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When They Were Young
If you are interested in the books grandmother and grandfather read when they were just boys and girls, you may see them on exhibit now in the children's room. There is a copy of the "Chatterbox picture gallery," "Wonder eyes," and other books read many years ago. The collection has been loaned to the library by Mrs. A. W. Brintnall of Glencoe, Illinois.

True Valentine Story
In 1849, Miss Esther Howland, a Mount Holyoke college girl, "invented" the first American valentines, and introduced the scheme of having printed verses on the valentines. At this time an imported valentine from England came to Miss Howland's attention. It boasted a fancy border of fine lace paper, and was ornamented with colored flowers cut out and pasted on the background. In the center of the valentine was written the love message of the sender. Miss Howland thought she could make even prettier valentines, and she did design some very attractive ones. These she induced her brother to take with him on his business trips to see if he could get orders for them. Her greatest anticipation was that he would return with one hundred dollars' worth of business. Imagine her surprise, then, when he returned with orders for five thousand dollars' worth of valentines. It was not long until Miss Howland found herself the owner and manager of a valentine factory. All that was many years ago, but today at Mount Holyoke college girls toast the name of Esther Howland on the fourteenth of February. (St. Nicholas, Feb. 1933).

Swift Rivers
We can never be sufficiently grateful for the books which Cornelia Meigs has given to the young readers of this country. Her stories, woven against a background of early American history, deal mainly with pioneers, ships, and the sea. This predilection for things nautical can be easily understood when one learns that she is the great-granddaughter of Commodore John Rodgers, of the "Constitution." Her recently published books, "Swift Rivers," is another story of early America, an epic of the wooded country of Minnesota, and of logging down the Goose Wing and Mississippi rivers. Bertha Mahoney, of the Bookshop for Boys and Girls, says: "Swift Rivers has no age line really. Every reader must feel the dynamic of forests, winds and rivers and the still more powerful dynamic of vision and loyalty, united with strength and integrity. Here is a book to thrill one with the vigor of its story and the perfection of its style. Gathering quiet force as the characters and their circumstances are presented to us, it moves with increasing swiftness as the logs are taken their wild and turbulent way in the spring down the Goose Wing River, and settles finally into a rhythm like the broad, deep, sure flow of the great Mississippi."

Children's Yearbook
The "Children's Library Yearbook, No. 4" is a veritable embarrassment of riches. In addition to many other interesting articles, there are contributions on the new emphasis and new concepts in the development of children's reading interests, and an annotated bibliography on children's reading Teachers, parents and all others interested in the problem of children's reading will find here plenty of "Nutrimentum Spiritus." This handbook is prepared by the Committee on Library Work with Children of the American Library association.

Story Hour
... and that is how the first emeralds came into the world." This is merely the end of a story, but if you should like to hear all of it visit the children's room on Saturday morning at half-past ten, when we have the regular story hour group. All boys and girls are welcome.

Men—Machines the World of Today
The books listed below have been taken from a reading list for boys and girls, prepared by the Book Evaluation committee, Section for library work with children of the American Library association. All of the titles mentioned in this article are available in the boys' and girls' department.

- The World, Growing Up
- Earth for Sam—Reed.
- Story of Fire—Hough.
- What Makes Up the World—Hayes.
- World We Live in and How It Came to Be—Hartman.
- Science, the Handmaiden of Man.
- A Boy with Edison—Simonds.
- Great Moments in Science—Lansing.
- Magician of Science (Steinmetz)—Hammond.
- Modern Aladdins and Their Magic—Rush.
- Radio Amateur's Handbook—Collins.
- This Physical World—Pollack.
- Cogs and Wheels
- Clear Track Ahead—Lent.

- Diggers and Builders—Lent.
- Engineering for Boys—Hawks.
- How the Derrick Works—Jones.
- Little Blacknose—Swift.
- Popular History of American Invention—Kaempfert.
- Trains, Tracks and Travel—Van Metre.
- Riders of the Wind
- Book of Gliders—Teale.
- Learning to Fly for the Navy—Studley.
- Skyhigh—Hodgins.
- We—Lindbergh.
- Sea Lanes of the World
- Historic Ships—Holland.
- Model Boat Building for Boys—Caviler.
- The Ship Book—Dukelow.
- Ships and Cargoes—Leeming.
- Adventurers All
- Amundsen, the Splendid Norseman—Partridge.
- A Boy Scout with Byrd—Siple.
- Boys' Life of Colonel Lawrence—Thomas.
- Heroes and Hazards—Norris.
- Heroes of Modern Adventure—Bridges.
- How They Carried the Mail—McSpadden.
- Heroes of the Farthest North and Farthest South—Maclean.

Morning Gym Classes for Ladies Each Week

Community Service, Inc., is sponsoring a morning gymnasium class for ladies meeting every Wednesday morning at the Community Center, 582 Laurel avenue, at 10 o'clock.

The class is a health and recreation class and should interest all women who are interested in conditioning exercises, volleyball, mass games, and other forms of exercise. All women of the community are invited to join this interesting class Wednesday mornings. A small fee will be charged to help cover expenses. The class director says "Ladies in Highland Park need not be experts in these activities as we will teach how the games and exercises should be done."

For more information call the Community Center, telephone H. P. 858. (Contributed).

Snow Drops Bloom, Reports of Spring

With the balmy spring weather enjoyed for the past few weeks, reports of seeing robins have come in to this office. Also early last week Mrs. W. C. Egan of Egandale reported that snow drops were in bloom on her estate, making their appearance about a month earlier than at any other time. The same day Mrs. Philip Schreiber of Glencoe avenue reported that they had had snow drops in bloom in their yard since Jan. 19. Usually this report is not made until about Feb. 21. It has also been reported that trees were beginning to bud and that grass is turning green. It is to be hoped that a cold spell late in the winter will not injure growth of the trees and plants.

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Contributor Reports Chicago Talk of Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt

(Contributed)
Flying from the East and switching to a train, due to a "pea soup" fog, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the president-elect made her appearance last Saturday night at Orchestra Hall, Chicago, as the guest-speaker for the League of Women Voters.

Amid flashlights and applause Mrs. Roosevelt was greeted by a large audience. Everyone found this was one of the symptoms of the new era which we are entering—woman more than ever taking her place in the political destiny of the nation, for Mrs. Roosevelt is one of the pioneers in the movement to secure full voice for women.

Her love for humanity has prompted her to take a leading part in education, child welfare and improvement in the condition of the working girl.

Introduced by Jane Addams, whose efforts on behalf of international amity and peace are well-known, she proceeded to speak in an intimate manner of her activities. Even now her correspondence is so heavy, but still she invited everyone to write her whenever they felt the need of forcing an opinion. Mrs. Roosevelt suggested how to bring most effective pressure on representatives in congress—the mass telegram, she said, was usually consigned to the wastebasket, but the individual communication containing a suggestion showing real interest and thought on a question furthered showing the writer discussing such questions with neighbors was one that carried far greater weight. Another point she emphasized was that elder people should be an example to youth—teach young people to know both sides of a question, think out subjects and be non-partisan, which is the spirit of the League of Women Voters.

Special Meeting of Board of Directors

At a special board of directors' meeting at the YWCA on Tuesday of last week further plans were discussed for the special luncheon to be given Tuesday, Jan. 31, at one o'clock in honor of former board members.

The luncheon will be in charge of Mrs. E. L. Easton and Mrs. T. M. Marks, with their committee; and table decorations are in charge of Mrs. Edward Davis and Mrs. L. L. Winters, newly elected members of the board of directors.

Mrs. Marks Victim of Heart Attack

Mrs. Hazel Simmers Marks, wife of Louie Marks, died Sunday afternoon, Jan. 22, at her home 1918 Kincaid avenue, following an heart attack. She had been in ill health for a number of years.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning of last week at 9:45 at the home followed by services at Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mr. George Woods and Mr. W. T. Pridmore of Chicago, Mr. H. L. Canmann, Mr. R. E. Kazak, Mr. L. E. Osborne of Ravinia, and Mr. A. M. Lowrie of Ravinia Park.

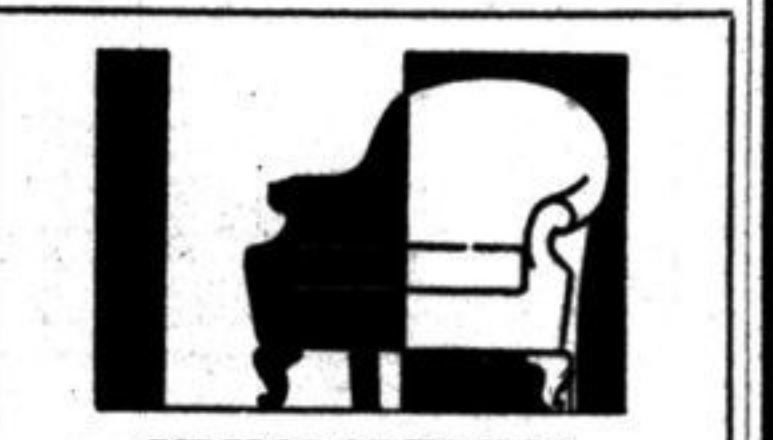
Mrs. Marks who has been a resident of this city all of her life was educated at the Elm Place school and Deerfield-Shields high school.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Marks is survived by her father, Mr. Joseph Simmers of Virginia, two sisters Mrs. Charles Marks of Waukegan and Mrs. Agnes Golden and a brother Raymond Simmers of this city. Her mother passed away on Dec. 1.

Mrs. Marks had a very cheery disposition and was highly respected by a host of friends who knew her and loved her, and her memory will never grow cold.

A professor of English says that we shall soon need a new word to describe the speech used by the average American. What about the American Slangage?—Punch.

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Ravinia Garden Club Fair Will Be May 13

To the many local residents who have enjoyed the lovely municipal rose garden with its wealth of roses of every color and variety, news of the plans for the annual fair of the Ravinia Garden club will be welcomed as an opportunity to help in increasing the beauty of the rose garden. For the proceeds of the fair are used to buy more roses, and to make the attractive garden a real beauty spot in the community.

Mrs. Doretta Klaber, chairman of the municipal rose garden committee, and landscape architect of the garden, has set the date of the fair as Saturday, May 13. She and her committee, and all the members of the club will soon be working on plans to make the coming fair successful. There will be a number of new features which will be discussed in later issues.

Local gardeners are asked to keep this date in mind, when planning the development of their home gardens, for, in keeping with the financial situation, the plants will be especially low in price, but high in quality.

Township Election to Be Held April 4

Five constables, five justices of the peace, one assessor, one township clerk and one assistant supervisor will be elected in the Deerfield Township election which will be held on April 4.

The filing dates for candidates are from Feb. 3 to Feb. 28. Candidates file for office with Township Clerk Albert Larson in Highland Park.

Gangsters are said to be using a drug called marijuana, which kills all fear and pity in them. Why would it not be a good idea to use a little of it on some of the jurors who try them?—Louisville Times.



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