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CYRENA VAN GORDON

"Blowing kisses to the deacon," That's what a long-legged little girl in pinafores did some twenty years ago. O that she'd do that now and we were a deacon! We are enthralled by the account of her junoesque beauty. We'd like to have a good look at her so that we'd know how the first cousin of a princess ought to look. The photos of all female first cousins of a princess that we've ever seen show these first cousins as perfect frights!

ILSE

We knew Ilse when she was a smaller child. She was, as now, alive with the play-spirit. Having once known her, you could not forget her. Certain elements in her personality combined into temperament which was, and is, unforgettable.

And it's next Saturday morning at half past ten that she is going to sing at the Skokie School—April 14!

CRUISING

So you're going on a cruise to Samoa, Tahiti and Australasia, Dr. and Mrs. Casey Wood? May you have a wonderful time! We've never plowed the Pacific, but we'd like to. We'd like to be on board a Pacific liner right now with a good old pal of ours heading for Honolulu and cocoanuts. To be steaming through the Golden Gate enroute to the Orient would be a delicious experience. We're going some day. Our plan is to aim straight for the Hawaiian Isles. The natives will welcome us with fragrant wreaths of hahoo blooms.

From there we'd sail to the Philippines, give them their Independence, and thence northward to Japan. We'd drink tea in a cherry-blossom pavilion. Then we'd embark for Australasia, Bangkok and Madagascar. We'd renew our acquaintance with the Garden of Eden and the Golden Horn. By this time we'd be ready to return to America and the north shore.

Goodbye, Dr. and Mrs. Casey Wood!

EDUCATION OF THE NORTH SHORE

Herbert Hoover in a recent article sets forth two ideals for America. The first ideal is "to maintain a state where each individual shall have an equality of opportunity to take that position in the community to which his intelligence, ability, and ambition entitle him, and that no forces shall continue in the nation which may prevent this free rise."

The second ideal is "universal and efficient education."

Combined in one phrase, the great double ideal of our democracy is adequate opportunity and education for every individual.

Mr. Hoover then goes on to say that education "must take upon itself the development of leadership, and leadership calls for character and intelligence as well as learning." He emphasizes particularly the fact that because of inadequate education America loses many who have it in them to be leaders.

If any section of this country has taken its responsibility in this field seriously it is the north shore towns. A study of our high schools and grammar schools and private institutions will certainly show that our local educational agents, teachers and administrative officers, realize the needs of our great democracy and are working to supply these needs.

We wish to take this occasion to thank Mr. Eston V. Tubbs for the invaluable services he has rendered as principal of New Trier High School. To such leaders as he society owes a debt which it can only acknowledge, never pay!

THE APRIL TICKET

It's purple-Green would have been better. Purple suits October. Black for December. In the swamp sings the pollywog. The rococo shrubs are budding in the offing. To-morrow, or next week, they will be blooming in the same place. Chirps the young sparrow in its nest on the old post. Father forgets to buy his April ticket and fears that he will be put off at Central street. But instead, he puts off the conductor with some old alibi about having changed his clothes and is allowed to ride on. How Father will get back home in the evening we cannot say. Over the sky spreads a canopy of sad gray, threatening showers. But that can't frighten the Commuter. He's a gay old geezer.

"TIME TO PLANT PANSIES"

We saw this pleasing reminder in an ad. What a thrill it gave us! We thought of the green iris-fingers pushing up into the spring sunshine and warmth. We looked up and saw the leaf buds on the trees filagree against the April sky. The grass was taking on a living green. Time, maybe, to rake the leaves from the barberry hedge and burn the huge piles of the relics of yesteryear. We wondered if in the woods out by the Skokie, violets and hepaticas were being born. And when we read in the announcement "canterbury bells, sweet william, hollyhocks, delphinium, phlox, coreopsis," our imagination was so inflamed that we almost forgot to order two more tons of coal to last through April.

HONOR STUDENTS

The large number of our college girls and boys that win honors, scholastic and athletic, is a testimony to the good training they have received in our local schools. Outstanding examples of this success are Miss Grace Eager, one of the Honor Society of the Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio; also E. H. Yonkers, honor student at Dartmouth College.

ESTON V. TUBBS

We are sure that we are speaking for everybody in New Trier Township when we tell Principal Tubbs that we're deeply grateful for the service he has so generously given as head of our high school. He has done a great work and we're sincerely sorry to have him leave. May he be even more successful in his new field!

A TRUE PHILANTROPIST

The name of Dr. Alice Barlow Brown is one to conjure with in Winnetka. It means wonderful things done in Europe for many years past. It brings up memories of good deeds done in Europe during the Great War. When we say it we think of Florence Nightingale, and Jane Addams, the world's best women. If we see her when she comes to Winnetka it will be hard to believe that she is with us again in the flesh. May it stimulate all of us to help the needy everywhere!

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