

CLUB PROGRAMS FOR NEXT SEASON ARE IN THE MAKING

Conference Meets to Select Best of Program Material

OF timely interest, during the lull in the activities of the local clubs, and during the season when next year's programs are uppermost in the minds of the new officers, is the account of the conference of club presidents and program chairmen which is meeting every Thursday morning during this month in Recital hall, Fine Arts building. At these Thursday morning sessions each artist desiring to appear before the women's clubs of Chicago and vicinity is given a few minutes to set forth his message or to demonstrate his talent. Names, dates, terms and questions of importance to the clubs represented are discussed. Many of the programs heard at clubs from Joliet to Waukegan are results of these Thursday morning meetings.

Seven years ago, Mrs. Charles S. Clark, of Beverly Hills, founded this organization, unique not only among women, but among men, for its members call attention to it "as the only one of its kind in the world," and as its president from the first, she has directed it into a very strong organization composed of the presidents, the program chairmen and the heads of each department of 125 clubs.

At this conference, which meets the third Thursday of each month from October until April, and weekly throughout April and May, many artists appear and are eliminated, and the program makers learn exactly what they can offer their club members. The artists, too, are thus able to make their own plans for the season. It would be almost impossible to estimate the influence this conference has, for it touches the lives of thousands of club women. It sets a very high standard for its own programs, the greatest interest is shown in securing the very best of program material and part of its policy is to bring the weight of its influence to bear on movements that tend toward cultural, moral and spiritual development of the community.

One of the programs for next season, which plays an important role in a movement of Americanization and which, for this reason, is of especial pride to the conference, is, "The Making of America." Dean Shailer Mathews, Professor J. Paul Goode and Professor William F. Dodd of the University of Chicago, Professor William James of Northwestern university, Horace Bridges, Heinrich Maurer of Lewis institute, John Vennema, consul general for the Netherlands, Countess Lisi Cipriani, and Jens Jensen are among the speakers on this program.

"The Fundamentals of American Culture" is another program, with eleven persons of prominence listed as interpreters of this thought who will be available as next season's speakers.

In addition to the president, Mrs. Clark, the officers are: Mrs. W. D. Hurbult, Mrs. Elmer A. Eulass and Mrs. Frank N. Prime, vice presidents; Mrs. R. E. Pattison Kline (of Wilmette) recording secretary; Mrs. J. Marc Fowler, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. E. Armstrong, treasurer.

Ravinia Club Members Busy Selling Books

FOR ten years or more Mr. Eckstein has felt that the appreciation of real music has its beginning in the home, and he has felt, it is said, that if Ravinia were to accomplish the purpose to which it was dedicated, "it must be more than a private enterprise, it must belong to the people and be a factor in community life." In order that this interest and appreciation might be instilled into the community by the wives and mothers through their families, Ravinia club, comprising 200 women on the north shore from Evanston to Waukegan, sprang into being.

Through these members the value of

Ravinia, sponsoring as it does the best in music for children as well as adults, has spread throughout the community at large.

Interest in the success of the coming season was awakened at the club luncheon given recently by Mr. Eckstein at the Moraine hotel in Highland Park to the officers of the north shore and the members of their committees, at which he gave a "behind the scenes view" of what must be done in preparation for a Ravinia season of concert and opera.

Stirred into enthusiasm, the chairmen immediately started action and teas and meetings for the officers and workers have been given in each village prior to the sale of books of admission tickets, now going on.

Mrs. A. W. Levy, chairman; Mrs. Perry L. Smithers, vice chairman and secretary; Mrs. Blanche Wanner, 2nd vice chairman, are those directing the work in Wilmette. Miss Isabel Cline is the Kenilworth chairman, assisted by a committee of fifteen. Mrs. Arthur Dean is chairman of the Winnetka branch, with Mrs. Archibald Shaw, vice chairman; Mrs. John Vennema, 2nd vice chairman, and Mrs. Charles F. Sargent, secretary. In Hubbard Woods Mrs. Lewis Williams, chairman, and Mrs. Warren Shoemaker, assistant chairman, head a committee of eight; Mrs. Oscar J. West, chairman; Mrs. Harold E. Foreman, vice chairman, and Miss D'Arcy Orde, secretary, are directing the work of the club in Glencoe.

The entire north shore organization is under the direction of: Mrs. Ralph Poole, president; Mrs. Frank R. Greene, Miss Caroline Kirkland, Mrs. George Lytton and Mrs. William Sutherland, vice presidents; Mrs. Arthur Byfield, recording secretary; Mrs. George Parker, corresponding secretary; Miss Juliette Brown, treasurer. Mrs. William Sutherland heads the children's day committee.

Elaborate Plans for New Home of W. A. C.

THE Illinois Women's Athletic club includes in its membership list many north shore women, many of whom will be engaged from now until June 15 in the drive for more members which commenced on Monday. On Tuesday evening a reception was held at the Belden hotel for the members, campaign workers, junior members and friends of the club.

It is expected that ground will be broken on June 15 for the club's new \$300,000 home which, it is stated, will be the largest and best maintained by any women's organization in this country.

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Winnetka Assists at Tea for Mary S. Allen

COMMANDMANT Mary S. Allen of the Women's Auxiliary corps of the London police force was the guest of honor and the speaker at the tea given by the Illinois League of Women Voters on Monday afternoon at the Casino club. She chose as her topic, "Women as Police." Mrs. William G. Hibbard of Winnetka and Mrs. Rockefeller McCormick poured at the tea table at which Miss Julia Lathrop presided.

Illinois Club Women In Session at Moline

THE twenty-ninth annual convention of the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs began a three-day session on May 20, at Moline, Illinois. On the opening day, in addition to registration and preliminary committee meetings, a dinner was given by the Moline Woman's club at the Rock Island arsenal for the board of directors and the district chairmen.

During the three-day session, prominent speakers gave talks on Americanization, immigration, and better movies.

Chicago Opera Company Signs Two New Singers

Two new singers have joined the forces of the Chicago Civic Opera company, according to the announcement made today by the management. One, Augusta Lenska, is a mezzo-soprano and the other, Douglas Stanbury, is a baritone. Both will make their American operatic debut with

the Chicago company during the 1924-25 season.

Miss Lenska was born in Auidshorn, South Africa, and received her musical education at the University of Good Hope at Capetown. She later studied at Milan and Vienna and appeared in opera in several Austrian cities. On coming to the United States, she toured the country, giving more than

100 recitals, and then returned to Europe for further operatic appearances.

Douglas Stanbury, born in Canada, comes of a musical family. He studied under the direction of Otto Morando of Toronto and has been appearing in concert recitals in the east. His repertoire includes many of the heavy baritone roles in Italian operas.

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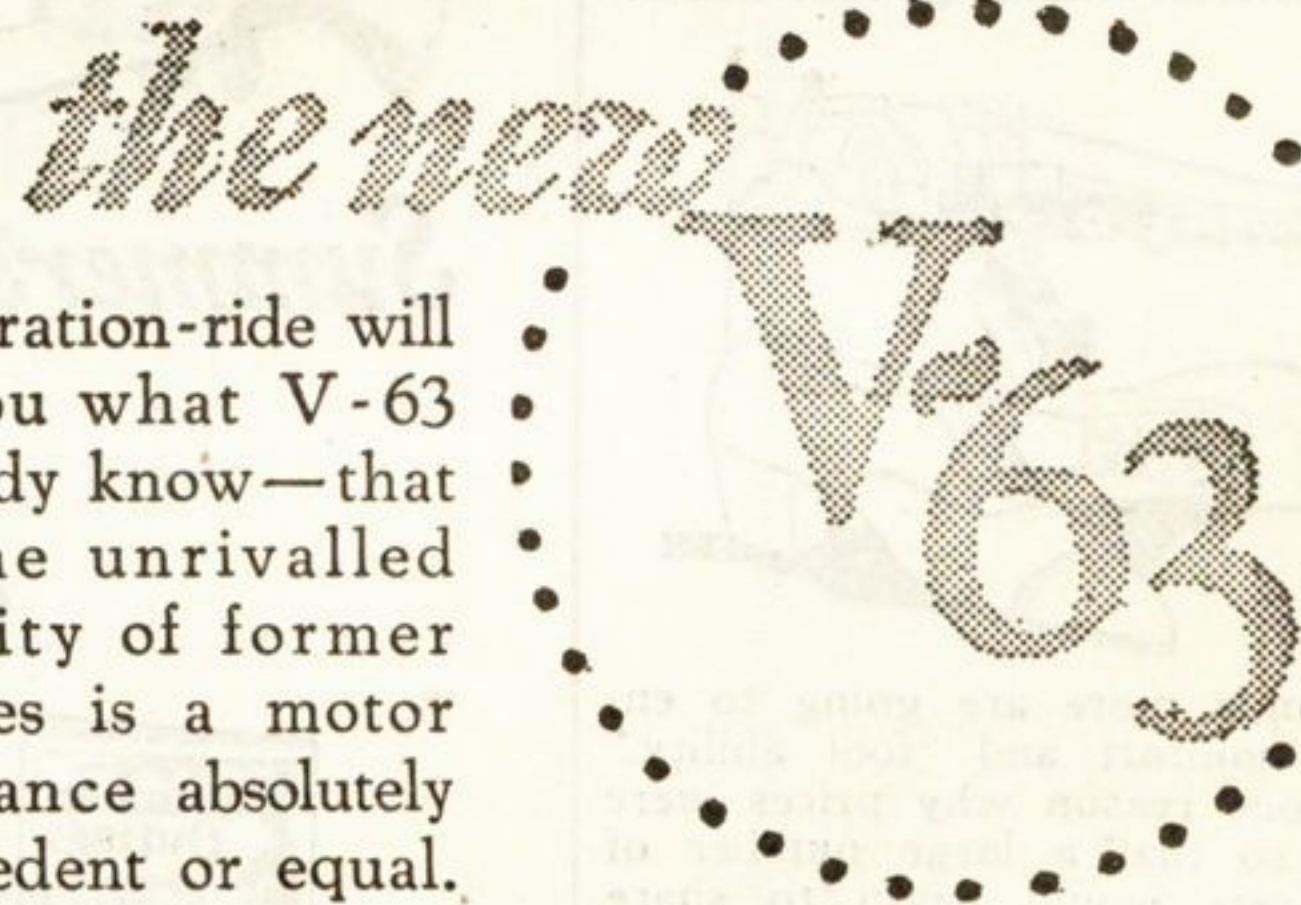
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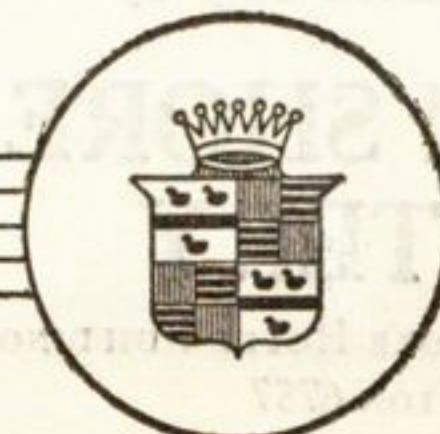


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