

IMPORTANT MEETING N. S. CHAPTER D. A. R.

Interesting Talk by Gen. Conrad; Taking Firm Stand on National Defense

The February meeting of the North Shore chapter of the D. A. R., held at the home of Mrs. Carlton Harkness last Thursday, found many members assembled to hear Brigadier General Conrad talk on George Washington and National Defense. His address was most informal and interesting, and productive of a general desire to know more of the work being carried on at Fort Sheridan, and in the discussion which followed incidents were brought to light of the anti-American influences trying to creep in there, as they are in schools and colleges.

Taking Firm Stand

To quote from a message from the president-general of the D. A. R. in answer to queries as to their position, she says; "We are taking a firm stand in favor of National Defense which includes the shielding of young people, the endorsement of intelligent perceptions of the many benefits derived from the Constitution, the safeguarding of religious interests, the development of educational features and of the liberty and security obtainable through our present form of economic procedure. It supports an army and navy worthy in size and importance to protect the life and treasure of the United States of America."

That communist activities constitute a new department functioning under the name of the committee of correspondence and safety. Their purpose is:

"To arouse our membership and the public to a realization of the need and wisdom of National Defense and of the dangers which beset our country from anti-American and ultra-radical movements, that we may act to preserve the institutions and fundamental ideals of the United States, which is the prime purpose of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution."

Films Committee Recommendations

The Better Films committee suggests the following films among the finest pictures worthy of your attendance:

"Taming of the Shrew"—artistic and out-standing production. Family.
"Disraeli"—a brilliant portrayal of England's great statesman in story of mystery and intrigue. Mature for children. Excellent for youths and adults. "Rogue Song"—This outstanding achievement is highly recommended as delightful entertainment for all the family.

"Hunting Tigers in India"—a great educational film that is equally entertaining. Excellent for the whole family.

"A Song of Kentucky"—a modern romance, a theme of genuine democracy. Family.

"Love, Live and Laugh"—a war drama of outstanding merit. Family.

In class two the following pictures are mentioned: "Burning Up"—exciting entertainment for those who like thrills. Adults. "Their Own Desire."—Ultra modern story deals with the eternal triangle.

Ravinia Civic Assn. Sends Out Letter in Regard to Septic Tank

The Ravinia Civic association, over the signature of its secretary, K. E. Wagner, has sent out a circular letter under the heading, "This Concerns Your Children," regarding the reported condition of the septic tank at the foot of Cary avenue. The letter follows:

As you know, there is in use at the present time at the foot of Cary avenue, adjacent to the bathing beach which our children use, a septic tank which discharges sewage into the lake at that point. We have a report about this tank from a competent and disinterested laboratory which states in part:

"These results show gross and dangerous contamination of the lake and shore line at this point.

"We consider the condition of the water in the lake at this point to be quite serious and are of the opinion that in other seasons of the year the danger to the surrounding community is very grave.

"We are lead to the conclusion that the septic tank is functioning very inefficiently, if at all."

This is a serious situation. We understand that the North Shore Sanitary district will eventually replace this tank, but we feel that the work should be undertaken at once to protect the health of our community. It has been suggested to us that letters from residents of Ravinia will hasten action by the sanitary district.

We urge that you write such a letter on your own station to Mr. John Oliver, North Shore Sanitary District, Highland Park, Illinois.

While it might not be advisable for you to follow the exact phraseology below, we suggest that the text of your protest convey approximately the following thought:

"As a citizen and a tax payer of Highland Park, I wish to voice my protest as to the present unsanitary conditions set up by the sewage disposal system in Ravinia, and request the North Shore Sanitary District to take all necessary steps to remedy this situation at the earliest possible moment."

Dollar Day Yesterday Indicates Big Success; Conditions Favorable

With weather fair and warmer and conditions generally favorable, the big Dollar Day sale in local business houses yesterday appeared to be proving a great success, and in the afternoon indications were that the volume of sales would be large.

The fine weather brought out an exceptionally large number of shoppers who seemed genuinely interested in the many exceptionally fine values offered by the merchants, and most of the stores had a heavy run of patrons during the afternoon.

Card Party Feb. 26

The Ladies Auxiliary of Stupey-Smith Post, American Legion will hold a card party, Wednesday, evening, February 26 in St. James hall, Highwood. Bridge, five hundred and bunco will be played. An invitation is extended the public to attend.

McDowell Society Holds Next Program in Glencoe

The next meeting of the North Shore MacDowell society will be held at the home of the president, Mr. Otto Barnett, 684 Greenleaf avenue, Glencoe on Tuesday evening, February 24. A most delightful program is in prospect, to be given by Mr. Henry Justin Smith, author, and Mrs. Adah Byrant Buckingham, contralto, and Miss Agnes Coggins, who will give some character readings.

Mr. Smith is well known as a writer and journalist and as a co-author with Lloyd Lewis of "Chicago," one of the outstanding books of the season, as well as an epoch-making historical volume of Chicago.

Mrs. Buckingham is a resident of Ravinia and a singer of wide experience and reputation as a concert artist in Europe and America, a church singer in New York, St. Louis and Chicago, with great success in oratorio throughout the country. Mrs. Buckingham is from a very musical family and since her recent arrival from St. Louis to take up her home on the north shore, has taken an active and important part in musical activities, as a teacher as well as an artist.

The readings of Miss Agnes Coggins who comes to the MacDowell society for this program will be a most interesting addition to this promising evening. Mrs. Dwight Orcutt will play the accompaniments for Mrs. Buckingham and her sterling musicianship is too well known to require any introduction.

The MacDowell society announces this program as the second of their winter series, the first one having been given at the Marshall studios in Wilmette of one memorable evening in the history of the society.

Girl Scout Training Course Opens Feb. 24

Mrs. Mout of Racine who has a great deal of experience in national girl scout work, is to hold a training course of six lessons for girl scout leaders and all interested in learning about girl scouting on Monday and Wednesday afternoon, February 24 to March 11, inclusive. The girl scout community committee who are sponsoring this training course are most desirous of having all those who are mothers of girl scouts and all those who have daughters who will soon be girl scouts as well as teachers and all interested in girl scouting in general, to attend this course. There is no charge and no obligations for those who do intend to become leaders.

Bethany Choir Gives Vesper

The choir of the Bethany Evangelical church will give another of their fine monthly vesper services next Sunday afternoon at 4:30. The program will consist of choir numbers, solos, duets, quartette and instrumental numbers. There will be sufficient variety so as to make it pleasing to all who love sacred music. The pastor will also bring a brief message.

Postpone P. T. A. Meeting

The meeting of the Elm Place and Green Bay school P. T. A. announced for the evening of February 24 is unavoidably postponed until further notice.

CIRCUIT THEATRE TO PRESENT "HAY FEVER"

Find Coward's Successful Play Is Available and So Make Change; Details

The Circuit Theatre association of the North Shore, formerly the North Shore Theatre guild, has just announced a change of plan with respect to their third play of the current season, to be produced in March. It was previously announced that this was to be "The Rise of Silas Lapham," a dramatization of William Dean Howells novel.

A combination of fortunate circumstances has just made available Noel Coward's screamingly funny comedy "Hay Fever," which the association has had in mind to do for sometime past. The coincidence of the securing of Hay Fever, plus the absence from town of two of the people whose presence in the cast were felt of primary importance in the doing of "Silas" made the change a timely one.

Story of Play

"Hay Fever" has to do with a family of high strung, artistic people—reminiscent somewhat of the collection of temperaments that made Edna Ferber's "Royal Family" such a delight. A novelist, a retired—but not irrevocably so—acress, a painter's son and an extremely modern daughter make up Noel Coward's "Bliss" family. On a Friday afternoon it is suddenly discovered that each, quite unknown to the others, has invited a guest for the current week-end to occupy the "Japanese" (and only) guest room in the tiny summer cottage. It is too late to cancel any of the invitations, so each of the family resolves secretly to make the ensuing 48 hours as disagreeable as possible for all the guests save his own. With these possibilities Noel Coward deals in his usual brilliant fashion and a thoroughly awful time develops for all hands.

Success in New York

"Hay Fever" enjoyed a very successful run in New York, produced by Noel Coward himself and with Laura Hope Crewes in the leading role. It never came to Chicago and Hay Fever has never been presented to north shore audiences. It is one of the most enjoyable of Coward's plays: Some of his other successes are "The Young Idea," "Vortex," and "Bittersweet"; he was also responsible for nearly all of the last "Charlotte's Review."

The Circuit theatre has been able to cast the play admirably and Hope Summers has been persuaded to accept the directorship of the play.

Charles Steele Makes Varsity Rifle Team

Charles Steele of Highland Park has made the varsity rifle team at Culver Military academy, and will compete in the 1930 national championship matches. The Culver team now holds the national championship, an honor which it has won six times in the last eleven years in competition against the teams of the country's foremost military prep schools. Cadet Steele is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Steele of 100 Linden Park place.