

On League Program

By J. T. B.

A fretful lake displaying its mood through the long windows of the Club Vista del Lago, and warm color within bringing out Spanish design of modern and old world interpretation, was the setting which attracted more than one hundred members of the Wilmette League of Women Voters and their guests to the luncheon meeting Monday. These guests, seated at long tables bearing their vases of spring flowers, heard a program, first of music, then of lecture. They left the meeting with a clearer insight into one of the most significant international steps of the day, the Multilateral treaty.

As they took the last few sips from their coffee cups, the president of the league, Mrs. Snelby M. Singleton, introduced one who was to bring several songs to them, Mrs. Charles W. Moody.

In her voice, rich, vibrant, warm, she sang two numbers, "A Spring Song," and "The Naughty Little Clock," and then, as an encore, a negro love song, "My Lady Chloe."

Dr. Paul Hutchinson was the speaker, who gave his hearers a clear and sincerely earnest survey of a treaty which promises to be a large rung in the ladder of the evolution of humanity's desire to suppress war.

"To outlaw war is to strike at its very roots as has never been struck before" and is a tremendous step forward in the throwing off of its age-old yoke, which, until now, ever has been a nation's lawful resort," Dr. Hutchinson declared. "It is for this striking at the foundation of its legality that the Kellogg treaty is outstanding. It was conceived to make war unlawful, an entirely new method of attack," the speaker said. Through the ages, in the ever-swelling urge coursing through the people of a nation to devise some means of stopping its horrors, its devastations, the tendency has been to encircle it with laws governing its conduct, to limit its course, to hem it in, but always to reserve it as a method of settling international difficulties.

The idea of making war illegal, to outlaw it, the speaker pointed out, had its birth in the mind of Salmon O. Levinson of Chicago, an attorney, who nine or ten years ago first used the term to "outlaw" war, in a magazine article. He has been its creator and has developed it until the present treaty came into being.

The influence of this new idea, the speaker announced, has so spread, that, at the present time, sixty-two of the sixty-four self-governing nations of the world have indicated their intention of ratifying the treaty which is a nation's pledge to "no matter whatever the cause, or whatever the origin, to resort to none but a pacific method" of settling its problem.

This idea has come after centuries of trying to limit war, as Dr. Hutchinson pointed out, by rules. He traced the development of the Red Cross and the making of international law as an effort to aid in war's suppression, and stated how, at the time of a crisis, "conventions are futile when a nation battles for its life" and would always be as long as it was legal for a nation to go to war.

The speaker touched upon the treaty in general and more specifically upon the effect the ratification of the treaty would have on the foreign policy of the United States, and the effect it

already has had upon the whole field of international relations.

He stated that the United States has become morally responsible; it is the treaty's proponent.

International law pertaining to war will have to be rebuilt, Dr. Hutchinson remarked. A world court, a "real court administering real law" will have to be established, a court to which the United States must naturally adhere, he declared.

It is all in its beginning, and presents many problems for solving, but is a step, a tremendous step forward, he declared. "It is a treaty that rests for its support on moral power, not on material sanctions."

Mrs. F. E. Parry introduced Dr. Hutchinson as managing editor of the Christian Century, and an authority on China, with two books on that country to his credit. He also has been associated with Mr. Levinson.

Course in Gardening Will Open to Public April 23

The garden course, which will be given by Mrs. Maud Jacobson, will have its first session Tuesday, April 23, at the Village hall, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and will continue every Tuesday thereafter until May 21. The course is open to the public, and there will be a small fee charge.

Mrs. Jacobson gave a talk at the Evening Garden club meeting Tuesday of last week. Her topic was plants and shrubs suitable for cutting and for color in the garden.

Mrs. James Prentiss, Jr., and her baby have gone to Virginia to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Prentiss' parents. Mr. Prentiss is staying with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Prentiss, Cumberland road, Kenilworth, while they are away.

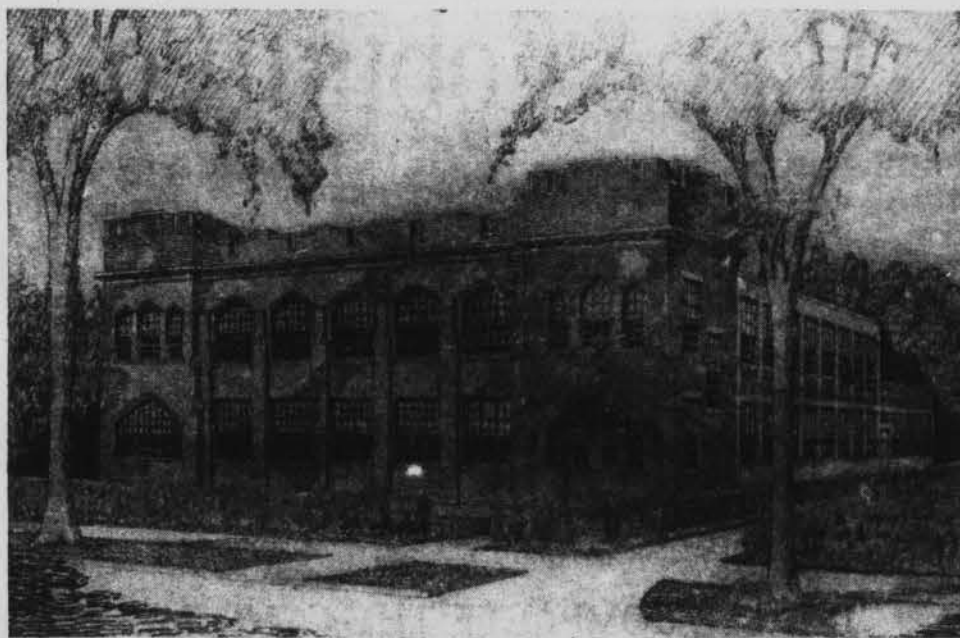
Abram Mendenhall to Be Teachers' Club Speaker

Abram Mendenhall, well known playwright, lecturer, and dramatist, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Wilmette Teachers' club Thursday, April 18. Mr. Mendenhall, who is connected with the C. D. Peacock company, jewelers, probably will use as his subject "Old Silver." The meeting of the teachers' club, which is usually held on the third Monday of the month, has been moved ahead to Thursday of next week.

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