

Society

Womens News

Locals

Spring Session of "Creative Writers" To Start Jan. 13

A wartime hobby that is educational as well as morale-building—and "good fun", too—is offered by the North Shore Creative Writers' Group with the opening of the spring term, Thursday, Jan. 13, 10 a. m. at the Highland Park Y.W.C.A. The session starts with a "free lesson" to which the public is invited to hear Rowena Bennett discuss poetry and prose writings of today. Representative work of the preceding class will also be read, and a prize presented for the best poetical and the best prose writing of that semester. A prize offer will also be outlined for all registering in the new term.

An informal luncheon served by Mildred Haessler and her luncheon committee will follow the literary session, with Mildred North Slater as a special guest speaker. Mrs. Slater, who is the wife of a Ft. Sheridan officer, and contributor to "Cosmopolitan" and "This Week," is now working on a current novel with the setting laid in Manila. Other writings are based on her experiences in Shanghai. Living in both places while her husband was engaged in business there has given her the "international angle". Reservations for the luncheon may be made by calling the "Y" at H.P. 675 before Jan. 12.

Lessons in the coming semester will be devoted alternately to prose and poetry. Tickets are interchangeable, and unused "punches" may be used for guests.

Among new members planning to join the group are Mrs. Geo. H. Brown of Highland Park, and Mrs. Francis Baldwin of Ft. Sheridan, one of the group of officers' wives interested in a hobby that adjusts itself to time and place.

Although the majority of the group classify as "creative listeners", the recognition of such members as Mrs. Fred Giesecke and Mrs. E. W. Froebel, who emerged as collaborators on a "First Nighter" program, adds to the professional interest in the group.

Pre-school children of regular registrants can be cared for at the "Y" playroom during class if the secretary, Miss Laura Cross, is notified in advance.

J. R. Pershall of Public Service Co. Goes to Washington

J. R. Pershall, director of advertising, has been granted a leave of absence by the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois in order to take a temporary assignment in Washington at the request of the War Department.

His new assignment, the nature of which was not revealed, is his second civilian assignment in the War Department in the last year. Early in 1943 he served as civilian director of WAC recruiting for the Sixth Service command under Maj. Gen. Henry S. Aurand.

Associated with Public Service Company for the past twenty years, Mr. Pershall is well known in advertising circles having been a charter member and past president of the Public Utility Advertising Association. William E. Pierce will be in charge of the company's advertising activities during Mr. Pershall's absence.

Civilian Defense Presents Inhalator to Fire Department

A present for the city fire department was offered by the Office of Civilian Defense at Monday's meeting of the City Council. A badly needed inhalator amounting to \$444 will be purchased by the civilian defense office and given to the fire department.

A motion was made and passed that deductions from salaries of city employes for pension funds be paid while the employe is on leave of absence with the armed forces.

Railroad Guard
Regarding the installation of a guard at the Braeside railroad crossing, Corporation Counsel Paul Behanna suggested that the railroad be contacted and asked to send a representative to Highland Park to discuss the matter before any further steps are taken.

An electrical code for the city was discussed and the corporation counsel instructed to draw up an ordinance and submit it to the council.

Jane Scarbrough Entertains Friends At Dinner Party

Miss Jane Scarbrough, a junior at the University of Missouri, where she is majoring in journalism, gave a holiday dinner party last week for twelve friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Scarbrough, 2339 Lincolnwood Road.

DEEPS AND SHALLOWS

That Party Line Again

North Shore 0102.
Hello, Mrs. Wild Scramble. This is Thinka Might-Try.
What is that rushing noise? . . . Goodness, don't you want the phone to call the plumber? . . . Oh, you're lucky he could come. . . .
What I'm really calling for is to see what you know about this Mrs. Will Write, who phoned about that North Shore Creative Writer outfit. I can't help wondering about these women who certainly have families to look after, and ought to be doing something about the war. But you tell me some time when your bathroom isn't running over. . . .
Oh, yes, I did read about the books they got for Fort Sheridan. . . . Oh, was it one of them that wrote that "First Nighter" play about U.S.O. housing? . . .
Your dog is barking so, could that be the plumber? . . . Collector? . . . Oh garbage collector. . . .
Well, I do think I'll go to that free January 13th meeting and look the types over. I heard they even pranced around the table like reindeer at the Christmas luncheon. I can see how you'd like such things, Mrs. Scramble, but I always have my puritan ancestors to combat. Sometimes I get terrified at that coming "American Gothic" look on my face. Guess I need that group. I just think I might try. . . .
Oh the plumber is coming? Well, I won't keep you. Happy New Year to the Wild Scrambles! Bye!
E.L.F.

Atmosphere

An opal sky against the dead-white snow . . .
The still of frost that tingles, creaks and tips. . . .
Gaunt trees, their patient, barren limbs upthrust
To touch the moon with brittle finger tips.
In far-off tropic lands, this very moon,
So unattainable, aloof and calm,
Bends low, with breathless hush, to listen to
The ardent whisper of a lofty palm.
R.B.O.

Spider Verses

A spider sews fine laces
To trim a fir tree's shelf.
She doesn't thread a needle.
She simply threads herself.
Rowena Bennett.

How Opera Nearly Gets Written

Feed me, verse, oh fair Rowenie,
For I would fain be like Rossini.
He wrote opera music, rapid;
Some was grand, and some was vapid.
Friends called on him, sat and conversed,
He served them wine, he fed them worst.
Meanwhile his hand flew o'er the pages,
Writing tunes for op'ra-stages.
At the end of such a day,
He'd write to his librettist: (Hey,
Hurry up and send more 'verse;
Don't wait until I'm in my hearse!)

Each work that proved to be a honey
Brought him in just gobs of money
And those that came back in the mail
Caused him no empty dinner pail.
(His "Tell," as opera, fell flat
But the overture made up for that.
His ghost collects—what could be stranger?
Royalties from the Lone Ranger).

So he, at quite an early age
Quit writing for the op'ra-stage,
Bought him a house and lived in Passy
On the proceeds. He was classy.
(About the poet, it doesn't say;
Presumably he got some pay).
So feed me, verse, my fair Rowenie,
I fain would live like Joe Rossini.

I can't be sure that I could do it,
Or that in zeal I'd get down to it,
But I would like a menage classy
Like Joe Rossini had in Passy.
So feed me, verses, please, Rowenie;
I fain would emulate Rossini.
Wisconsin Irma.

Lament

I have hanged myself on the black tree of remorse. . . .
I have played Judas to my friend:
I have sold her into sorrow
For thirty paltry kisses
And a silly dream. . . .
Mary Olson.

H. E. Johnsons to Make Home in Kansas City

Mr. H. E. Johnson, 1255 Judson Ave., has been transferred by the Astna Insurance Co., to Kansas City, Mo., where the Judsons will now make their home.

Mary Jane Clausen Married on Dec. 31 to Ralph Hawxhurst

Mr. and Mrs. Niels Clausen, 2702 S. Deere Park drive, announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Jane, to Ralph Reynaud Hawxhurst Jr., U.S.N.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hawxhurst of Wilmette, former Highland Park residents, on December 31. A wedding breakfast was held at the Orrington hotel, Evanston.

Attendants for the young couple were the bride's sister, Mrs. J. B. Collinson, and the bridegroom's brother, Stephen.

Mr. Hawxhurst and his bride left after the breakfast for a honeymoon trip.

Miss Rose Smith Former Resident To Wed Sergeant

Miss Rose Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith of Chicago, former Highland Park residents, and Sgt. Louis Telpner of Chicago will be married Sunday evening, Jan. 9, in the North Shore Congregation Israel in the presence of the immediate families.

A reception from 8 to 11 o'clock will be held at the home of the bride-to-be's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Smith, 864 Ridgewood drive.

A miscellaneous shower will be given for Miss Smith tonight (Thursday) at the home of Mrs. Milton Horwitz of Chicago, the former Dorothy Glass of Highland. The bridal dinner will be given Friday evening at the Smith home.

Sgt. Telpner and his bride will live in Geneva, Neb., as he is stationed at Fairmont Army Air base.

Miss Ada Sherwin And Rev. Henry Black Will Marry in June

Dr. and Mrs. Louis W. Sherwin, of the local Presbyterian church, whose home is at 295 Prospect Ave., have announced that the wedding of their daughter, Ada Palm, to Rev. Henry Howard Black, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Wrappingers Falls, N.Y., will take place in June.

Miss Sherwin was educated in Oxford, England, and in Washington, D.C., graduating from Allegheny College. After serving on the staffs of Westminster Presbyterian church in Minneapolis and the First Presbyterian church of Brooklyn, she served as eastern district secretary of the board of national missions of the Presbyterian church in New York City.

Mr. Black is a graduate of Occidental college in Los Angeles and the Union Theological seminary in New York, and was for several years a member of the ministerial staff of Madison Avenue Presbyterian church of Brooklyn.

Harold McLains Welcome New Year With Midnight Supper

The Harold McLains, 639 Montgomery Road, entertained thirty friends at a New Year's Eve supper at their home. The young folks, Dorothy and Harold Jr., have given several holiday parties at the Exmoor Club during the Christmas vacation.

It is said that many women use less than 850 words of Basic English, but of course there's a terrific turnover.—Punch.

Highland Park PUBLIC LIBRARY

A little more than a year ago the day that gas rationing went in effect, in December, the Highland Park Public Library installed in Virginia, a library station for the benefit of the people living in the south part of the city. It is located in a station on St. Johns avenue next to Gas drugstore.

As the store is small, the space is limited so the collection of books had to be equally limited, books for adults and children young to go to school. Older children have access to books in the nearby school libraries.

If one were to judge by the number of books loaned to these young children or in school parlance, at school age, they will develop the most enthusiastic and intelligent readers. During the year they have borrowed about 1,200 books. Some of the parents object to reading the same stories over and over again, but the children know their favorites by the illustrations, and insist upon taking them home.

The collection of books for adults covers a wide range of subjects: philosophy, art, music, travel, geography, useful books, collection of music, good novels. Every month sometimes every week new books are added to the collection.

Mrs. David Kelly, whose husband is stationed at Fort Sheridan, has recently come from the Rockford Public library, to be assistant in the department.

USED FATS: Each pound of waste fat is good for two meat-ration points.

Y. W. C. A. Notes

Thursday, Jan. 6, 6:15 p. m., The regular dinner meeting of the Friendship club will be held at the "Y". The hostesses will be Katherine Kleasoner, Viola Poore and Carol Fujimoto.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p. m., Miss Priscilla Dole will be the guest speaker of Pi Delta club. Miss Dole is the new general secretary of the Lake Forest Y.W.C.A., who recently came from four years work with the "Y" in the Hawaiian Islands. She will show pictures of Hawaii and the life there before and after Pearl Harbor.

Reservations for the dinner should be made before Jan. 11.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 10 a. m., Anyone interested in creative writing is welcome to come to the open meeting of the Creative Writers club. At the luncheon following the meeting, Mildred Slater, contributor to this month's Cosmopolitan, will be the speaker. Reservations for the luncheon should be made at the "Y" by Jan. 12. Blanks will be given out for the \$100 prize play contest sponsored by the national Y.W.C.A. and the U.S.O.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p. m., The opening meeting of the Cosmopolitan club for young business girls will celebrate China night. Miss Ruth Koesum of Chicago, through ballet, will give character interpretations in the dragon dance, the ceremonial dance and other numbers, featuring Chinese life and culture.

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 10 a. m., Y.W.C.A. board meeting.

Flying Freight Trains
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Fifteen months after the first of the C-54 series rolled off the assembly lines these super-cargo transports were flying the North Atlantic to England, the South Atlantic to India, the South Pacific to Australia, and the Northeast Pacific to Alaska, carrying vital war equipment and material to all battle fronts.

The speed with which these Skymasters made their appearance in all parts of the world is a tribute to the men and women producing these flying freight trains . . . a tribute also to Electric Power. For it takes this dynamic energy to make the thousands of parts . . . to drive the motors, cranes and conveyors that bring the motors, bodies, wings and propellers together on the assembly line.

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Electric Power supplies the air pressure for the paint-grooves as well as for the spray-booth. The water, forced against a screen in the back, creates a vacuum which carries away vapors and excess paint.

Part of the heat-treating process given many parts of the giant C-54 "Skymaster" plane. Scene above shows bodies of parts being lowered into quenching oil after removal from electric vertical-type furnace.

These giant Skymasters are in volume production at the aircraft plant here in Northern Illinois. Maintaining a constant flow of Electric Power to this gigantic plant is one of our wartime assignments from Uncle Sam.

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