

News of the North Shore Clubs



Art League Has Annual Banquet

Speaker Says Work of Artists Today Is Path of Roses in Comparison to Renaissance

By ELIZABETH NEIDLINGER

The artists comprising the North Shore Art league learned Monday night of last week that the work of painters today is a path of roses compared with the difficulties met by the Renaissance painters. Miss Elizabeth Wilder of Ravinia, daughter of one of the league's outstanding artists, Tom Wilder, was the teacher.

Armed with a distinctive and endless supply of information garnered not only during her past year and a half of study in Florence, but also during her many years in her father's studio, and armed also with a charming voice and manner, and a fine collection of slides of paintings by such artists as Raphael, della Francesca, Veronese, Botticelli, Correggio, Filippo Lippi, and Leonardo da Vinci, Miss Wilder gave one of the finest programs ever offered the league.

The occasion of Miss Wilder's talk was the banquet opening the annual spring exhibit of the league. The paintings comprising this exhibit now hang in Matz hall and may be viewed at any time when the hall is not in use.

High School Girls Serve

Garbed in gay smocks and berets, a group of New Trier High school girls served dinner. They were Jean Haskins, Elizabeth Boldenweck, Louise Varney, Mary Jane Stevenson, Betty Stanton, Virginia Lang, Mary Jane Elder, Margaret Gasley, Marjorie Wood, and Marjorie Raub.

The hostesses at the various tables were Miss Caroline Eckstrom, Mrs. Flo Work, Mrs. C. J. Heyda, Mrs. Gordon Ray, Mrs. Alonzo Coburn, Mrs. Marguerite Calkins Taylor, Mrs. Buell Mullen, Mrs. Emily Bently, Mrs. Pierre Kinder, Mrs. Helen Mason, Mrs. Kate Bacon Bond, Mrs. Grace Haskins, Mrs. May S. Cassells, Mrs. Felix Boldenweck, Mrs. Frank Peyraud, Miss Kathryn Flinn, and Miss Mary Williams.

Mrs. Charles Southward was the dinner chairman. Assisting her were the Mesdames John Vennema, Edward Brion, Kate Bacon Bond, J. W. F. Davies, Felix Boldenweck, Flo Work, George Haskins, Gordon Wilson, Eldred Bently, Jasper King, Frank Peyraud, E. G. Trowbridge, and Miss Caroline Eckstrom.

John Vennema Toastmaster

The president, John M. Frank, being absent because of illness, John Vennema acted as toastmaster. After dinner he called upon Mrs. Jasper King to give her annual report as recording secretary and upon Dr. J. W. F. Davies to speak of the league's proposed studio in the new Community House, and of his hope for what it may mean to the whole north shore—"a room adequate, and an honor to that which the league is doing."

Miss Betsy Warrell of the Northwestern University school of speech gave readings from Lew Sarett, Edwin Arlington Robinson, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, and other poets, and was followed by Miss Wilder, with her talk on the painters of the Renaissance.

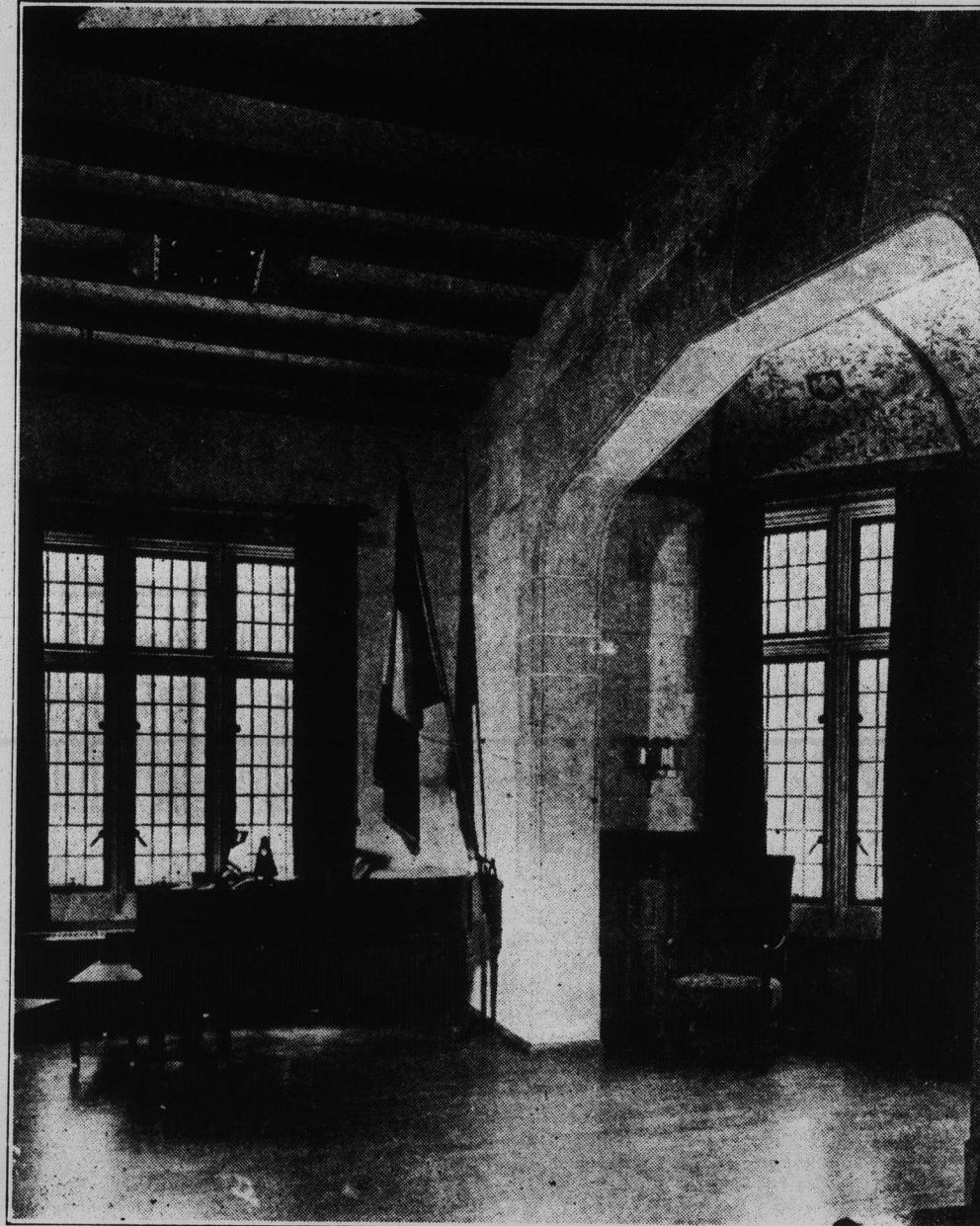
The recipe for making yellow ochre; the correct way to prepare a canvas; the method of manufacturing a brush were all discussed by Miss Wilder to show the difficulties encountered by the painter of five hundred years ago before he could set brush to canvas, the point where the modern artist thinks trouble begins.

The Renaissance was essentially an intellectual movement, Miss Wilder pointed out, and the artists of that age knew little about the simplest rules of painting what they saw. They were greatly interested in perspective and treated it as a science and a philosophy. Another problem which intrigued the Italians, she said, was the representation of lighting effects. One of her slides showed "The Dream of Constantine," the first night effect painted.

No "Pure" Landscape

Landscape was used primarily for decorative effect at first, she said. There was no "pure" landscape—landscape

Locale of May Sale for Shut-Ins



Pictured above is a corner of the music room in the home of Mrs. Walter Strong, 1377 Tower road, Winnetka, where the Vocational Society for Shut-Ins will hold a sale Friday, May 8, from 10 in the morning until 5:30 in the afternoon. The sale each year brings proceeds to bed-ridden and crippled men and women from the large and colorful variety of articles they have made and which they market through the interests of a group of Chicago and North Shore women who have formed themselves into this philanthropic association.

Welfare Board to Meet

The Senior Infant Welfare board will meet at the home of Mrs. Judson A. Stone, 1234 Ashland avenue Monday, May 11, at 11 o'clock.

apart from a narrative. Finally, among the Florentines, interest in landscape itself developed. Miss Wilder's slide of a lovely, delicate fresco illustrated this. Still, the Italians were primarily interested in painting human beings, their expressive power. Some, according to Miss Wilder, were moved by anatomy itself, to the extent of dissecting bodies and making casts.

One of the later developments, Miss Wilder stated, was the discovery that by means of light the artist could show form.

So little by little the Renaissance painters built up a knowledge of reality that has never been equalled. Because of the difficulties they encountered in their mediums—silverpoint and pen and ink work could not be erased—the artist of that age had an assurance of line the modern artist lacks.

Botticelli was not interested in reality, always sacrificing it to a decorative effect, and so was unrecognized for centuries, Miss Wilder pointed out. She showed a slide of a lovely painting now hanging in Chantilly, picturing "The Marriage of St. Francis to Holy Poverty," which she considered very real, though the artist's contemporaries did not. She cannot see that any art is not realism.

"After all," Miss Wilder concluded, "history is an encouragement in its difficulties as in its triumphs."

Church Circle Plans Progressive Luncheon

The Cozy Corner circle of the Wilmette Congregational church will give its third annual purogressive luncheon and musical program on Thursday, May 12. The first course will be held at 1 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Otto Rabe, 622 Forest avenue. Mrs. Julius H. Kiel, 911 Greenwood avenue, will have the second course; Mrs. Clifton Darling, 1538 Highland avenue, the salad course; and Mrs. Don Ransburg, 3025 Normandy place, Evanston, the dessert.

The program, which is in charge of Mrs. Darling and Mrs. William A. Richardson, will be given in the church rooms. Mrs. George Edward Walk, 1240 Lake avenue, is chairman of ticket reservations for the luncheon.

At Shawnee Luncheon

Among those who attended the regular luncheon and pivot bridge on Monday at Shawnee Country club were Mrs. Chester H. Lawrence, Mrs. Thomas L. Grisamore, Mrs. C. M. Burlingame, Mrs. J. P. Hoesli, and Mrs. C. E. Jarchow of Wilmette and Mrs. Frederick White of Winnetka.

Garden Market All Day May 16

Choice Plants, Food Tables, Garden Accessories to Be Arrayed for Sale

The Wilmette Garden market will be open from 8 in the morning until dark Saturday, May 16, in the triangle of ground opposite the Wilmette Avenue station of the North Shore Electric railroad. Here, in the spring of 1927, the Wilmette Garden club held its first garden market, with Mrs. Edward Moore as chairman of the sale. In 1928 Mrs. Moore was again in charge of the garden market in the same triangle. In 1929 and 1930 the Wilmette Garden club and the Evening Garden club of Wilmette gave the market together. This year the fifth annual garden market is again given under the auspices of the two garden clubs with Mrs. John F. Weedon and Herman Reiling as chairmen.

The members of both clubs are sending in choice plants to the sale. Besides plants, they're sending in home made cakes and candies for the food tables.

Ferns, roses, wild flowers, annuals, plants for the flower boxes, perennials, and shrubbery are being featured by the professional growers who take part in the market each year. There will be bird houses and feeding stations for sale, and garden implements and fertilizers.

"Wait until Saturday, May 16, to buy new plants and other things for your garden. Then buy them at the Wilmette Garden market. The profits go toward civic beautifying," the committee requests.

Will Open Home for Tea for New Junior Leaguers

On Friday May 8 Mrs. Henry Haven Windsor, Jr., is opening her home at 419 Sheridan road, Winnetka, for a tea for those whom the Evanston Junior League just has invited into membership.

Those who will be entertained are Mrs. Stanton Arnold, Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Miss Helen Chapman, Mrs. John J. Charles, Mrs. John Chivers, Miss Helen Dyche, Miss Margaret Harding, Mrs. Frederick W. Hawley, Jr., Mrs. Walter Clyde Jones, Jr., Mrs. John Kimbark, Mrs. Robert Mackay, Mrs. Harve Page, Miss Eleanor Rew, Miss Marion Ristine, Miss Pauline Rudolph, Mrs. Robert L. Scott, Jr., Mrs. Drennan Slater Mrs. William R. Tobey and Mrs. R. Miles Warner.

On Friday Mrs. Louis Meyer of Omaha, regional director of the Junior league, is coming to spend the day in and around Chicago and will meet with members of the board of the Evanston Junior league at luncheon at the Maisonette.

Gamma Phis Elect

The North Shore Alumnae association of Gamma Phi Beta had its annual luncheon and business meeting last Monday at the home of Mrs. W. Dean Keefer, 220 Myrtle street, Winnetka. Miss Mildred Hebel of Wilmette was elected president; Mrs. Lewis B. Ermeling of Wilmette, vice-president; Mrs. Grant Feldman of Evanston, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Willard L. Wheeler of Glencoe in charge of publicity.