

Personality Preview

UNUSUAL STORIES

about USUAL PEOPLE

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Bells are not just bells for a' that, Mrs. Mabel D. Sundell (Mrs. Ernest W.), collector of antique bells, claims. Bells, with three thousand years of history behind them, are more than that, she says, as she compares them to people—either sweet and melodious or "tinny," of every age and variety, and not without occasional folderol. Because the tone of a bell is its "soul and character," she points out that bells, like people, should not be judged by exterior ornate appearances, but must be tried out to be found true in quality of tone.

This unusual hobby grew out of her early love and training in music. Mrs. Sundell was graduated from the Lewis Institute and the Chicago Musical college in piano and took five years of voice culture. But the spark that set off her bell enthusiasm came when she first saw, at Riverside, Cal., the Mission Inn's collection of 600 antique and historical bells. From a nucleus of four Spanish bells from that Inn grew her present collection of 140 antique bells, three sets of tubular chimes, and one set of Deagan chimes.

Although she began in 1930 by collecting modern bells, she became more discriminating as time went on so that now antique bells claim her special attention. Her musical ear has noted that old bells have better tonal values, just as wood and wine are better when aged. Another thing Mrs. Sundell notices in her search for bells is the lip projection, the extent of which also affects the tone.

The bell note is the musical sound most heard by a majority of people, if only they realized it. The bell calls us to labor, to sorrow, to joy, to battle, and to worship. Mrs. Sundell reminds us. In fact, the whole world is set to chimes or bells—even to the baby's rattle, the bell on a cat, and the scissors-grinder's bell. Bells have influenced even architecture. Because of these varied uses for the bell, a mountain of romance and superstition connected with bells has piled up through the centuries. At one time bells were made quadrangular, long and narrow, and mitre-shaped for the most part. Beginning with the sixteenth century they are round. The best bells are made of bell metal with three to five parts of copper to one of tin, the depth and sonorosity of tone increasing in proportion to size. The bell note itself is compounded of four or five different values, the first called the strike note. Mrs. Sundell can play compositions on her bells.

Outstanding for their fine tonal nuances are Mrs. Sundell's colonial bells, which, besides being beautiful in their simplicity, represent American history. She has a replica of the Liberty bell, a copper sheep bell from Thomas Jefferson's home at Monticello, a figurine bell from the Witch House at Salem, Mass., and a colonial bell used to call George Washington to lunch, acquired from a branch of his family in Virginia.

Others that have historical significance are an 1860 steel bell from the first courthouse in Chicago, a chased Indian bell that was in the 1876 centennial exposition in Philadelphia, an 1850 "ball" bell used in one of the first schools of Chicago, and a sterling hand carved bell that represents the first jeweler and the oldest silversmith in the United States. 1815.

Aside from the historical aspect, the bells owned by Mrs. Sundell represent 47 states and 15 foreign countries. She has found bell history and bell lore a fascinating study. A Florentine bell decorated with the story of Adam and Eve, a Ceylon, East Indian elephant bell, an Indian worship bell, an 1810 gong-operated Chinese bell, a camel bell from Cairo, several altar bells outstanding for their tonal qualities, an Egyptian donkey bell, a Buddhist pagoda bell, a Chinese temple bell, the duplicate of one in the Chinese Lama Jehol temple at the Chicago Century of Progress, and many Oriental, English, Italian, and Russian bells, are here.

But not many of her bells are

duplicates, as rarity is a virtue too, in her estimation. In her Chipendale cabinet she has a row of bells that are figurines of various dignitaries, a Roman soldier, a French court lady, Jeanne D'Arc, William Shakespeare, Queen Elizabeth (with two feet as clappers), "Heile Selassie," and two Napoleon bells.

Mrs. Sundell has heard and seen the most famous bells and carillons in America through her many years of travel.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller Jr. has contributed much to bell interest in America through gifts of six large carillons (bell towers)—one of the largest in the world of seventy-six bells—at a total cost of \$2,000,000.

Her bell collection and programs have been presented before the Chicago Woman's club, the University Guild of Evanston, the Nineteenth Century club of Oak Park, the Infant Welfare of Oak Park, and also the collectors' group of the Highland Park Woman's club and other organizations.

From a study of the Sundell collection, a Northwestern student wrote a thesis, and a young man of Buffalo also was inspired to start his own collection, which won a first prize at a New York state fair.

And if the adage that two hobbies keep you young is true, Mrs. Sundell is destined to remain eternally so, for in her home in Highland Park are a dozen sources of constant interest, samplers, furniture, antique glassware, and pitchers, besides her rare and distinguished collection of bells.

Mrs. Gaidzik To Be Presented Copy Of Memorial Address

At the request of Mrs. George Gaidzik, the Highland Park Lake Front Safety commission will present Mrs. Gaidzik with a leather bound album suitably embossed and containing the remarks of Mr. Leo J. Sheridan, president of the Lake Front Safety commission, the memorial address of the Rev. Louis W. Sherwin and the address by Mayor Frank J. Ronan, Mayor of Highland Park, dedicating the Gaidzik memorial, together with the program covering the memorial services for George Gaidzik and his son, on the anniversary of their deaths. The two were drowned while sailing, a year ago August 20, on Lake Michigan. Mrs. Gaidzik expressed a desire for a copy of the remarks and the committee decided to comply with her wishes by making a suitable presentation.

Following is a copy of the opening remarks made by Mr. Leo J. Sheridan, president of the Lake Front Safety commission, which will be included.

This local commission has also decided to erect a bronze tablet on the pier in memory of George Gaidzik and his son, Michael.

Mrs. Gaidzik, Honorable Mayor and Friends: One year ago today, without warning, a tragedy struck the waters of Highland Park and took the lives of our neighbor, friend and fellow Yacht Club member, Mr. George Gaidzik, and his son, Michael.

The almost miraculous escape of several other members, their sons and a daughter, served to deepen the grief caused by the deaths of the

Gaidziks—father and son. The courageous work of a group of Sea Scouts, all of whom have since been presented with medals for their heroism, contributed to the escape from danger of another father and son. Two soldiers from Fort Sheridan faced the storm of gale proportions, in a row boat, to rescue a crew of two young men whose boat had capsized, and whose endurance was close to exhaustion.

The courage of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Schwartz, and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Feldman, providentially enroute in the Yacht "Leroys" to the Wilmette harbor when the storm struck, removed the lives of six men and one girl from the grave danger in which they had been placed by the capsizing of their crafts. Testimonials bearing the names of those whose rescue they accomplished have been presented to Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz and Mr. and Mrs. Feldman.

The shock of the tragedy to the community was sufficiently severe to project a community effort to surround sailing in Highland Park waters with greater safeguards, and to afford greater protection to those living in this community, who enjoy and participate in the fine, clean water sport that is our common interest. The Highland Park Lake Front Safety Fund committee was formed to prevent, in so far as possible, a repetition of the tragedy that cost the lives of George Gaidzik and his son Michael. That committee, in a surprisingly short period, received more than three thousand dollars by voluntary public subscriptions, to accomplish its work of placing an adequate, powered life boat in these waters. Generous financial help was also received from the city and park governments.

The funds provided by the people of Highland Park are now represented in the steel pier and in the high powered, seaworthy life boat "Rescue."

To those, who, through their financial support, made this result possible, we extend our profound thanks, and to the men on this committee, and particularly the men who have labored long, earnestly and unselfishly on the design of the pier and in the selection of a boat most suitable to our requirements, I express the appreciation of those whose funds they have so carefully and competently administered.

It is fitting, therefore, that on this, the first anniversary of the deaths of George Gaidzik, and his son, Michael, that we pay tribute to their memories, that we dedicate a community effort brought into being by the grief of their loss, and that we again extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Gaidzik.

To perpetuate the memory of the deceased, the Highland Park Lake Front Safety Fund Committee, North Shore Yacht Club, and the Sea Scouts join unanimously in the suggestion that the pier be named and known in the future as the "Gaidzik Memorial Pier."

This memorial service, expressing the community's tribute to the memories of George Gaidzik and his son, will be read by Dr. Louis W. Sherwin of the Presbyterian church of Highland Park.

Honorable Frank J. Ronan, Mayor of the City of Highland Park, will dedicate the structure and conclude the services.

Campbell Chapter to Meet Wednesday

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 6, Campbell Chapter, O. E. S., will meet in Masonic Temple.

There will be initiation with a social hour following. Members are urged to attend.

Jim McMillen To Stage Return Match With Geo. Dusette

When big Jim McMillen climbs through the ropes at Peg's arena next Friday night, Sept. 1 at routes 54 and 20 he will be facing George Dusette, the French Canadian who gave both Mac and the fans one of the biggest surprises of Lake county wrestling history by earning a referees verdict after sixty minutes of thrilling action. Jim emerged broken hearted after their last bout and begged for another chance against Dusette under any condition but only sufficient notice to conduct a training schedule. The Antioch farmer is rapidly reaching a climax for his bout and promises that he will make short work of the little fellow who marred his perfect Lake county record. But no fear has been registered in the French Canadian's camp where the muscle man is cracking them unconscious with his full nelson. From this source has come the report that George is not satisfied with only a decision but will definitely step into the top flight by putting Jim's shoulders flat to the mat Friday night. The word is going around that Dusette is ready to spring some surprise because he could have rested very comfortably on his victory and dodged the Antioch farmer for a spell. Whatever next Friday may bring the bout between these two athletes will definitely bring the present stellar mat season to a close.

In the semi-windup position, the bearded athlete, Mike Yondon of Lodi, Calif., will come to grips with the Chicago youngster, Frankie Talaber, who has gone places in the light heavyweight division. Frankie is the son of the former middleweight title holder, Lou Talaber and the experts describe him as being greater than his sire at the same period of his career.

In the remaining preliminaries, a newcomer, Walter Sirois of Sweden promises to give the Michigan Wildcat, Jimmy Goodrich, sufficient argument to stop his aggressive tactics. Sirois has performed in sports arenas throughout the world and his clever style has been a surprise wherever he has appeared. Advance word has it that Goodrich got himself a cat in the bag when he signed against Sirois and will meet up with the surprise of his career on Friday night.

The remaining match brings Al Williams against Chuck Powell who received his mat training in the army while his tattooed adversary is a graduate of the navy mat. So the opener produces a match that pits the army against the navy to round out the final and probably the best card of the current season at Grayslake.

D.A.R. Lays Plans For Philanthropic Card Party Sept. 26

Mrs. Walter Rice, Sunset road, chairman of ways and means committee of the North Shore Chapters, Daughters of the American Revolution, entertained the members of her committee at luncheon, Tuesday, preceding the meeting where plans were completed for the annual card party.

This philanthropic affair will be held at the Highland Park Woman's club, Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 2 o'clock. The funds secured through this medium will be used to further their educational, patriotic and other worthy projects, undertaken by the local chapter.

Announce Opening of Dancing Classes at Woman's Club

Miss Marion Keeney of Winnetka announces the opening of her second season of dancing instruction and dances at the Highland Park Woman's club.

This season Miss Keeney is bringing to her classes the latest of modern dancing, having spent the summer in Hollywood, studying with the famous English Joas-Leeder School of the Dance.

There will be ballroom classes for the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, for freshmen and sophomores and for adults. Each dance will be an attractive party with instruction in all the new steps, good swing music, and refreshments.

Mrs. Raymond D. Smith, 233 Laurel avenue, is secretary for the fifth and sixth grade class, which opens on October 20 at 5 p.m., and also for the freshmen and sophomore assembly, which opens on Oct. 13, at 9 p.m.

Mrs. George W. McGhie, 970 N. Ridge road, is secretary for the seventh and eighth grade class, which opens on October 13, at 7:30. Membership in all ballroom classes is by invitation only. Classes in

rhythmic, ballet and modern dancing will open on Oct. 6, at 2:30 p.m.

Patronesses—Mrs. E. L. Andrews Jr., Mrs. Vallee O. Appel, Mrs. James T. Aubrey, Mrs. G. C. Baldwin, Mrs. Lyman Barr, Mrs. A. S. Bauer, Mrs. Samuel H. Bingham Jr., Mrs. Frank L. Blake, Mrs. G. H. Cumming, Mrs. F. L. Frable, Mrs. C. O. Frisbie Jr., Mrs. Gilbert H. Fuller, Mrs. E. A. Harrington, Mrs. Mary Helms, Mrs. Claburn E. Jones, Mrs. Herbert E. Kerber, Mrs. D. A. Kittermaster, Mrs. Francis M. Knight, Mrs. Walter C. Kohn, Mrs. Morley D. McNeal, Mrs. Truman T. Metzler, Mrs. Bernard E. Newman, Mrs. Charles R. Ferrigo, Mrs. Harry G. Pertz, Mrs. J. D. Pickett, Mrs. C. R. Scheunemann, Mrs. Konrad Schreier, Mrs. A. T. Sihler, Mrs. Raymond D. Smith, Mrs. Earl E. Sproul, Mrs. George O. Strecker, Mrs. Alfred S. Trude, Jr., Mrs. Harry J. VanOrnum, Mrs. Dudley Crafts Watson, Mrs. R. R. Wible, Mrs. Herman A. Zischke.

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