

News of the North Shore Clubs

Voters League to Hold Open Meeting

To Impart Information on Women on Juries Question at Meeting on January 27

Shall women serve on juries? The voters of the state of Illinois will have a chance to decide this question in the November election. Believing this to be a question of paramount interest to all women whether they are members of the League of Women Voters or not, the Wilmette league is holding an open meeting on this subject Monday, January 27. Mrs. Edmond M. Simonds and Miss Helen Cerise will be the speakers.

The league feels that any danger of defeat for the measure in the November referendum lies in lack of information and a subsequent apathy on the part of the public. That it is the duty of every educated woman to become enlightened and then to make up her mind on the very important question, is the opinion of the league.

In a radio address over WLS Judge John P. McGoorty made the following points:

"In twenty of our states, women are serving on juries. The result has been according to statements made by judges, attorney generals, and the bar of the several states, that the presence of women on juries has materially improved the administration of justice.

"Under the Nineteenth amendment of the Federal Constitution, women are entitled to vote. We find women among our law makers and on the bench. One of the members of the Supreme court of Ohio is Florence Allen. Judge Mary M. Bartelme of the Circuit court is the presiding judge of one of the world's greatest courts, the Juvenile court of Cook county.

"If jury service may be regarded as a duty and an obligation, which it certainly is, I believe the great majority of the women of Cook county, and the great state of Illinois will cheerfully assume such obligation in the discharge of their civic duties. It is sometimes urged that certain cases in our court involving social cause should not be heard by women. There is every reason, however, why our women should aid in solving our social problems. It is also urged as against women serving on juries, the impracticability of keeping a mixed jury together in criminal cases. The law provides for separate quarters for women jurors, with provision for women bailiffs.

"The adoption of this law by the people will be a forward step. It will undoubtedly, in my opinion, improve the administration of justice. Women now can sue and be sued. They frequently appear in court as witnesses. The adoption of this law will give them the right in such instances to have some members of their own sex on a jury.

"Shall it be said that women, politically, or in the exercise of any attribute of citizenship, are subordinate to men? Fairness, justice, and the experience of other states of our country should assure that this proposition be adopted by the people."

The Alpha Phi alumnae of the University of Illinois are giving a card party for the benefit of the house fund at the Hotel La Salle Saturday afternoon February 1. Miss Marian Thayer of Kenilworth is chairman of the affair.

Business Women Hear Lectures on Thrift

"Investigate before you invest" was the advice of W. B. Robinson, Jr., of Wilmette in his informative talk before members of the Business and Professional Women's club Monday evening at the dinner meeting which observed Thrift week. "Systematic saving with wise investing" was his recipe for effecting a future income and the climax of his remarks about "Saving for an Income," which was one event of the evening's program which followed the dinner hour. Mrs. Eleanor Young Skillin divided the program with Mr. Robinson and spoke on the thrift possibilities of life insurance.

The speakers were introduced by Miss Emma Schreiner, program chairman. Mr. Robinson, who is assistant cashier and assistant trust officer of the Wilmette State bank, spoke first. He remarked that saving was an "old custom" and told of its origin in England about the Seventeenth century and its start in Philadelphia in 1816 as the first savings bank, the Philadelphia Savings Fund society. He traced the growth of the savings fund as a parallel development with industrial, commercial, and business advancement and told of the different methods of saving funds that banks of today offer. He stressed the importance of saving and safe investing during one's most productive years so that a regular income would be forthcoming in the future and touched upon the problems of investment, pointing out their pitfalls and dangers.

Mrs. Skillin, who is associated with the Massachusetts Life Insurance company, told clearly and concisely of what insurance investment means, what it offers, its various policies and its safety, and declared in her opinion that "there is no exchange for insurance." In the course of her exchange of ideas about life insurance she quoted statistics which state that more than one hundred billion dollars is represented in insurance investment in the United States, an amount which is twice the value of farm land investment, three times the value of that in homes, six times that in automobiles.

The program followed a short business session over which the president of the club, Mrs. Florence K. Freund, presided. Ensemble singing of club songs filled the interim between dinner courses and the opening of the program, and brought the meeting to a close.

To Address Meeting

The North End branch, Friends of the Chicago Junior school for boys and girls, will hold its next regular meeting at the Sovereign hotel, Chicago Tuesday evening, January 21, at 8 o'clock. Professor Frederick Heidbrink of Northwestern university will talk on the subject of "Laughter and Applause." Miss Gladys Bezazian, pianist, and Miss Evelyn Ewert, soprano, will give groups of piano and song selections.

Hostess to Club Group

Mrs. Samuel H. Moore, 707 Laurel avenue, will be hostess to eighty members of the ways and means committee of the Woman's Catholic club of Wilmette at luncheon and bridge Tuesday, January 21, at her home.

TO MEET AT FIELDS

The Protestant Women's Service club meets Wednesday, January 22, in the Wedgwood room at Marshall Field's. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 o'clock.

Hon. J. H. Edwards Will Give Lecture at Neighbors' Club

The Neighbors of Kenilworth will hold the annual Men's night meeting at the Kenilworth Assembly hall the evening of January 21, at 8:15 o'clock. The Hon. J. Hugh Edwards, the noted Welsh member of Parliament, intimate friend of David Lloyd George and keen observer of world politics in the years since the war, will be the speaker of the evening.

Mr. Edwards is a brilliant orator, a virile thinker and in his speech "Where Is the World Today and Whither Is It Going?" he will talk of the Naval Disarmament conference, the definite growth of peace ideas as they are supplanting war ideas, the financial situation in Europe and international relationships. Mr. Edwards' "David Lloyd George, the Man and the Statesman," with its introduction by Secretary of Labor, James J. Davis, is one of the interesting biographies of the new year.

The Imperial Male quartet of Chicago will provide music during the evening and Mrs. Burt A. Crowe will be hostess for the occasion which is an open meeting.

Club Juniors Informed of Work of Big Sisters

The regular meeting of the Junior auxiliary of the Woman's club of Wilmette was held Thursday evening, January 16, at the Woman's club. The first meeting in January was omitted on account of its proximity to New Year's day.

The guest and speaker of the evening was Mrs. Ira L. Reynolds of Wilmette, chairman of the general membership of the Service Council for Girls, an organization of more than five hundred members and whose board is composed of fifty representative women of Cook county. Mrs. Reynolds gave an informal talk on the work of the Service council which deals with Juvenile court girls, a work originally started by Judge Mary A. Bartelme, but the bulk of which now is done by a volunteer group of Big Sisters under the direction of two expert social workers.

Club Is Offering Book Review Series to Public

Morning book reviews that are open to anyone interested in literature, whether a member of the Woman's club of Wilmette or not, are offered without charge by the literature department of the club. The first of these events occurs Wednesday morning, January 22, at 10:30 o'clock, and is in charge of Mrs. Summer R. Mason.

Miss Anne Whitmack, Wilmette librarian, will give the opening program with a survey of the best books of 1929 and a resumé of "A Room of One's Own" by Virginia Woolf. Mrs. J. Melville Brown of Kenilworth is chairman of the department.

Sew for Welfare Today

Sewing is being done at the Woman's club of Wilmette today for the benefit of the Infant Welfare society. Work is arranged under the auspices of the philanthropy department of the club, of which Mrs. Frederick Tilt is chairman, and luncheon is served at 12:30 o'clock. The sewing, which commences at 10 and continues until 4:30, is open to any woman in Wilmette interested in doing a bit for charity.

Circle Sponsors Lecture Series

Marguerite Calkins Taylor's Talks on Interior Decoration to Swell Church Fund

Marguerite Calkins Taylor, prominent artist and a member of the North Shore Art league, will give a course of lectures on interior decoration for five successive Fridays at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. The talks will be given in the rooms of the First Congregational church under the auspices of the East End circle for the benefit of the building fund of the church. The series commences February 7.

The first lecture will be concerned with historic backgrounds dealing with the great creative period in architecture and decoration when continental customs influenced design of furniture and other household appointments. Canopy beds and period fireplaces are examples of what continental custom effected.

The second lecture will be on color: the third and fourth on decorating and furnishing problems, such as walls, draperies, floors, furniture arrangement, balance and grouping.

The fifth talk will be a discussion of textiles, their origin and historical background, and their connection with the present good taste in decoration.

The entire course is planned to emphasize the practical and not the technical in interior decoration.

Mrs. Ralph Potter, Mrs. Harry Hooker and Mrs. Ralph Huff are in charge of the sale of tickets.

Club Invites to Tour of Places Artistic

A tour of interesting spots in Chicago has been arranged for members of the Woman's club of Wilmette and their guests Friday, January 24, by the ways and means committee of the club as a benefit for its building fund. Last week preliminary announcement was made, this week, indefinite details of the tour are definite.

The Tavern club; the Chicago Galleries, where two one-man shows are current, those of Myron Boyd and Wilbur G. Adam, who offer brilliance and unusualness in their canvasses; the Elks Memorial, and Ciro's unique and famous restaurant will be visited during the day, and at Ciro's the guests will stop for luncheon.

Mrs. Harry Barnhill is chairman of the tour.

Sponsoring Bridge

A card party will be given at the Woman's club this afternoon by the sanctuary department of the Woman's Catholic club. Mrs. Mae Rowan, 924 Fifteenth street, is chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements. Her assistants are Mesdames C. A. Barton, G. J. Bichl, E. J. Schagger, H. Schmidt, J. F. O'Neill, and G. E. Routh, Jr. It was erroneously stated in WILMETTE LIFE last week that the century department was sponsoring the affair.

Sisterhood Meeting

There will be a meeting of Junior Sisterhood of the North Shore Congregation Israel Sunday at 2:30 o'clock at the temple, Lincoln and Vernon avenues, Glencoe. Miss Mabelle Payton, instructor of English at New Trier High school, will be the speaker.