

Personality Preview

UNUSUAL STORIES about USUAL PEOPLE

By ANNA TAMARRI

She bows a good game when she wears "Mais Oui," so she says. And it's true. Perfume gives her a necessary lift. Miss Helen Minorini gives all the credit for breaking into the 200 column to "Bond Street."

Miss Minorini has many fragile essences captured in tiny flacons and bottles, as she makes their collection her hobby, a pastime (or should we say passion) of a year's standing.

Her first and favorite scent Indiscret is in a plaster Paris tapering flagon with rose and fern decorations curved around the body of the bottle. In her collection of over 30 perfumes, which Miss Minorini says is only in its infancy, there is not one which has not been used. And if there is enough of each, she likes to mix them. And when she hits on a good formula, she tries to remember the ingredients.

Asked how she started her gathering of likable smells, she counters with the question, "Don't you like perfume?" And no woman, or man for that matter, can resist. When she worked in her father's bakery, a frequent visitor there always used such fragrant essences that Helen began to notice the variations even in as sweetly-scented a place as a bakery.

Indiscret in a four-ounce container of glass blown with spider-web effect, Chanel's "cuir de Russie" (Russian leather) an eau de cologne with exactly that—a leather smell, green cooling cologne, glaze. Most expensive is "My Sin," a Lanvin extract, with gold twine about the neck and black cameo-like top.

As if the bottles and scents themselves were not intriguing enough, the names are also provocative of investigation. "L'Amant" meaning the "lover" has a magnet stamped on each eau de cologne or eau de toilette. "Conspirateur" leaves you

a little breathless, a bouquet Anna Pavlova.

Helen follows perfume auctions, clips stories from newspapers telling of new creations, and goes on "eye-dropper" tours of the counters in downtown Chicago. Once in a second-hand store she picked up an empty bottle, got a pretty good idea of the product once in it by its fragrance, and so bought "Toujours Moi."

A German product, "Tosca" has German scrawled on the gold-red top. "Yesteryear" is in the shape of a bride, carrying a bouquet of pink and blue flowers, a gold pill-box on her head. "Deviltry" is in a squat cut-glass bottle. "Mon Image," Whisper, which is just that, and "Opening Night" are found in a "penthouse" ensemble.

Helen can spot different kinds of scents women wear. She is always on the lookout for new ones, and in due time the prices are down to her level, for she finds her hobby expensive. A lot of them, Helen explains, smell alike. "Jabot" in a bottle tied in a bow, and Schiaparelli's latest in a bust shape are two currently the apple of her eye. "Confetti" interests her too.

And so it goes. One day when they are empty she plans to fill them with colored water for her bedroom. But yes, she's completely feminine in that, and discriminating too in her choices, we'd judge.

Other enthusiasms of hers are bowling, already listed, horse-back riding, Petty drawings, opera.

Her home is on Everts place, Highwood.

Chase Smith: reading, scholarship, stamp collecting, conservation, salesmanship. Page Tibodessa: public health, first aid, farm home, personal health, stamp collecting, reading, music. Wilson Richardson: woodturning, horsemanship, personal health. Merit badges: Dick Metzger, personal health, safety, first aid to animals, public health, firemanship. Jack Lazard: swimming, woodwork, reading. Billy Low: camping, woodwork. Orville Sackett, scholarship.

\$200 to Be Awarded For National Song For Girl Scouts

A prize of \$200 is being offered for an original song suitable for use by members of the Girl Scout organization, by Mrs. Arthur Osgood Choate, of Pleasantville, New York, honorary vice-president of the Girl Scouts.

Open to all, whether connected with Girl Scouting or not, the contest provides that the words must be original. The tune may be any well known melody or folk song. Words and music of the prize song, whose characteristics should be strength and vitality will become the property of Girl Scouts, Inc. No manuscripts will be acknowledged or returned.

Entries should be sent to the Girl Scout contest, Girl Scouts, Inc., 14 West 49th street, New York, N.Y., and should be accompanied by a signed statement concerning the originality of words and music. Collaboration is permissible but each song will be judged as a whole, and must be submitted in one name only. The contest will close April 1, 1941.

Further information is available from Girl Scout national headquarters in New York City.

Regional Meeting of Illinois Libraries in Wilmette April 24

A regional meeting for Illinois libraries will be held at Wilmette on Wednesday, April 24. A number of the Highland Park trustees and the library staff will attend. The librarian, Miss Mary A. Egan will lead one of the discussions, "Objectives of Library Service in a Community."

LIBRARY

Children's Department

And Nature, the Old Nurse, took The child upon her knee, Saying, "Here is a story book Thy father has written for thee."

—Longfellow

Spring is coming! The woods may be bare, and the robin, fat from his sojourn in the south, may huddle miserably on a black branch; it may even snow before night, nevertheless we know that spring is just a round the corner.

The fires of summer, the fires of life, are never entirely out; they are only banked under the cold and the snow, and are quick to burst forth on the first shining, balmy days of spring.

There are so many things we shall soon see. Have you the eyes to see, the ears to listen or the heart to absorb?

Who is your messenger of spring? Is it the silvery, down-like pussy-willow, or the bluebird? Perhaps it is the skunk cabbage abloom in the swamp, or the vibrant music of Mr. Frog around the shallow ponds in the vicinity, or maybe it is a woolly caterpillar crawling slowly along a stripe of bright sunshine in your garden?

We already see the swollen buds of the trees; aren't you interested in knowing them? We hear the songs of birds returning from their winter quarters, and a new note in the chirps of our stationary birds. Aren't you delighted with the sounds, and wouldn't you like to be able to distinguish them? We shall soon see the brave pioneers of the first flowers break through the ground and push up to catch the warmth of the sunshine. Don't you want to renew your acquaintance with them and find some new friends?

A few books which might be of assistance:

Along Nature's Trails — Athey. Simple, absorbing stories of outdoor neighbors.

The Year Around—Hylander. An

informative as well as an interesting guide to the out-of-doors, arranged according to the seasons.

The Spring of the Year—Athey. Suggestions for trips afield with things to look for, things to hear and to do.

The Gardener's First Year — Bates. An expert tells you what to do and not to do.

Burgess' Flower Book—Burgess. Nature study in story form.

Field Book of Rocks and Minerals—Loomis. Written by an old and experienced mineral collector.

Book of Wild Flowers for Young People — Mathews. "Flowers appearing from April to October, giving information concerning their characteristics, life history and habitat."

Trees that Every Child Should Know—Rogers. "Simple, interesting descriptions of familiar American trees and the means of identifying them."

Beginning to Garden—Wodell. A book that will arouse the interest of a beginner.

Attend Conference Of Girl Scouts in French Lick, Ind.

The Regional Girl Scout conference is being held at French Lick hotel, Indiana this week. The following women from Highland Park who are attending the conference are: Mrs. Roy O. Nereim, Girl Scout commissioner, Miss Eleanor Schmitt, local director, Mrs. Herman Zischke, program consultant, Mrs. Ralph Archer, president of the Girl Scout Leader's association, and Mrs. Edgar Carter, camp chairman.

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The North Shore Area council headquarters has announced this week that the spring trip to Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan for scout leaders is to be May 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Two training courses will be put on at this time. A specialization course in health and safety and an elementary course known as introduction to scouting. There will be approximately 100 in the party and information has been sent out this week to all scout leaders.

Camp-O-Ral May 18 to 19
The spring Camp-O-Ral of the North Shore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, is to be held Saturday and Sunday, May 18th and 19th, at the new campsite, Camp Dan Beard Cabins near Wheeling. It is expected several hundred scouts will be in attendance at this annual spring activity.

TROOP 30 COURT OF HONOR
Troop 30, the Rotary troop of Highland Park, held a very successful Court of Honor last Tuesday evening at Elm Place school. The following is the list of awards:
Second class—Bill Ballenberg, Jim Fahey, John Erickson, Tom Gilroy, Geo. LeClercq.
First class—Frank Blacker, Harold Kramer, Raymond Lee, Rod Macpherson, Bob Shanley, Jack Lazard, Chase Smith.
Star—Dick Metzger, Wilson Richardson, Page Tibodessa, John Wood.
Eagle—Truman Metzger, Robert Phelps.
Merit badges: Tom Gilroy, personal health; Mac Hise, reptile study, farm planning, stamp collecting, weather. Robert Phelps: reptile study, bird study, civics, printing, handicraft. John Wood: first aid, personal health, safety, basketry, first aid to animals, public health. Bill Winters: woodcarving, farm home. Bud Lee: personal health, public health. Rocky Macpherson: music, swimming, handicraft. Truman Metzger: pioneering, scholarship, woodcarving. Verne Moon: safety, physical development, personal health, public health. Bob Moran: first aid, public health, personal health. Eugene Peddle: printing, scholarship, reading, safety, woodturning. Bob Shanley: swimming. Bob Sherwin: public health, personal health.



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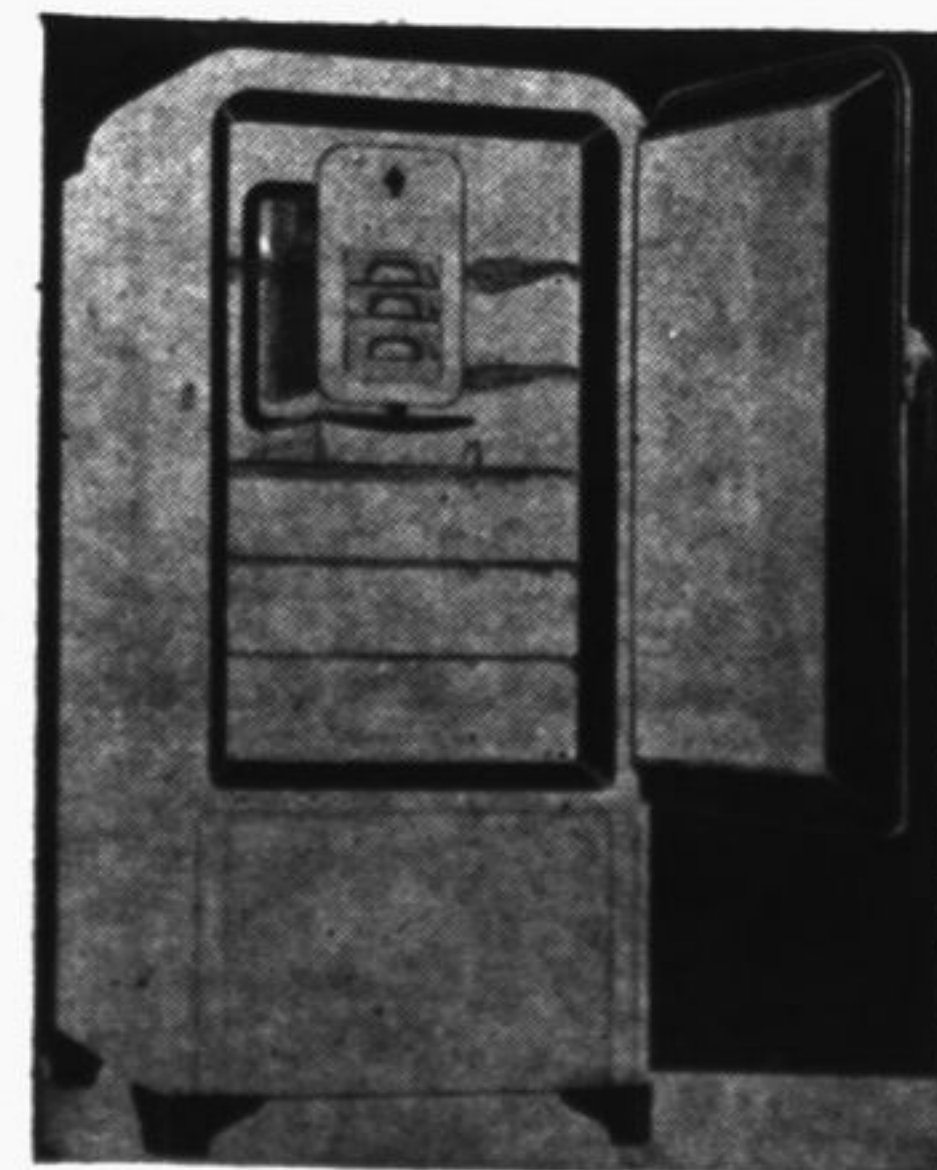
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