

### Mystery Thickens! Tell Us; Kind Sir, What Can It Be?

By OBSERVER

Well, anyhow, that much is out! She's going to appear at Skokie school, Winnetka. For signs all over town say: "The Gay Adventuress is coming, May 9 and 10, at Skokie School Memorial hall."

But, where does that get us? True, the strain in many a home was lessened when it was learned that so reputable a place as the Skokie school was to house "The Gay Adventuress" during her stay on the north shore. And the fact that the Memorial hall is the largest in these diggin's means that there'll be a large crowd on hand—both on and off the stage. So, evidently, it is going to be a large event in our lives.

But human curiosity is an insatiable thing; so thinking "What slick newspaper sleuths are we," we repaired to Carleton Washburne, Winnetka's genial school superintendent.

#### Washburne Meets Her

No luck!—for, "No," said Mr. Wash-

burne "the students are not planning any activity for those nights. True, somebody scheduled our hall for the nights of May 9 and 10, and guaranteed to use it. Who was that somebody? Well, I remember she was a bit of femininity fair to look upon, with a "come-hither" look in her eye. But when I asked her whom I should put down as the responsible party, she merely smiled and said: 'Just call me "The Gay Adventuress.'"

Who in the world can she be!

The durndest tales are going 'round! For instance, at Lee Adams' drug store, b'gosh, they do say it's nothing more than the North Shore Drama league busting into Winnetka again. Others gather around the stove say it must be at least as sparkling as a musical comedy.

But here's the wildest! Our informant, who prefers that his name remain unknown, avers that a bunch of "horse-nuts" from Chieftain, Montana, are on their way to the Louisville Derby, which is to be pulled off May 17. They have an eye to thrift—they make their way by doing stunts in school grounds, at the same time exhibiting the products of the thrift of Chieftain, Montana. And the expedition has so obsessed the denizens of Chieftain that the whole town decided to make "Louisville or bust." So,

not only the steam and electric railways are being employed, but aeroplanes, boats, automobiles, horses, oxen, and even Shank's horses! And they call their expedition "The Gay Adventuress," and the queen of the show, the beauty of Chieftain, "The Gay Adventuress."

Just between us girls, we don't cotton much to that story. Anyway, these mystery signs have got us plumb loco. The plot thickens, instead of thinning out!

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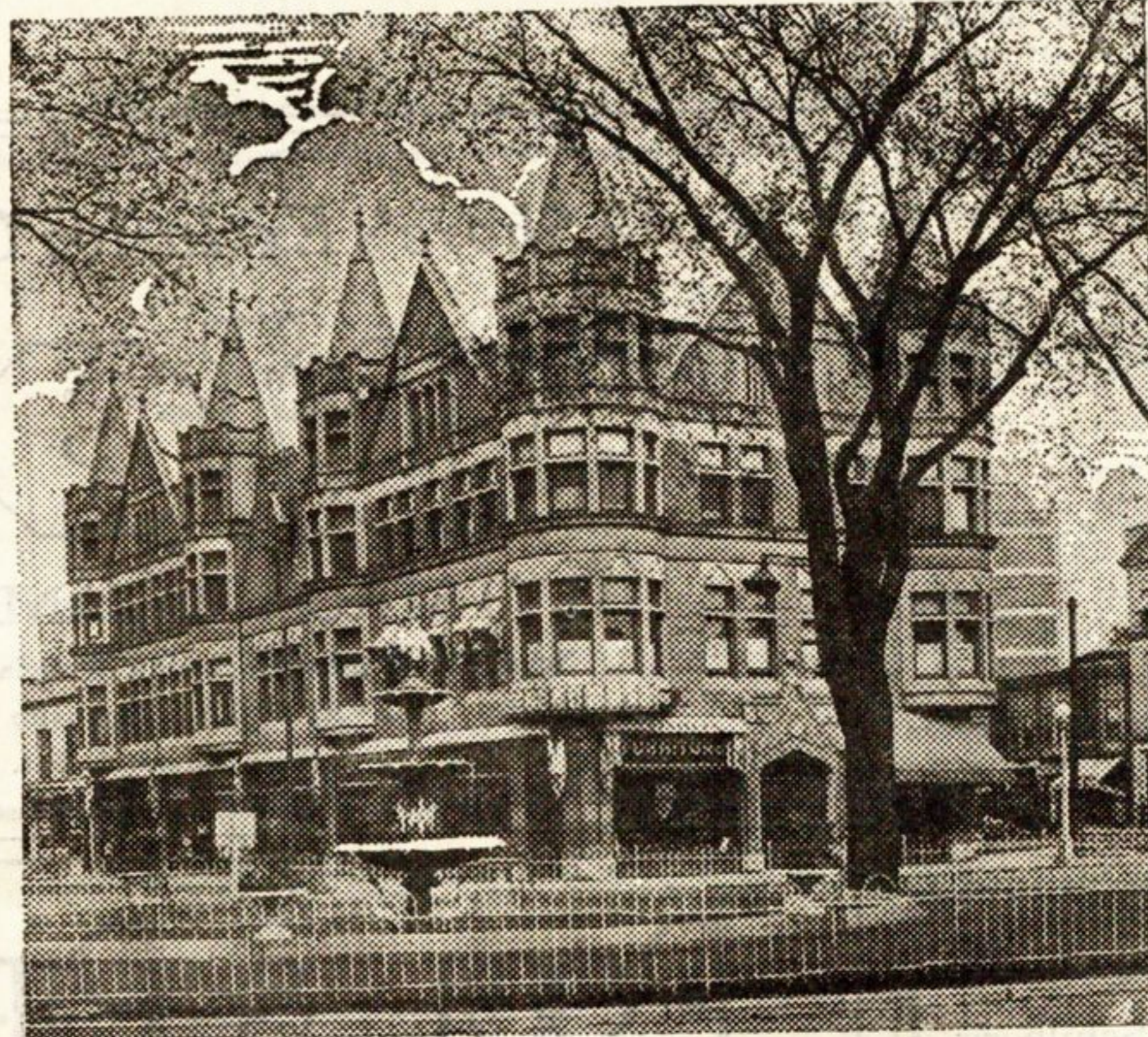
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