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The Social Side of Life
Local Affairs of the week

By the Observer

Nearly one thousand expectant music lovers greeted Mr. Stock and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on Saturday evening at the official opening of Ravinia Park. The program began with Dvorak's "Carnival" overture, thrilling and loud enough to drown out the advance of tardy listeners. Godard's "Adagio Pathetique," a staid, sweet and serious, and a "request," "Moskowsky Serenade and three numbers in which Bruno Steindel, the cellist, was the soloist, cleared the way for Joan Sawyer, "the high priestess of the modern dance."

Two of her new dances, a "Congo Trot" and a "Zurmakka" (the word, it will be noticed, is made up of mazarika and maxixe) were interesting, complicated things which would defy imitation. Miss Sawyer is grace itself and with her partner, Mr. George Harcourt was truly wonderful in her dancing which brought forth praise in the shape of enthusiastic applause from a large cr.-wd. The dance pavilion, which is in the clever domino style, certainly proved to be a great attraction and was frequented by gay dancers at all times possible. Those entertaining at dinner parties in the new pavilion were: Mrs. McGregor Adams, who had eight in her party, and Mrs. W. A. Alexander, who had six in her party. Many gay parties were chaperoned by Eva-ston, Lake Forest and Chicago people. Dinner-dances are quite in vogue at the park now; Mrs. Cyrus McCormick and Mrs. Newton Perry, both of Lake Forest, being hostesses at dinner-dances recently.

On Thursday evening, the local chapter of Eastern Star entertained at a banquet and reception in compliment to Mrs. Selma Weege of Chicago, grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star of Illinois. About one hundred guests attended the banquet which was beautifully planned by a committee consisting of Messrs. and Mesdames Marshall of Lake Forest, Fred Moon of Highland Park, and Mrs. Mead, Mrs. Olson and Edward Mead. The tables were very attractive in decorations of white field daisies and peonies; the favors being cunning little nut baskets of green with a dainty little daisy fastened to the handles. The entire color scheme was green and white in the hall as well as in the dining room and was beautifully carried out in every detail. Mesdames Fritz Bahr, Samuel Levin, and Stranger composed the decorating committee. The visitors included guests from Waukegan, Libertyville, and Evanston. After supper initiation took place, the candidates being Miss Jane Marshall of Lake Forest, Mrs. Pearl Mueller of Libertyville, and Mrs. Sleeman, and Wm. Pearl of this city. The honored guest was presented with a present, the presentation speech being made by Mrs. Lillian Moon.

Mrs. George Howe entertained the Kensington Club on Thursday afternoon at her home on County Line Rd. Luncheon was served from four until five o'clock. Mrs. Frank B. Green gave some of her splendid readings.

Mrs. John Schreurs entertained seven teen guests at Ravenswood on Tuesday. Some of the ladies of the party were members of the Ravenswood W. C. T. U., who spent the day with her.

Mrs. John Larson entertained the Euchre club on Monday evening at her home on N. St. Johns Ave, for her sister, Miss Margaret O'Neil.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Culkins of N. Green Bay Rd., announce the marriage of their daughter Catherine to Mr. James Sutcliffe of this city which occurred Saturday morning, July 26th at seven o'clock in St. Mary's Catholic Church; Rev. Dr. J. D. O'Neil officiated.

About thirty young folks, members of the classes of 1914 and 1915 of the high school, enjoyed a beach party at the Moraine beach Friday evening. Games and refreshments on the beach were the attractions of the evening.

Today is children's day at Ravinia Park under the auspices of the Ravinia Club. As last year, on Thursdays, there will be a program given for the children in the pavilion directly preceding the concert. The program is to consist of a group of dances given by the children of the North Shore towns. The program for this week will be composed of a Spring dance by Racheal Borncamp of Glencoe; a Spanish dance by Helen Farrell of Winnetka; classic dances by Helen Rosenfield, and the Joy of the Rose by Grace Andrews, both of this city; a minuet by Fredricka Hunt of Lake Bluff; and Grecian and Dutch dances by Glencoe children, will complete the very artistic program.

Margaret Day entertained eight of her little friends at a birthday luncheon on Tuesday. A birthday cake with flickering candles, was in evidence during the meal. Games were indulged in to help pass the afternoon hours.

Mrs. H. D. Faxon entertained fifteen ladies at luncheon on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Margaret Marks of Chicago, announces the marriage of her daughter, Marguerite Ellen to Archibald Merrill Allison of Chicago which took place Saturday morning, June twenty-sixth at the home of the bride's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Allison will be at home after September first in this city.

June has been the month of brides this year without a doubt. On Tuesday evening occurred the marriage of Miss Ora Hardy, daughter of Mrs. Hettie Jones and Dr. Earl Fritsch, son of Mrs. Elen Fritsch of North Ave., at the First United Evangelical Church, with Rev. J. Foster Van Evera reading the service. The bride wore a white crepe de chine gown with a full length veil and carried white roses. The best man, a cousin to the groom, was Clinton Fritsch. The maid of honor was Alice Curtis of Lake Forest, a cousin of the bride, who wore blue crepe de chine. The bridesmaids were the Misses Nettie Moon and Frances Fritsch, who wore yellow crepe de chine and carried yellow roses. Baskets of yellow roses and pansies were carried by the flower girls, little Alice and Emily Reid. The bride's mother, Mrs. Hettie Jones gave her away. The ushers were Arthur Meierhoff and Elmer Gieser. A reception for the immediate family and bride party took place at the home of the bride's mother. After a short wedding trip Dr. and Mrs. Fritsch will be at home at the home of the groom's mother on North Ave.

On Wednesday afternoon, June thirtieth, at three o'clock at the St. James Pariah house at Highwood, the wedding of Miss Gertrude Agnes Sasch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sasch of 32 N. Green Bay Rd., to Mr. Harry Edward Clarkson, son of Mr. Edward Clarkson of Grove City, Pa., took place, with Father Gates reading the service. The bride was gowned in white satin and chiffon and carried white sweet peas; the bridesmaids, the Misses Florence McNeil, and Frances Sasch, a sister of the bride, wore white satin. Messrs. Gustave Keller, a cousin of the groom, was best man, while Clarence Happ, a cousin of the bride, formed one of the bridal party. Wedding music was furnished by Mrs. Joseph Cameron. Following the ceremony a reception took place at the home of the bride's mother. The house decorations were in white roses and daisies. After a short honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson will be at home after the tenth of July on Washington St., Highwood.

The wedding of Miss Margaret Farrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Farrell of Milladore, Wis. to Mr. Frank Sack son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sack of this city took place Saturday morning, June twenty-sixth at Waukegan.

The Misses Gertrude and Eva Lundgren entertained the Luther League of the Swedish Lutheran Church on Tuesday evening.

Those who entertained at luncheon and bridge today at the weekly luncheon and bridge party at Exmoor were: Mesdames W. J. Fyffe, Walter Carr, Curtis A. McWhinney, Howard A. Wrenn, and C. W. Buckley.

Mrs. Rex Jones entertained the Embroidery club at a luncheon on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. L. Holbrook of Ravine Ave., entertained a number of friends informally on Wednesday afternoon at three tables of bridge and afternoon tea.

Mrs. W. J. Louderback of Moraine Rd., entertained nine guests on Monday at luncheon for Mrs. Dow and Mrs. Given, who are the guests of Mrs. Gordon Buchanan.

Miss Bessie Baker entertained a party of children on the beach on Tuesday at a picnic luncheon. The children present were her pupils of two years ago, when she taught in Prairie View. Swimming and games on the beach were the attractions of the day.

Miss Miriam French was hostess at a beach party yesterday evening in honor of Miss Mary Rhodus of Chicago, who is a guest at the French home on Ridge-wood Drive.

PEACE COLUMN
by ADELINE L. ATWATER

"Above all nations is humanity."
This is our last regular column.

We do not stop for lack of material, as the more one studies this subject the broader becomes the horizon, and the scope of possibilities becomes infinite. Every day when one reads the depressing newspapers, one realizes more than ever the absolute necessity of education along these lines. Have we been able to convey this in these few humble columns, that we may have in the words of Abraham Lincoln "a world less inclined to war, and more inclined to peace? If so, we are glad.

One of the things which differentiates man from the lower animals is the fact that man is the only animal capable of a moral struggle or a moral conquest.

Every step in the progress of the world has been the escaping from the tyranny of a fact, to the understanding and mastery of that fact.

We now realize more than ever before how deep are the frailties of human nature in giving vent to its passions in this horrible war—but, are we going to be slaves enough to submit in hopeless submission to this condition or in fact to any condition or any failure? Are we going to surrender to our human weaknesses? These are our enemies.

We must recognize a weakness before we can conquer it, and to conquer we must educate, for as we have said, peace is a state of mind as well as a physical condition. The only benefit that can accrue from this useless war and that we can share with the rest of the world is in the lessons it ought to teach in respect to future national and international policies.

In the American Review of Reviews for June Mr. Herbert Stead sums up the situation:

"Never was the Will-to-Peace so deep and widespread as now." So writes me a Swiss soldier as he listens to the thunder of French and German guns in the greatest war the world has known.

The contrast is curious,—between the Will and the Deed.

The Will-to-Peace, right round the world, is infinitely stronger than the Will-to-War.

But the lesser force is compact, well-organized, and resolute. The greater force is scattered, unorganized, irresolute.

One ton of gunpowder within the narrow, well-directed tubes of a few cannon will accomplish far more than a million tons of the same stuff burning loose over a mountain range. If only we could concentrate the million tons of peace-power as the ton of war-power is concentrated, the Switzer's paradox would be impossible. There would be no war.

The great need of the hour is to focus and direct the pacific purpose of the planet.

The need is perhaps most acute in the United States, for on this nation the greatest issues depend. I have been in this country not three weeks. But I have been long enough to feel, pervading American society like an atmosphere, a noble passion for peace. Were it only compressed within the grooves of one straight purpose and trained on one sure mark, the result would be commensurate with the place and dignity of the nation.

But alas! the heterogeneity of its aims is positively bewildering. Any number of groups, actuated by the most praiseworthy motives, are rushing hither and thither, proclaiming as many panaceas, announcing this, that, or the other improvised specific, with scarcely a thought of combination, or of the main line of historical evolution, or of the prospect of securing effective agreement.

Of most of these miscellaneous proposals I have no hard word to say. They reflect more or less clearly the amiable character of the minds that produce them. They may be very useful as educative auxiliaries to a better-focused aim. But it seems to me that there is a great danger of their frittering away the immense fund of pacific energy.

"Divide and conquer" as the motto of the victorious Roman. "Be divided and be conquered" expresses the weakness of vanquished Peace.

Can we not avoid this grave disaster?

Can we not,—to change the metaphor,—crystallize one supersaturated solution of American Will-to-Peace round some definite, practicable point?

Adjudication Notice

Public notice is hereby given that the Subscriber Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Sarah J. Ela, deceased, will attend the County Court of Lake County, at a term thereof to be holden at the Court House in Waukegan, in said county, on the first Monday of August, next, 1915, when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said court for adjudication.

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