHTNING HITS TREE HERE

Shoreham was the center of a local thunder and lightning storm last Friday which served to get the people very wet and to frighten many when lightning struck a tree on the Warden's property. The bolt of lightning which struck the tree missed the topmost branches and then split the trunk of the tree to shreds, scattering the bark many feet. Mrs. Warden witnessed this from her livingroom window and her first reaction due to recent events was that the place was being bombed. Next door at the Sarkany's a number of the Shoreham children were having a party and they were very much frightened when the lightning struck.

### Champagne Nite Is Theme Of Gala Party

Shoreham Country Club Features Floor Show For the Final Dance

The second big feature night of the Shoreham Country Club will take place this Saturday night when the clubhouse will be turned into a night club. This will be the fourth annual "Nite Club Night" at the Shoreham Club and will be held beginning at 10:00 o'clock in the evening. This year the party will be called "Champagne Night" and the club will be decorated to look as if there were champagne to be had everywhere; even if it is doubtful that there will be any of this sparkling fluid around.

The decorations of the club for which yearly transformations take place into something different and to a different location. The committee this year consists of the Misses Lassie Zenke, Peggy Brandon,

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### Garden Club's Annual Meeting Will be Held Here on Tuesday P. M.

The Shoreham Garden Club will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, September 5, at 2:30 p. m. at the Country Club. At this meeting all committee chairmen are requested to give their annual reports and to hand in the same in writing later. The election of officers will conclude the business of the day. There will be an informal flower show featuring the Burpee's New Marigolds which the members of the club have grown from seeds which were given them by the club at the spring luncheon last April. The classes of this exhibit are as follows:

Class 1. Specimens: Exhibitors may enter any number of specimens, each to be shown in separate container. Containers furnished by committee.

Class 2. Arrangement in either pottery or metal container. (To be viewed from one side.)

Class 3. Arrangement, using New Marigolds as the dominant note, in combination with other flowers or foliage. (Suitable for console table against a wall.)

The chairman of this flower show is Mrs. Rufus E. McGahan, and the judge, Mrs. Edward E. Stevens of Miller Place, formerly of Shoreham. There will be a prize for each of the three classes.

Mrs. John Bates and Mrs. Thomas Miles are arranging a short program for the afternoon, which they entitle "A Surprise,"

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Another Shoreham season is drawing to a close and it is time to look back as we do every year at this time and see what the summer has brought. But this time let's look even further back, say ten years back to the days when the stock market graphs look like a rollercoaster and the country embarked upon an era of depression and in this light let's look at Shoreham along with the things that have been going on in the rest of the world.

While the world was in a stagnant state, while homes, communities and even the people were going to seed and any thought of improvement was waiting for the prosperity which was just around the corner, what was happening in Shoreham? Were Shoreham and the Shorehamites going to the dogs along with everything else? The answer is an emphatic "No!" To be sure, things looked black around here for a while but it did not take long before the people got together and did some good collective figuring out. While many Country Clubs were folding up, the club in Shoreham underwent a face lifting and took a new lease on life to become as fine a club as any community could boast. When the prices of property and homes took a drop in value and some people were willing to get rid of their property at almost any price and an undesirable element was in a position to buy the property as in many communities which were spoiled by the onrush of this element. In Shoreham this condition was foreseen and several Shorehamites handled it very well by buying up this type of property to prevent it from falling into undesirable hands.

The Shoreham Garden Club has had a great deal to do with beautifying Shoreham ever since its formation some time during the period being considered. It has been a great help in bringing about the improvement of the grounds around Shoreham homes and has several public projects to its credit. At the same time many of the homes have seen great improvement, both inside and out.

One outstanding improvement is the new tennis courts which have made tennis a very popular sport here both for the players and spectators. To realize this one need only wander over in that direction any time during a week-end (when there is no cocktail party going on) and see the crowd of players and spectators.

So it is that a Shorehamite is able to startle his out-of-town guests with the statement that "during the past ten years Shoreham has been forging ahead."

**THANKS**

As everyone knows the Editor found it necessary to be away for part of the summer and the paper was left in the hands of Fritz Van Arnun to manage while he was away. At this point the editor would like to publicly thank Mrs. William D. Van Arnun and Mr. John Brandon for the work which they did to help Fritz and the paper at that time.

**SHOREHAMITES**

Miss Evelyn Rita Jantzer, Mr. Donald Sawyer, Mr. Sawyer's mother and Mr. Stephen Henley will be the guests of Mrs. Alfred Varian over the week-end.

Miss Jantzer's mother, Mrs. Peter Jantzer, will spend the week-end at the home of Mrs. Gridley.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Palm for this week-end will be Mr. and Mrs. Ernest D. Button of Larchmont, N. Y., also the Misses Elizabeth and Janet Button.

Miss Elsie O'Keef will be visiting Mrs. Barnhart for several days next week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quincy Hunsicker III will have as their guests this week-end Miss Florence Ridgley and Mr. Richard Casey.

Miss Janet Waters returned to Shoreham this past week after visiting in Detroit, Mich.

Miss Susan B. Donaldson will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Van Arnun.

Mr. Augustus Wittenbell and Mr. Ernest Beck of New Rochelle, N. Y., will be the guests at the Koch home this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sackett and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hawkins will leave on the 15th for a two weeks' motor trip through Canada, Nova Scotia and New England. On the trip they expect to cover 2,700 miles.

Mr. Dewitt Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. William Hagnaugh have issued invitations for cocktails at "the Corner" at 4:00 o'clock Sunday.

Guests at the Upham home this week-end will be Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Rice, Miss Caroline Rice, and Mr. Chester Rice. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are expected to leave France today on the Ile de France, providing that it sails.

Mrs. Alice G. Hoyt and her son, Bill, will leave Shoreham for the summer on Tuesday, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stansfield will return for the remainder of the season to occupy their home.

Miss Winifred Burr will have as her guests this week-end Miss Patricia and Mr. Archer Crane of New York City, also Mr. Tilford Miller of Milton, Conn.

**CHILDREN'S MASQUERADE**

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sophisticated cow puncher—Mickey Glynn, also a great number of Spaniards were present including Louise Glynn, Ursula Ballmann and Barbara Sarkany as a Spanish gentleman. Jean Sarkany finished the cowboy and Spanish picture in her Indian costume. There were several old-fashioned and fancy dresses worn by Mary Varian, Elise Glynn and Jean Laurecot. Pat Sherman portrayed a modern girl in a riding habit, while Nancy Thurber was a farmerette. Portray-make-believe characters were Jimmie Glynn and Dopey of Walt Disney fame. Donald Malone was a member of the Northwest Mounted Police, and James Jennings was an explorer. Europe was represented by Sue Miles as a Dutch girl, Ellen Varian and Junior Sarkany as Hungarians, also Esther Sarkany as a Hungarian, and Carol Jackson as an Italian peasant. When the before-mentioned skeleton and platinum blonde were added, the line of march was complete except for Quincy Hunsicker who as the "Lone Ranger" made an "in the nick of time" arrival and just made the grand march. And it was this same "Lone Ranger" who knew that he didn't like the presence of the skeleton so he took out his trusty six-gun and emptied it in the direction of the skeleton, only to find that the skeleton is something special and will not drop dead, but, seriously, many people thought that Quinn would be frightened by Eddy's mask and were surprised to see him stand there and try to shoot him down.

The judges chose Eddy Barnhart as the funniest costume, Ursula Ballmann as the prettiest, and Ellen Varian and Junior Sarkany as the cutest. Charlotte Urganhart arrived too late for the grand march but she had on a costume which is worthy of note made of magazine and newspaper pictures with the large full face picture from the cover of "Life" for a mask.

The march was followed by Miss Jantzen's class and then the children had their amateur hour. The prize for the best performance went to Jean Laurecot and Pat Sherman for their rendition of "Home on the Range." The prize for the cutest was taken by Louise Glynn who recited Robert Louis Stevenson's story about the boy who just couldn't figure out why he had to go to bed "by day." The prize for the funniest went to Rene Lauren-

cot and Fritz Van Arnun with a new version of "Romeo and Juliet." Other performers were Elise Glynn who recited "Ain't You Shamed You Sleepy Head," Claire Laurecot who danced; Mary Varian and Sue Miles, who showed how the "Farmer in the Dell" should be sung; Nancy Thurber recited and Caroline Jackson played the accordion and sang, and Buddy Sherman gave a trumpet solo. Jean Sarkany did an Indian dance, Barbara Sarkany and Ursula Ballmann did a Spanish dance, Cornelia-Jane Van Arnun turned opera singer and Jimmy Braddon and Harry Laurecot sang. Eddy Barnhart turned out the lights so that the luminous paint on his mask and dagger would shine and ran around trying to make the club a haunted house.

A special feature of the evening was a toe dance done by Ursula Ballmann, which was a pleasant surprise which had been arranged by Mrs. Sarkany.

The evening was brought to a close with a Virginia reel which was enjoyed by everyone including the sideline sitters who were out in greater numbers Wednesday than on past nights this year.

**PARTY AFTER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

Last week it was announced that Mrs. Brandon had planned a party for the children in the program at the club tonight. At this date there are some corrections as to the invitations; there will be a party alright and such a party as has never been seen in Shoreham before. First the party will be held at the club and not at Mrs. Brandon's home as was announced last week. Second, not only the children are invited but everybody or as Mrs. Brandon says, "Come one, come all." Not that the older people will get in on the ice cream and cake but it is that big surprise which was mentioned last week. It seems that it got so big that now it is for everyone who attends the program. So everyone plan to stay at the club after the program.

**NEWS FROM HOME**

Miss Eugenie Lee Finn wrote home from England where she has been spending the summer that she is certainly glad that the Shoreham Sounder has been reaching her there, because it is the only news she has received from home this summer. But her sister wants it known that she has written Eugenie several letters which for some reason had not been received.

**Horticultural Column**

By Mrs. Rufus McGahan

**Gardener's Calendar for the First Week in September Garden Enemies**

Beside the large army of bugs and beetles which does great damage to foliage and twigs, we have another group of destructive agents which work along and under the ground. This group includes moles, mice, chipmunks, squirrels, rabbits, woodchucks and deer.

Moles live mostly underground, feeding upon earthworms and insects, although they may consume some vegetation. Moles are classed as mammals are not rodents. Their runways ruin lawns; several feet of runs may be made each day by one mole in search of food. Control is difficult, they detect poison very readily and they can even evade poison gas by digging down quickly into the earth. Moth balls, castor beans and similar articles placed in runs have little if any effect. Trapping is perhaps the most satisfactory method of mole control. Since many runs are used but once, it is essential that main runs in constant use be located. The trapper can find such runs by stamping down the conspicuous ridges in several places for two consecutive days. On the third day, it will be noted that the regularly used runs will be raised again. A few well placed mole traps will serve in removing animals from a large area. If a careful watch is kept just before dark, it is often possible to detect a mole at work, when it can be killed at once with a heavy spade driven into the ground across the run.

Of the mice injuring trees and plants, there are two common varieties in this part of the United States—field mice and pine mice. Of these, the pine mouse, which works entirely underground is the most destructive to gardens. The pine mouse is very small and has a very short tail. Its presence can be detected by occasional small round openings to the surface of the ground, with very few surface runs. They are burrowing rodents and live chiefly upon tubers, bulbs and roots. The field mouse makes use of shallow tunnels and nesting chambers, but feeds mostly at the surface. While poison bait is the most effective way of ridding an area of mice, many hesitate to use it. Small snap traps may be used with good effect, but the labor in (Continued on page 4)

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Spencer Tracy with "Oscar," the statuette presented as the Motion Picture Academy Award, which the star won twice. Tracy's latest role is that of Stanley, the young reporter who made the "scoop" of the century when he found Livingstone, in Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Stanley and Livingstone," the 20th Century-Fox film, opening Wednesday at the Port Jefferson Theatre, which co-stars him with Nancy Kelly and Richard Greene.

**Singles and Doubles  
Tournaments to See  
Finals This Saturday**

Due to the weather conditions two week-ends ago the play in the local tennis tournaments was held up until last week-end when the singles tournament was brought into the finals, and the doubles tournament as far as the semi-finals. C. V. Pallister, Jr. reached the finals in the upper half of the singles bracket when he defeated Mr. H. J. Laurencot in a three-set match 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. Junie Pallister reached the semi-finals by defeating Gilley Frei 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; Mr. Laurencot had reached the semi-finals by a default from Frank Heiss. In the lower half Bill Davis reached the finals by playing three matches over the week-end. He beat John Bates 1-6, 6-4, 6-0; Junior Warden 6-3, 6-3, who had overcome Jack Haslett in straight sets; and Dave Pallister 6-2, 6-1, after D. Pallister had drawn a default from Herbert Frei and subdued Don McKinnon 2-6, 7-5, 7-5. Davis and C. Pallister will play the final match sometime on Saturday.

Last week-end the doubles tournament finally got under way, and all but three matches were played. Bill Davis and C. V. Pallister reached the finals by getting a default from Finn and Haslett and conquering Laurencot and MacKinnon by the score of 0-6, 6-0, 6-4. Al Barnhart and Gilley Frei reached the semi-finals by defeating Beatty and Bates. The other semi-finalist in this half of the bracket is the Fritz Van Arnam-Dave Pallister team which defeated Herbert Frei and Alan Warden 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 after the latter team had outplayed Jack Hunsicker and Jackson Cross. The Barnhart-Frei vs. Van Arnam-D. Pallister match will be played early Saturday, and the winner will come up against Davis and C. Pallister later on in the day.

A trophy will be given to the winner of the singles tournament, and his name will be inscribed thereon.

**HIGH TIDES**

Saturday	1:24	1:41
Sunday	2:01	2:21
Monday	2:44	3:03
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Thursday	5:25	5:50
Friday	6:34	6:58

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**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK-END**

Friday, Sept. 1—8:30 p. m. Children's program directed by Miss Evelyn Rita Jantzer.

Saturday, Sept. 2—Finals of the local tennis tournaments.

Saturday, Sept. 2—10:00 p. m. Annual "Nite Club Night," music by Wes Oliver.

Sunday, Sept. 3—2:00 p. m. Tennis matches with Wading River at the Shoreham Courts.

Sunday, Sept. 3—8:00 p. m. Song service led by Mr. Herbert Frei. Songs by Mrs. John Bates and Mrs. Albert Barnhart, also the children's chorus.

Monday, Sept. 4—10:00 a. m. Baseball game with Wading River at Wading River.

Monday, Sept. 4—4-7 p. m. Tea dance at Country Club.

Tuesday, Sept. 5—2:30 p. m. Shoreham Garden Club annual meeting.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

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have been working hard on the costumes which from all appearances will be very fine. Mrs. Laurencot has been in charge of the costumes and her house this week has been turned over to the dress-making industry in a big way.

The program this evening will begin with dances of the past, including a minuet by Louise Glynn and Harry Laurencot; a gavotte by Carol Jackson, Barbara Sarkany, Esther Sarkany and Ursula Ballmann; polka by Jean Laurencot, Buddy Sherman, Pat Sherman, Eddy Barnhart, Jean Sarkany and Rene Laurencot; also a selection by the Lancers who are Claire Laurencot, Eddy Barnhart, Mary Varian, Buddy Sherman, Sue Miles, Jimmy Brandon, Nancy Thurber and Cornelia-Jane Van Arnam.

This will be followed by an interlude of exhibition dancing, the first of which will be "Time in Holland" by the little children's classes, consisting of Ellen Varian, Junior Sarkany, Louise Sackett, Prudy Hawkins, Lorraine Laurencot, Elise Glynn and James Glynn. The next number will be Strolling in Maytime by Louise Glynn, followed by the Scotch Lassie, Mary Varian. The last number in the interlude will be "My Lady's Fan" by Cornelia-Jane Van Arnam.

The third part of the program is made up of the dances of today and will show an evening at a modern dancing class. First there is the assembling of the class followed by exhibitions of the fox trot, the tango and the waltz. Ending up the program the class will do a waltz together and close with the Grand March.

**Horticultural Column**

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doing so on any but very small areas is an item to be considered. Plenty of traps should be used and they should be examined every day, and left exposed about a week. In pine mouse runs, it is best to remove enough dirt to set the trap flush with the bottom of the run. A little rolled oats may be sprinkled over the trigger. A foot square of heavy building paper should be placed over each trap.

A list of publications relating to rodent and mammal pests of the garden issued by the Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of the Interior, can be obtained from the Horticultural Committee.

**GARDEN CLUB MEETING**

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which will be followed by a social hour.

This meeting will bring to a conclusion a most successful season of the Shoreham Garden Club which has included several interesting lectures, a study course in horticulture, and a successful card party.

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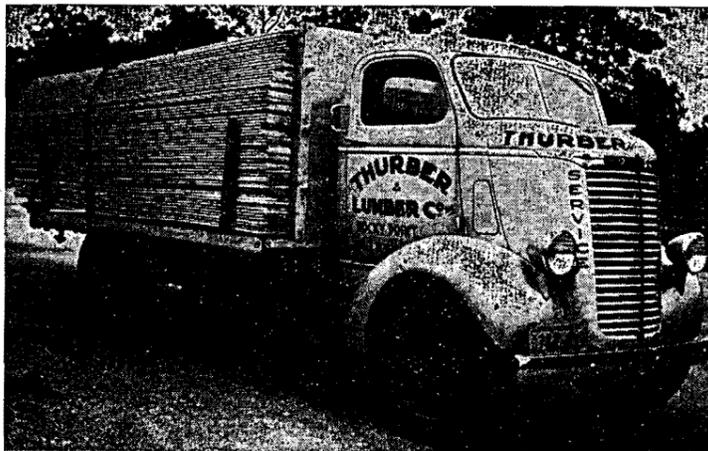
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**CHAMPAGNE NIGHT**

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Gladys Koch, Cornelia-Jane Van Arnam, and anybody else who is willing to help. The first year the club was transported to France for Bal Tabaran, and the following year it was taken to the high seas and the party was held on the S.S. Shoreham; while last year Shoreham stole a march on the Grover Whalen Extravaganza when the Shoreham World's Fair was held. This year the club is being transported to no place in particular, but some imaginary place probably in someone's dreams, where Champagne flows like water and every one has a gay time.

In keeping with this idea of a place where everybody is able to enjoy themselves, President Jack Haslett has announced that the guests may attend as their consciences dictate so that they may be comfortable.

The main part of any "Nite Club Night" at Shoreham is the floor show. This year it has been arranged by Mrs. Alfred Varien, the chairman of the entertainment committee, and promises to be as spectacular as past season revues. It will include a tap dance routine by Miss Gladys Koch, and several songs by Mrs. Pauline Weston of the Chicago Opera Company. Miss Evelyn Jantzer and Mr. Donald Sawyer, who performed here last season, have promised two numbers for the evening. They are adaptations of numbers which they have found most popular at conventions which they have attended recently. These numbers will be a Pavlova Gavotte and a musical comedy in soft shoe to the tune of "Deep Purple."

While Miss Jantzer is well known to Shorehamites, Mr. Sawyer has only appeared here once and deserves further introduction. He is known as "America's Authority" on ballroom dancing. His dancing is known throughout Europe and America where people who appreciate the art of ballroom dancing widely acclaim him because of his grace, poise and technique. He is also popular among the dancing teachers and is asked to dance for teachers' conventions all over the country, and he has recently been elected an honorary member of the Chicago Dancing Teachers' Association.

To bring a touch of comedy into the program, Mrs. Varian asked Mr. Sheldon DuCret to tell some of his famous stories which he said he would do if "Blossom" would go on with him—even if she did nothing else but merely hold his hand. As a result of this these two famous Shoreham Strolling Players have worked up a comedy skit in which Mrs. Varian was supposed to sing a song. "But," says Mrs. Varian, "As I can't sing, I just sort of talk it!"

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