

# WOMEN URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN CIVIC DUTY

## Citizenship Deeper Than Politics Aim Of Woman's Clubs

**S**ERVICE is the word that expresses the spirit of the age. It is a word coined by the pagans, a word hallowed nineteen hundred years ago by humanity's Divine Teacher, a word that is our blessed heritage.

At the time of the World war, the women as well as the men, justified and sanctified that heritage. Immediately after the war there followed enfranchisement of women the world over. The women of our Republic accepted the tribute as their rightful heritage.

The women of the Tenth District, Illinois Federation of Woman's clubs, have earnestly endeavored to fulfill the trust. The Clubs of Tenth District have universally arranged lecture courses, given by experts on American citizenship, on current events, on use of the ballot. The study classes have been earnestly attended, thus showing a desire for knowledge of public affairs.

The American Citizenship committees are working unceasingly through their clubs. Mrs. William C. Farrell, chairman of the Department of American citizenship, urges intelligent registration of citizenship at the polls. The monthly meetings at her home have been stimulating; they breathe a fervor for concentrated community effort; they advocate adequate playgrounds, clean films, celebration of national holidays in community centers, flooding of prairies for ice skating, organized play, all the things mothers have a right to give to their children. These earnest workers in Tenth District would express the beauty of art and music in civic enterprises. All over these United States our club women are working for a "citizenship that lies deeper than politics."

But how can we accomplish such things if we fail to select proper officials to run our government?

Now, that we have come into a great privilege; now, that we have a share in running our public affairs in city, state, and nation, it is unbelievable that so plain a duty should be so neglected. In the past presidential election, women were entitled to vote for the first time. The realm of public affairs was a strange land to most of them. But four years of work and study have made the women of our country a power. A splendid instrument has been placed in our hands, the instrument of government. We share the use of that instrument with the men. Through its use we are privileged to select officials at the polls, to honestly criticize or praise the conduct of public affairs, and to hold public office whenever the call for service comes.

These duties are not reserved for some of our citizens; they fall upon all, and no one can escape the burden except by being a shirker, or in war times a slacker. When in a common enterprise for the good of all, any person fails to do his part, it merely means that he is allowing others to carry the load, a part of which belongs to him. If anyone ever deserves the condemnation of the righteous, it is he who fails to carry his part of a common burden to the full extent of his ability.

There is grave cause for apprehension when we find that 25,000,000 citizens over twenty-one years of age stayed away from the polls in 1920, when a president and many governors of states were to be chosen. After making allowances for the sick, disabled, imprisoned, insane, etc., we find that 15,000,000 citizens, with no excuse, did not participate in the common duty of electing the officials who carry on our public work. We worry over Americanization of the newly arrived immigrant, but in the presence of this infinitely greater need for the performance of plain civic duties on the part of millions of our citizens we should stand appalled. We need now a campaign of universal civic education which will bring everyone to the polls in the primary and general election. As we approach the time when the citizen is put to the test in the great game of government, in a year when local, state and national offices are to be filled, let us hope that we shall be stirred to study and action. During this year the citizen has a big role to play in the drama of civic life. Let us hope that he may play it well.

## Indian Day Feature of Catholic Club Meeting

**F**RIDAY, MARCH 28, will be Indian day at the Woman's Catholic club of Wilmette. Mrs. J. Marc Fowler, state chairman of Indian Welfare will be the guest of honor and will explain how club women may help the Indian situation.

A lecture recital of Indian folk songs will be given in costume by Mrs. Verne Harris Ewes, who will be assisted in the illustration of the songs by Mrs. Rothing who will also be in costume.

Miss Best, who is a sister of Mr. A. Starr Best of Chicago, will be here from Washington, D. C., in the interests of the Labor bureau. She will discuss "Women In Industry."

The hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. A. C. Tisdelle, Mrs. P. J. Vandenor, and Mrs. George E. Tarnow. The meeting will take place promptly at 8 o'clock.

## WINNETKA WOMAN'S CLUB

**T**HE regular meeting of the Winnetka Woman's club was held on March 6. The first vice-president, Mrs. Wallace Chickering, called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Arthur W. Cushman read the minutes of the previous meeting, in the absence of Mrs. G. Donald Dallas, secretary.

Mrs. Cushman announced that the next meeting of the club would be held March 20, with Honorable Ira Nelson Morris, former minister to Sweden, the speaker. The next musical, which will be on Thursday, March 27, will be a recital given by Miss Margaret Farr, pianist.

Mrs. Cushman then called upon Mrs. John Vennema, chairman of the program, to take charge. Mrs. Vennema introduced Mr. Dudley Crafts Watson, whose lecture on "Art and Life in Spain" proved to be one of the most delightful afternoons of travel and art. The lecturer's introductory remarks regarding the early history, climate, vegetation, the people of Spain and their customs gave his audience a realistic background for the work of the artists which followed.

Reproductions of many paintings of Murillo and Velasquez and other Spanish artists were shown on the screen with the stereopticon slides. At the close of the program Mrs. Vennema expressed her appreciation to all who helped toward making the exhibit at Community house on March 2, so successful.

The program of the day being the closing one of which Mrs. Vennema is chairman, made it opportune for her to thank her committee and members of the club for their generous assistance during the year.

The meeting was adjourned with tea served in the parlors.

## Winnetka Art Exhibit Proves Great Success

**R**ESIDENTS of the North Shore were given a rare treat on Sunday, March 2, when the Art and Literature committee of the Winnetka Woman's club gave an exhibition of the works of the Winnetka artists. Much favorable comment was heard and Winnetka residents may well be proud of their artists.

Mrs. Anita Willets Burnham showed her interesting collection and the work of her daughter, Carol Lou Burnham. Other exhibitors were: Edward Butler, oils, Cora B. Davies, oils and pastels, Frank Dillon, pastel portraits, Frederick W. Bond, Kate Bacon Bond, miniatures, Mrs. George Engelhard, oils and etchings, Mrs. Alfred Freeman, pottery, Mr. Gates, pottery, Miss Grover, stage sets and parchment lamp shades, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haag, weaving and sculpture, Hugo von Hofsten, water colors, Mrs. Hubbard, water colors, Mrs. Peter Johansen, pencil sketches, Ralph Stephenson Johansen, sketches, Mrs. Rudolph Matz, paintings, Walter Murphy, oils, Allan Philbrick, etchings and paintings, Mrs. Shippen, paintings, Mr. Snell, sculpture, Ruth Phillipps Stein, miniatures, Harry L. Timmins, oils and water colors, Sybell Vennema, water colors and modeling.

Among the young people exhibiting were: Wilfred Barton, Helen Bell, George Dickinson, Phyllis Ferry, Antoinette Lackner and Peggy Waidner.

Of all the interesting committees of the club there is none more progressive than the Art and Literature committee. Mrs. Vennema and her assistants never fail to bring pleasant and profitable entertainment to the club and to the villagers.

## HOUSEHOLD AID

Rust is an enemy to the efficiency and long life of the gas stove oven. To eliminate it, open the doors of the oven for a few minutes after the burners are lighted. This permits escape of accumulated moisture and prevents rapid condensation.

## Alexander Meiklejohn Offers Six Lectures

**A**NNOUNCEMENT is made of six lectures to be given at Northwestern university on the Norman Wait Harris foundation by Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn. Following is the program for the course. The public is cordially invited to attend these talks which will commence at 8 o'clock at Fisk hall. No ticket of admission is required.

Friday, March 14—What Have We to Teach?

Saturday, March 15—Thinking and Its Difficulties.

Monday, March 17—Conduct and Its Difficulties.

Tuesday, March 18—Democracy as an Experiment.

Wednesday, March 19—Thinking in a Democracy.

Thursday, March 20—Learning What to Teach.

Alexander Meiklejohn was born in Rochdale, England, and was brought to the United States as a boy of eight. He received his undergraduate training at Brown university with postgraduate work at Cornell. After four years of teaching at Brown, he became Dean in 1901. Eleven years later he was elected President of Amherst college. Honorary degrees have been conferred upon him by Allegheny, Amherst, Mt. Holyoke, and Williams college, and by Brown university and the University of Vermont.

Recently he has published "Freedom and the College," a collection of papers in which he attempts to define and describe the teaching and the learning of freedom.

Dr. Meiklejohn's general argument, in the present series of Harris lectures, is that we are trying to establish a scheme of education without adequate knowledge to support it, that we are at present in a stage of agnosticism concerning the main issues of life. In a very real sense, therefore, we have nothing to teach. In this situation one finds education based upon formal notions such as growth, freedom, and right method. These notions seem to him insufficient in the face of the fact that our intellectual and moral situations are beset by contradictions and dilemmas which can be dealt with only by some positive attempt to escape from our misgivings.

In the second lecture an attempt is made to outline the intellectual dilemma with which we have to deal, and the third does the same for our moral dilemmas. In the fourth and fifth lectures, Democracy is studied as a positive theory of social living, as an experiment to which we are and ought to be connected toward which, therefore, education should be directed.

The last lecture attempts to indicate what must be done to overcome our formalism and to deal with intellectual and moral problems, that is, what we must give by way of preparation for thinking them through and dealing with them wisely.

## William Morris Hughes of Australia to Speak

**W**ILLIAM MORRIS HUGHES, recently Prime Minister of Australia and admittedly the foremost leader of the Australian people will speak at the Evanston Country club the evening of March 22 for the benefit of the funds for women's buildings of Northwestern university.

As one of the leaders of this great country, William Morris Hughes has become recognized as a statesman and political leader of the first order, his fame having spread to all parts of the world. During the peace conference at Versailles, which he attended as Australia's representative, he attracted general attention by his remarkable ability, and it is admitted today that had his counsel been followed in many important respects, Germany would now be on the road to solvency and paying reparations, while France would have settled down to peaceful occupations instead of maintaining a large army.

With a thorough understanding of in-

ternational questions, Mr. Hughes will discuss "THE PACIFIC, THE COMING WORLD PROBLEM." He has the reputation of being one of the greatest living orators, his capacity as a public speaker having often settled the fate of a hotly contested election in Australia. In England, where he has addressed vast audiences, he aroused such enthusiasm that he received the unique honor of being appointed a member of the supreme council.

The patrons for this lecture include: President and Mrs. Walter Dill Scott, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Dawes, Dean and Mrs. John H. Wigmore, Mrs. and Mrs. Robert W. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Oates, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Rew, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Patten, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Shaffer, Dr. and Mrs. William G. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Mason, Dr. and Mrs. William R. Parks, Dean and Mrs. James A. James, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Scott, Reverend and Mrs. Arthur

Rogers, Reverend and Mrs. George Craig Stewart, Miss Cornelia Lunt, Honorable and Mrs. Martin M. Gridley, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sherman.


Tickets at Chandler's, or J. R. Wilbur, 1224 Maple avenue, Evanston.

## Bureau of Occupations Meets at College Club

**T**HE regular meeting of the Chicago Collegiate Bureau of Occupations will be held at the Chicago College club on Saturday, March 15, at 10:30 o'clock.

## Tenth District Meets on Tuesday, March 18

**T**HE Federation of Clubs of the Tenth Congressional District of Illinois will meet with the Ravenswood Woman's club at 10 o'clock, March 18, at the Edgewater Beach hotel.



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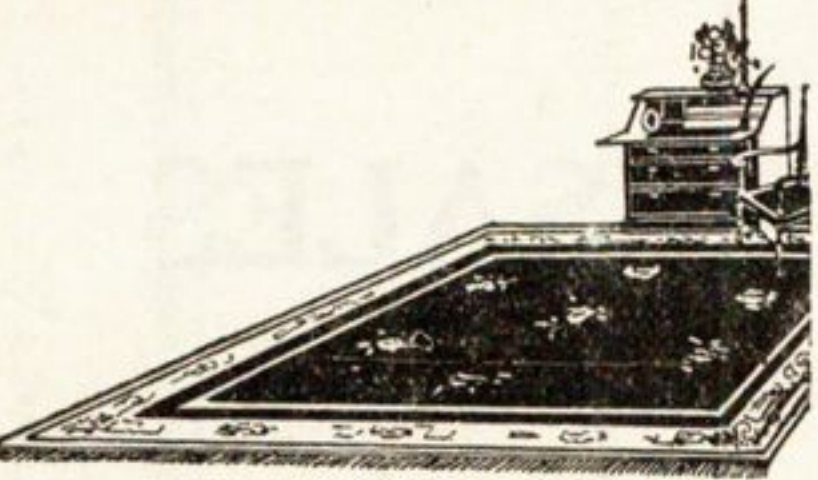
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