

# WILMETTE LIFE

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## Edith Mason Is Guest Aug. 17 at Amphitheater

Noted Grand Opera Star Enthusiastic About Lake Front Concerts; Siegal Is Soloist

Edith Mason, popular soprano artist and stellar attraction of Chicago grand opera under its various titles and managements, will be Wilmette's honored guest at the seventh symphony concert on next Wednesday evening, August 17.

Miss Mason, who has taken a house in Winnetka for the summer, attended the third concert on July 20, to hear her friend, Marie Sidenius Zendt, whose summer home is in Wilmette, and who was guest soloist on that occasion. She was so impressed with the work of the Illinois Symphony orchestra, the ideal setting for its programs, the beauty of the amphitheatre and the animated scene presented, that she at once became an enthusiastic advocate of the continuance of the concerts.

The noted soloist will not appear in a professional capacity, but as a neighbor of the audience, interested in a community musical venture that is attaining the status of a fixture. In a fine spirit of civic loyalty she will speak briefly of the value of the concerts to the North Shore.

### Goldberg to Conduct

The baton for this concert will be in the hand of Albert Goldberg, who will conduct the orchestra in a program featuring Fritz Siegal, the orchestra's concertmaster, in violin solos. Mr. Siegal, the youngest concertmaster in any major American symphony orchestra, will be heard in the last two movements of Lalo's Spanish symphony for violin and orchestra. The program will open at 8:30 o'clock.

### Announce Program

The complete program is as follows:

- I. Overture, "Egmont," Opus 84 ..... Beethoven
- II. Scherzo from the Ninth Symphony ..... Beethoven
- III. Dream Pantomime, from "Hansel and Gretel" ..... Humperdinck
- IV. Fantasia, "Francesca da Rimini," Opus 32, Tchaikowsky Intermission
- V. Spanish Symphony, for Violin and Orchestra, Opus 21 ..... Lalo  
Andante  
Rondo: Finale  
Fritz Siegal
- VI. Waltzes from "Der Rosenkavalier" ..... Strauss

The constantly increasing attendance at these weekly musical festivals, it is said, makes it advisable for those desiring good seats to go to the amphitheatre early.

### TOURING ABROAD

Mrs. Julian C. Smith, 1170 Michigan avenue, is expected to return to her home September 2, from a two months' trip abroad, where she is touring Scotland and England and the northern countries of Europe. Her son, Julian C. Smith, is having a two weeks' vacation at Nantucket, Mass.



### Symphony Guest

Edith Mason, favorite Chicago grand opera soprano, will be Wilmette's honored guest at the Illinois Symphony orchestra concert next Wednesday evening, August 17. Miss Mason is spending the summer in Winnetka, where she has taken a house for the vacation period. Moffett Photo.

## Playgrounds to Close Summer Programs Soon

Another highly successful summer season of supervised playground activity will draw to a close next week with special programs at both Vattman Park and Village Green playgrounds.

This vacation-time activity, conducted by the Wilmette Playground and Recreation board, Daniel M. Davis, director, will terminate at Vattman Park next Wednesday (August 17) with a carnival event, featuring an athletic program, handicraft exhibits, and culminating in the award of gold medals to individual high point winners.

At the Village Green, on Thursday, there will be exhibits, dramatization of "Mother Goose Rhymes", boxing matches, softball and kick-ball games, and carnival events, this program also concluding with the award of gold medals to individual high point winners.

Parents and friends of the children are invited to attend these closing programs which begin shortly after noon. Details are given under "Recreation News", designation elsewhere in this issue.

## Eastern Star Will Hold Meeting Monday Evening

The Wilmette chapter number 753 of the Order of the Eastern Star will convene next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Wilmette Masonic temple. There will be a card party following the meeting, Mrs. Joseph O. Converse, chairman, announced.

## St. Francis Parish to Hold Special Services

In a special service to be held Monday, August 15, in the auditorium of the Woman's club, parishoners of St. Francis Xavier Catholic church will pay honor to the Blessed Virgin, mother of Christ. The Rev. Martin McNamara, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the service. Masses will be read at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 o'clock a. m.

## Make Plea for Aid in Paying Concert Costs

The committee in charge of the Illinois Symphony orchestra concerts is making, on another page of this news-magazine, an appeal for financial aid in carrying the series of nine concerts through to completion. Because the concerts have been publicized as "free," those who have been enjoying them have been led to believe, say those in charge, that the federal music project, with which the local committee makes its contracts, pays the entire cost of the series. "This," said the chairman, "is not true. The music project pays only the salaries of the musicians. Under the terms of the contract, the committee is obligated for all expense incurred aside from the one item of salaries. For this reason the committee contracted to pay \$100 per concert for transportation of members of the orchestra to and from Wilmette. Besides this, there is the cost of repairing and maintaining the band shell; truck service in transporting instruments; the loud speaker system; advertising in connection with raising the concert fund; extra workmen, and many other incidentals. These expenses total approximately \$1,300. About 20 per cent of this amount has been subscribed. The problem with which the committee is now faced is to raise the funds necessary to wipe out the deficit already existing, and to pay expenses for the remaining concerts in the series."

### Sets Up Budget

W. B. Robinson Jr., the committee's treasurer, has set up the following budget, showing how much money is required and for what purposes it is expended:

Transportation, \$100 per concert	\$900
Band shell expenses and loud speaker	200
Printing and stationery	50
Special advertising	100
Miscellaneous and extras	50
	\$1,300

To apply on this total expense, subscriptions to date amount to \$235.50, leaving a deficit for the series of \$1,064.50. The only way in which this can be wiped out, the committee asserts, is for North Shore villagers to come forward with sufficient contributions.

In closing its appeal, the committee presents a coupon, for the convenience of contributors, which should be forwarded to W. B. Robinson Jr., treasurer, at Wilmette State bank.

## Laud Wilmette Upon Choice of Manager Koenig

Fort Atkinson Newspaper Recounts Achievements of City Manager in Seven Years

"Wilmette, we give you a fine city manager, A. J. Koenig."

Under the above heading the "Fort Atkinson (Wisconsin), News" of August 4, ran an editorial on its first page supplementing its news story announcing the appointment of Adolph J. Koenig as Village manager of Wilmette. The editorial read as follows:



A. J. Koenig

"The city of Fort Atkinson is greatly pleased that its city manager, A. J. Koenig, who resigned his duties here has been given the opportunity to serve the community of Wilmette, Illinois. It is a step forward for Mr. Koenig and a greater opportunity for him in the field of public service. Wilmette has made a wise selection. Future years will conclusively prove the wisdom of that selection. Fort Atkinson has gained immeasurably during the past seven years by the services of Mr. Koenig to this community."

### Offer Congratulations

"To Wilmette we say: Our heartiest congratulations."

"To A. J. Koenig we say: We regret your leaving Fort Atkinson."

According to news columns of the paper Mr. Koenig had tendered his resignation to the city council of Fort Atkinson last April 19, to become effective on or before September 1. Following his appointment by the Village board of Wilmette Tuesday (Continued on Page 6)

## Break Ground for Science Greenhouse at the High School

Ground was broken this week for a new greenhouse, to be used in connection with various courses in natural science, at New Trier Township High school.

The greenhouse is to be located in the west court near the science laboratories wing and the memorial fountain. Projects will include a number of botanical experiments.

In addition, there will be room set aside for experiments in nutrition with guinea pigs, rabbits and white mice, with special interest in developing nourishing formulae.

G.B. Reynolds of the school's science department, who is taking the place of the late L.E. Hildebrand, will be in charge of the work.