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

By the Observer

It is clear to the eyes of the Observer that a close second to tangoing in popularity is bridge. The present week and the previous one have been filled with formal and informal parties of this particular kind and still more are likely to follow in the weeks to come. Those entertaining at bridge last week were: Mrs. Henry H. Doty, Mrs. Richard Hawkins, Mrs. Theodore Butz, Miss Viola Shields, Miss Dorothy Fessenden, whose bridge party was preceded by a beautiful luncheon in honor of Mrs. Reed of Des Moines, Iowa, who is the house guest of her sister, Mrs. John M. Tuttle. Another hostess at bridge was Mrs. George Washington Childs who entertained in honor of Mrs. O. Dickinson Street of New York Monday afternoon of this week. Mrs. James W. Prindiville gave a bridge party at her home on E. Laurel Ave. for Mrs. O. Dickinson Street, Mrs. Frank Molby of Detroit, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Eugene E. Andrews and Mrs. J. C. Baird of Janesville, Wis., who is visiting at the home of Mrs. Richard F. Peyton, Jr. Miss Genevieve Mott also entertained for Mrs. O. Dickinson Street. Tuesday afternoon Miss Mott gave a luncheon followed by bridge. Mrs. Lloyd M. Bergen was hostess at an informal bridge party also on Tuesday. Mrs. John A. Bunnell entertained Wednesday afternoon at informal bridge. The same day Mrs. T. C. Williams gave an informal tea at her home on N. Sheridan Road, to meet her daughter, Mrs. Frank Smith (Clara Williams) of Kansas City. Bridge will close Friday, for this week at least, with an informal one given by Mrs. Paul Bird that afternoon.

The Ravinia Club has issued invitations for a reception Monday afternoon, Jan. 26th, from four until six o'clock at the Art Institute to meet the artists of the Chicago Grand Opera Company. Mrs. Harold F. McCormick is honorary president, and Mrs. Frank McMullin, president of the club, which was organized less than two years ago to aid the Ravinia Company in saving Ravinia Park for the music lovers of Chicago and the North Shore. Mrs. Edwin L. Lobdell is first vice president; Miss Miriam Stever, recording secretary; Miss Katharine Forrest, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. George A. Thorne, treasurer. Among the list of vice presidents from Highland Park are: Mrs. J. McGregor Adams and Mrs. W. A. Alexander. Mrs. Frank R. Fuller, chairman of the Junior League, which was organized last summer, and Mrs. Annette R. Jones, chairman of children's afternoons. The governing board consists of the chairman from the different North Shore towns. From Highland Park, Mrs. Everett L. Millard, and from Ravinia, Mrs. Julius Rosenwald.

### Deerfield News Items

A public installation of officers for the Royal Neighbors and their husbands and the Modern Woodmen and their wives will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer.

Mr. Roy Hutchison spent a few days last week with Mr. W. L. Hutchison of Waukegan.

Mr. S. D. Nelson has written a play "The Folly of Force" which will be presented Friday evening, Feb. 6th in the Assembly hall of the Grammar school. The proceeds of the play will be used for the piano fund. Mr. Nelson gave the money to buy the curtain for the stage. Admission to the performance will be 35 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Mrs. Fred Haggee gave a five hundred party Friday evening for the Harmony club.

Mr. Jones of Texas, who was the guest of Dr. Davis, preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday. His text in the morning was "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens," and in the evening was "For Every Man Shall Bear His Own Burden." Communion services will be held Sunday morning, Feb. 1st.

The Teacher Training class studied the lives of Saul, David and Solomon Monday evening.

Miss Isabel Biederstedt of Highland Park was the week-end guest at the home of Mr. F. C. Biederstedt.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. S. P. Hutchison Thursday afternoon, China was the subject. Mrs. Reichelt, Sr. was leader, Miss Josephine Woodman told of Chinese womanhood today. Mrs. Fred Haggee and Mrs. Hutchison also read stories and Mrs. Reichelt, Sr. talked of the Opportunities in China today. Mrs. R. Knickerbocker gave some Chinese contrasts.

Mr. Nelson took his pupils to the LaSalle County corn exhibit at Libertyville Friday.

Thirty Deerfield-Shields High school students from Deerfield with chaperons attended the debate at the high school Friday evening.

Mr. George Burns, Mr. G. Seabloom and Mr. C. Torkleson of Chicago were Deerfield visitors Sunday.

Graeme Supple entertained a few of his friends Saturday afternoon in honor of his birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Ray Gunckel entertained a few friends at a five hundred party Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Walter Antes has returned from Boone, Iowa.

Mr. Carl Seastrand of Chicago and James Leonard of Lake Villa were the guests of Mr. Nelson Sunday.

A missionary story by Marian Keith called the "Black Bearded Barbarian," relating the life work of Rev. G. L. Mackay in Formosa is being studied by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church under the leadership of Miss Irene Rockenback.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ender were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Scofield of Chicago Sunday.

The ladies of the five hundred club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Robert Scott of Libertyville Tuesday afternoon. Those who won prizes were Mrs. J. C. Wolf, Miss Clara Ender, and Miss Josephine Woodman.

Miss Mildred Knickerbocker was the week-end guest of McMullins of Libertyville.

Misses Mayme and Catherine Karch left for Belmont, Iowa Monday.

Misses Supple, Glynn, and McMahan, and Mesdames Supple and Reichelt, Jr. attended the Elm Place Parents and Teachers' Association meeting Thursday afternoon.

About fifty couples enjoyed the dance given by the Shermerville Pleasure club in Anderson's hall Saturday evening. The walls of the hall were decorated with flags of all nations and red, white and blue bunting was in evidence everywhere. Those acting on committees were Mr. Henry Meyer, Mr. Edward Clapper and Mr. Techmeyer.

The Young Men's club will give an informal dancing party Friday evening in Anderson's hall.

### MISS EVA BOOTH

Salvation Army Commander Is Reported Very Ill in Buffalo.



**BUFFALO, N. Y.** — Miss Eva Booth, commander of the Salvation Army in the United States, is confined to her room in a local hotel with a serious attack of bronchitis. Physicians attending her said pneumonia was likely to develop, but later she seemed a little better. She caught severe cold in Elmira last week.

### GENERAL NEWS.

**CALUMET, MICH.** — That the Western Federation of Miners, with the backing of the American Federation of Labor, proposes to continue to fight against the mine operators of Northern Michigan was the statement of James E. Roach, personal representative here of Samuel Gompers, and this statement is borne out by preparation for the fight being made not only in the copper district but in the iron mining district.

**KANSAS CITY, MO.** — The workings of an alleged syndicate of white slavers, which according to government investigators, involves a score of members of the Greek colony here and has ramifications extending into a half dozen cities of the middle west, were described at a hearing of Frank Reo and Joseph Amatos, saloonkeepers, before Harry C. Allen, United States immigration inspector.

**CHICAGO** — Isaac M. Jordan, prominent lawyer and clubman and former son-in-law of ex-United States Judge Peter S. Grosscup, committed suicide in Parlor J. of the Palmer House. He shot himself and his lips showed indications of having taken poison. One theory for the suicide, advanced by friends, was that Jordan had been brooding over the separation from his wife and child.

**LAPORTE, IND.** — Lloyd Gilderman, nine years old, was drowned in Lake Wawasee at Syracuse. While playing on the ice he ran into open water and sank before assistance could reach him. George Gilderman, the father, formerly lived in Indianapolis, and is now at the head of a factory at Syracuse.

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**WASHINGTON** — Bishop Oliver C. Sabin of the Evangelical Christian church, who was an Illinois lawyer before he dedicated his life to Christian Science, died here. Bishop Sabin was born in Bladenburg, Ohio, in 1840. He studied at the Illinois Normal college and practiced law in Bloomington, Ill.

**HALIFAX, N. S.** — All on board are safe, according to information received here on the stranded steamer Cobequid. Nearly all of those aboard have been landed at Yarmouth. The steamer Westport brought seventy-one ashore and the others came on the steamer John L. Cann.

**ST. LOUIS, MO.** — Mistaken for a burglar when she was bidding a sweetheart good-by on the back porch of her uncle's home, Miss Lillie Weidle, sixteen years old, was shot and probably fatally injured by her cousin, Chester Stutte, fifteen years old.

**HOUGHTON, MICH.** — The local relief committee which raised a fund of \$30,000 for the Italian hall disaster sufferers met and decided to return all contributions. Officials of the miners' union refused to permit its members to accept outside aid.

**CUMBERLAND, MD.** — It is reported here that the big dam of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper company, near Dobbin, W. Va., has given way with resultant heavy property loss and possible loss of life.

**SPRINGFIELD, ILL.** — Governor Lunne left for Pontiac, where he will make a personal investigation of the Pontiac reformatory. This is the first penal institution to be visited by the governor since his election.

**ELCOMINGTON, ILL.** — The will of Daniel Sharpe of Coalsville, admitted to probate, leaves \$20,000 to the home and foreign missionary boards of the Presbyterian church.

**WOMEN IN THE MIDDLE AGES.**  
They Held Office and Could More Than Hold Their Own in Trade.

Women in England have always shared in the industrial life of the nation. Curiously enough, writes Mr. A. Abram in "English Life and Manners in the Later Middle Ages," a statute of 1363 that ordered men to keep to one trade left women free to practice as many as she chose.

In a few instances, at least, women in the later middle ages discharged duties and held offices that do not fall to their lot nowadays. There are allusions to women burgesses in the records of London and other towns, and if women married aliens they could naturalize them.

Women did not shrink from engaging in foreign commerce. They exported goods to France, Spain and other countries. A widow, Margery Russell of Coventry, is mentioned in no less than three different existing documents. Her business must have been on a fairly large scale, for she was robbed of merchandise worth £800 by some men of Santander, in Spain. In order to recoup herself for her losses she obtained letters of marque that empowered her to seize the goods belonging to countrymen of the offenders.

Margery apparently took more than was due her, for two Spanish merchants lodged complaints against her. She was ordered to restore both ships, but one of the Spaniards declared that she had refused to do so, although he had a commission directed to the exchequer. If Dame Margery Russell was a type, women traders of the middle ages were well able to look after themselves.

### ORIGIN OF PERFUMES.

Used at First to Kill the Odors of Burning Flesh.

In the good old times the use of perfumes was originated to counteract the offensive odors arising from burning flesh which was being offered as a sacrifice. For this reason incense was always burned in the temples, and from that burning comes the literal significance of the word incense, which means "through the smoke." Arabia has always been the land of perfume, the "scents of Arabia" being



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Classic Lady Macbeth refers to "all the perfumes of Arabia" in her sleep-walking agony when she fancies she cannot wash the smell of Duncan's blood from her hand.

While Arabia has most of the fame, it is undoubtedly a fact that to Egypt belongs most of the credit for the art of perfuming was practiced there to its fullest extent. Even the embalmed dead were saturated with spices and scents which have retained their delightful aroma after thousands of years. It was from old Egypt that the Greeks and Romans learned the use of the still for extracting perfumes from plants and flowers. To this Roman love for perfumes no doubt as much as to her own habits was due the fact that Cleopatra's barge was so overwhelmingly scented. Shakespeare describes it with:

Purple the sails and so perfumed that The winds were lovesick with them.

—Philadelphia Record.

300 pounds of more, black as anything human could be, and a complete antithesis to the refined, gracious and delicate grandma of sixty, whose grief her grandson would try to assuage—"Please don't cry so, grandma," he pleaded, as he passed his little hand over her gray locks and with boundless sympathy in his tones. "I'm sure you can get another husband very soon. Why, even Aunt Mandy Sanderson had seven of them!"—New York Sun.

**Took It Like a Philosopher.**  
One day Mrs. Jones rushed into the library to her husband with hasty steps and a wild look of excitement. "Oh, John, oh, John!" she exclaimed, with a lot of emotional thrills. "Nora made a mistake and tried to light the kitchen fire with gasoline!" "Gasoline, eh?" calmly responded John. "Did she get it started?" "Did she get it started?" cried the amazed Mrs. Jones. "It blew her out the kitchen window!" "That's all right, my dear," returned the philosophical Jones. "It was her afternoon out, anyway."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

**Why It Is Fiction.**  
Women are mysterious except in fiction. There they are solved in the last chapter.—Wisconsin State Journal.