

Activities of North Shore Clubs

by Ruth Risley

HELP FIGHT THE WHITE PLAGUE! Let that be your slogan this month! Be sure to testify to your participation in the spirit of Christmas by buying as many Red Cross seals for 1919 as you can afford—and then some—to help fight the "White Plague". Two hundred thousand Americans died of tuberculosis at home during the same period that 67,882 Americans lost their lives on the battlefields abroad. The annual economic cost of tuberculosis in the United States is over five hundred million dollars, says the appeal sent out to explain why we should help in the fight by buying these seals.

One of the finest of the enterprises fostered by the Chicago Tuberculosis institute is the growing chain of child health stations. These stations are spreading the light all through Cook county, as each one is a center of information, advice, and instruction for all the mothers within a wide radius. Small babies are brought by the hundreds to be weighed and examined at regular intervals. If they are underweight or out of condition a competent nurse and doctor give directions as to care and diet. Older children have the same scientific supervision, and everything promises a sturdier lot of boys and girls in the coming generation. So buy the Red Cross seals!

Thursday, December 4, was Home Economics Day at the Woman's Library club in Glencoe. Miss Irene A. Blood of the Rumford Home Economics department gave a lecture and demonstration of salads to the excellence of which everyone attested later when they were served as refreshments.

The exhibit of Glencoe needlework, under the management of Mrs. Charles Mortimer proved to be an unusual and beautiful display. The articles shown were interesting not only from the standpoint of workmanship, but from an historical point of view as well. For, besides the daintiest bit of lingerie, table linen, children's dresses, etc., of modern craftsmanship, there were rare pieces of work dating from Revolutionary days. Bedquits and spread, samples in cross stitch, a curious hair wreath, almost two feet in diameter, a rack full of colonial towels, two very pretty fans, bead work, and an exquisite embroidered wedding dress and little handkerchief, which somebody's great grandmother wore in 1790. Several antique hand-wrought chairs, heirlooms belonging to Mrs. I. S. Root, and Mrs. Mary Saxby of Maple Hill road, particularly excited admiration.

An appropriate setting contributed much to the charm of this exhibit under the skillful hand of Mrs. Charles Mortimer and able assistants. The whole north room of the club had been converted into a bower of pink, blue and lavender blossoms beneath which on the dais at the far end of the room presided Miss Ethel DeLang, in the quaintest of colonial costumes, while to the delight of all Mrs. Henry T. Williams, also in colonial dress was discovered sitting in one of the antique chairs, demurely darning stockings.

Louise Harrison Slade, contralto, accompanied by Beulah Taylor Porter will be presented in recital, under the direction of the Music department of the Wilmette Woman's club at their next meeting on Wednesday, December 17, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Slade has appeared a number of times on the north shore, and is engaged each year by the Apollo-Musical club. The hostesses of the day will be Mesdames Benjamin F. Gage and Charles W. Moody.

"Education is not merely a preparation for life," said Mrs. Marietta Johnson, principal of the school of

organic education in Fairhope, Ala., in her address before the members of the Winnetka Woman's club, and their friends, on Thursday. "It is life itself." And the school process must be a life-giving process.

Mrs. Johnson is a wonderfully convincing speaker and has a platform presence and air of conviction that assures her an attentive audience wherever she may speak. She characterized the present school process a vicious. Desks, grades, college requirements and cramming methods all came in for their share of criticism.

"Study the needs of the child," was the sentiment of her speech. "There can be no school process separate from the needs of the children themselves," she said. And the first study of education is a study of the needs of the child.

"The grading system and present school room discipline," she continued, "are making self-conscious cowards of the children. They are taught to get their lessons for the grade that it will bring them, and to avoid the ridicule and criticism that follows failure. They are working for external reward and anyone that works for external reward is a hypocrite." "Teach them a love for their subject," she said. "Fill them with a desire to study. Show them the need for developing their reasoning powers. Give them as much mental and physical freedom as is compatible with their age and the informative side of education will accumulate as a matter of course."

"Let me tell you," she added, "if the schools would cut the number of children in the classrooms in half and double the teacher's salaries it would pay financially. Humanely speaking of course it would pay immensely. But beyond that it would pay financially in the elimination of reform schools, juvenile courts and other such institutions."

Miss Mary Welch, contralto, assisted by Gavin Williamson, pianist, and Wally Heymar, violinist, who were scheduled to appear in recital early in the fall at the Wilmette Woman's club, will give the program at the club next Wednesday afternoon. Miss Welch spent the summer in the northwest and Canada, appearing in concert with the Ellison-White Chautauqua. Mrs. Louise Harrison Slade, who was to have given the program was unable to come.

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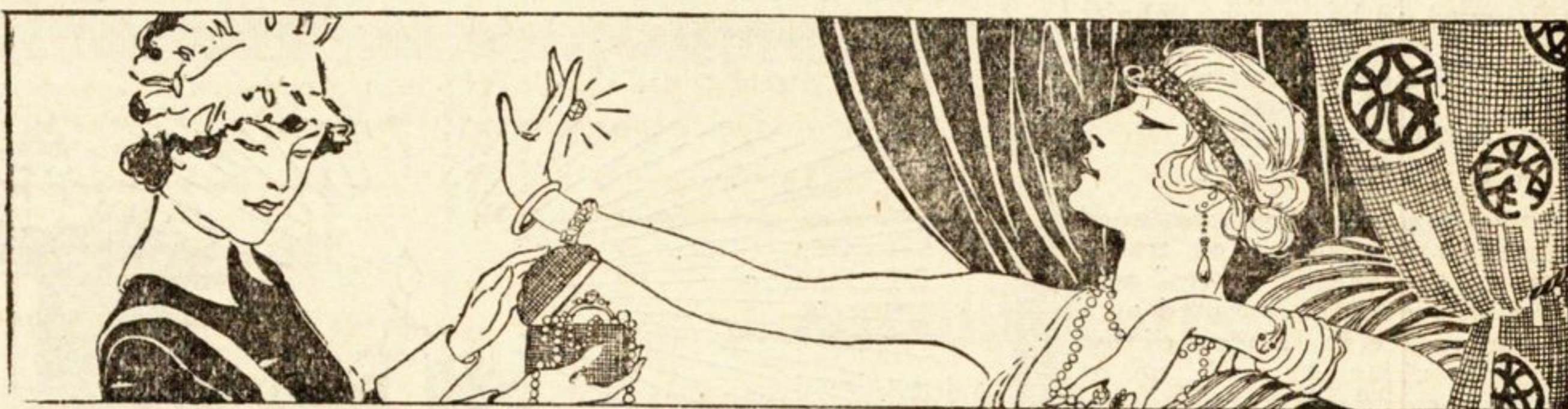
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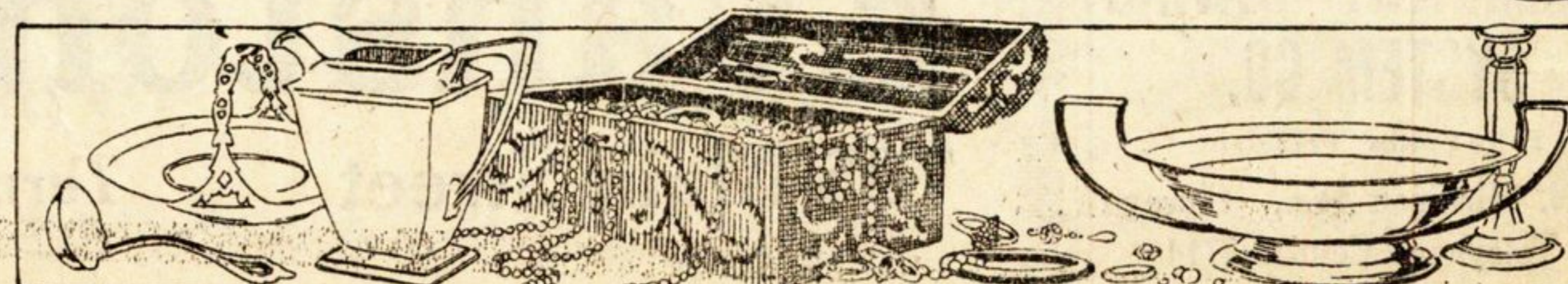
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