

# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES - ITEMS OF PERSONAL MENTION

## 'The Smoking Car' Proves A Delightful Farce by Drama Club

**A**N addition to the repertoire of the Community Drama Club, came on Monday evening of this week, when the farce, "The Smoking Car" by William Dean Howells, was presented in the neighborhood room of Community House to a group of invited friends.

The audience was kept in continual laughter by the predicament of Mr. Roberts, socially and professionally known as Dr. Delbert Poff, who, soon after boarding his train, is asked by a lady passenger to watch over her small child for a few moments, while she succeeds in gathering together her many packages and grips. A fairly reasonable time has elapsed before Mr. Roberts is joined by an old friend, characterized by Mr. Merritt Lum, who smiles as he sees the child, and infers that the mother has intentionally abandoned her infant, leaving it in his friend's care.

Naturally, and not without reason, Roberts rushes off the train with the child, hoping to locate the mother in time; but to no avail. They are joined by their wives, and after explaining the situation as hurriedly as possible, Mr. Lum starts off on a search, with no better results, and spying a "Check parcels" window in the distance, quickly makes up his mind to check the baby. Upon his return to the train, the women folks, having learned that the youngster had been thus disposed of, demanded that he return for it at once, and decided that the proper procedure was for one or the other of the couples to adopt it. And then—there is a great argument, for, quite as suddenly as the whole thing has occurred, each couple came to the conclusion that it was their particular duty to care for that baby. It is just two minutes before train-time, and the argument is far from being settled, when in rushes the Mother, offering profuse apologies and thanks, to claim her babe, and to explain that she has decided not to take that particular train anyway.

Other members of the cast, supporting Dr. Poff and Mr. Lum were Mrs. Joseph Winterbotham, Mrs. Delbert Poff and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hoffister.

Most realistic was the smoking car setting, adapted from materials at hand at Community House, by Mrs. Walter Johnson, who directed the performance.

Preceding the farce, Mrs. Asa Cooley delighted the audience with a group of songs, "Jean," "My Little House," "Chinese Lullaby," and "In the Limelight." Mrs. Robert Smith was her accompanist. Mrs. Vernon Welsh sketched briefly the life of William D. Howells.

The hostess for the evening were Mrs. John Marshall, Mrs. H. P. Clarke and Mrs. Alfred Freeman.

An announcement of interest is the marriage of Miss Clara Meissner of Ravenswood to Mr. James T. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Watson of Wilmette, which took place on Saturday evening, February 4. After a short trip south, Mr. and Mrs. Watson will make their home at 903 Michigan avenue, Evanston.

The Board of Directors of the North Shore Catholic Woman's League voted to give \$50 to the Armenian Near East Relief society, at its meeting last Thursday, and also \$50.00 to St. Katherine's Home for Dependent Girls, which is connected with the Juvenile Court.

The January meeting of the MacDowell Musical club was held at the home of Mrs. Warner Robinson, 924 Euclid avenue. The following program was presented by the members; Current Musical Events by Mrs. C. L. Byron.

She Never Her Love.....Hayden  
Lullaby.....Mozart  
In the Times of Roses.....Reichardt  
Miss Kathryn Greene

Concerto for Violins.....Bach  
Mrs. Robert Kingery and Mrs. Harry L. Street.

Second Bourree.....Bach  
(arranged by Saint-Saens)  
Mrs. W. D. McAdams

In Inesta Lomba.....Beethoven  
My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair.....Hayden

Erl King.....Schubert  
Mrs. John W. Hansel, Jr.

The assisting guest, Miss Ruff, was heard in numbers from Schumann, Romance, Arabesque, Soaring, Spring Night.

A social hour followed, during which refreshments were served.

At the meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which was held Monday in the Wilmette Methodist church, Prof. John R. Harper, superintendent of schools, gave an address on the subject of the day, "Scientific Temperance Instruction." Mrs. F. A. Schumacher of Evanston, county superintendent of this department, spoke on "Law Observance," an another address on "Law Enforcement," was given by Elizabeth Gordon.

Rev. Gilbert Stansell, pastor of the church, and honorary member of the Union, gave a cheering message on past accomplishments and future prospects. He said, "The Eighteenth Amendment Will Stand." Mrs. Karl D. King, president of the Parents and Teachers' association, led devotions. Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Vest Murray Watkins and Mrs. F. Larsen, accompanied by Mrs. F. A. Grambling. Ten new members were taken into the Union on this occasion.

The East Willow Street Circle will meet with Mrs. L. M. Hamburger, 502 Willow street, on next Tuesday for an all-day meeting with box luncheon. There will be sewing for the Child Welfare and Protestant Orphan Children's Home at 6323 Yale avenue, Chicago. Party worn garments for children in this home are solicited.

Mr. James Weber Lynn of the University of Chicago, will give three lectures on "Modern American Fiction" at the Winnetka Woman's club on the evenings of March 16, March 22 and March 27, the titles of which will be: "What is Bad Fiction?"; "The Novel of the Economic Struggle"; and "The Novel of Spiritual Conflict."

The Oak Street Circle will hold a special work meeting at the home of Mrs. W. M. Morse, 433 Provident avenue, on Tuesday, February 14 at 2:30 o'clock. At the regular February meeting, which occurs on the following Tuesday, February 21. Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch of Evanston, will be the speaker.

Mrs. John Coolidge, who was recently operated upon for appendicitis at the Evanston Hospital, will return to her home, at 757 Foxdale avenue, on Sunday.

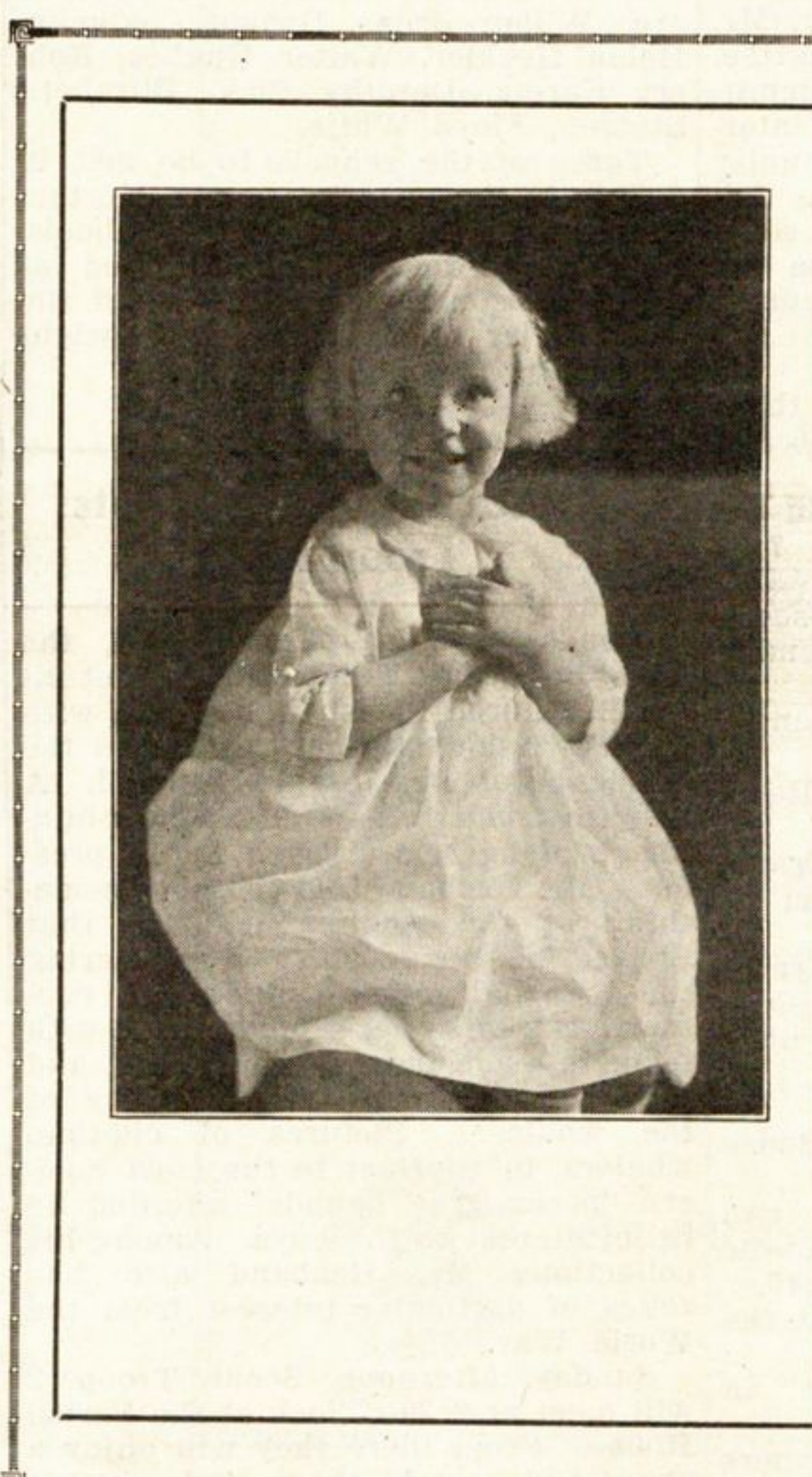
The Scott Avenue Circle will meet next Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Charles T. Moon, 1386 Asbury avenue. Mrs. Charles S. Sweet will be the assisting hostess.

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The list of boxholders for the Cabaret Ball which is being given next Friday evening by the Winnetka Post of the American Legion, at the Winnetka Woman's club, includes Mr. and Mrs. Archibald W. Shaw, Mrs. John Staurt, Mrs. Mancel T. Clark and Mrs. Emmons Blaine, Jr.

The Andrew MacLeishes of Glen-coe are leaving next Tuesday for Asheville, N. C., where they will reside at "The Manor" until spring. Miss Isabel MacLeish, who is visiting friends in Boston at present, expects to join the family in the south sometime in March.



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