

Noted Animal Painter Former H. P. Youth Visits Home Town

George Ford Morris, the well known animal painter, whose early youth was spent in Highland Park and whose professional career began here, is back in the old home town for a few weeks, working on some paintings for patrons in the vicinity of Chicago.

His summer home and studio are at Shrewsbury, New Jersey, but he also maintains a winter home at Aiken, South Carolina, "the horriest town in America," and it was from the latter place that he came to Chicago recently, to do a painting for the Irving Flersheims of their Saddle Stallion Kalamara King that won the Five Gaited Stallion Stake and Championship at the International Live Stock Show at the Stock Yards last week.

It also happens that he is working on large canvases of the winner of the World's Championship Five Gaited Stake at this same show, the gelding Job Stuart, owned by Mr. Eli Lilly of Indianapolis, Ind., and of the Champion Roadster Pair, Worthy Forbes and Worthy Matron, owned by Mr. Charles M. Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Morris selected Highland Park for his studio quarters while here, because of its proximity to nearby farms where two of his subjects are located and because of old associations that linger fondly in his memory.

In the early days of his career here he did the first posters for the International Live Stock Show, the Chicago Horse Shows and for the Mascoutah Kennel Club Dog Show. He has also painted portraits of horses and their riders for many notable residents of Chicago and vicinity, his patrons including the Countess Arthur Caton, the Pullman boys, Arthur Meeker, manager of Armour & Co., Charles M. Stevens, Wallace Wakem, James H. Moore, Hall McCormick and many others.

His work keeps him travelling constantly, from coast to coast, and among his nationally known patrons are such names as J. Pierrepont Morgan, the William du Ponts, Mrs. John Hay Whitney, the F. Ambrose Clarks, W. R. Grace, Charles F. Fischer, Aug. A. Busch, Frank S. Belcher, J. Frederick Byers, Seymour Knox, Francis P. Garvan, Harold A. Talbot, Frederic H. Strawbridge, etc.

Because of the hundreds of portraits he has painted of champion thoroughbreds, trotters, show horses, hunters, polo ponies, Arabians, Hackneys, saddle horses and draft horses, he is becoming known as the "painter historian" of the horse.

For nearly ten years, beginning as a lad of sixteen, he illustrated five of the most prominent horse publications in the country. In 1924, 1925 and 1926 he added international recognition to his fame while living in Paris, studying at Julien's academy, and painting many noted horses of the French breeds.

His present stay in Highland Park will be a brief one but he expects to give a large exhibition of his work in Chicago next year. At present there are a few of his canvases, about twelve in all, on view

at the Findlay Galleries, 624 Michigan Blvd., where they will remain until December 16th or 17th.

Deerfield School Presents Traditional Christmas Program

The Christmas program of the Deerfield Grammar school this year is being given under the joint auspices of the Parent Teachers association and the school. The program will be the traditional one that has been held at the school during the past years, "The Magi's Gift."

The program will be given twice. The first performance is on Tuesday morning, December 20, for the school children; and the second performance is at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, December 20, for the parents and the friends of the school.

As part of preparations for the program, a large Christmas tree is being decorated by the Parent Teachers association and will be in the auditorium during the performance. The further decoration of the gym is being planned by the Art club of the Grammar school. The music portion of the program is under the direction of Mrs. Hardacre, school music supervisor; the dramatic portion of the program is under the direction of Miss Miller, sponsor of the school Dramatic club; the Scenery club is under the direction of Mr. Aubrey Gould. The play is given in two acts, the first, an English court yard; and the second, the interior of the Manor house.

Children from the lower grades through the eighth grade are participating, with the main characters coming from the eighth grade class. As an additional feature of the Christmas program, copies of the school paper will be given out to the guests of the school planned now by the children, with special features in keeping with the occasion.

The Parent-Teachers association and the Grammar school asks parents and friends to reserve this Tuesday evening, that they may enjoy a beautiful program, illustrating and typifying the true spirit of Christmas.

Boy Scout Troop 30 Plans For Stunt Show

Rotarian Troop 30 is making final preparations for their first annual Stunt Show to be given some time after the first of the year. The program is being arranged by Assistant Scoutmasters Harry Skidmore and Clint Ritter.

The date and place of this event will be announced in a later issue of the Highland Park Press.

Barton Sackett Named Chairman of Troop 30

At the first meeting of the Dad's committee of Scout Troop 30, Mr. Barton Sackett was named chairman, Mr. B. K. Goodman, secretary and Mr. Truman Metzger, treasurer.

Others who will serve are Mr. A. G. Ballenbeg, Mr. E. B. Low, Mr. Grant, Mr. Chase Smith, Dr. Trude, Dr. W. L. Winters, Mr. G. Kramer and Mr. R. Macpherson.

Do You Know Illinois?

Q. For whom was McLean County named?
A. John McLean, born Feb. 4, 1791, in North Carolina, he came to Illinois in 1815 settling at Shawneetown.

Q. In what office in Illinois did McLean first serve?
A. He was elected to Congress in 1818, the year Illinois was admitted to the Union.

Q. How did McLean stand on slavery?
A. He was pro-slavery. As a member of Congress he voted against the Missouri Compromise. This brought about his defeat for re-election by Daniel Cook.

Q. In what capacity did McLean next serve?
A. In 1821 he was elected to the State Legislature and chosen as Speaker of the House.

Q. Did McLean remain Speaker of the House during all of the session?
A. No. He was bitterly opposed to the chartering of a State bank and when the subject was up for debate he took the floor, resigning from the speakership, and made a powerful argument against the measure in which he predicted all the evils which ultimately developed from the operations of the State bank.

Q. To what position did McLean next succeed?
A. He served in the Legislature until 1824 when he was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Ninian Edwards as United States Senator.

Q. What part did McLean play in the reception tendered LaFayette in the latter's visit to Illinois in 1825?
A. He was chairman of the reception committee and host to LaFayette at Shawneetown.

Q. What signal honor was paid McLean in 1829?
A. He was elected to the U. S. Senate without a dissenting vote in the General Assembly. This is the only time such an honor was conferred on a candidate for that office in Illinois.

Q. Where and when did McLean die?
A. October 1830 at Shawneetown.

Q. Was McLean ever in the territory which constitutes the county now named for him?
A. There is no known record of his ever having been there.

Q. How did the county happen to be named for McLean?
A. In 1830 a committee consisting of Thomas Orendorff and James Latta, representing the pioneers of Bloomington Precinct, then a part of Tazewell county, went to Vandalia with a petition signed by nearly every inhabitant of the precinct requesting the Legislature to create a new county. When William Ewing inquired what name the committee wished for the new county it gave no definite suggestion. Ewing, a relative of John McLean, suggested the latter's name. McLean county was officially created Christmas Day, 1830, two months after McLean's death.

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James L. Allen of Highland Park, representing the North Shore Alumnae, and Mrs. Fred Boley of Chicago, representing the South Shore Alumnae.

It is announced that definite reservations should be made for members and their guests, and any necessary cancellations must be made at least one day prior to the luncheon. A cordial welcome is extended to all members and pledges.

Judge Samuel Greene C. S. Lecturer To Broadcast, Friday

Judge Samuel W. Greene, C.S.B., of Chicago, lecturer, the Christian Science church, will be the speaker at the midday service, broadcast over Station WGN (720 Kc), Chicago, on Friday, December 16, from 12:35 to 1 o'clock, CST. The address, which is one in a series presented by representatives of different religious denominations, is on the subject: "The Christmas World Call."

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Cadet Smith Is Named Corps Officer

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