

BOOK-PLATE DISPLAY AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. Ralph Fletcher Seymour Loans Unique Collection To Institution

There is now at the Public Library a collection of book-plates which should interest anyone who has a reverence for books or for learning. These book-plates were loaned through the courtesy of Mr. Ralph Fletcher Seymour—a designer and printer of book-plates as well as a collector of them.

The book-plate is an old institution, having been originally used to mark the ownership of manuscript books in Germany about 1480. The earliest English book-plate dates about 1520, the earliest French about 1574, while America is not far behind with the Stephen Day book-plate dated 1642. In olden times, the ability to read and write not being an accomplishment of the multitude, the book-owner would use a coat-of-arms with which to mark his books, because of the meaning it would convey to anyone who might find the book, whether he could read or not.

But freedom was given the book-plate artist as learning became more widespread, and we find armorial bearings giving way to symbols and symbolism to portraits and decorative motifs, sometimes architectural or purely ornamental and sometimes such a thing as a pile of books or a garden landscape or a library interior. Indeed, Mr. Seymour's display of book-plates seems to show that there is practically no limitation to the choice of a book-plate design except good taste, and in it one will find anything from ships and Indians and tennis-racquettes to "cabbages and kings."

Three books on this subject, which may be found at the Library, are as follows: "Book-plates for beginners" by Fowler; "The book-plates of Ludovig Ibsen" and "The writing table of the twentieth century" by Matthews. In connection with this is also the volume "Heraldry" by Allen.

HUNDRED TEACHERS ATTEND BIG MEET

Miss Ellen Guiney of Elm Place School, Highland Park, on Program

At 9:45 o'clock Saturday morning, over one hundred Lake county grade school teachers were in attendance at the all-day meeting, held at the Lake Bluff school, promoted by the county.

As Saturday was geography and history day for the teachers in the county, two noted men, R. G. Buzzard, a member of the faculty at the Illinois State Normal school and W. A. Waldrik, principal of the Streator high school, both authorities on these two subjects, gave interesting talks. Both of these men were brought here through the efforts of T. A. Simpson, county superintendent of schools.

Ellen Guiney, a teacher in the Elm Place grade school, Highland Park, spoke on the subject "Late Winter Sonnetation." In her talk she told of the formation of the stars, and how these formations will seem to change between now and summer. Luncheon was served by the Parent-Teacher association of Lake Bluff.

PRESBYTERIAN GUILD TO PRESENT 2 PLAYS

The Presbyterian Guild will present two plays for the benefit of Laird House, Friday evening, February 26, at eight o'clock at the Lincoln school. The plays to be given are "Cabbages" and "For Pete's Sake." Those who have seen plays given previously by the guild will not want to miss these two for it will be an evening of pleasant entertainment.

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OSSOLI CLUB HEARS SPLENDID LECTURE

Prof. Scherger Pleases In Talk on Emerson; Programs for Rest of Season

Prof. George L. Scherger gave his second lecture at the Ossoli club on Tuesday afternoon, his subject being "Emerson the Optimist" and his audience proved their enthusiasm and interest in his two lectures by expressing the wish that he could give an entire series of lectures from the club platform, another year. Prof. Scherger is a noted authority on Carlyle, and a reader and world traveler of note.

The president, Mrs. Hopkins, reminded the members of the change in the year's program, and asked them to remember that the annual election of officers and luncheon will take place on Tuesday, April 27, instead of Tuesday, April 13. This later date has been chosen because of the absence from the club of the president during the two meetings in March, and the first meeting in April. Mrs. Cobb will preside at the meetings during Mrs. Hopkins' absence.

The next meeting, Feb. 23, will have for the speaker, Mr. Robert Klees, of the Union League Boys' club, and some of the older members of the club, which has gained a reputation throughout the United States as the ranking club of its kind in this country, and which is being used as a model in New York City for a club there, which has been founded on exactly similar lines, and for boys of the same class.

A very brief talk, by Mrs. Hopkins, on Ossoli's connection and continuation with the federation is scheduled for this meeting also, and a large attendance is therefor expected.

The remaining club program for this year is as follows:

Feb. 23—Mr. Robert Klees.
March 9—Jeannette Kling, monodactress, "Sun Up."
March 23—Llewellyn Jones, literary editor of the Chicago Evening Post, on recent types in fiction, "Are Women Women?"

April 13—Mary Hastings Bradley, "Caravans and Cannibals"—steropticon.
April 27—Annual election and luncheon, and vote on amendments to the by-laws.

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ALLAN PHILBRICK AD-DRESSES ART LEAGUE

Processes of Etching; Mrs. Hubbard Opens Home for Feb. Meeting

The painting group of the north shore art league, is studying "Life" under the able direction of George Oberteuffer, who is an associate of Salon D'Autome, Paris and was three years on the faculty of Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia. Mr. Oberteuffer is at present instructor in painting at the Art Institute of Chicago and the recipient of the Logan prize for portraiture in the present exhibition of Chicago artists.

This painting group meets at Community House, Winnetka, Wednesday and Thursday evenings each week.

A similar group meets at Ravinia and paints under the direction of James Cady Ewell on Monday evenings.

The regular January meeting of the League was a most interesting evening under the able leadership of Allan Philbrick, who gave a splendid demonstration of the processes of etching.

Mrs. Charles Hubbard of Winnetka opened her home to the league for the February meeting. She gave a very illuminating talk on her Chinese exhibitions of brocades, porcelains and pewter, many of these things having been made previous to the Ming dynasty. This choice and rare collection of pewter has been gathered for years by Mrs. Hubbard's two young sons, Horace and Charles, and is the third largest collection in existence. 300 most interesting and unique puppets were shown, secured from an ancient Puppet Theatre in China.

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