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The Social Side of Life
Local Affairs of the week

By the Observer

The announcement of an engagement made in the east last week which came as a surprise to Highland Parkers was that of Miss Elizabeth Boynton, daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Nehemiah Boynton of Brooklyn, to William Weston Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Patton of Highland Park. Miss Boynton will be graduated from Wellesley next month. William Weston Patton, who is a graduate of the Elm Place school, Lake Forest Academy and Amherst College is now at Andover preparing for the ministry and will be graduated in the class of '14.

Mrs. V. Muzik was hostess to a number of ladies Thursday afternoon when she entertained at cards.

Mrs. Herbert Huber of So. Green Bay Road entertained the Euchre club Monday evening.

A wedding in which a number of Highland Park people are interested is that of Miss Edith Carpenter Beach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Webster Beach of Winnetka, to Harry Hyde Barnum of Riverside which is to take place on Monday, June 2, at Christ Church, Winnetka. A small reception will follow at the residence of the bride's parents, 532 Oak St.

To the south of Highland Park lies a colony of literary and artistic personages whose homes, the majority of which are alluring bungalows, are snuggling in the woods which, during the lovely spring makes one of the most attractive and effective back grounds. This colony has its home in Ravinia, a place which for natural beauty of ravines, woods, and bluff overlooking the immense expanse of lake, would be difficult to match. The Observer took occasion to notice the striking of examples the combination of beauty and simplicity, for all the notable persons who live in Ravinia there is no ostentation.

Mr. Lawrence Buck, the architect, has for a home the most delightful English cottage on Bronson Ave., a beautiful street winding through the woods and at a convenient distance from the car tracks yet there is nothing suggestive of the nearness of a railroad and in this vicinity too lives George W. Carr of Wade Ave., also an architect. A charming bungalow has been recently built by still another architect, William G. Searles and is located on Dean near Cary Ave. A home now in construction is that of Mr. Laegler the librarian of the Chicago Public Library. Thomas Milton Wildes, the artist, has for years made his home in Ravinia, Cary Ave., one of the loveliest streets has been a favorite location for the homes of many prominent people. Overhanging a ravine which is spanned by a narrow foot bridge and nestling in the shrubbery and trees is the home of Mr. Raymond Clifford of the Editorial Staff of the Chicago Tribune, who frequently has as his week-end guests persons of note in the newspaper world. Mr. Henry M. Hyde, who is responsible for the "We Will" column of the Chicago Tribune, who was a visitor at the Clifford bungalow was seen on Sunday enjoying the rays of the warm sun with a book and an Airedale pup for company. On the east side of the Cary Ave. ravine is situated Eastgate Cottage, the summer home of Miss Anna Morgan, who conducts the Anna Morgan studios in Chicago and on the old English gate way with its bell is inscribed Eastgate and the saying "Ring the bell and it will tell." Miss Irene Safford, an authoress and formerly a newspaper woman has her home on the same avenue. Directly east and overlooking a ravine, Sheridan Road and Cary Ave. is the new home of Mr. and Mrs. John Glass, a most attractive piece of architecture planned by F. B. Mead. The house, an example of English architecture, with a shingle thatched roof is long and comparatively low, of a pale, gray stucco and surrounded by a large lawn. The residence will be ready for occupancy in the fall. On Cary Ave. too, is found the bungalow of Joseph Egan, the naturalist. Ravinia also has among its dwellers Jens Jensen, the landscape gardener who laid out Chicago's famous parks and is a lecturer at the Chicago University as well as president of the recently organized club, "The Friends of Our Native Landscape," a society recently formed to promote appreciation of the local natural beauties. Among the promoters are Everett L. Millard of the Log cabin, Julius Rosenwald of Ravinia, Miss Harriet Monroe, and Eames MacVeagh.

Mrs. John Glass was hostess over the week-end at a house party and had as her guests Mr. A. J. Irwin, Miss Marcia Warren, and Mr. Harry Townner. On Saturday evening Mrs. Glass entertained

informally at dinner and bridge and Sunday she was hostess at a supper party at which Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Preston, Miss Catherine Cushing, Mr. Ellis Faxton and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Evans were among the guests.

Mrs. Albert Larson entertained the badge committee of the Mystic Workers at her home on Friday night. The ladies who were present were Mrs. F. A. Sheeks, Mrs. Edward Bock, Mrs. Edwin Larson, Mrs. Henry Clow, and Mrs. J. A. Daggitt.

Miss Marjorie Aldridge was hostess on Saturday night at a delightful card party at which twenty guests were present. The decorations in the dining room were lilies of the valley and lilacs.

The Arden Shore Association members and their friends will attend the annual luncheon on Friday at the Moraine. It will be a fashionable gathering of some fifty ladies who take great interest in this association which makes it possible for the less fortunate children of Chicago to enjoy the fresh air of the country. The ladies of Highland Park, starting some years ago with Mrs. Frank R. McMullin at their head, have taken a special interest in Arden Shore which at the original organization was called God's Hill Encampment. Several reports of the past years work will be read on Friday and plans for the ensuing year discussed. The following officers of the association will attend: President, Mrs. James E. Keith of Kenilworth; 1st vice president, Mrs. J. McGregor Adams; 2nd vice president, Mrs. A. A. Carpenter; treasurer, Mrs. August Magnus; recording secretary, Miss Mabel Dick; assistant secretary, Miss Ruth Gregory; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Cornelius Lynde.

Mrs. James L. Martin, Jr., of Linden Ave., has cards out for a tea to take place on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 27, to meet Mrs. Gerald Peck. Mr. and Mrs. Peck are new comers in Highland Park and have taken one of the Eugene Bournique houses on Linden Ave.

Mrs. A. L. Drum entertained the Tuesday afternoon bridge club at her home on Montgomery Road.

That ever energetic body of people, the Mystic Workers of the World gave one of their famed and popular social affairs on Monday evening at Masonic hall in the form of a banquet, which was given by the losing team whose membership contest under the leadership of Mr. S. T. Rebling, to the winning team. An attractive menu that pleased the most critical epicures present was served by the chairman of the refreshment committee, Mrs. Henry F. Clow and her assistants who were Mrs. Albert Larson, Mrs. Frank A. Sheeks, Mrs. William Salvyards, Mrs. Herbert Mead, Mrs. Alfred Hill, Mrs. N. Larson, Miss Ida Zimmer, Mr. Hugo Schneider, and Mr. Albert Larson. This committee deserves a great amount of credit for their work and the pains they went to to make the banquet a success. The guests were seated at four tables which were beautiful with decorations of the spring flowers, lilacs, apple blossoms and sweet williams. Following the banquet Mr. Louis Krueger extended a cordial invitation to the Mystic Workers to attend a moving picture exhibition at the Central theatre of which he is the proprietor and manager. From the Central theatre the guests returned to Masonic hall where they spent the remainder of the evening in dancing. The next meeting of the Mystic Workers will be in the form of a social entertainment to take place on Monday, June 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Flaherty of Waukegan Ave., Highwood, announce the engagement of their daughter Stella Margaret to Hugh L. Drury of North Chicago. The wedding will take place Wednesday, June fourth at St. James church, Highwood.

A number of friends are planning a miscellaneous shower Saturday evening in honor of Miss Stella O'Flaherty whose marriage to Mr. Hugh Drury of North Chicago takes place June fourth.

On Friday evening about thirty friends of Miss Anna Dowdall gave her a very pleasant farewell surprise before her departure on Monday for New York to sail on the Mauretania for Liverpool, England en route to Dublin, Ireland. She received many lovely gifts among them a large beautifully decorated cake presented by Geary & Co. with whom she had been employed for some time. The party was given at the home of Miss Dowdall's sister, Mrs. Joseph Berube of Green Bay Road. Dancing and games passed the evening and dainty refreshments were served. The tables were attractively decorated in lilacs and lilies of the valley.

Special Assessment Notice No. 206

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake, and State of Illinois, have ordered the grading, draining, curbing, paving with concrete pavement, sixteen, (16) feet wide, and otherwise improving of a system of streets consisting of Rice St., from the north line of the present paving in Roger Williams Avenue, at its intersection with Rice Street, thence north to a point eighteen (18) feet south of the center line of Cary Avenue, and Cary Avenue, from the east line of the present paving in Dean Avenue, at its intersection with Cary Avenue, and from thence easterly for a distance of 900 feet all in the City of Highland Park. The ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the city clerk of said city, and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment for the cost of said improvement, according to benefits, and an assessment roll thereof having been made and returned, to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 31st day of May A. D. 1913, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in ten (10) installments, with interest at the rate of five (5) per centum per annum, on all installments from and after date of issue of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

ALFRED E. OLSEN,

Officer appointed to make said assessment. Dated at Highland Park, Illinois, May 15, A. D. 1913. 11-12

Special Assessment Notice No. 209

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake, and State of Illinois, have ordered the construction of an eight (8) inch vitrified tile sanitary sewer, together with manholes, house junctions, and flushing connections, in, along and under a portion of DeTamble Avenue and Green Bay Road, from and connecting with the manhole of the westerly terminus of the present sewer in DeTamble Avenue, about (300) feet easterly of Green Bay Road and running from thence westerly one hundred and fifty-five (155) feet to point six (6) feet northerly of the north line of paving in DeTamble Avenue at which point a manhole shall be located and from thence westerly for a distance of one hundred and fifty-seven (157) feet to a point six (6) feet northerly of the northerly line of paving in DeTamble Avenue and twelve (12) feet westerly of the easterly line of Green Bay Road, at which point a manhole shall be located, and from thence northerly seven hundred and eight-eight (788) feet parallel to the center line of Green Bay Road at which point a manhole and flushing connection shall be located, all in the City of Highland Park. The ordinance for same being on file in the office of City Clerk of said City, and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment for the cost of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment roll thereof having been made and returned, to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the thirty-first day of May A. D. 1913, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

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The child's spine is much nearer normal and far straighter than the adult's, and the society woman who does no work is more likely to have a back whose curve comes nearer the ideal than the college athlete. The spines of strong men, such as the laborer or pugilist, are most defective, for the reason that constant pull and strain on the spinal column accentuate its weaknesses. The ignorantes, strong as they are, have weaker and more crooked spines than civilized men.

The spines of lower animals are stronger and more normal than ours and consequently are not so readily affected by disease. If man had decided to walk on all fours his spine might be just as good as his cat's or dog's. Spinal trouble started when our ancestors determined to walk upright, and even after untold centuries it seems that the human spine has not thoroughly adjusted itself to our method of going about. Spencer wrote: "That all important organ, the vertebral column, is as yet but incompletely adapted to the upright posture. Only while the vigor is considerable can there be maintained without appreciable effort those muscular contractions which produce the S like flexure and bring the lumbar portion into such a position that the line of direction falls within it."—New York Sun.

AGGRESSIVE REPTILES.

King Cobras and Mambas Are the Worst of the Snake Tribe.

The majority of snakes are not, as most people suppose, aggressive in their habits; but, like the British viper, far more anxious to get out of the way of the human intruder than into it.

But there are a few famous, or infamous, exceptions, and the mamba—one of the largest of the cobras and a native of Africa—is said to be the most dangerous reptile in the world. It will fly at anything and anybody; goes out of its way to pick a quarrel with every passerby and has even been known to come down from a tree where it was resting, apparently fast asleep, to try conclusions with a man armed with a gun. The only snake that at all approaches the mamba in ferocity is the great king cobra or hamadryad of the east, which is larger than the mamba and generally quite as ready to interfere with any living creature that comes within its ken. It has been known to chase a man on horse-back, and so fast can it travel that it is said none but a swift footed animal has any chance of escape.

The poison of both these snakes is so powerful that, as some one once stated in an examination paper, on reptiles, "even a scientist when bitten by either of these ferocious creatures ceases to be interested in the matter after the space of a few minutes." Among the Australian cobras, the pit vipers of America and the great west African vipers, there are certain species that prefer the offensive to the defensive method, and in most cases it is the aggressive varieties that carry the most poisonous fangs.—London Globe.

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