

Music and Play on Program for American Writers

By R. L. P.

A tea party held in a "sunken garden" is a novelty, especially if the sunken garden happens to be a lowly basement on ordinary days. Mrs. Charles Holg, 250 Laurel avenue, Wilmette, who entertained the Friends of American Writers on Wednesday afternoon, was forced by an unobliging weather man to transform her basement into a garden. There seemed to be plenty of room for the seventy-odd guests and a corner for the artists, and the informality established between them resulted in a delightfully pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Holg's sister, Mrs. Nettie Bohr, who passed away two years ago, was the founder of this organization seven years ago. The Friends of American Writers have been steadily growing and doing commendable work since its inception. Mrs. Carl R. Henrickson is president, and she welcomed the group on Wednesday.

Miss Edith Salvi, harpist, and Miss Lillian Pringle, cellist, were the artists of the occasion, opening the program with "Orange Blossoms," by Friml; and "Spanish Serenade," by Glazunov. This was followed by a harp solo, "Impromptu" by Schueker. Miss Pringle plays with firm, even bowing, and her tone is warm and mellow. Her interpretations are artistically worked out. Miss Salvi gave her splendid support in the accompaniments. Miss Salvi's solo was particularly enjoyed, for she has a sense of the poetry of the harp, and all her phrasing is gracefully accomplished. Mastery of the harp's technique, and her own personality infused in her numbers, is responsible for this. A later group by Miss Pringle and Miss Salvi was composed of Saint-Saens' "Le Cygne"; Mendelssohn's "On Wings of Song"; and Poppers' "Gavotte."

Mrs. Florence Crocker Comfort, a member of the Friends of American Writers, was the author of "The Sing-a-Song man," produced by the Jack and Jill players under the direction of Marie Agnes Foley. The play was worked up in a hurry for the occasion, most of the costumes having been hastily put together Wednesday morning. None of this was apparent, however, in the presentation of this charming little play. The little actors played their roles intelligently, bringing out the whimsical touch that Mrs. Comfort intended. It was all about a "Won't-Go-to-Bed-er" child, whose mother took her to see Dr. Paddy-Whack for a cure. But Dr. Paddy-Whack only has such old fashioned remedies as medicine for "Grumps or Growls," for the "Fidgets," and, most horrific of all, a few paddles by Peter Paddle. Just as he was despairing of curing the child, a Sing-a-Song man comes in, singing a lullaby about floating on a boat, and flying with the birds, and he tells little Toddle Tot how one can travel by going to bed! He is a very persuasive chap, and soon all the personified remedies and helpers of the doctor, and even Toddle Tot herself start singing his song, and follow him away to slumberland.

Among those present was Mrs. H. B. Mitchell, who edited the writings of her husband on early Chicago, and whose book, "Fragments of Early Chicago," is now in Chicago book stores.

The Friends of American Writers will meet on October 24, at 12:30 o'clock, for luncheon in the Wedgwood room of Marshall Field's, to hear Llewellyn Jones talk on "How to Read, and How to Review a Book." Under the leadership of Mrs. R. B. Cotter, there will be a group discussion on Edith Wharton's new novel, "The Children."

Miss Mary Schopen Weds Raymond Nilles

Miss Mary Schopen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Schopen of 1511 Wilmette avenue was married Saturday, September 15, to Raymond Nilles, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nilles of 1522 Central avenue. The Rev. Fr. Neumann performed the ceremony and a reception was held immediately afterward in the home of the bride.

Mrs. Nilles wore a white gerogette dress and a tulle veil held to her head with a pearl band and caught with waxed orange blossoms. Her bouquet

was of roses and valley lilies. Miss Louise Nilles, sister of the bridegroom, was the maid of honor. She wore blue georgette trimmed with lace.

Peter Schopen, brother of the bride, was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Nilles motored to Kentucky and Tennessee for their honeymoon and will be home after October 15 at 116 Eighteenth street. Mr. Nilles is a teller at the State Bank of Evanston.

Mrs. Will C. Braun of 807 Central avenue has returned from a short visit in Colorado Springs, Colo.

ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meier of Washington avenue announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Joe Rossberger on September 19, at St. Joseph's church.

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