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**The Social Side of Life**  
**Local Affairs of the week**

By the Observer

On Sunday afternoon Mrs. Frederick Fischer of S. Green Bay Road, entertained a number of guests informally. The occasion celebrating Mrs. Fischer's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blossom Bloss of Rochester, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Glen to Mr. Roger Sherman Vail, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Vail of 419 E. Laurel Ave. Miss Bloss will be remembered by a number of the young people here as she has often visited Miss Cecil Vail.

Mrs. George Morris Bard was hostess at a charming tea given Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 8th, at her home on N. Sheridan Rd. Those receiving with Mrs. Bard were Mrs. Francis N. Bard and Mrs. Ralph A. Bard. The ladies assisting were Mrs. James R. Smith of Chicago, Mrs. Martin Decker of Milwaukee, Mrs. Ross J. Beatty, Mrs. Henry J. Thayer, Mrs. Otis L. Beardsley, Mrs. Robert Buckley, Mrs. Chas. Leffingwell, Miss Jessie Bard of Kenilworth, Mrs. Henry Glidden, Mrs. Theodore Butz, Mrs. Kenneth Spear, and the Misses Marjorie Small and Cecil Vail.

Miss Frances Horton Steever, daughter of Mr. Jerome G. Steever, has chosen Wednesday, Nov. 19th for her wedding date at which time she will be married to Mr. Carl Luther Odell of Waterloo, Iowa, in the evening at 8:00 at the family residence.

An engagement of interest to many Highland Parkers is that of Miss Jean Whiting, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hill Whiting, 1362 Dearborn Ave., Chicago, to Jesse Spalding, son of Mrs. C. F. Spalding, 1300 Astor St. The marriage will mark the second matrimonial alliance between the two families as Miss Whiting's brother, Bradford Whiting married Mr. Spalding's cousin, Miss Adele Harris several years ago. Mr. Spalding has been captain of the Yale football team for two years and is at present at Yale coaching this year's team. Mr. Spalding is a nephew of Harry B. Clarke of E. Central Ave.

Miss Olga Taylor entertained at a beach party Sunday night for Miss Elizabeth Tyson.

Miss Tessie McClory entertained the euchre club informally on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrick Mihills issued invitations the early part of this week to the marriage of their daughter, Marjorie Aylesworth and George Washington Rossetter, of Chicago, which will take place on Saturday evening, October 25, at half after eight o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. Dr. P. C. Wolcott, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church will perform the ceremony. The bride will be attended by Miss Annie Scott of Chicago, formerly of Highland Park, as maid of honor, and a sister, Miss Mildred Mihills will be bride's maid. Mr. Raymond Reddick of Chicago will act as best man. Mr. Donald Davidson and Dr. Floyd Dondanville of Dwight, Ill., will be ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Rossetter will be at home after January first at 1109 Ardmore Ave., Chicago.

The Elm Place Division of the P. T. A. gave a very pleasant, informal reception for the parents of the children of the Elm Place School and the teachers and officers of the different divisions of the association, Thursday evening at 8:00 at the Grammar School. Mrs. W. A. Alexander sang in her delightful way several songs. Miss Dorothy Wilson of the Anna Morgan studio, Chicago, gave several very entertaining musical monologues.

The annual stag dinner or "get together day" which took place last Saturday night, Oct. 4 at the Exmoor was a great success. The day was spent in games of golf and cups were given as prizes to the winners. This closed the parties for the season. The club closed Wednesday all except the locker rooms and the remaining guests have moved over to the cottage for the winter.

Mrs. Ed. Larson of S. Second St., entertained thirty-five guests on Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. Larson's mother's sixty-ninth birthday.

Mrs. Wm. Stearns entertained at a large bridge party Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. L. D. Warren and Mrs. S. S. Saxton of Chicago at her home on Hawthorne Avenue.

Mrs. A. R. Williams of Orchard St., entertained a few guests informally at dinner on Wednesday evening.

A wedding of interest to many Highland Parkers is the one announced by Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Abercrombie of 6021 Michigan Ave., Chicago, formerly of Highland Park, of their daughter Jean, to Creed Brunner of Chicago. The wedding took place Wednesday evening, Oct. 8, at the home of the bride's parents, at eight o'clock. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Juliet as bridesmaid. Walter Brunner, brother of the groom, acted as best man. The wedding was a very quiet one as only intimate friends and relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Brunner will be at home after December first in Chicago.

The ladies of the Ossoli are more than pleased with the success of their card party given last Friday afternoon, Oct. 3rd, at the Highland Park Club. The proceeds were over \$625. The party was largely attended, there being many out-of-town guests from Chicago and the suburbs along the North Shore. Several luncheons were given by the ladies for their guests preceding the affair. There were seventy tables. Those receiving the largest score at each table chose from a table a dainty hand-embroidered guest towel, beginning with the highest score and so on down to the lowest. The hall was beautifully decorated with oak leaves and autumn flowers. The Philanthropy Committee of the Ossoli will decide upon the distribution of the returns among these various institutions to be benefited, namely: The Tuberculosis Institute, Arden Shore, Lake Bluff Orphanage, and the Highland Park Relief and Aid Society.

**Deerfield News Items**

The regular monthly meeting of the village board of trustees was held in Anderson's hall Monday evening. Beyond the passing of bills little business was transacted. Attorney Garver sent in his resignation as village attorney. The resignation was accepted. President Whiting reported Mr. Wayne Colby to succeed Mr. Garver. On motion by Mr. Pettis, seconded by Mr. Wolff, the board was authorized to proceed to contract for the laying of a concrete walk along the north line of Mr. John Vetter's property as provided for by ordinance. Mr. Vetter having refused to comply with the ordinance.

On Tuesday of last week Mrs. B. H. Kress was hostess at a dinner party for fourteen ladies in honor of her birthday anniversary. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. J. P. Schneider of Jefferson Park, Mrs. E. Graves of Forest Glen and Mrs. Robert Scott of Libertyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beecham, who have been visiting relatives in southern Maryland for the past few weeks, returned to their home last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. C. Collins of Lincoln, Neb., was the guest of Miss Anna Keough a few days of last week.

Mrs. Aden was ill last week and her sister, Mrs. Higgley of Chicago took care of her.

Last Tuesday Messrs. Fred and Henry Hardt moved to Mr. Wm. Merriman's place and Mr. Roush and family moved in to the residence previously occupied by Mr. Henry Juhrend.

Miss Elda Horenberger was a delightful hostess at a card party in honor of her eighteenth birthday anniversary to twenty of her friends Saturday evening. The first part of the evening was spent in playing five hundred at which Miss Mildred Whiting won the first girl's prize and Mr. Emory the first boy's prize. Mr. George March and Miss Clara Pyle were awarded the consolation prizes. Following the cards came the refreshments which were daintily served on tables decorated with ferns and garlands. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. The out-of-town guests were Mr. Almon Powers of Chicago, who was the guest of Miss Mildred Whiting and Miss Ruth Collins of Chicago, who was the guest of Miss Elda Horenberger.

Deerfield lost to Glenview last Sunday by the score of 6 to 3 at the Glenview ball park. Inability of the locals to hit Rugen in pinches was mainly responsible for the defeat, although poor fielding on the part of some of the infielders contributed. The rain in the morning made the diamond slow and there was little chance for fast fielding on base running. D. Duffy, the first man up for Deerfield clouted a three bagger to center field and scored on Listug's grounder to short. Glenview started scoring in the second when a scratch hit for the pitcher followed by a wild throw from Listug and one from Pettis scored one run. In the third inning Glenview made two more runs on clean hitting. From the third to the seventh both teams played tight ball but in that inning Glenview tallied twice as the result of two hits and two errors. In the eighth inning Solger for Deerfield led with a bagger took third on a wild pitch and came in on a bad throw to third by the Glenview catcher. Glenview also scored in the eighth as the result of a bad throw by Burns and a wild pitch by Hogan. Solger and D. Duffy were the only Deerfield players who could solve Rugen's smoke. The former obtained three hits and the latter two. Listug and L. Duffy each obtained a scratch hit. Hogan was not hit hard but he was wild.

Miss Mildred Whiting entertained at a five hundred party last Thursday evening in honor of Miss V. A. Graves of Forest Glen who was the guest of Miss Marie Kress.

Mrs. Richard Stipple entertained the principal and teachers of the grammar school at dinner Thursday evening.

Mrs. Reichelt, and Miss Ruth Reichelt were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Hull of Crystal Lake Saturday.

Cards have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clyde Burdick of Niagara Falls, N. Y., announcing the birth of a son, Lee Clyde, Jr. Mrs. Burdick was Miss Edna Casey, one of our former teachers.

Miss Louise Deham of Kenilworth was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Reichelt Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Kerston's baby, a five-month old boy died Sunday.

Mr. James Keefe was the guest of his nephew, Mr. Edward Bingham of Chicago Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Dollard, Miss Lillian Dollard, Mrs. Irwin and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dollard of Winnetka were the guests of Mrs. J. C. Antes, Jr. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and daughters of Chicago were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hutchison.

The principal and the board of directors of the grammar school, and the officers of the Parent-Teachers Association met at the home of Mr. Kress this week and planned for the expenditure of the money raised by the recent dinner. About \$125.00 was appropriated for dictionaries, maps, globes, clocks, bells, erasers, chalk, drinking cups, and other contingent necessities. About \$25 remains which will be used as the nucleus of a piano fund for the assembly hall.

Mrs. Harry E. Moore has returned from Somerville, Mass.

Mr. Winkel spent the week-end at McHenry and left for New York City Monday.

Mr. Louis Romo of Hammond, Ind., was the guest of his parents last week.

Mrs. M. Hanselman of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. C. Antes.

Owing to the crowded condition of the rooms in which the first six grades are conducted half day sessions have been inaugurated in order to facilitate the work of the grammar school.

A card party will be given by Mrs. Eugene Ender and Mrs. Kress at the residence of the latter, Thursday, October 23 for the benefit of the Holy Cross church.

A bazaar will be given by the Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul's Evangelical church Thursday, Oct. 16 in Anderson's hall. There will be apron booths, quilt booths, fancy work, 25c chance grab bag, and ice cream and cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haunschild and daughter Alvira of Chicago were the guests of the parents of the former.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Phillip Parson of Desplaines were the week-end guests of Miss Margaret Vedder Monday.

Mr. Edward Adam of Grays Lake was the week-end guest of his mother, Mrs. Adam.

Mrs. Schwanke of Chicago was the guest of Mrs. J. Pile last week prior to her trip to Berlin, Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. John Macaffery of Lake Forest were the week-end guests of the parents of the latter, Mr. and Mrs. John Carolan.

Mrs. W. A. Whiting left Tuesday morning for Detroit, Mich., where she will visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. Herbert Allen for a few weeks.

A good number of Deerfielders and Highland Parkers attended the sock social given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Evangelical church last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Perry. Those who took part in the program were Rev. Black, Mr. Harold Vant, who gave a coronet solo, and Laurel Stryker who spoke a very effective little piece, "Slate's Beau."

**NOME IS RAVAGED**

**Alaskan Town Swept by Worst Storm in His'tory.**

**FIRE ADDS TO THE DISASTER**

Greater Part of Town Wiped Out by Storm, and Flames Break Out in the Wreckage—Plant Where Supply of Meat for Winter is Stored Becomes Prey of Flames.

NOME, ALASKA—A fierce fire has broken out in the city of Nome, closely following a storm that wiped out a great part of the city.

The flames have attacked the Pacific Cold Storage plant where is stored the chief supply of meat for the winter. The fire apparatus was destroyed by the gale.

Seething Mass of Wreckage. Front street is a seething mass of wreckage into which seas are breaking, while hundreds of homeless people are struggling to save necessities of life. Receding seas are carrying away the contents of wrecked houses and stores as well as parts of wrecked structures.

None of the buildings on the sandspit remain standing, and the leveled structures there are in flames. This portion of the city is cut off by the turbulent waters. The loss is estimated at close to \$2,000,000.

Five Hundred Houses Demolished. An area of two miles of territory next to the sea was devastated by the storm. Five hundred houses have been demolished.

The storm, beating in from Bering sea, was the worst ever known here. Men and women worked all night in the icy water to save their household effects.

The electric light plant was wrecked and telephone service cut off.

Outside Help Required. There will be much suffering and outside help will be required. Winter is at hand and it will be impossible to get in supplies needed.

The steamships Victoria and Corwin, which were lying in the roadstead, ran to the open sea and escaped damage. All the small boats on the beach were destroyed.

**SPENCER IDENTIFIED**

Clips Tightening About Him for the Murder of Mrs. Rexroat.

CHICAGO—Henry Spencer, who is held as the confessed slayer of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat, was positively identified by Carl White, loan broker, at 169 West Washington street, as the companion of himself and Mrs. Rexroat on the night preceding the murder, when they visited a south side cafe and had several drinks.

Spencer's drawing voice, the voice supposed to have lured Mrs. Rexroat to her death, was identified by Mrs. Sadie Johnston, with whom Mrs. Rexroat lodged, as the voice she had heard over the telephone the night of the murder.

Mrs. Johnston identified the blood-spattered suitcase found in Spencer's room as the property of Mrs. Rexroat. But for these identifications, Spencer's confession would not be worth much because reports coming in from places where he alleges he murdered people deny that such crimes took place, and in other instances it would have been impossible for him to have committed them.

In fact Spencer as an entertaining liar, rather than the cold blooded murderer of a score of men, women and children, was held up by police officials and detectives engaged in analyzing the amazing "confession" which was handed them by the opium smoker during a long night "sweating."

**POSTMASTER KILLS THIEF**

Shoots a Man Standing Beside Safe—Other Burglars Escape.

TROY, N. Y. — Frank W. Stumpf, postmaster at Stillwater, aroused at 3 o'clock in the morning by the sound of an explosion in the postoffice, about 100 feet from his house, took his rifle and fired at random through a window by the side of the safe, killing a man who was attempting to rob the safe.

One of the burglars, stationed in the postoffice, was armed with a repeating rifle and fired three shots at Stumpf, one of which just missed the postmaster. Two men then ran from the building and escaped. The third was found dead beside the safe, a bullet having entered just behind the left ear.

**RICH WIFE AND MAN HELD**

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ST. PAUL, MINN. — Mrs. W. F. Laughlin, wife of W. A. Laughlin, proprietor of a million-dollar hotel at Regina, Sask., and P. J. Morrison, a traveling man from Moose Jaw, Sask., are held at central police station at the request of Mr. Laughlin and the Canadian authorities on charges of desertion. Morrison is said to have a wife in Moose Jaw.

Both admitted that they had left their homes a month ago, having deserted their wife and husband for each other.

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