DISPLAY OLD SAMPLERS AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Loan Old Pieces for Month's Six Performances To Be Given Exhibit; Reflects Work of Early Days

Considerable interest has been evinced in a collection of old samplers the Highland Park Public Library.

The oldest piece in this collection, dated 1798 and 1822, were loaned by loaned by Mrs. W. W. Flinn, Mrs. William Walters, the Misses Morris, and Mrs. B. L. Smith of Highland Park, Jordan of Deerfield.

Of particular interest in this collection is a sampler loaned by Mrs. B. L. Smith (mother of Mr. J. L. Smith of the Elm Place school), which she herself sewed, in Ontario, Canada, in 1852. She tells the story of how, as a child of nine years, and the daughter of a minister in a pioneer country, she Park had no fine, bleached linen on which to work her sampler, and much to her childish distress, was obliged to make it on homespun cloth,

The origin of samplers lies in the distant past, as witness the facts that Chaucer wrote "en sampler" as synonymous with "patterns," and the English poet Skelton, in 1498, remarked that "the ladies are making samplers." History tells us that Elizabeth of York, in 1502, indulged in this quaint type of needlework, as did most of her ladies-in-waiting.

In colonial times, samplers were generally made by girls from six to sixteen. Their content combined the alphabet, numerals, a verse or a pictorial effect, and the name and age of the worker. The verses on these samples were full of sentimental melancoly or pious a acceptance of the woes of the world, totally unsuitable, in modern thought, for little workers of such tender age.

Such works, reflecting the artistic attempts and progress of the centuries, have come down to us, and fortunate are those who can boast possession of even one specimen from

In a New England museum there is a sampler worked by Polly Polk, who, with patience exhausted by the seemingly endless task, added in defiant text beneath the completed stint, "Polly Polk did this and she hated every stitch she put into it." The thing that Polly Polk longed for, the children of today have abundantly. Today's children will never make quaint samplers to hand down to future generations, but their habit of reading good books may influence the second and even the third generation.

BEN-HUR ENTERS 3RD MONTH IN CHICAGO

World's Greatest Show Filmed at Cost of \$4,000,000 Is Being Shown at Woods Theatre

"Ben-Hur" with its magnificent chariot race, which was ever the wonder of the speaking stage, is renewed again in all its glory of thrills and romance at the Woods Theatre, Chicago, where it is now entering its third month of phenomenal business. | the summer.

All the features of General Lew Wallace's wonderful "Tale of the Christ" are presented with the superart of the motion picture camera. Twelve teams of four horses each bear Hur to victory just as they did when the stage presentation was made. The Roman and Pirate Navies contend in realistic death grips on the Mediterranean. The exquisite Madonna, the Last Supper, the Procession of the Palms, and the beautiful love story of Ben-Hur and Esther dominate the spectacle which is characterized by a fine reverence in the treatment of the various themes. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Charles Dillingham and Florence Ziegfeld have made "Ben-Hur" outtop all former achievements, through the process of film wizardry.

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Bright colored ribbons to be used on straw hats this summer, but they shouldn't make 'em so bright that the women folks will take them for their

Claimed the young crowd are too noisy, but if so we know where they

NORTH SHORE FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR MAX 24

at Northwestern University Gymnasium, Evanston

It is one of the scources of greatest satisfaction to the powers that rule which are on exhibit this month at the Chicago North Shore Festival that the list of subscribers to its concerts are so predominantly made up of though not dated, is known to be over north shore residents. Of these a re-150 years old, and was exhibited at markably large contingent are drawn the World's Fair in Chicago. This from Highland Park. It is a fact, piece, together with two samplers however, that so important have become the programs of the festival at Mrs. E. W. Sundell of Highland Park. Evanston that people are drawn from Other samplers in the collection were all parts of the country to listen to

The series of performances are scheduled to begin May 24 with Men-Mrs. F. J. Horne of Ravinia, and Mrs. delssohn's "Hymn of Praise" and Henry Hadley's "The New Earth" which will be presented under the inspiring baton of Mr. Lutkin. The work by Hadley is of more than ordinary local interest, for its text was written by Louise Ayres Garnett, an Evanston authoress of no little fame, who has many friends in Highland

In all six programs will be given at the festival, which will be held as usual at the Northwestern university gymnasium, Evanston.

The world needs more thought, it is said, but you can't take too much time for it when the visiting team is try-

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