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The Social Side of Life Local Affairs of the week

By the Observer

Nearly every day last week society ladies played bridge. This week a calm state that the observer has begun to suspect these same ladies of playing "bridg-et" for something is keeping them quietly at home. However, there are a few things going on this week. Mrs. Frederick A. Preston's large bridge party at the Exmoor cottage occurred Wednesday afternoon and Monday afternoon witnessed the largest affair of the week. It was the large and formal bridge party at the Highland Park Club, given by Mrs. Marshall S. Marsh, Mrs. Addison R. Warner, and Mrs. George Randall Roberts. Tuesday afternoon Miss Mary Louise Sedgwick gave an informal tea at her home on N. Sheridan Rd., to meet the Misses Mabel and Louise Holmes of Detroit, Mich., who are visiting at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Blockwood, in Kenilworth. Mrs. John Greenville Mott will entertain at luncheon followed by bridge this afternoon at her home on E. Laurel Ave., for her niece, Miss Elita Mott of California.

A charming dinner party was given last Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Allen Mason, the guest of honor being Mrs. George T. Howland of Norwich, Conn. It was a "Wauwinet Reunion dinner" as the guests present were those who had spent last summer together in Nantucket. Very clever telegrams supposedly sent from Nantucket were written and read by Mr. Mason. These brought forth much amusement and laughter. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Drum, Mr. and Mrs. John V. Norcross, Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Peyton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William R. Ruffner, Mr. Thomas E. Filbert of Chicago, Miss Annie Cobb and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mason. The guests later attended the regular informal monthly dance at the Highland Park Club.

An error in last week's paper which we wish to correct was the statement that Mrs. F. W. Schumacher entertained at cards on Saturday.

Mrs. Solomon A. St. Peter will be hostess this afternoon to fourteen ladies at tea in compliment to Mrs. W. H. Bennett of Ione, Washington, who is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Udell.

One of the prettiest affairs of last week was the informal tea given by Mrs. T. C. Williams, 320 N. Sheridan Rd., for her daughter, Mrs. Frank Smith of Kansas City. Mrs. Williams was assisted in receiving by her daughters, Mrs. Frank Smith and Miss Lois Williams, Mrs. Henry J. Thayer, Mrs. George M. Bard, Mrs. Robert E. Seyfarth, Mrs. Orren Sanford Peabody, Mrs. Samuel Parliament, Mrs. H. M. Bacon, Mrs. C. P. Woodcock, and Mrs. George H. Campbell. Among the young ladies assisting in the dining room were the Misses Marjorie and Frances Small, Marjorie and Dorothy Loudon, Mildred Thayer, Cecil Vail, Grace McKey, Helen Hale, and Helen Sailor of Chicago.

The Friday afternoon tea club will meet with Miss Laura Kennedy this week at the Laurel Inn.

The Sunday Night club were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Frederick A. Preston last week Wednesday at a dinner and dance given at the Exmoor cottage that evening.

Mrs. E. Tyner will entertain at dinner this evening at her home, 436 Prospect Ave. Twelve guests in honor of Mrs. Richard H. Pickering who will leave soon for the east.

Several young people from our city attended a jolly party last Saturday night in Lake Forest. Stuart Watson of the same city entertained a number of his young boy and girl friends at a dinner at his home, later taking his guests to the Winter Club to skate and dance. Those attending from Highland Park were the Misses Elizabeth Schumacher, Miriam and Mary French and Rowena Bastin Messrs. Leslie and Goodrich Schauflier, and Gray Stubbs.

Miss Olga Brown of Webster Ave., entertained a number of friends informally Monday evening at a tango party to meet Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Shields of Lebanon, Ind., and Lieut. Long of Indianapolis, Ind.

Messrs. Margaret and Gertrude Schneider of Jefferson Park were the week-end guests of Misses Elizabeth and Dorothy Reichelt and Mr. John Schneider was the guest of Mrs. J. C. Wolff.

Mr. Frank Suple of Chicago was a week-end guest at Suppledale farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hutchison of Waukegan were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hutchison Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Easton entertained fourteen friends at a wild duck dinner Sunday evening.

Miss Lillian Adams of Grayslake is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Adams.

Miss Kathryn McMahan of Waukegan was the week-end guest of her sister, Miss Christine McMahan.

The Young Men's club were hosts at a charming informal dancing party in Anderson's hall Friday evening. Miss Clara Ender and Mesdames Kress and Reichelt, Jr. were the chaperones.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gunckel and daughter Verine, of Bloomington are the guests of Mrs. Gunckel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Love.

Misses Lightbody and Snyder of Libertyville were the week-end guests of Mrs. W. Morris.

Go-to-Church Sunday will be observed in Deerfield February first. Posters will be displayed in the windows of the stores and the merchants will place stickers on the parcels sent out bearing the Go-to-Church slogan. Church members are urged to use the telephone to invite their friends.

Mrs. E. F. Miller and daughter Mabel, spent Monday and Tuesday at Lincoln.

Miss Olson of Green Bay was a guest at the home of Mr. R. Vant Sunday.

"The Fatherhood of God" was the subject of Mr. Jones' Sunday morning sermon, and "Prepare to meet Thy God" the text of his evening sermon in the Presbyterian church. Dr. Parker of San Francisco, will officiate at the communion services Sunday, February first.

Mr. J. N. Bernard of Anamora, Iowa is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. Haunschild.

Miss Clara Pyle entertained the "Smart Set" at her home Monday evening.

About sixty Modern Woodmen and their wives attended a joint installation of the Royal Neighbors and the Modern Woodmen at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer Friday evening. The living room was attractively decorated in the Woodmen's colors, red, green and white crepe paper and red roses. The dining room was decorated with purple and white tissue paper in compliment to the Royal Neighbors. After the installation of the Modern Woodmen and the Royal Neighbors the members enjoyed a very effective solo by Mr. Walter Antes and several baritone solos by Mr. Harold Vant.

Mrs. B. Easton entertained at an oyster supper in honor of Mr. Easton's birthday anniversary Monday evening.

The regular meeting of the Mu Sigma Chi will be held at the home of Miss Mildred Whiting Friday evening.

The public hearing on the water question which was held in the town hall Monday evening was attended by a great many Deerfielders. The ordinance was approved by all who were present.

Mr. Wm. Duffy of Chicago was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Duffy.

Mr. C. B. Easton had as his guests last week Mr. and Mrs. Judson Mason of Prairie View.

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The coconut palm is a native of the torrid zone and thrives best on the southeast of the tropics. But in the United States it is not generally known that the uses of the palm (Cocos nucifera) are as numerous as the days of the year.

Found nearly everywhere within the tropics, almost the sole dependence for food of the palmivorous inhabitants of many countries, this king of low tropical countries furnishes man with food, drink, medicines, domestic utensils, materials for boat and house building, oil for cooking, lighting, lubricating and innumerable other purposes, and is of all the palmaces the one that yields the greatest variety of products.

It has been truly said by Tennant, the historian, that "of the coconut palm a ship can be built and laden too."

The coconut palm comes into bearing between the fifth and sixth year of its life, earlier if near the ocean front, later if inland any great distance, and will bear for 80 to 100 years thereafter. It is still in its full vigor at twenty-five to forty-five years of age and even up to seventy years may be found in fairly good bearing.

So highly valued is the coconut in the orient that Tennant mentions a claim in court in the island of Ceylon for two thousand five hundred and twentieth part of a "plantation" containing only ten coconut palms—"Below the Rio Grande."

WILLIAM SULZER

Deposed Governor and His
Foe, Charles F. Murphy.



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GENERAL NEWS.

MEXICO CITY—A plot similar to the one whereby General Felix Diaz overthrew President Madero has just been discovered. The chief of police announces that he has discovered a plot for an uprising on Feb. 1. Arrests are being made every minute. Among those who have been arrested are General Fernandez Gonzales, a veteran follower of Porfirio Diaz, and General Eugenio Razon, another Porfirista, who was a candidate for the vice presidency on the Catholic ticket on which Senor Gamboa was the candidate for president and who is at present governor of Yucatan, Senator Gumerinde Enriquez, an old Porfirista, who was the only man with nerve enough to ask President Madero to resign during the Felicitas coup, having offered a resolution in the senate to this effect, and Jose Luis Requena, a prominent lawyer and vice presidential candidate on the Felicitas ticket during the last farcial elections.

NEW YORK—Assemblyman William Sulzer, the deposed governor of New York state, testified before Chief Magistrate McAduo in the "John Doe" proceedings that United States Senator James A. Gorman urged him to deny the request of Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader, that James E. Gaffney be appointed commissioner of highways. He swore that in doing so, the senator described Gaffney as Murphy's chief henchman and denounced him as the man who had attempted to obtain a contribution of \$150,000 from James C. Stewart, while the bids of the Stewart company on state work were pending before the canal board. It was his refusal to appoint Gaffney that caused Murphy to make his announcement, "Gaffney or war!"

WASHINGTON—The new interstate trade commission bill drafted by the senate committee on interstate commerce and the house judiciary committee was introduced in the house by Representative Clayton. It provides for a commission of five members, not more than three to be members of the same political party. The bureau of corporations is to be merged with the commission, which will perform all of its duties.

HEBRON, ILL.—Mrs. Allison J. Cole, wife of the president of a Hebron bank, and one of the wealthiest men of this section, committed suicide by jumping into a cistern at the home of her father. Her body was found by searchers three hours after she disappeared from her home.

WASHINGTON—By a unanimous vote the house elections committee reported in favor of seating Representative J. M. C. Smith, Republican, of Michigan, over the contest of Claude Carney, Democrat. The contest, the committee decided, was on purely technical grounds.

HOUGHTON MICH.—A "no true bill" was reported by the special grand jury which has been investigating the alleged kidnapping and forcible deportation of Charles H. Moyer and James Tanner, officials of the Western Federation of Miners, on the night of Dec. 26.

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 Weldale, sixteen years old, was shot and probably fatally injured by her cousin, Chester Stutte, fifteen years old.

MADISON, IND.—In the case of Harold Grimes, eighteen years old indicted and tried for first degree murder for shooting his father, William Grimes, last August, the jury, after being out an hour, returned a verdict of not guilty.



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ILLINOIS NEWS NOTES

Files I. C. Road Valuations.
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—State Auditor James J. Brady filed with the clerk of the supreme court his certified statement of valuations which he has placed on all properties of the Illinois Central Railroad company and on which he bases his claim that taxes on the company's property ought to be approximately \$2,000,000 higher. The railroad company has served the auditor with notice that it will contest his certification and is expected soon to file with the supreme court contest of the auditor's action.

To Oust Zion City Official.
ZION CITY, ILL.—The Zion City councilmen voted to remove from office the city treasurer, Burnett S. Love. They charged him with using village money for his own purposes and with failing to obey their mandate that he bring his books and accounts before them. Some said that he would ignore the council's action. "I was elected by the people," he said, "and I will remain their treasurer till my term expires or a court rules me out of office." Love was the only "independent" or anti-Vollman in office in Zion City.

Ex-Judge Taken As Forger.
PONTIAC, ILL.—Former Judge G. White of this city, who was indicted by the recent grand jury here on the charge of forgery in selling a note to a Fairbury (Ill.) bank, is under arrest at Spokane, Wash. Sheriff W. A. Patterson has gone there with requisition papers to bring White back to this city. White will fight extradition. He has been for years one of the leading attorneys of this city and was also prominent for years in Modern Woodmen circles.

Quit the National Guard.
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—The resignations of a number of Illinois National Guard officers were announced from the office of the adjutant general, as follows:
First Lieutenant Gilbert R. Knowles, company E, Fifth infantry; Captain E. A. Grub, company F, Fifth infantry; First Lieutenant Fred C. Dickson, Medical Corps, Field Artillery; First Lieutenant Robert E. Wilcox, battalion quartermaster and commissary, Field Artillery.

Swedish Lutherans Elect.
AURORA, ILL.—The officers were elected by Swedish Lutheran pastors of the Rockford district at a meeting held in Dekalb. Rev. J. A. Benander of Rockford is the new president. He succeeds Rev. John Mellander of St. Charles, who leaves soon for Omaha.

Rev. G. A. Farnum was elected treasurer. Other officers chosen were: Vice President, Roy J. E. Hendall; Rockford; secretary, Rev. Gustaf Fleetwood, Kirkland.

Boy Shot by Another Dies.
PEORIA, ILL.—Little Harry Eilers, the four-year-old son of Edward Eilers, 609 South Adams street, died as the result of being shot at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with a revolver in the hands of Roy Erxleben, twelve years old. Erxleben is being held by the police. The shooting of the Eilers lad is said to have been the result of an accident.

Suffrage Law Upheld.
CAIRO, ILL.—The new Illinois woman's suffrage law was upheld in the Thebes election contest case by County Judge W. S. Dewey. He found that 192 legal votes were cast against saloons at the election last November and 139 legal votes for saloons, so he dismissed the petition to contest the election.

New State Bank for Cary.
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—State Auditor James J. Brady issued a permit to Carl W. Stenger, M. E. Weayer and T. H. Wolf for the organization of the Cary State Bank of Cary, McHenry county.

The bank will have a capital stock of \$25,000 and a charter tenure of ninety-nine years.

Finds Son After 35 Years.
DUQUOIN, ILL.—After a separation of twenty-five years, Mrs. W. J. Weidner of Oklahoma City learned the whereabouts of her son, Charles Weidner.

The son is living at Centralia, Ill. He ran away from home when he was eight years old.

Despondent Girl Drowns Self.
BLOOMINGTON, ILL.—By stealth from her couch while the other members of the household were asleep, Daisy Hoffman, aged twenty-three, of Farmer City, despondent over ill health, threw herself into a cistern and was drowned.

Receiver for Big Coal Mines.
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Francis E. Peabody of Du Page county was appointed receiver for the Springfield Coal Mining company, which controls and has operated until recently several mines throughout central Illinois.

Country Bank Closes Doors.
OTTAWA, ILL.—The Bank of La Rose, a town of Marshall county, has failed to open its doors.

Labor is the instituted means for the methodical development of all our powers under the direction and control of the will.—J. G. Holland.