

WINNETKA WEEKLY TALK

WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1923

Ninth Season of the Wilmette Sunday Evening Club

A SUNDAY NIGHT PROGRAM SECOND TO NONE IN AMERICA

A REAL NORTH SHORE INSTITUTION

Eleven Organizations in Kenilworth and Wilmette Co-Operate in Work of This Unique Community Enterprise

The Wilmette Sunday Evening Club, established in 1914, long ago passed the experimental stage and has now become an institution on the North Shore. Each Sunday night large numbers of people come, not only from Wilmette, but also many from Kenilworth, Winnetka, Glencoe and Evanston.

No greater Sunday night program is maintained anywhere in America. On another page will be found a partial list of those who appeared on the Wilmette Sunday Evening Club program in the last few years. These names include the President of the United States, a former Secretary of State and many others of world-wide fame.

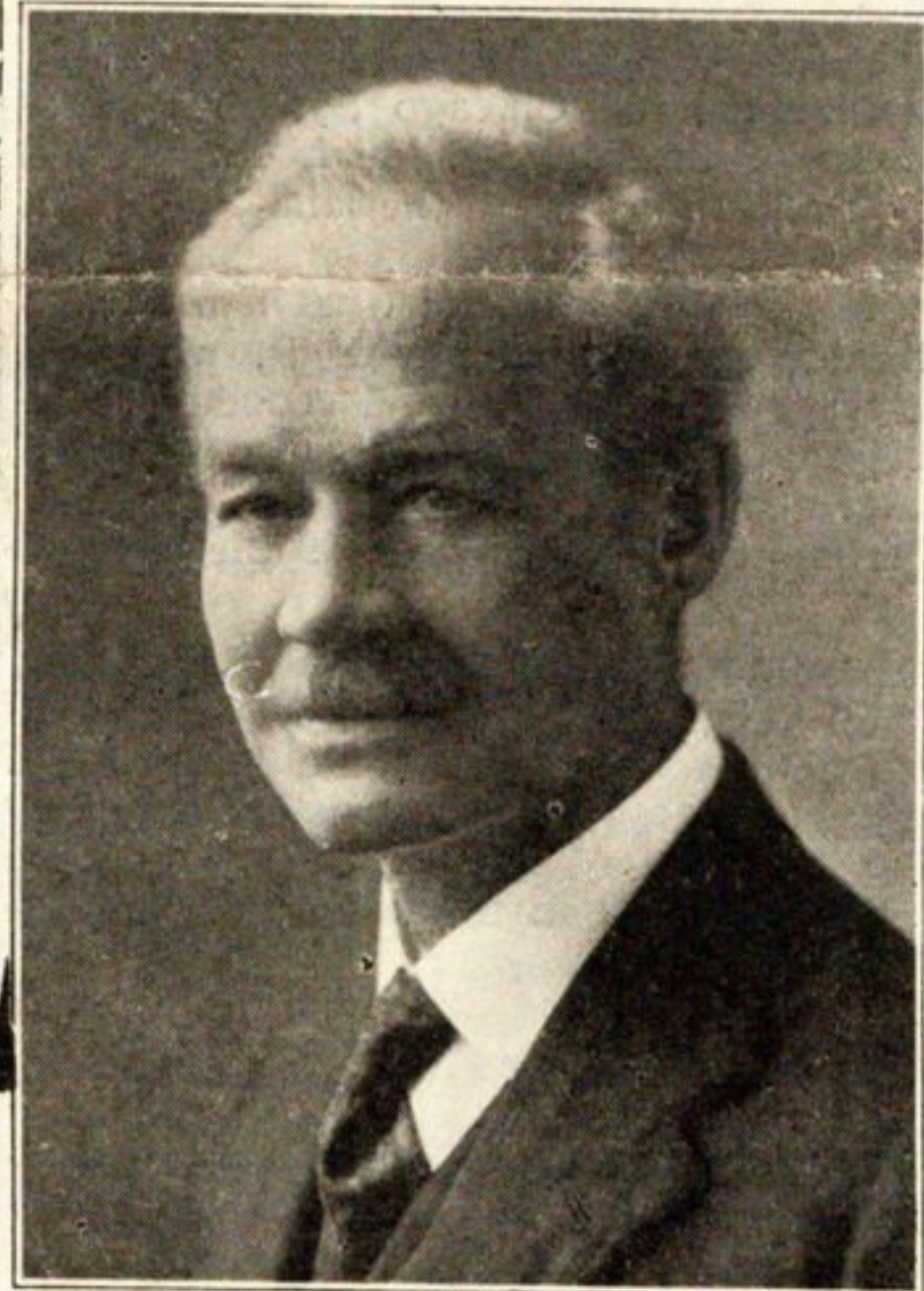
The Wilmette Sunday Evening Club meets in the First Congregational Church of Wilmette because it is the largest building in the village. In its main auditorium, chapel, galleries and organ loft this building seats one thousand people. All seats are free and every resident of the North Shore is welcome to all the meetings. The Wilmette Sunday Evening Club is non-sectarian and non-political. It is supported by its evening offerings and by a guarantee fund of about \$2,000 raised by 200 people who give \$10.00 each per year. The club year opens on the first Sunday of October and closes on the last Sunday of April.

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM

The program for 1923-24 opened on October 7, with an address by Dr. Richard Burton of the University of Minnesota on "Educational Ideals of Today." On the following Sunday, Count Albert Apponyi, former Minister of Education of Austria, and for 40 years a member of the Lower House of that country, spoke on the "Future of Central and Eastern Europe." On Sunday, October 21, Channing Pollock, author of "The Fool" now playing in Chicago, gave a remarkable address on "The Relation of the Public to the Theatre."

On Sunday, October 28, Mme. Pierre Ponaudine spoke on "Personal Recollections of the Land of the Arabian Nights." Mme. Ponaudine has written a book on the "Moslem World," and has also written a series of articles for the Atlantic Monthly on "Russia." The musical program on October 28, was presented by the Russian Cathedral Quartet, native singers of the songs of Russia. The late Czar Nicholas himself took an interest in the singers in their native Russia, and they became a part of the choir of one of Russia's world-renowned

cathedrals. Later they came to America and sang at the St. Nicholas Russian Cathedral in New York City.



—Photo by J. E. Purdy & Co., Boston
Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, noted Labrador Explorer and Missionary, who speaks in Wilmette, Dec. 2

Here they attracted much attention. Morris Gest, prominent theatrical producer, heard them sing and secured them for the part of the singing gypsies in his spectacular production of Tolstoy's "Redemption."

All of these meetings were attended by large crowds. This year promises to be one of the most successful in the Club's history. Coming speakers and music on this great program are as follows:

Sunday, November 4. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson, the sister of Theodore Roosevelt, who seconded the nomination of President Harding at the Chicago Convention, will speak on "The Americanism of Theodore Roosevelt."

Sunday, November 11. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, who has just returned from a visit to the Ruhr Valley will speak on "The Truth About the Germany of Today." Dr. Hillis is one of the world's most noted preachers and authors. He has for 25 years filled the pulpit in Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly occupied by Henry Ward Beecher. As this is Armistice Sunday, the Wilmette Post of the American Legion will attend the Sunday Evening Club in a body.

Sunday, November 18. Lorado Taft, the great American sculptor, will speak and will illustrate his address. (This date may be changed until later in the year.)

The Chicago Daily News in a recent article proclaims Mr. Taft an evangelist of beauty, and states that "certainly it is a distinction to be the man whose brain conceived and whose

hands designed the 'Fountain of Time.' This colossal group on the Midway is credited with being unique, the most elaborate and imaginative work of purely ideal sculpture ever executed in this country, if not in all the world.

The News further says that Lorado Taft is a poet whose stanzas are done in stone and bronze. He is a seer, a visioner of beauty. If he had lacked this last gift, even his most glorious dreams would never have come true.

Sunday, November 25. THE ONLY FISK JUBILEE SINGERS, the official singers from Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, and conceded to be the highest exponents of the increasingly popular Jubilee Songs of the American Negro—Fisk properly claims the term *Jubilee* because Fisk first used the term and made it significant—will render a program of songs which have literally stolen into and captured the hearts of millions who love music all over the civilized world.

Headed by Rev. James Myers, their inimitable tenor and reader, the Quintette sings itself into every mood of the hearers—every mood save hatred—and one finds himself lifted from laughter, to the most rapt and reverential atmosphere of devotion, by their rendering of the sweet plantation melodies which never fail to captivate and entrance an audience.

The Wilmette Sunday Evening Club Quartet, organized this season, is composed of four of the best known musicians in Chicago and vicinity, namely: Miss Anna Burmeister, Soprano; Miss Mary Welch, Contralto; Mr. Eugene Dressler, Tenor; Mr. Burton Thatcher, Baritone. This quartet will sing at least one Sunday in each month of the club season.

Sunday, December 2. Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, the famous explorer and missionary to Labrador, will give an address illustrated by many stereoptican views.

Sunday, December 9. Branson De Cou will present his Dream Pictures, which include the "New American Wonderland," "The Cathedral of the Woods," "The Mountain That was God" and "The Old Missions of California." These pictures and his address will be accompanied by a classical musical program on the ampico piano, which operates while the pictures are being shown. As an example, the pictures of "The Cathedral of the Woods" will be accompanied by Mendelsohn's "On the Wings of Song," Dohnanye's "Rhapsody No. 2" and Chopin's "Nocturne in G Minor."

Sunday, December 16. Mr. Fred B. Smith, vice president of Johns-Manville Company, New York—great business man, great orator and great advocate of international peace, will speak before the Wilmette Sunday Evening Club for the third time.

Sunday, December 23. Concert by the Philharmonic Quartet of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, accompanied by reading of "The Three Kings" appropriate to the Christmas season, by Miss Rita Smith, well known interpreter.

Sunday, December 30. New Year's message by Dr. George Craig Stewart.

Sunday, January 6. The second half of the year's program will open with an address by Mrs. Thomas G. Winters, the president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of America. Mrs. Winters is a most talented speaker and a widely known author. Mrs. Winters was one of the four women of America on the Advisory Committee of the Limitation of Arms Conference and was vice chairman of the National Council for the Limitation of Arms.

Sunday, January 13. This program will be given up to the work of the Parent-Teachers Association. Henry Turner Bailey, widely known speaker and teacher, will speak. The New Trier Orchestra will play.

Sunday, January 20. Bishop F. J. McConnell of Pittsburgh, one of the best known bishops of the Methodist church, will speak. Twice before Bishop McConnell has spoken before the Wilmette Sunday Evening Club.

Sunday, January 27. Dr. Edward A. Steiner of Grinnell college, noted author, authority on immigration problems, will speak for the fifth time before the Wilmette Sunday Evening Club.

Sunday, February 3. Maud Ballington Booth, known as the "Little Mother of the Prisons" will speak.

Sunday, February 10. Sir Paul Dukes, former member of the British Secret Service, will speak on his experiences while disguised as a "Soviet Official in Red Russia."

For ten months he lived in Petrograd and Moscow under various guises while he penetrated the innermost circles of the Bolsheviki.

Sunday, February 17. Concert by Harp orchestra and soloists. (This date is subject to change.)

Sundays, February 24 and March 2, 9 and 16 (Programs to be announced later).

Many people in Wilmette have over-Sunday guests. You are cordially invited to attend the Wilmette Sunday Evening Club and bring your guests with you. Your guests will appreciate the opportunity to hear the great speakers and excellent music which is presented each Sunday evening.

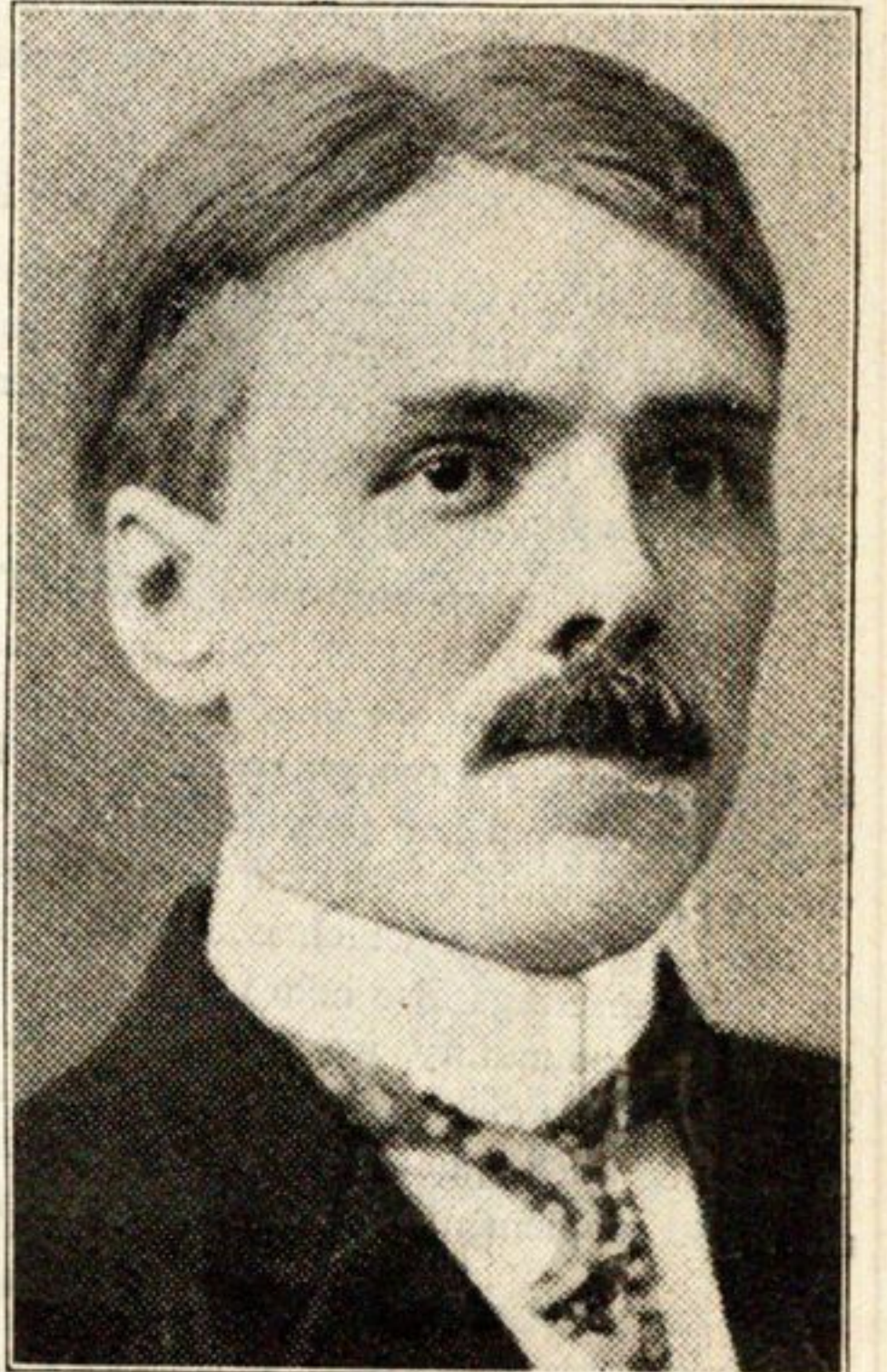
Sunday, March 23. Harry C. Ostander, who gave an illustrated address before the Wilmette Sunday Evening Club last year, on "The Religions of the World" will come again this year in a new illustrated lecture. His subject will probably be "Mexico, the Egypt of the New World."

Sunday, April 6. Sacred concert by the Women's Glee Club of Oberlin College.

Sunday, April 13. (To be announced).

Sunday, April 20. A rendition of the Stabat Mater by fifty members of the Apollo Club of Chicago under the direction of Harrison M. Wild.

Sunday, April 27, (closing date of the season). Definite announcement will be made later as to speaker. It is probable that the address on this occasion will be given by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York.



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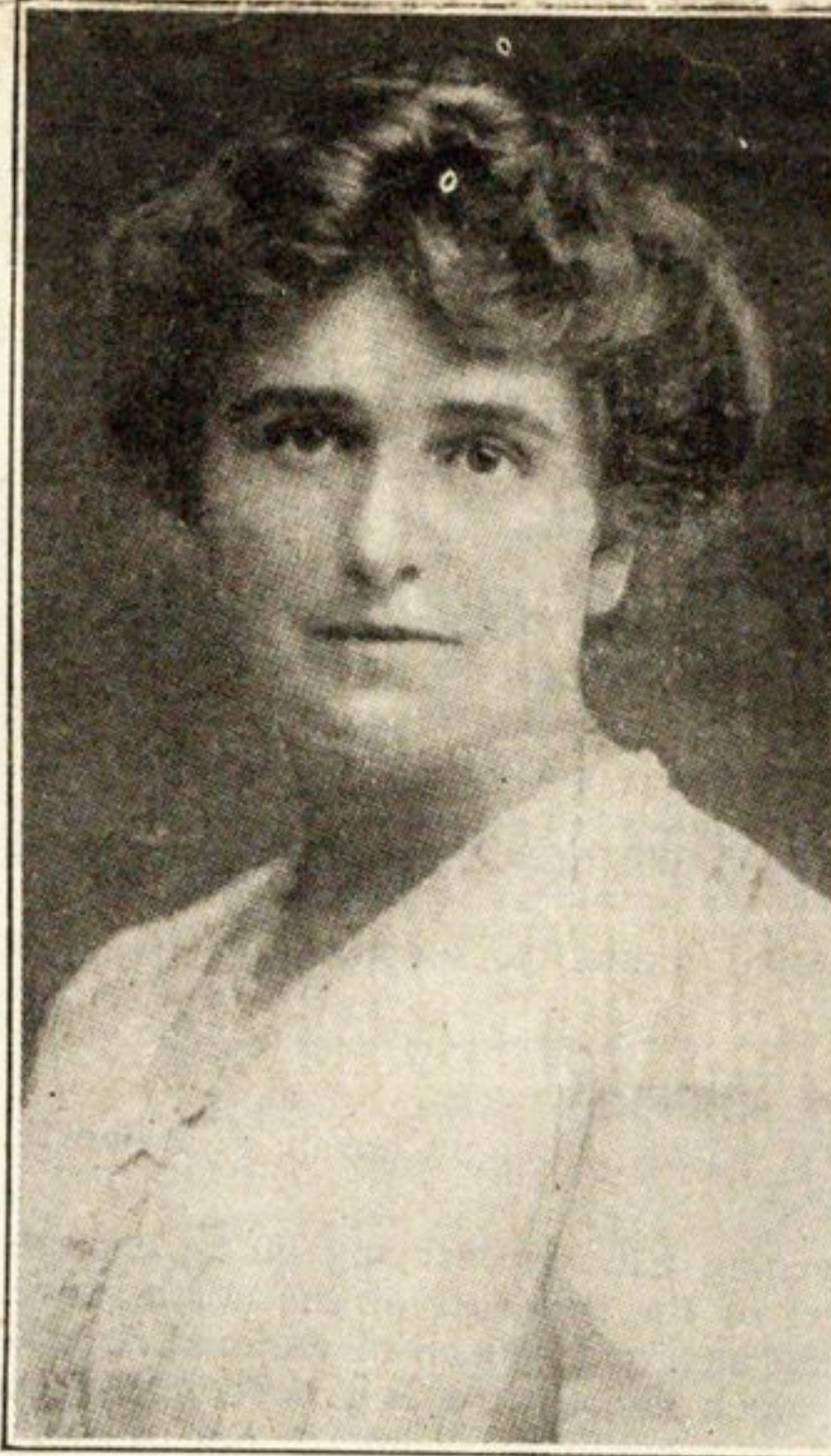
The following are members of the Executive Committee of the Wilmette Sunday Evening Club: W. Frank McClure, president; Lemuel F. Owen, vice president; C. C. Hosmer, secretary; E. Anderson, treasurer. S. C. Bennett, Dwight Chapman, H. G. Clark, William H. Ellis, A. D. Gash, J. R. Harper, G. M. Hubbard, E. R. James, George L. Martin, Joseph Michaels, J. L. Mills, H. B. Mulford, A. J. Nystrom, A. N. Page, George J. Phillips, M. B. Skinner, H. K. Snider, George W. Springer, C. E. Thompson, George Turner, E. W. Weber, T. H. West, A. H. Homrighaus, Evanston; John C. Mannerud, Evanston; J. S. Cline, Kenilworth.

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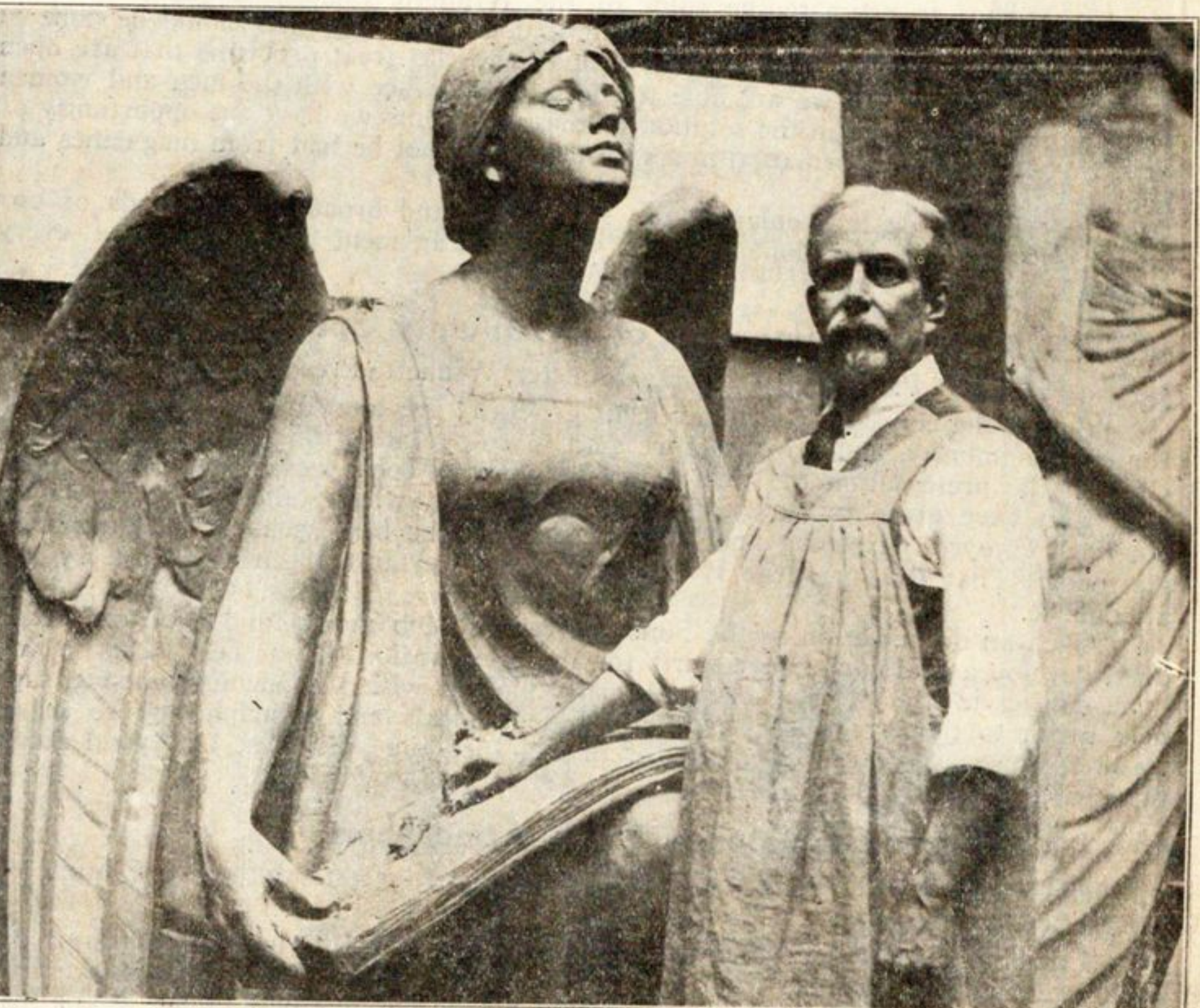
Mrs. David J. Davis and Mrs. Allen M. Rossman, representing the Wilmette Women's Club.

Mrs. H. B. Mulford, representing Central School Parent-Teacher Association.

Mrs. Donald Maxwell, representing the Logan School Parent-Teacher Association.



Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth will speak here Sunday, February 3.



Lorado Taft in his Studio with Nearly Completed Statue, "The Recording Angel."

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Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson, sister of the late Theo. Roosevelt, who speaks here Sunday, Nov. 4.