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YOUNG WOMAN'S LEAGUE

Saturday night was Mother's Night at the community house. Poems about mothers were given by Elizabeth Blauert, Ruth Wicklander, Mildred Weinaert and Gertrude McGraw. The musical numbers were a piano solo by Alice Curley and a vocal solo by Florence McGath. Corps 2 sang a Girl Reserve song written by one of its members, Gertrude McLaren, and Alice Curley gave an original poem about the work expected from a Girl Reserve. The program closed with eight dances given by the folk dancing class. The work of the sewing class was exhibited during the evening, and as this was the first time the mothers had seen the articles many were pleasantly surprised.

The gymnasium class for girls between the ages of 11 and 14 met for the first time Monday afternoon at 5:00. Miss Elizabeth Torreyson of Lake Forest has charge of this class.

The High school girls are rehearsing several plays to be given next month. Thursday after school, Corps 2 of the Girls Reserves will have another hare and hound chase with the former hounds as hares.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Subject for next Sunday's Lesson Sermon, "Mortals and Immortals."

Services are held in this church every Sunday morning at 10:45. Sunday school meets immediately after the morning service, and is open to pupils up to the age of 20 years. The Wednesday evening meeting, which includes testimonies of Christian Science healing is at 8 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to make use of the reading room at 387 Central avenue, which is open every week day from nine o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the evening.

RIDGE SCHOOL

Ho, all ye widowers and loveless bachelors! Why did ye not sally forth on Saturday even, May first, to the little Ridge school house and there select your mate from among the galaxy of "Twelve Old Maids." Foolish men! You lost the opportunity of your lives. To be sure the house was packed with all the eligibles and non-eligibles of the neighborhood, till even standing room was at a premium, the doors and windows burst with eager faces, but of those of you who came not, let me whet the edge of the imagination. There you would have found the hotel parlors of "Dew Drop Inn," rare in its setting of quaint old chairs, samplers, pillows, mottoes, lithographs, what not, shells and paper flowers, presided over by the capable Mrs. Beamer (off-stage Mrs. William Neville), who scolded and ranted at her maid Liza Pearl (Mrs. Krumbach) in true proprietress fashion. From the opening scene between these two, the humor of which was admirably set forth in the most cleverly dramatic style, you would have been informed of the long hogged for coming of Madame Zikeller, the fortune teller, (Mrs. Burns). Attended by her mystic potions and her "mystic Orran," the powers of madame were to be tried on Mrs. Beamer's "Twelve Old Maid" guests. "Futures were her specialties," and "Ever-bloom, brewed in the light of the moon," would make you young and beautiful for life. Then in they marched, tall and short, fat and thin, sad and gay, precise and prim. There was first of all Lucindy Toots, commonly known as Miss Wright, preceptress of the Ridge School, and fairy princess of the surrounding countryside, charmingly gowned in gorgeous flowered silk of the hoop skirt days and topped off with a flower bedecked poke bonnet. Though she told you with rare skill of impersonation, of a dozen other love affairs, yet had you been there nothing could have prevented you from falling at her feet in abject admiration of the charming face, framed in its curls and ringlets.

Then there was Eliza Neff, a little deaf, who long ago in her native home, Finland, was called Mrs. Merilathie. Had you ever before seen her, as I have done, in her native costume, singing her native songs and dancing the old Finnish dances, you would not have wondered at the rare skill and composure with which she graced her Saturday night achievement.

Widowers, you might have chosen Matilda Finn, a little thin, (Mrs. Kujula), a neighbor in America and in far away Finland of Mrs. Merilathie, or Jamima Rout, somewhat stout, (Mrs. Ludwig), or Lovetta McCann, who still wants a man, (Mrs. Ida Scheskie), or if you are courageous, taste O'Foss, who loves to boss, (Miss Louise Burns), or Lizzie Lidy, who's awful tidy (Mrs. Rectenwald), whose

deceitful man, after calling twice a week for ten years, up and married a widdler woman in less than 4 days.

Bachelors, you would have been charmed with Zelina Zook, a number one cook, (Mrs. Louise Soefker), who trilled so sweetly of her accomplishments, or Ethel McWade, the poetical maid, (Alice Clavey), whose versions were long and dreamy, or Mandi Menter, from Pumpkin Center, (Mrs. Julia Scheskie), who giggled and giggled every time she tried to speak. No mere man could have resisted the charms of Mary Ann Fites, who wants her rights, (Miss Josephine Jewett), startlingly dashing in bright red skirt, cravat, frock coat, white dress vest, high top riding boots and Fedora hat with rakish red quill, a right and fitting president of the "Twelve Old Maids Society."

Unmarried men all, you should have heard Cerinthy Fling, who always sings, quite evidently the joy and pride of her old maid sisters. Dainty and petite in her quaint hooped silks, beribboned slippers, feathered fan and corsage bouquet, she portrayed to the life, the would-be songstress, the "primi doni, about to sign up with the Metropolitan." Her "Sing, Kate, Sing," was so rich in humor of gesture and tone as to bring down the house, and would have brought you, eligible husbands, to your knees before her. Off the stage she is known as Mrs. D. M. Blasier, the queen of the Ridge school community and instigator of every progressive movement in her district, a winsome woman, whose love for and generosity to her neighbors is boundless and whose heart and soul are devoted to the best interests of the patrons of the little school.

For an hour the clever Madame Zikeller applied her mystic charm, poured "Everbloom," introduced her "mystic Orran," a wooden dummy capable of moving, talking and loving (in fact, none other than the versatile Miss Wright whose interpretation of this second role was quite as remarkable if not more so than the one previous), but all to no avail.

Gentlemen, as you might have suspected, the Twelve Old Maids turned suffragettes, demanded their rights,

fanatical determination and the curtain closed on their war cry to the widowers and bachelors.

"Then on to victory, on to victory, We'll trample down the men till we are free; To vote and be elected is our cry, The suffragettes will do or die," and so you lost the opportunity of a lifetime.

The Ridge school and its community club are an example of the finest type of rural progressiveness. I do not believe an equal can be found in the State of Illinois. The school building itself is unique, typical of the spirit of the community. A glassed-in reception hall with broad cushioned window seats and window flower boxes, leads with wide folding doors into the main school room. An arched and vaulted ceiling gives a welcome feeling of height and space, broad windows all along one wall filled with flowers and plants, and dainty blue hangings, gives more the appearance of a home living room than that of a public building. The dark stained wood work brings out in strong relief the mauve wall tints and ivory ceiling. The colorful cuttings and free-hand drawings of the school children, arranged in fresco form about the room, give evidence of the type of commendable instruction taught the pupils. At the rear of the main room are modern and ample washroom accommodations, kitchenette equipped with cupboards, dishes, stove and sink, and adjoining these a boiler room containing complete water pressure and heating systems.

Following the clever little play the entire caste of neighborhood women turned waitresses and served from the kitchenette the very daintiest of May-day luncheon. Each member of the audience was given an exquisite pink and green May basket, sufficiently large to hold a portion of Waldorf salad, cheese and nut sandwiches, a delicious piece of cake and a cup of hot chocolate. Later in the evening the floor was cleared for dancing. It would be difficult to imagine a more wholesome or companionable group of people. Husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, fathers and small daughters,



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mothers and young sons, all entered into the gaiety of the dance with the very liveliest spirits. Mrs. Blasier and Miss Wright, capable preceptress of the school, were charming hostesses. Mr. Blasier, representing the Ridge school, on the Lincoln school board of Highland Park, proved a hospitable and genial host. Guests from Highland Park, Ravinia and Chicago, were Mr. and Mrs. Seyfarth, Mr. and Mrs. Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fletcher Seymour, Miss Stone, principal of the Ravinia school, Mrs. Jewett and her daughter, Miss

Annis Jewett, former supervisor of music at Elm Place, Mr. and Mrs. Wright of the Lincoln school, Mr. Simpson, county superintendent, and wife, and Miss Hughes, associate editor of the Prairie Farmer. The net proceeds, in the neighborhood of thirty dollars, will be used to wipe out the debt on the new victrola. Mr. and Mrs. Blasier, Miss Wright, Miss Josephine Jewett and their able and faithful assistants, the "Twelve Old Maids," are to be congratulated on the huge financial and social success of their May-day party.

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