

Hoosier Artists' Exhibit at Club Wins High Praise

By JEAN FOX

Shaggy salmon and orange chrysanthemums on the tea and library tables, and a predominance of autumnal landscapes on the walls produced a glowing fall atmosphere for the opening tea of the December art exhibit of the Woman's Library Club of Wilmette, last Sunday afternoon. Only one immense snow scene, the snow very deep and stroked with light and shadow, by Paul Sargent, predicted winter. Scattered elsewhere on the four walls were phantom glimpses of spring, and occasional paintings of summer.

Miss Lucie Hartrath, one of the twenty or more artists exhibiting canvases from the Hoosier salon in Chicago, with Mrs. Gordon Hannah, chairman of the art department, and Mrs. Hubert Holdoway and Mrs. Henry Hall, was present to welcome the guests.

The emphasis placed upon autumn was a happy coincidence for nowhere more than in Brown county, Ind., inspirational spot of many Hoosier artists, does October blush deeper hues and assume such paintable qualities.

Here are created shower-washed canvases like Curry Bohm's "Spring Rain" and "Late October," haze-drenched landscapes similar to Miss Hartrath's "September Haze" or Dale Bessire's "Hazy Valley," and scenes of summer in her ascendancy. "Joe Pye Weed" by Adolph Shulz, a field of large pink blossoms, surely waves in a hot mid-day breeze.

What a contrast between nature in these smiling poses and the grim Edward M. Holloway Memorial Prize canvas for 1933 done by Harvey Emrich in the Catskills! Although composition and detail rise far above the average, the painting scowls darkly from bleak brown mountains, so forbidding, so truly New England. Small farm buildings in the center foreground have been engulfed by the dark hills and the gloom.

Farming in the middle west, on the other hand, means something altogether different to Homer G. Davisson. A red, very red barn viewed over a pond and through a grove of trees reflects a golden sunshine and a serene, placid optimism. The technical point of interest in the picture is the perspective, the clarity of the small objects seen at a distance.

A study in versatility is offered by the two paintings of Lillie Fry Fisher, first "Nasturtiums" and then "Dunes near the Sea." Strong color alone links the style of the fine, exquisite still life to the rugged, splattered landscape. Other still life canvases of note are shown by Renee Barnes, Lillian Alt, Sallie Hall Steketee, Edna Cathell, Sister Rufina and Conde Wilson Hickok.

The exhibit contains just two portraits, "Taos Indian" by Simon Baus, and "Watching the Circus Pass" by Conde Hickok. The facial expressions in both command attention, the Indian quite as much for reserve as the man and boy for enthusiastic absorption in the passing pageant.

Additional Hoosier artists whose work may be seen in the collection are: Helen Seymour Baker, Oscar B. Erickson, Hallie Prow, Gordon Mess, Ruth Kealing, W. T. Turman and Charles W. Dahlgreen.

Entertain for House Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Lynch of 1241 Greenwood avenue entertained Saturday evening at bridge and billiards for their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lukanovia of Columbus, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Hurst and Mr. and Mrs. William Sheppard of Chicago.

Northridge Notes

Members of the Northridge Woman's club are asked to note that the regular meeting of the club will be changed to Friday, December 8. It will be held as scheduled at the home of Mrs. J. D. Kinnear, 3341 Chestnut avenue, at 8 o'clock. The program will be the play "Christmas Windows," given by the children of the clubmembers. In addition to the children mentioned in last week's issue of WILMETTE LIFE, Roger Johnson will give a little violin number.

On Saturday evening, December 9, the Northridge Woman's club will sponsor a card party at Shawnee Country club. All members and friends are asked to note this reminder of an event which promises a great deal in enjoyment and entertainment.

On Monday, December 4, the literature group met at the home of Mrs. Robert Marley. The meeting proved to be especially enjoyable. Mrs. Marley gave a splendid account of the life of Eugene O'Neill and the account did much to make the play which was read, more interesting.

Mrs. J. D. Kinnear read the play, "Ah, Wilderness." So well did she interpret, that all the sixteen members felt it was as enjoyable as an attendance at the play itself. "Ah, Wilderness" is a very witty, very clever account of life in a typical American family where there are four growing children. Without any lengthy description, every person stands out as an individual. Every parent of an adolescent boy or girl can relive actual experiences, so closely will they compare to those of Nat Miller and young Dick. The play is clever, frank, and very interesting and was very well read, giving to the literature department a very enjoyable program.

Jewish Women to Hear Samuel Levin Dec. 12

The civics and legislative committee of the Chicago section of the National Council of Jewish Women, whose chairman is Mrs. Max Liss, is having a luncheon Tuesday, December 12, in the King Cole room of the Hamilton club, at 12 o'clock, with Samuel Levin the speaker, and with Mrs. Harry A. Kahn as chairman of arrangements. Mr. Levin will talk on "Labor and the N. I. R. A." He is a member of the regional compliance board, of which Robert Maynard Hutchins is chairman, a board which is part of the National Labor board. He is general manager of the Amalgamated Clothiers of America. North shore members of the civics and legislative committee are Mrs. Nat N. Kahn, Mrs. Louis Silver, and Mrs. B. R. Seiden of Wilmette, Mrs. Nathan Bederman and Mrs. A. Robinson of Winnetka, Mrs. Max Lehman of Evanston, and Mrs. Harry L. Canmann of Highland Park.

On Circle Program

Ruth Wood Meyer, contralto, accompanied by Mrs. Jessie Sincere, will give a group of songs for the Cherry Street circle at the home of Mrs. Daniel W. Ashley, 1169 Cherry street, Winnetka, December 13. Mrs. Lloyd Hollister will be assisting hostess at the one o'clock dessert luncheon. Ruth Wood Meyer was formerly conductor of the Highland Park Music club chorus.

Paul Albert and his family, from Elmhurst, were entertained at dinner Thanksgiving day at the home of his parents, the C. J. Alberts of 321 Warwick road, Kenilworth.

Kaskaskia D. A. R. to Have Guest Day Dec. 12

The Kaskaskia chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is having its only open luncheon meeting of the year Tuesday, December 12, at 12 o'clock, at the Electric club, 20 North Wacker drive, Chicago. Hostesses for the occasion are Mrs. Allan M. Clement and Mrs. William E. Sparrow, Jr., Miss Mary Bayley, assistant United States District attorney, will be the speaker and the day is in charge of Mrs. James Victor Sill, chairman of the Americanism committee.

Assisting hostesses are Mrs. Robert G. Peck, Miss Darthea Pflager, Mrs. Thomas A. Quain, Miss Margaret E. Quan, Mrs. Charles W. Pflager, Mrs. Edward W. Schaffler, Mrs. Harold M. Pitman, and Mrs. Albert H. Wetten.

Members, who have the guest privilege that day, are asked to bring yarn and cotton material for Ellis Island.

Reservations are to be made before 9 o'clock Monday morning, December 11, with Mrs. C. Winslow Henkle, 5424 University avenue, Chicago.

Christmas Story Will Be Told at Holiday Tea

The Holiday tea, sponsored by the Alumnae association of the National College of Education, will be held at Harrison hall, Tuesday afternoon, December 26, from 3 to 5 o'clock. This annual gathering of former classmates and students of the college carries a warmth of hospitality and geniality of spirit which makes for hearty Christmas cheer, and which so characterizes the college itself. There is an enthusiasm that never dies when loyal alumnae meet, it is announced. President Edna Dean Baker welcomes the returning alumnae to their own hearth's fire and tells again the lovely old Christmas story which is in itself an anticipated joy. It has become an integral part of the Holiday season at the college, where candlelight beckons from the windows and firelight makes a glowing setting.

Give Program for Meeting of Young Mothers' Club

The Young Mothers club of Wilmette met with Mrs. Lincoln C. Torrey, 1341 Elmwood avenue, last Monday evening. Mrs. George N. Lamb read Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness." Several vocal numbers were given by Mrs. Paul H. Gathercoal, who was accompanied by Mrs. Paul W. Stade, pianist, and Mrs. Charles W. Lerch, violinist.

Mrs. Gathercoal sang "I Passed by Your Window," "One Fleeting Hour," and "Just A Wearyin' for You" by Carrie Jacobs Bond.

Mrs. Paul Stade discussed recent and outstanding current events of the past month. The assisting hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Charles N. Reese and Mrs. Kenneth Funkhauser.

To Read "Ah, Wilderness"

Miss Marion Ortseifen of Kenilworth is to read Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness," at the December meeting of the Junior Friends in Council of Evanston, this coming Sunday, at 3 o'clock, at the Georgian hotel. Officers of the auxiliary are Frances Sample, president; Helen Carney, vice-president; Louise Spalding, secretary; Kathryn Foucht, treasurer and publicity chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bull, 524 Maple avenue, entertained at a family dinner Thanksgiving day.

Rev. J. W. Maguire Gives Catholic Club Stimulating Talk

BY JEAN TEN BROECK

That the "N. I. R. A. is not perfect, but that it is the first intelligent effort to put intelligence into an unintelligent economic system," was one of the meaty opinions expressed by the Rev. J. W. Maguire, C. S. V., and president of St. Viator's college, in his spirited talk before members and guests of the Woman's Catholic Club of Wilmette at its late November meeting.

Patience and willingness on the part of industry to be satisfied with less profit and less income so that more men may be put back to work and wages be raised to effect increased purchasing power and consumption until the crisis is passed, made his recipe for "preventing the New Deal from becoming a misdeal." Then with production and purchasing power balanced on a more even keel, control should be established to maintain more even balance. Such were the highlights of his talk.

He let fly many verbal arrows, some on shafts of cleverness and humor, some barbed with exaggeration and sarcasm, but all sheathed with frankness and fearlessness and untinged with any political bias. With vigor and emphasis and the confidence of his own convictions he sketched the conditions in an "entirely changed and changing world" and touched upon "many changes in the United States since March 4, 1933, many probably not fully realized."

He outlined, non-critically, the powers invested in the President by congress.

Impelled by the paramount necessity of putting men back to work and understanding what the speaker called the fallacies in our economic system, the danger of unbridled competition and "exaggerated individualism," Franklin Delano Roosevelt sought these powers, Father Maguire declared, in order that he might "put some rationality into the crazy competitive system of ours."

The speaker attacked the present economic system as "false, fallacious, irrational, leading to disaster if not to ruin." He branded as absurd and an economic superstition the economic belief that unlimited competition brings about the greatest common good. "Rugged individualism has resulted in ragged individuals," he remarked when commenting upon the principle of unbridled individualism, which he proclaims, "is never a sound principle of society." "Individual rights have correlative duties" and cooperation is necessary in industry today, he stresses. "The problem today," he declared, "is not the development of new, but the maintenance of industry. Industry is no longer a private affair, because the welfare and happiness and lives of many thousands of people in the United States are wrapped up in every industry. Industry belongs to the workers as well as the executives. Great industries are great public trusts, not individuals' industries." Although all of his hearers may not have agreed with all that he said, they gave him their rapt and stimulated interest.

The work of the civics department and the activity and interest of its members were brought out in the program which was in charge of Mrs. Frank Oelerich, chairman. Mrs. George H. Beaudin presided for the business meeting and recognized committee chairmen and their announcements of club interest before the program began.

Peggy Jane Bachman, with clear tone and expressive touch and technique, played three piano selections before the meeting adjourned for coffee and cake around a flower and candle-decked tea table.

Sewing for Missions

St. Francis Household, Order of Martha, will meet at the home of Mrs. George W. Mayhercy, 108 Third street, Monday, December 11, at 1:30 o'clock, to sew for missions.