

NEEDY ENJOYING FRUITS, POSIES

Guild Is Enlarging Services; Suburban Gardeners Share Happiness

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The Plant, Flower and Fruit guild is organized to enable suburban gardeners to share their flowers, fruit and vegetables with the poor, the sick and the lonely of the city—the invalids, cripples, shut-ins, with sufferers in hospitals, and with the old and friendless who are ministered to by social settlements.

"Of the many social agencies at work in Chicago," said T. V. Purcell, president, "none duplicates the function of the Flower guild. Through the ministrations of nurses and settlement workers, it reaches with its gesture of friendliness, many of the darkest spots in Chicago; places that would otherwise never be touched through accredited charities."

The National guild was organized in New York in 1893, by Mrs. John Wood Stewart. It has branches reaching from Portland on the Pacific to Portland on the Atlantic; from Chicago, Milwaukee, Cleveland and other cities on the Lakes down to Fort Myers on the Gulf. There are many branches in the Middle West especially fine ones being in Rockford and Springfield, Ill. Other branches are in New England and the South, in fact, pretty thoroughly all over the United States.

The Chicago guild is now entering upon its sixth season of work. It was organized in the summer of 1926 by Mrs. Will H. Lyford, Mrs. Robert R. McCormick and Mrs. Alfred T. Martin of Wheaton, assisted by Miss Harriet Vittum. They enlisted the support of the garden clubs around Chicago, for collection and Miss Vittum selected the charities, and assigned clubs to care for them. Mrs. Charles G. Dawes has been since its founding honorary president of Chicago branch.

Work Is Growing

Each year the work of the Chicago guild has grown. In 1926, it had one receiving booth at North Western station, opposite gate 16. In 1927, another was opened at Union station. In 1928 a booth was set up in the lobby of the Peoples' Gas building. The year 1930 saw four new receiving stations—at La Salle street, Illinois Central (Randolph street), the Aurora-Elgin terminal, and Commonwealth Edison building. At North Western station flowers are distributed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to twenty-seven charities. Contributions may be left by the commuter or sent in by clubs between 7:30 and 10:30 a. m. The flowers, fruit and vegetables and jelly are hurried that same morning to scheduled infant welfare clinics, visiting nurse stations, homes and hospitals, where nurses are expecting them and are waiting to carry them out into the forlorn places which they visit.

The officials and employees of the various railroads have been most enthusiastic in helping the project. They have not only given the space for receiving booths, but by instructing their station masters and baggage men to assist, have made it possible for the clubs to ship in enormous boxes of donations regularly on the morning trains, all without any expense. An increasing amount of flowers and fruit is being received each year. In 1930 approximately 2,000 large boxes of flowers were re-

ceived. One club sent 114 dozen oranges and another community 500 containers of canned fruit and vegetables. These charities are grouped in four destitute neighborhoods, one is visited each day. A follow-up committee visits these places to make sure the contributions reach those who need them.

The season extends from "Lilac Week" in May to October. While the guild is largely dependent on the garden clubs to collect and deliver flowers, fruit and vegetables to its booth, we have no idea of draining the gardens of anyone. If each Garden club or Woman's club or the group contributing will appoint a guild chairman and give her a large committee, not necessarily all members of her club, each member of the committee can act as a clearing house for her neighborhood. There are estimated to be 80,000 gardens along the North Western railroad branches alone. If we could receive even the most trifling gift from each of these gardens, there would not need to be a lonely, sick old person or a crippled child in Chicago without a few flowers, or a sick baby without fresh vegetables. Together with your flowers this year, we earnestly ask you to send green vegetables and fruit. No garden is too small to contribute something.

Chairmen Named

Mrs. Edwin Sherman of Evanston is chairman for the South district of the North Western railroad—Milwaukee division, including Wilmette and Evanston. Tuesday is Flower Guild day for this district. Mrs. Sherman is also Guild chairman for the Garden club of Evanston; Mrs. Walter S. Lovelace, for the Lincolnwood Garden club; Mrs. Fred Monroe Wheeler for the Little Garden club, and Mrs. Dan Greene, chairman for Wilmette Garden club. Any of these women may be consulted for information about methods of collection.

The institutions supplied from Tuesday's contributions are: Visiting Nurses' association, Dearborn station, 3456 South State street; Visiting Nurses' association, 734 West 47th street; University of Chicago settlement, 4630 Gross street; Church Home for Aged Persons, 5445 Ingleside avenue, and Billings hospital, 950 East 59th street.

Mrs. Stephen A. Foster of Winnetka is chairman for the Central district—Kenilworth, Winnetka and Glencoe, and for the clubs in this region Wednesday is Flower guild day. Their gifts go to: Women's and Children's hospital, 1608 Maypole avenue; Mary Crane nursery, Infant Welfare, 818 Gilpin place; Hull House, Visiting Nurse association, 800 South Halstead street; Madonna settlement, 712 South Loomis street; Michael Reese settlement, Infant Welfare, 1012 Maxwell street; and chairmen of clubs are as follows: Kenilworth Garden club Mrs. Walter Noble Gillett; Kenilworth Home and Garden club—Mrs. Tom Dix; Winnetka—Mrs. Harold Wilder; Glencoe's two committees are headed by Mrs. Albert C. Goodnow of Founders chapter and Mrs. W. Albert Kemp of Skokie. Mrs. Theodore E. Moritz of Kenilworth, is the guild's representative on the board of the State Garden club.

The president of the Chicago Plant, Flower and Fruit guild, is Theodore V. Purcell of Evanston. Mrs. Charles Gates Dawes is honorary president; Fenton Kelsey, recording secretary and chairman of publicity for the whole Chicago area; Mrs. Frank W. Kingsley of Evanston, general chairman of the Milwaukee division of North Western railroad; and Mrs. Walter Gore Mitchell of Wilmette, chairman of publicity for this district.

Order Prompt Work On New Booster Pump

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to another municipality, like Evanston, having a developed supply shall be furnished an adequate supply by the latter municipality;

WHEREAS, An additional and larger main connecting with Evanston is necessary to furnish Wilmette with an adequate supply;

WHEREAS, The Village of Wilmette suffered a serious water shortage with absolutely no water in the Ridge Avenue district on hot days, in 1930, and faces an even more serious shortage in 1931, thus endangering the health and safety of its citizens;

WHEREAS, An exhaustive engineering survey has shown that a main laid along the North Shore Channel from Lincoln Street, Evanston to the present Sheridan Road Pumping Station is the most feasible location for a connection between the two municipalities;

WHEREAS, A continuance of the operation of the booster pumps in the Sheridan Road Station by the Sanitary District of Chicago is desirable, provided that an adequate quantity of water can be brought to the suction side of these pumps.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Sanitary District of Chicago be and is hereby requested to grant to the Village of Wilmette an easement to lay and maintain a water main along the eastern boundary line of its property adjacent to the North Shore Channel from Lincoln Street Evanston to the Sheridan Road pumping station together with a branch crossing the Linden Avenue bridge to the west side of the Channel, thence to the pumping station on the west side, and also for a return force main from the pumping station to Linden Avenue, or to the first alley north of Linden Avenue.

Camp Fire Girls

The Wilmette Howard School Camp Fire Girls recently had a mothers' tea. Most of the mothers were present, as well as the girls. Marcia Berndt talked on the history of Camp Fire. Muriel Kenney told of the honors and ideals of Camp Fire. Lucille Haugh and Irene Berron both recited a poem. Irene Berron's poem was called "Mother." We all thought that the poem was very nice because of the mothers being present. Eileen Burke talked on camp. Muriel Kenney introduced the mothers and conducted the meeting.—Doris Paterson, scribe.

The Wilmette Howard School Camp Fire Girls had a picnic in the Forest Preserve on May 7. We walked along the river until we found a place to eat. We cooked potatoes, onions and round steak. After supper some of the girls walked around in the woods. We saw a hawk in a tree, thus adding another bird to our bird list. At 7:30 we went home. Some of the girls walked home; others rode. The girls who walked home covered a distance of about five miles.—Doris Paterson, scribe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Peterson of 227 Raleigh road, Kenilworth, announce the birth of a son, Thomas Kane, on May 14, at the Evanston hospital. Mrs. Thomas B. Kane of Chicago, mother of Mrs. Peterson, is staying at their home in Kenilworth until Mrs. Peterson returns from the hospital. Little Elizabeth Anne Peterson will celebrate her birthday on May 26, and Mrs. Peterson will return before that day to be with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Breit of 422 Essex road, Kenilworth, who have been spending the winter months at their home in Miami Beach, Fla., will return to Kenilworth the first of June to take up their summer residence. Their three daughters, Betty Jane, Geraldine, and Virginia, who attend school in the south, will return with their parents. Their son, Fred, Jr., who is at Notre Dame, will return to Kenilworth for the summer holidays with his parents.

SUNDAY CLUB IN ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Committee Finds Financial Status Good; Past Year Success

The Wilmette Sunday Evening club executive committee held a meeting Sunday evening, May 17, in the Congregational church chapel. Plans were made for the program for the coming year and the financial report for the past season to date was made, as follows:

RECEIPTS

Balance Oct. 1, 1930	\$ 2.71
Bank loan	200.00
Pledges	2555.75
Collections	2106.31

\$4864.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Speakers	\$2790.00
Music	450.00
Advertising	548.06
General Expenses	168.23
Church rental and Bal. rental due New Trier High School	425.00
Wilmette State Bank (Loan)	450.00
Interest	15.38

\$4846.67

Balance in Treasury \$18.10

There are outstanding pledges amounting to \$150. After these are collected the outstanding indebtedness will be \$250. The indebtedness at the close of the season a year ago was \$800. Therefore, the club has not only paid all expenses of the current season, but has reduced its indebtedness \$550. The attendance throughout the year was excellent and in many respects the season was one of the best in the history of the club, according to President McClure.

Child Study Group Grows at St. Francis

(Contributed)

A new group not heard from much as yet is the Child Study class of the St. Francis Xavier school. But, judging from the new faces appearing at each meeting it will not be long before Mrs. Dalton's home cannot accommodate the fast-growing circle.

Mrs. Frank J. Dowd of the Logan-Howard Parent-Teacher association sat in with this group at its last meeting and gave a comprehensive report of the state Parent-Teacher convention in East St. Louis, to which she was a delegate.

The lively, spirited discussions of these earnest, conscientious mothers should intrigue the imagination of every member of the P.T.A.

If you would be in on "the know" of scientific motherhood, plan to spend these pleasant and profitable Thursday evenings at the home of Mrs. H. G. Dalton, 1029 Chestnut avenue, Wilmette. A meeting is scheduled for tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

Symons Art Collection Will Be Shown May 22

Friday, May 22, marks the formal opening of Chicago galleries by the internationally-known art firm, Symons, Ltd. Successors to Nachemsohn of London, Inc., Symons, Ltd., will occupy the spacious galleries at 910 North Michigan avenue where they will have on exhibition a large collection of authentic antique furniture and old silver.

Because the advent of this firm into the Chicago field of art is of more than ordinary significance a number of affairs have been arranged to signalize the event.

The house of Symons was founded by Henry Symons, himself a collector of antiques.