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The Social Side of Life Local Affairs of the week

By the Observer

The society world in Highland Park is slowly coming to life. A number of affairs, both formal and informal, were given last week. Truly the Observer is quite encouraged. This week and the week following will probably bring many more. Most of us think of November as being a dark and dreary month with its heavy gray clouds, its penetrating winds that strip the trees of their leaves and beauty, its short days and long, cold nights but with all these outward disagreeables there are going on within the walls of homes and club houses gay, social gatherings of various kinds. Not only the big social functions but the cozy home circles around the open fire-place help even more to make us forget the winters drawbacks. Our annual feast day coming the last of this month will call forth a number of family reunions of mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers, sisters, brothers, uncles, aunts, first, second and third cousins, and all the nieces and nephews, who will gather around the festive board with the same object in view, "to make Br'er Turkey look like he aint." Several luncheons and bridge parties are planned for this week and the following one. Mrs. Emil Beck Metzler will entertain twenty-four guests at a luncheon this afternoon at her home on E. Central Ave. Tuesday afternoon, November 11th, Mrs. Harry B. Clarke gave a luncheon to ten ladies at her home. The guests were: Mesdames C. F. M. Smith, George A. Schofield, Forest E. Marsh, E. Tyner, John Bunnell, J. In Irwin Marshall, Emil B. Metzler, R. J. Beatty and Mrs. Wheeler, who is the house guest of Mrs. Clarke. Last Friday night Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers Ruffner entertained twelve guests at dinner in honor of Mr. Michelson of London. Mrs. Forest E. Marsh of Prospect Ave., has cards out for a bridge party to be given Thursday afternoon, Nov. 20th. Invitations have been issued by Mrs. John H. Harmon and Mrs. A. P. Van Schaick for a large reception to be given at the home of the latter, 451 E. Laurel Ave., in honor of Mrs. Robert F. Carr, Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 25th from four to six.

Miss Emma Muench has chosen December tenth for her wedding date at which time she will become the bride of A. Leigh Adams of Winnetka.

Miss Dorothy Fessenden left last week for the east to be maid of honor at the wedding of Miss Ruth Ziehmman, who was a roommate of Miss Fessenden at Ely Court Seminary, Greenwich, Conn. The wedding will take place at the bride's home, "Overlook," New Brunswick, N. J. November nineteenth. Miss Fessenden will return to Highland Park after a three week's visit in the east.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Helen Conrad entertained at a miscellaneous shower in compliment to Miss Helen Relling whose marriage to Archibald Abercrombie will take place Thursday evening, November 27th. The out-of-town guests were the Misses Marguerite Kregger of Glencoe, Catherine Murphy of Winnetka, and Louise Clark of Chicago.

The Misses Catherine and Nellie Fitzgerald entertained a number of friends at five hundred on Friday evening.

The ladies who are in charge of the St. James church bazaar announce an afternoon for cards today, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Zahne entertained a number of guests at dinner on Tuesday evening in honor of her guests Mr. and Mrs. E. Zahne of Kewanee, Ill.

Miss Ida Naas entertained the Laurel Sewing Society Tuesday evening at her home on W. Central Ave.

On Friday evening Miss Gertrude Zahne was given a very pleasant surprise in honor of her birthday anniversary at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Richards of N. Green Bay Rd. Cards, games and dancing passed the evening hours most pleasantly. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. P. Conlin and Mr. James Conlin of Evanston, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dewey of Lake Forest, and Mr. Mrs. E. Zahne of Kewanee, Ill.

Miss Mildred Thayer entertained several young people from Evanston Wednesday evening at her home on No. Sheridan Road.

The afternoon tea club will meet with Miss Marjorie Small Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis N. Green of 100 Walnut St., gave a surprise party at their house on Saturday evening in compliment to Miss Emma Muench who will leave for Olney, Ill. Saturday and whose marriage to Alva Leigh Adams of Winnetka, will take place December 10 at the home of her parents in Olney.

Last Wednesday evening a number of the young people surprised Mr. Russell Jones on his thirty-third birthday at Laurel Inn. Among the gay and foxy crowd who met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Preston previous to going to the Inn were Mr. and Mrs. George R. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Holmes, Miss Carolyn and Miss Viola Shields, Miss Helen Roberts, Miss McKee, Miss Marjorie Small, Miss Catherine Cushing, and the Messrs. Walter Egan and Allen Jones. While Mr. Russell Jones sat calmly in Miss Kennedy's parlor playing a game of cards the guilty culprits rushed into the room counting to the age of the surprised victim. The evening was spent in playing various rousing games winding up the jolly evening with a dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. August Zimmermann announced the marriage of their daughter, Helen Marie to Robert Henry Ware of Chicago which took place Monday, Nov. 16. Mr. and Mrs. Ware will be at home after January first in Chicago.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Smoot in Beaumont, Cal., which has just been completed this fall was opened on Oct. 21st with a large reception in the form of a Japanese tea given for the San Gogona Woman's Club in California of which Mrs. Smoot is the president. The name given this new palatial place is "Queenana." Mr. K. P. Boulton, formerly of Highland Park, sang. The Smoot family were for many years residents of this city and Mrs. Smoot was one of the former presidents of the Ossoli Club.

Word came this week of the wedding of Miss Edith Rosenwald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rosenwald of Highland Park, now of Chicago, to Germon F. Sultzberger also of Chicago, which took place Tuesday evening at the Rosenwald home, 4901 Ellis Ave. It was a small and quiet wedding, only the members of the two families and a few close friends were present. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Armand Deutsch, formerly Miss Adele Rosenwald, as matron of honor, and Mr. Sultzberger was attended by his brother, M. J. Sultzberger as bestman. Dr. Emil G. Hirsch officiated.

The reception held Monday evening at the Y. W. C. A. rooms on Central Ave. to meet Mrs. Mary W. Searcy of Normal, Ill., was a pleasant affair. The Board was assisted in serving by the Camp Fire Girls. Mrs. Searcy began work this week and is in the association rooms every day.

Deerfield News Items

"Wisconsin for Pleasure and Profit" was the subject of an informed illustrated lecture given by Mr. Rosebro, Harold Vant operating the lantern, Tuesday evening in the Presbyterian Church as the result of their vacation spent in Marinette County, Wis., during August.

Mr. J. W. Gaddis of Vincennes, Ind., was the week-end guest of his son, Mr. William Gaddis.

Mr. Michael Winkel and Miss Hoffmeier were married in Chicago Saturday morning.

The members of Miss Emilie Knaak's Bible class of the Presbyterian Church entertained the classes of Mrs. Reichelt, Sr., and Mrs. Hole at the home of Miss Phoebe Beckman Friday evening. The successful contestants in the guessing games were Mildred Knickerbocker, Edward Therrien and Clarence Huhn.

Mrs. Frank Jacobs is visiting Mrs. Kleaber of Chicago.

Mrs. E. M. Lord of Chicago was the week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. C. W. Pettis.

Miss Irene Hutchison was the week-end guest of Mrs. Ralph King of Waukegan.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hutchison and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gunckel were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kerr of Waukegan.

Mrs. J. C. Wolf was the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. Hess of Chicago a few days of last week.

The Misses Lillian and Grace Schlie entertained a number of friends at a dinner party Sunday.

Miss Irene Macadie of Chicago was the week-end guest of Miss Eleanor Meyer.

Miss Mary Hottua spent last week visiting friends in Chicago.

Miss Mildred Whiting had as her week-end guests Miss Grace Carolan, Mr. Paul Oberreuter and Mr. Carl Listug of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hassler of Chicago have made their home in the residence owned by Mr. T. J. Phillips.

Miss Winifred Supple entertained a number of friends at a card party Friday evening.

Mr. Carl Rommel and Mr. Alvin Knaak left Saturday morning for a trip through the east.

A tango party was given by the Young Men's Club of Deerfield in Anderson's hall Saturday evening.

Mesdames Fred Meyer, J. A. Reichelt, Jr., T. Knaak, and Ralph Knickerbocker attended the first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association at the Deerfield-Shields High school Friday afternoon.

Mr. Burns and Mr. Chester Torkleson of Logan Square were the guests of Mr. Emory Whiting Sunday.

Mrs. M. J. Clark and Miss Marie Kress are visiting Miss Elizabeth Clark of Chicago.

One of the best attended meetings of the Mu Sigma Chi was held at the home of the Misses Kress Friday evening. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Hermina Hanschild.

Miss Elizabeth Clark of Chicago was hostess at a card party to a number of her Deerfield friends Saturday afternoon. The successful prize winners were: Miss Mildred Whiting, Mrs. E. Knickerbocker, and Mrs. Eugene Ender.

Miss Clara Ender spent a few days of last week visiting friends in Chicago.

Miss Lloyd of Chicago was the week-end guest of Mrs. Clapper.

On Saturday evening Miss Mabel Schaefer was given a very pleasant surprise by a number of her friends.

The water ordinance was read and passed by the Village Board of Trustees at the meeting held in the village hall Monday evening. The C. M. & St. P. R. R. have started on the new subway on Deerfield Ave. and the traffic will be diverted to Osterman Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Antes and daughter Lillian and Mrs. J. Pyle and daughter Clara were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Zerwer.

FOOD SUPERSTITIONS.

Dyak Warriors Won't Eat Deer For Fear of Becoming Timid.

In rural Germany one still meets with a superstition that he who eats during a thunderstorm will be struck by lightning. Abstaining from food during an eclipse is common among savages; also a belief that in eating the flesh of any animal one absorbs that animal's characteristics. Thus an Indian tribe highly prizes tigers' flesh as food for men, but forbids women to eat it lest it make them too aggressive.

In the Kongu women are forbidden to eat birds of prey on the same principle, but are encouraged to eat frogs, which the men on no account ever touch. In the Caroline islands blackbirds are a favorite dish with women, but men need not eat them, because if one did and afterward climbed a cocoa tree he would surely fall to the ground and be killed.

Among the Dyak warriors must not eat venison because it would make them as timid as the deer. Fowls and eggs are forbidden to women of a Bantu tribe because on eating either a woman would certainly fly into the brush and never again be seen. Again, the flesh of many animals is forbidden because the animals themselves—for example, swine—are disagreeable to the eye or have untidy habits.—Exchange

BAD FOR PRONUNCIATION.

Silent Reading and Neglect of Conversation Are Harmful.

Perhaps the most potent of influences toward diverse pronunciation, especially difference in accent, is the fact that we seldom or never hear in conversation a vast number of words which nevertheless constitute an important and indispensable part of our vocabulary.

"By silent reading and neglect of conversation language itself," declares Richard Grant White, "is coming into disuse." The result of this practice is not only that we are always mentally registering pronunciations peculiar to ourselves, which we have no means of ascertaining to be uncommon or ridiculous, but also that the natural tendencies of our language, unrestrained by the conservative force which occasional use in conversation might exert, rapidly foster new pronunciations and produce a diversity of pronunciation even among the most careful speakers.

All these influences obviously supplement each other in resisting any trend toward uniform pronunciation and facilitate the progress of the tendencies of speech peculiar to our English tongue.—Robert J. Menner in Atlantic Monthly.

ILLINOIS PARAGRAPHS.

SPRINGFIELD—An official statement of the condition of the 824 state banks in Illinois on Oct. 22, 1915, was issued by State Auditor James J. Brady. There is an increase of twelve in the number of state banks as compared with the last statement on Aug. 11. The total capital, surplus, contingent fund, and undivided profits amounts to \$142,675,030, an increase of \$2,211,451. The total deposits, including due to banks, are \$714,289,405, an increase of \$4,036,484. Total cash and due from banks is \$178,841,568, a decrease of \$2,863,651. The per cent of reserve to deposits is 25.03. Deposits, with the exception of time certificates and demand certificates, show a healthy increase. There is a decrease of \$897,363 in time certificates and a decrease of \$877,314 in demand certificates.

DECATUR — A number of bishops from foreign fields, delegates from every state in the union and secretaries of many boards were present at the opening of the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church. While the total membership of the committee is only eighty-seven, the sessions are pronounced the most important outside the general conference. Its duty is the determining what fields shall be occupied by foreign missions and the amount necessary for the support of each. More than \$1,500,000 will be appropriated at this session for the foreign fields.

AURORA — Half a dozen or more special policemen, under Chief Reilly of General, marched on the country home of Willis P. Dickenson, Chicago railroad promoter, while he was away and captured eighty-one chickens, ran several head of cattle to earth, loaded fifteen tons of hay and 200 shocks of corn on wagons, and then drove away. They then heard that they had forgotten something, returned, as got a couple of heating stoves. The invaders said they were levying on an execution obtained by Edward P. Filey of Chicago on a \$700 note given him by Dickenson.

SPRINGFIELD—State of Illinois promises to take the initiative in establishing within the state a system of express rates which will correspond with and be effective, simultaneously with the rates prescribed under the recent rules of the interstate commerce commission. At a meeting of the state commission Chairman Orville F. Berry and others of the commission agreed the state should act irrespectively of any proposed action by the federal commission.

ROCK ISLAND — Thirty-eight grand jury indictments against Sheriff O. L. Bruner were quashed in the circuit court by Judge E. C. Graves upon motion of the defense. The judge sustained the contention of Bruner's lawyers that all of the indictments were faulty in legal construction. State's Attorney F. L. Thompson immediately entered a motion to recall the grand jury. Bruner is alleged to have accepted pay for releasing prisoners from the county jail.

SPRINGFIELD — On the grounds of neglect of duty and incompetency in office Governor Dunne removed Charles H. May and Frank R. Robinson from membership on the board of managers of the state reformatory at Pontiac. The removal of the two Republican members of the board is the result of their repudiation of the report submitted to Governor Dunne regarding conditions at the reformatory. The repudiation came after the two had signed the report.

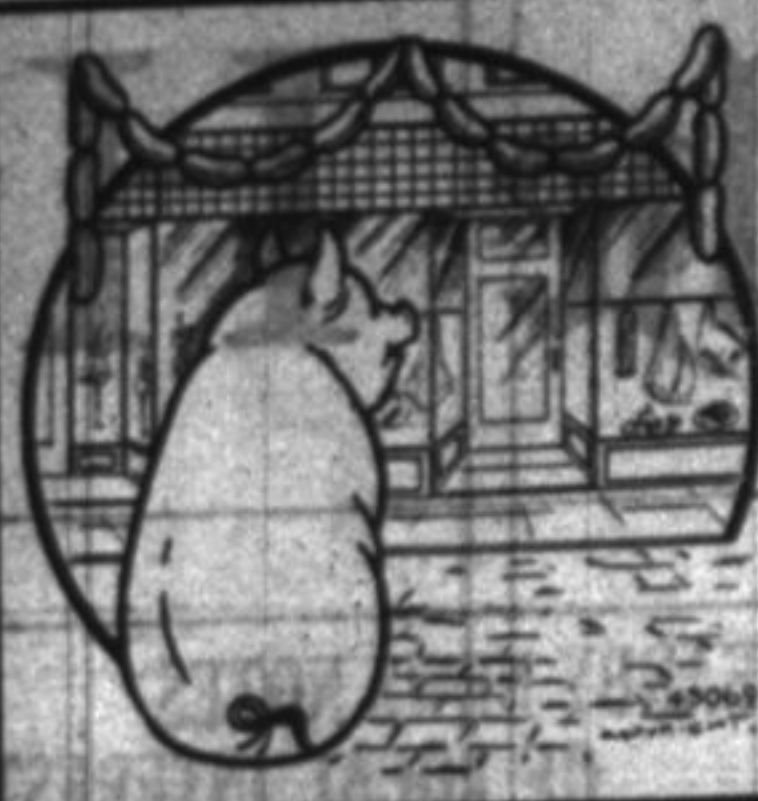
DECATUR — The trainmen on the Illinois traction system, the McKinley roads, demanded an increase of 10 cents an hour in their wages after Dec. 1. If the demand is granted the trainmen will receive 40 cents an hour instead of 30 cents. The I. T. S. men declare they are as responsible and bound by the same laws as the crews on the steam roads and they want as much pay.

SPRINGFIELD — The three days' session of the general committee of the Freedman's Aid society closed here with a reception to the visiting bishops and a meeting at which addresses were made by former Governor Richard Yates and Bishop Thirkield of New Orleans and Wilson of New York, and Secretary I. Garland Fenn of Cincinnati.

SPRINGFIELD — Governor E. F. Dunne will request the resignation of Charles May, Peoria, and Charles R. Robinson, Oregon, Republican members of the Pontiac reformatory board, as a result of the controversy between the executive and these board members over the recent report of an investigation at the institution.

ELGIN — The Reverend E. L. Conklin of Elgin, state superintendent of the Universalist churches in Illinois for the last eight years, has resigned. He will quit his post on Jan. 1. Prior to being appointed to the state position he was pastor of the First Universalist church of Elgin. He will accept a pastorate in the east.

PEORIA — Nearly fifteen thousand Sunday school pupils paraded the streets of Peoria. The line of march ended at the Coliseum, where 3,000 persons attended services.



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