

# Society -:- Womens News -:- Locals



Fly-up and investiture ceremonies were held by Brownie Troop No. 22 on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Lincoln school with eleven girls becoming Girl Scout Troop No. 1. The girls who are now wearing wings and pins are, left to right, Joan Witt, Joan Avery, Jean Pantel, Barbara Halsted, Carolyn Shepherd, Rose Marie Roscher, Emily Ann Perreault, Martha Ann Fontaine, Evelyn Wehrmeyer, Patricia Sproul, Virginia Meierhoff and Mrs. Gordon Parks, who was in charge of the ceremony. Members of the troop not included in the picture are Assistant Leader Mrs. Jess Halsted, Leader Mrs. B. K. Perreault and Victor Toof.

## Early Rise As Antiquae Collector Told Woman's Club

Sam, write it down," was the counsel of a father to his son, who showed early interest in things old and different. This advice to Sam Laidacker of Scranton, Pa., was responsible to a great degree for his early rise to recognition as an authority on antiques.

Sam did write it down. He recorded the facts and remembered the amusing incidents in his antique hunting adventures in the hills and valleys of northern Pennsylvania.

He collected knowledge which qualified him to prepare catalogues on historical flasks, cup plates and other hobbies, and become the publisher of the magazine "American Antiques Collector."

Laidacker, himself Pennsylvania Dutch, described to the collectors' study group of the Highland Park Woman's club on Tuesday, Nov. 24, "breaking bread" with the early Dutch settlers who ate in shifts at an enormous round table loaded with meats and the traditional "seven sweets and seven sour." He recounted his haggling over a choice piece of Gaudy Dutch with a shrill-voiced cackling housewife who wouldn't "give sell."

A serious student of ceramics, Laidacker told of the accident-incidents in the history of pottery. Salt glaze was discovered when a pot of salty water boiled over and left a lustrous glaze on the outside of the porous vessel. In 1770 another revolutionary discovery was made when children playing with discarded wet engravings found that they could be transferred to pottery. Prior to this, all decorations on china were applied with pencil drawings. Spatterware was made by opening the hot kiln and spattering contrasting clay over partially fired earthenware.

Gaudy Dutch, a ware popular in the early years of this country, was originally credited to the hands of potters in the southern Pennsylvania counties. It was later proved, according to Laidacker, that it was manufactured in Staffordshire, England, a twenty mile section where the finest earthenware has been made for many centuries.

Even before 1900, dealers began to be interested in Gaudy Dutch. At that time it was quite plentiful. Several very wealthy collectors in the east became enthusiastic over it, and the competition to own large and complete sets became serious. Rivals for ownership outbid each other at open auction and private sales until exorbitant prices were paid for certain pieces. Laidacker said he knew of a rare platter, the Laidacker displayed at the Woman's club fine examples of Gaudy Dutch in King's Rose, Butterfly, Oyster, Sunflower, Dove and Double Rose patterns which were part of his exhibit at the Chicago Hobby Show. Mrs. Wilford Shipnes of Highland Park and Mrs. Arden Lapham of Evanston amplified his selection with choice pieces of Spatterware and Gaudy Dutch from their private collections.

Samuel Hopkins Adams, with whom Laidacker has had an interesting and extensive correspondence, and several other writers, have a particular penchant for Gaudy Dutch and have excellent collections. Laidacker forecast that old lithographs and prints used by Currier and Ives which to date have been overshadowed in importance by steel engravings would be the next collecting craze.

Mrs. Bentley Ramsdell of Geneva, Ill., lecturer, writer and collector of Pennsylvania Dutch antiques; Mrs. R. G. Brooks of Riverside, a diversified collector who lectured in Highland Park last year on Snuffbottles, and Miss Lomira Perry, program chairman of the Coverlet guild, were introduced at the close of the lecture by Mrs. Charles Mason, chairman of the collectors' study group.

## Y.W.C.A. NEWS

A Christmas play, "Heigh-Ho For The Holly," written by Rowena Bennett, will be the main part of the Christmas program at the Y.W.C.A. the evening of Dec. 17. The actors will be women and men of Highland Park and the carol singers, club girls at the "Y," will be trained by Mrs. Arthur Byfield. Other events will be announced later. All members and friends of the Y.W.C.A. are invited to this Christmas celebration.

The fourth number on the book review series by Mrs. Marie Zander will be held at 8 o'clock Thursday evening. The books Mrs. Zander will review that evening are the following: "Our Hearts Are Young and Gay," by Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimbrough; "My World and Welcome To It," by James Thurber; "Good Intentions," by Ogden Nash; "I Love You, I Love You, I Love You," by Ludwig Bemelmans.

At the Friendship club meeting of Dec. 3, following their regular business meeting, there will be practice for the Christmas carols, so it is hoped to have a good attendance.

On Dec. 8, at their regular meeting the Mother's club will hold their annual Christmas party. Mrs. Howard is in charge of the program and Mrs. Butler of refreshments.

This is the month for Christmas celebrations and so the Pi Deltas will hold their annual Christmas party at Association house on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9. There will be a supper in charge of Mrs. Hecketsweiler, Mrs. Fell and Mrs. Febel. Marian Larson will be in charge of entertainment.

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the board of directors will take place on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Discussions on important subjects will take place.

## Program Planned By Woman's Association

The Woman's association of the Highland Park Presbyterian church will hold a special Christmas program Monday, Dec. 7, at the church at 1 o'clock. Dessert will be served.

The program is being given by the hospitality and membership committees to welcome new members. There will be a short program at 2:15 o'clock given by Mrs. Harold West and music by Mrs. Arthur Byfield.

## Salon Francaise To Meet Dec. 9

The Salon Francaise de Glencoe will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, December 9, at the home of Mrs. Lyman Drake, 1 Briar lane, Glencoe. Mrs. McAllister of Evanston will be guest speaker for the afternoon and has chosen as her subject "Au Temps ou l'on avait le Temps."

Mrs. Drake and Mrs. H. W. Guetler will be hostesses. The meeting begins at 3 o'clock.

## Beverly Date Is At Student At Denison

Beverly Date, 1726 Rice street, a sophomore at Denison university, Granville, O., is co-chairman of the social service committee of Deni-Sunday, new experiment in Christian emphasis; has been appointed to the advertising staff of the Denisonian, student newspaper of the college, and has been initiated into the Women's Athletic association.

## D.A.R. to Hear Talk On China By Laura Cross

The North Shore chapter of the D. A. R. will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. James C. Morrison, 250 Ravine drive.

The speaker for the day will be Miss Laura Cross, recently come to Highland Park as general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. Miss Cross has had unusual and varied experiences as a world traveler, teacher, and leader in educational fields, principally in China, where for twenty years she made her home.

She has chosen for her talk, "The Future is NOW in China" and her association with teachers, doctors, nurses and missionaries while studying the language and the educational program she was instrumental in carrying forward, brought her positions of prominence. As president of the Peking Association of University Women, she came in contact with Chinese girls, graduates of engineering, and medical schools, and she has travelled in England, Scotland, Japan and Russia. She will tell how she thinks China will be able to rehabilitate herself after the war.

The chapter hopes that all members will be able to attend this meeting, and Mrs. Morrison will have as assisting hostesses, her daughter, Mrs. Russell H. Burno, Mrs. E. R. Phelps, and Mrs. M. R. Ehle.

The board meeting will be held as usual at the home of Mrs. L. B. Sinclair, Thursday, Dec. 3, at 9:30 a. m.

## John Baldauf Weds Miss Edna Morris

Mrs. Arthur Baldauf has returned from Seattle, Washington, where she attended the wedding of her son, John, a corporal in the United States Army, to Miss Edna Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Morris of Seattle. The simple church ceremony took place on November 22.

## Hansel and Gretel To Be Given At Dec. 19 Matinee

The Chicago Opera Company is happy to announce its annual holiday performance of Humperdinck's fairy-tale opera, "Hansel and Gretel," which will be given on Saturday afternoon, December 19, at 2 p. m.

This charming fantasy, with its lovely, imaginative settings, sugar-candy house and spice-cake waltz, children transformed into gingerbread men, dawn fairy, and angels descending the golden staircase from heaven, is ideally suited to the Christmas season, for which it was originally written.

Youngsters home for the holidays will enjoy it almost as much as their musically-minded parents. Indeed, a happier introduction to grand opera could hardly be found, while even the most weary musical palate responds delightedly to its score.

## Alpha Gamma Delta Christmas Meeting December 14

Mrs. Charles S. Cline, program chairman of Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnae chapter, has arranged for members to make scrap-books, for the underprivileged children of the Alpha Gamma Delta summer camp, at their Christmas meeting, Monday evening, Dec. 14, at 8 o'clock at the chapter house in Evanston. Members are urged to bring scrap-book materials.

Following the making of scrap-books, the members will join in the singing of Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. Mahlon Mowery. The meeting will conclude with the drawing of the Christmas gifts from the grab-bag. Refreshments appropriate to the holiday have been arranged by the social chairman, Mrs. Earl B. Terrill.

## Evelyn Davis to Be Soloist At Woman's Concert

The third concert of the Woman's Symphony orchestra at Orchestra hall, Chicago, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9, at 8:15 o'clock, under the direction of Nicolai Malko, will feature as soloist, Evelyn Davis the orchestra's concert master.

Miss Davis is a native Chicagoan. Her father was her first teacher, when at the age of three she commenced her career. She continued under his tutelage until she was six and then recognizing his child's unusual talent, he decided she must have the best training available. Most of Miss Davis' subsequent training was under Leon Sametini and Leopold Auer.

Evelyn Davis has appeared with the New York City Symphony in Town hall and has had two Carnegie hall recitals. She is well known in Chicago and has had two previous appearances as soloist with the Woman's Symphony and also several in the Grant park summer series of concerts. At present, besides serving as concert master of the Woman's Symphony, she is staff artist of the National Broadcasting system.

## High School To Present War Aid Concert Dec. 13

When the War Department designed a new, but not "secret" weapon to step up the home morale, it proved to be the lift that America needed. That lift is music, and in accordance with this plan, our music department on Sunday, December 13, will add its bit by giving a "United Nations concert."

To give you an idea of how different and varied the selections and countries may be, take the typically Russian 6th Symphony of Tchaikowsky, which has captured more than a hint of the true undaunted spirit that is Russia's and compare it with the pulsating 5th Symphony of Beethoven, which has been called the "Victory Symphony," since it carries the Morse code equivalent of the V, and one begins to see the differences.

Another such comparison might be made between the English selection, "The Walk to the Paradise Garden," by Delibes, with its quiet and rustic nature that so aptly portrays the Englishman's beloved country side, and the rollicking service medley of the United States that gives voice to all our eager and high spirited armed forces. All the above mentioned selections will be played at the forthcoming concert.

The chorus has also worked out a well-rounded group of United Nations selections.

The Russian folk song "Salvation Is Created," by Tchesnoff, is rich in the hardships and struggles of the Russian peasants. The music of America is represented by two selections of Cane, "America My Own" and "The Night Has A Thousand Eyes," and a song by Mr. Aschenbrenner's assistant and former student, Francis Harley, entitled "The Night Song." Two other folk songs round out the program. The conquered but still determined Czechs are portrayed in the "Stodola Pumpa." The closing selection is a deep moving negro spiritual "Ole Ark's a-Movin'."

In addition to this war aid concert, the music department has provided music for out-going draftees, small groups at the U. S. O., and at a number of other places where musicians were needed to help build morale.

The concerts of the department has been many and varied, but none has been so widely hailed as a definite morale builder as the forthcoming 13th annual Christmas concert. Here is a concert that appeals not only to that group of people who find enjoyment and relaxation through music, but also to those who wish to acquire a better understanding of our allies. Of all the artistic resources of our allies, none is more rich in appeal and characteristic of than music.

Music in wartime, however, is more than mere relaxation; it is a recourse to courage and an incentive to moral. This is the aim of the Sunday afternoon concert on December 13.

## President of Local League Attends Council

Mrs. Louis Haller, president of the Highland Park League of Women Voters, attended in Chicago last Tuesday the second regular meeting of the newly organized State Council of the Illinois League. In addition to the 51 local league presidents, the council includes the members of the state board of directors; it is the policy-making body of the Illinois League of Women Voters.

Last Tuesday's meeting was held at the league headquarters, 225 North Michigan avenue at 10 a. m., with Mrs. Florence Fifer Bohrer, president of the Illinois State league presiding. Plans for the coming legislative session were outlined, and the league's war service for the coming months discussed. The need for improved adoption laws in Illinois and the league's study of the enforcement of civil service laws in the state welfare institutions were also presented, and plans for county units of public health in Illinois discussed.

## Plans for Greek Starvation Teas Nearing Completion

Those interested in giving a Greek "starvation tea" are asked to invite their guests in the near future, so that others can have theirs and carry on down to "tea for two" in every bracket.

Over one hundred paid teas are in, according to Mrs. Howell Murray, 31 N. Linden avenue, chairman of this work for Highland Park. These teas are held for the benefit of Greece, whose people can be kept alive by shiploads of food and vitamins, which Sumner Welles states are being received regularly.

## Mona Benson Is Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Benson of 1412 Pleasant avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Mona Elizabeth, to Sergeant Clyde W. Nichols of Stillwell, Okla. Sgt. Nichols is now stationed at Fort Sheridan. No date has been set for the wedding.

## BETTY JANE HESS



Betty Jane Hess, one of New York's best known models, will shortly leave for Hollywood to appear in "Cover Girls of 1942," Columbia's new picture. Betty Jane, shown above with flowers telegraphed from Ireland by her soldier-sweetheart, was chosen as the cover girl for Cosmopolitan Magazine and is now discussing contracts with the picture moguls.

## Xmas Decorations to Be Topic At Garden Club Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Ravinia Garden club will be held at the home of Mrs. Gerald Stone, 1200 Lincoln avenue, Friday, Dec. 11, at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. J. Wilson McAllister, a former member of the board of the Garden Club of Illinois and this year's chairman of the judging school, will be the guest speaker. She has planned to give a practical demonstration of Christmas decoration throughout the home, using some unusual greens from Georgia.

Members are reminded by Mrs. John B. Wilbor, chairman of the Plant, Fruit and Flower guild, that their Christmas gifts for this charity must be at her home by Dec. 5. All gifts this year will go to the Northwestern University settlement.

The club has also voted a sum of money to the north regional group of the Garden Club of Illinois for its work in bringing Christmas cheer to the men stationed at Great Lakes, Fort Sheridan, Glenview and Camp Skokie Valley.

## Local Singers To Entertain At Meeting Of Ravinia Club

The Ravinia-Braeside Singers, under the direction of Katherine Scherstrom Wilson, will present a group of Christmas carols at the Dec. 9 meeting of the Ravinia Woman's club at the Ravinia village house at 2 p. m.

Nancy Coonsman Hahn, nationally known sculptress, will lecture and give a demonstration in modeling, with Sally Trangmar, whose mother, Mrs. Frank Trangmar is a member of the club, acting as her model.

The program is sponsored by the arts committee of the Ravinia Woman's club which includes: Mrs. Woodward Burger, chairman, Mrs. F. S. Mudge, co-chairman, Mrs. Edgar B. Carter, Mrs. J. S. Cross, Mrs. E. Lewis Dorough, Mrs. Walter Fathauer, Mrs. C. Longford Felske, Mrs. P. B. Garrett, Mrs. Leon Harpole, Mrs. Lisle R. Hawley, Mrs. W. Lyle McDaniel and Mrs. Willard Medway.

Tea tables will be prepared and presided over by Mrs. Vernon Mortimer, Mrs. H. J. Eberhart, Mrs. Richard Baughman and Mrs. John Carrington.



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## League to Hear Miss Mary Conen

Miss Mary Conen, as a guest of the North Shore Catholic Woman's league at their regular monthly meeting Dec. 8 at the Community house, Winnetka, will present to the members and their guests, "The Christmas Window," a fantasy in words and music.

Miss Margaret Cashman, whose music compositions will accompany her, is affiliated with station WLS in Chicago as director of home talent shows. Donations of jams and jellies, as well as cash donations, will be accepted at the meeting for needy families. Mrs. Francis Bonner is president of the league and Mrs. Albert Mahone is program chairman. The hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. Sidney Beech, Mrs. Otmar Hunche, Mrs. Earl Ludwig and Mrs. Frederick Murbach.



## LIMELIGHT

A term associated with the stage, such as "seeking the limelight," is closely connected with the gas industry. The first intense white light developed for the theatre was obtained by directing a gas flame on a block of lime.

The Fuel Gas industry has been in the limelight recently because of its tremendous war-time loads. Under normal conditions we could obtain steel and other materials to enlarge our gas supply. Today this is impossible, so all we can do is to put our equipment in the best condition and then ask you to conserve Gas (especially during sub-zero weather).

Soon now, the Christmas cards will begin to arrive. The greeting card industry celebrates its 100th anniversary this year with estimated sales of three-billion cards this year.

Don't forget cards to the men in Service!

Speaking of men in Service - Employees of North Shore Gas Company have organized a systematic schedule of letters to go out regularly to the thirty-four men who have gone to War from our company. Occasionally the girls bake cookies and send to them, and each of the thirty-four men will get a \$10.00 cash gift for Christmas. Wish you could read some of the replies.

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