

Sunday at Shawnee

By P. H.

If anyone doubts the interest in either music or art along the north shore he would be convinced in its favor by a glance at the large and enthusiastic audience which attended the art exhibit and twilight musicale given at Shawnee on Sunday afternoon, January 12.

Madame Marie Barelle, contralto from Buffalo, N. Y., gave the program with Miss Hadassah McGiffen, of the faculty of the Northwestern University school of music, as accompanist. Mrs. A. H. Ullrich, as chairman of the music committee, was responsible for this delightful program, and Mrs. Charles Dennis, chairman of the art exhibit committee, for the beautiful display of paintings and examples of sculpture in the ballroom.

Madame Barelle sings with delightful abandon and ease. She builds her program with songs of variety and of excellent choice. One feels instinctively that in her home life she is a part of lovely surroundings and in consequence brings into her public life

really lovely songs and expressions of beauty and power.

Her voice is strong and vibrant, full and of beautiful quality. Among her three groups of songs were "Fliss Le si" by Hayden, "Der Wanderer au de Mond," Schubert; "Messages," Schumann; "Isle Heureuse," Chabrier; "Cherry Valley," Quilter; "How Long Ago," Rachmaninoff; "Sea Shells," Elgai; "The Shadow Rose," Hubbard; "Above the Clouds," Beecher. Applause was spontaneous and generous.

The art exhibit was unusually popular, the pictures of subjects with very definite appeal. Maurice Braun sent fifteen of his choice oils from California and included some rarely lovely pictures which one would enjoy having on the walls of one's home. The pictures were very salable from the views of "California Hills" to the "Mountains of Southern California" and the "Southern California Valley In Summer," and "Brooks in Autumn," "Reflections" and "Hill Stream."

Oskar Gross of Chicago, who was there in person, presented seven excellent studies which included several character pictures of native mountaineers, a very stunning portrait, and an interesting picture called "Grandma and Great-Grandma of the Smokies."

Each one of his pictures seemed to tell a story.

Antonin Sterba of the faculty of the Chicago Art institute had eight strong, lifelike, and interesting portraits. Here, again, the artist seemed to paint as one would wish him to paint. His pictures were real, living people.

Miss Viola Korman of the National Academy of Fine Arts was represented by eight examples of her sculpture. The largest, "King of the Yards" was a forceful and powerful study of a horse. Her work has great charm, especially her child portraits.

This exhibit will remain on the walls and in the ballroom for two weeks.

Tea followed the program with Mrs. Eugene Garnett, Mrs. Kerry Meagher, Mrs. George Nichols, and Mrs. Edwin Bluthardt, pouring. Mrs. Charles Triggs is chairman of the tea committee at Shawnee. The popularity of these club entertainments has been so great as to have almost outgrown the facilities for serving tea in an informal way but plans are being made for suitable tables to be used for these occasions in the future.

Charles Thorsen of Kenilworth is confined to his home with a case of scarlet fever.

Logan-Howard P. T. A. Notes

Unfavorable weather prevented a large attendance at the meeting of the Logan-Howard Parent-Teacher association at the Howard school Tuesday evening, January 14, but those who did brave the cold wind were well repaid by an unusually fine program.

A group of songs sung by Mrs. Frieda Woodward were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Her selections were "My Lover is a Fisherman," "Will o' the Wisp," "An Evening Song," and as an encore, "The Old Refrain." Mrs. Stanley Peterson accompanied at the piano.

Dr. Martin H. Bickham gave a most interesting talk on "College Communities and Student Character." There are about one thousand such communities in the country and this year, approximately one million students are enrolled. No nation has ever attempted to give higher education to such a large proportion of its youth. Leaders and leadership naturally come from these institutions of higher education and their influence on the culture of the nation is very great.

Dr. Bickham briefly outlined the three culture movements found in our colleges. Puritan culture originating in such schools as Harvard and Yale, tidewater culture, coming from pioneer communities, and continental culture from Europe. College life produces culture conflicts. The problem is to get the best from all these cultures. Dr. Bickham's advice to parents is to keep close to their children, so they may respect their love and counsel, to help them understand the process of life, and to prepare them for the problems they must face in living in a college community where the influence of their different activities is felt.

Helen Hyde Carter spoke about the bridge lessons to be given under the auspices of the Recreation board.

The card party to be given Thursday morning, January 30, at the Howard school was announced by the president, Mrs. Von der Hoff. This will be the first and probably the only party this year. Tickets may be obtained from the room chairmen, room teachers, or Mrs. Bersch, Wilmette 1707.

A meeting of seventh and eighth grade parents will be held Monday evening, January 27, at the Stolp school.

Miss Brickey's fourth grade room won the attendance prize. Miss Loftis' room won second place.

Refreshments were served, while mothers of the fourth children acted as hostesses.

Book Review Club Hears Talk on Eugene O'Neil

More than fifty Wilmette women attended the first meeting of the new Book Review club, held in the Women's room of the Wilmette Methodist church Monday, January 13. Mrs. Joseph Purvis of Chicago, who is conducting a series of reviews for the club, discussed the works of Eugene O'Neil, sometimes regarded as the greatest American dramatist. She spoke principally on "The Great God Brown," with brief references to "Lazarus Laughed" and "The Strange Interlude." The next meeting of the club will be held on January 27.

Robert Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Simmons, 1144 Chestnut avenue, left last week for Princeton to resume his studies after passing the Christmas holidays with his parents. During the latter part of his vacation he had as his house guest, a classmate Berkeley Amerman, of Wichita, Kas.

Frank J. Pfahler, who has been ill at his home, 204 Sixth street, for two weeks with pneumonia and pleurisy, now is improving slowly.

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