



News of the North Shore Clubs



Neighbors to Have Program of Music

Members Will Hear Janice Porter, Dramatic Soprano, and Mary Alan Hokanson, Harpist

The music department of the Neighbors of Kenilworth announces through its chairman, Mrs. Conger Reynolds, the last program of this year. On Tuesday afternoon, January 11, at the regular club meeting it will present Miss Janice Porter, young dramatic soprano, and Mary Alan Hokanson, assisting harpist. The artists will be introduced by Mrs. Smith William Storey, vice-chairman of the department.

Janice Porter is described as the 1936 discovery of the Chicago City Opera company. Rudolph Ganz, famous conductor, pianist, and composer, says that she has "a perfectly beautiful voice, one that gives you a thrill." John Erskine, distinguished novelist and librettist, and head of the Juilliard Foundation for Music has commented on her "extraordinary vocal gifts, perfect diction."

When Janice Porter arrived in Paris from Texas a few seasons ago, she went directly to the studio of A. de Trabadello, great vocal coach who trained and guided Caruso, Farrar, Mary Garden and many other renowned singers. She was granted an audition and Monsieur Trabadello was so enthusiastic over her voice that he managed to give her a lesson almost every day during the four months that she remained in Paris. When private matters called her back to Texas, Trabadello told the young artist she had one of the greatest dramatic soprano voices of the generation and that there were no heights of stardom in opera which she could not achieve.

In the spring of 1936 she was engaged to sing at the International Rotary convention in Chicago. Her singing on that occasion aroused a tremendous ovation. She was asked to make a radio audition and was immediately engaged by the Columbia Broadcasting system for a series of programs. Word of her voice reached the Chicago City Opera management. General Manager Longone tuned in on one of the broadcasts and telephoned the singer as soon as the program was finished and offered her a contract. She made her debut triumphantly and has been singled out as one of the really important operatic "finds" of recent seasons.

The program Tuesday afternoon will be:
"Pace, Pace, Mio Dio (La Forza del Destino)Verdi
Janice Porter

Harp Selections

Mary Alan Hokanson
DichterliebeSchumann
a Im Mai
b Aus Meinen Thraenen Spriessen
c Ich Grolle Nicht
Nuit d'EtoilesDebussy
NebbieRespighi
Janice Porter

Harp Selections

Mary Alan Hokanson
Ah, Love but a DayBeach
Little Pickanniny KidGuion
Tell Me GipsyDay
Janice Porter
Miriam Allen will be Miss Porter's accompanist.

Sings for Neighbors



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Janice Porter, gifted young dramatic soprano, considered the "find" of 1936 by the Chicago City Opera company, will appear on a program with Mary Alan Hokanson, assisting harpist, next Tuesday afternoon, January 11, at 2:30 o'clock, when the Neighbors Club of Kenilworth holds its regular meeting.

Ann Birk Kuper Reads Broadway Play Monday

The next play in the series of readings given by Ann Birk Kuper at the North Shore Congregation Israel temple in Glencoe will be "Golden Boy," Clifford Odets' Broadway success starring Frances Farmer of moving pictures. Mrs. Kuper's program, Monday afternoon, January 10, at 2 in the afternoon, is open to the public for a nominal admission charge. A critic for the New York Times remarks, "a play worth waiting for—melodramatically exciting."

Northridge Notes

The January meeting of the Northridge Woman's club will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Murphy, 1942 Greenwood avenue, Monday evening, January 10. The speaker will be Mrs. Kenneth McAfee of Wilmette, who will give a talk on "China." Mrs. McAfee, who lived in China for two years, is considered well qualified to talk on the subject of that country, a subject most timely.

Catholic Daughters Plan Dance

The annual dance given under auspices of Ouilmette court 48, Catholic Daughters of America, takes place at Hoffman's hall, Ridge and Washington avenues, Saturday evening, January 15. Tickets for the event may be obtained by communicating with the general chairman, Clara Loutsch, 2301 Glenview road.

Skokie Valley D. A. R. to Attend Benefit

A group of ten members of the Skokie Valley chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which Mrs. George Shipman is regent, will attend tomorrow night's performance of the play, "When Chicago Was Young," at the Studebaker theatre in Chicago. All chapters of the fourth division of the Illinois D. A. R. are sponsoring this benefit performance, the proceeds of which are to be used to pay off the remaining debt on the Lincoln Memorial monument.

Monday at 12:30 o'clock the Skokie Valley chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. Howard W. Hodgkins, 431 Abbotsford road, Kenilworth, for the January luncheon and meeting. Mrs. William A. Durgin and Mrs. Walter Gore Mitchell are the assisting hostesses.

Mrs. C. P. Reynolds of Evanston, a witty and entertaining speaker, will talk on "Junior Groups." Recent numbers of the D. A. R. magazine whose editor is Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes, will be reviewed by Mrs. Wilfred A. Nabors.

Takes Junior Auxiliary on Air Flight in Fancy

"Coast to Coast by Plane" will be the subject of the talk to be given by Miss Marion Gates before members of the Junior auxiliary of the Woman's Club of Wilmette Thursday evening, January 6. Following the usual dinner at 6:45 o'clock, Miss Gates, who is director of the Woman's Traffic Division of the United Air Lines, will depict the very latest developments in the air line industry, and will show an air travel film with the newest types of passenger planes and sleepers, and will take her "passengers" on a motion picture trip across the continent showing beautiful "cloudscapes," and scenes from planes. She will show just what happens to a passenger in making a trip and will give a few details showing the safety features of such a trip.

Miss Gates will be prepared to give a short talk on present day air transportation and answer any questions the group may have.

Third Fortnightly

The North Shore Fortnightly will hold its third dance of the season at Shawnee Country club on Saturday, January 15. In charge of the party are Alexander R. Carman, Jr., of Evanston, the chairman, and Mrs. Wallace D. Mackenzie of Winnetka, the vice-chairman.

Two Holiday Parties

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Doering, 1335 Chestnut avenue, entertained 150 guests at their annual open house party on New Year's day. Their daughter, Betsy Ann, a student at Northwestern university, was hostess at a cocktail party on December 28.

District Meeting to Be in Evanston

Tenth District Mid-Year Meeting Will Be Held in Evanston January 12

The mid-year meeting of the Tenth district of the Illinois Federation of Woman's clubs will be held with the Evanston Catholic Woman's club, on Wednesday, January 12, at the Orrington hotel in Evanston. Mrs. Henry Rhode of Lake Forest, district president, will preside.

After a short conference of the executive board at 9:30 o'clock, the general meeting will be opened by greetings from Mrs. A. H. Witthoft, president of the hostess club, and Mrs. Rhode's response, after which the day will be devoted to interesting as well as profitable sessions.

Mrs. Truman F. Creager, vice-president of the northern district, will be guest of honor. Club presidents, chairmen, and members of the sixty-two senior and junior clubs in the Tenth district, are all District Federation members, and information both useful and inspiring will be gleaned by attending the District meetings.

One of the speakers will be Mrs. Prentiss McKenzie, who will speak on "Books and Authors." Miss Frances Smith, chairman of the department of international relations, will present as her speaker, Dorothy Bushness Blumberg, president of the Chicago branch of the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom. Her subject will be "The Present World Situation."

Julian Stripe, the north shore tenor, will furnish the music accompanied by Theresa Cook Brown of Waukegan, district music chairman, who has planned this part of the program.

The district department chairmen will discuss points of interest with their club chairmen during the luncheon hour. Luncheon reservations must be made before Monday evening with Mrs. E. J. Newton, 1213 Cleveland street, Evanston.

Philanthropy Sewing for Infant Welfare

All women of the village are cordially invited by the Woman's Club of Wilmette to attend the all-day sewing meeting its philanthropy department is sponsoring Friday of this week for the benefit of Infant Welfare work.

Mrs. Howard Miller, is chairman of a work committee consisting of Mrs. G. E. Chronic, Mrs. Horace E. Coyl, Mrs. Frank La Bonte, Mrs. Hubert Garv, Mrs. J. E. Schutte, Mrs. Frederick Taylor, and Mrs. Harold Brown.

Mrs. Leonard E. Starkel is chairman of the luncheon which is served at noon.

The sewing hour starts at 10 o'clock, work is interrupted at noon for a hot luncheon, a brief business meeting, and, usually, a talk by a representative of the organization benefitted that day, and then work is resumed until mid-afternoon.