

STATE PRESIDENT IS VOTERS LEAGUE GUEST

New Members of Winnetka League Are Welcomed at Gala Meeting and Tea

It was a gala occasion that welcomed the new members to the Winnetka League of Women Voters at the home of Mrs. William Hale on Willow road, Monday afternoon, February 15. Cars of the 100 guests were parked half way down Mrs. Hale's long driveway. The house was decked with banks of gay spring plants. The long windows of the living room overlook a glorious expanse of Skokie, beyond which the pink light of the late afternoon sky gave an added touch of spring color.

Mrs. James Morrisson of Chicago, president of the Illinois League of Women Voters, was the guest of honor. Her welcome to the new members was a stirring call to action. She said that while women could not be held responsible for the affairs of the nation at the time of the war, they must realize that they are accountable now; that it was not enough for women to work for parks and schools and various forms of social legislation and say they knew nothing about the business side of government; that in gaining the opportunity to work for the things in which they were deeply interested, they had also taken on the responsibility of the other sides of the administration of the affairs of the state, and must be held accountable for the kind of men that were elected and the kind of legislation that was passed or neglected in every branch of government.

She spoke of the difficulties in getting good government in Chicago and Illinois because of the large political machines here. "Don't fool yourselves," said Mrs. Morrisson, "that you can get good government here by trying to defeat this party or that at the poles. As long as the men elected have the power to give out large numbers of offices, unscrupulous men will have sufficient backing among office-seekers to stay in power. The civil service examination system must be established in state and city appointments before we can hope to get rid of political machines."

Mrs. Morrisson also spoke of several social legislative measures to be worked for, and above all, of the necessity for working for permanent world peace.

At the close of the talk, Madame Gilderoy Scott of the Shakespeare Studios in Chicago, gave the following delightful program of songs:

Love Is a Dream.....Percy Peet
Faltering DuskA. Walter Kramer
SpringHildrath

As an encore she sang a quaint folk song from the Somerset. Miss Marie E. Dreier was at the piano.

Refreshments were served in the dining room, and after half an hour of sociability, the guests dispersed to their various homes.

Among members of the board of the League of Women Voters who assisted Mrs. Hale as hostesses to the new members were Mrs. Walter Benson, president of the league, Mrs. John Vander Vries, vice president; Mrs. Roger Sherman, Mrs. Isaac Rothschild, Mrs. William Hibbard, Miss Elizabeth Gemmell, Mrs. J. J. Sampson, Mrs. W. W. Shoemaker, Mrs. Robert Mehren, and Mrs. F. T. Crawford.

CRUISE WEST INDIES

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Cobb Andrews, 785 Willow road, and their son, Wayne Andrews, are leaving Winnetka February 22, to sail from New York February 25, on the Columbus, for a month's cruise of the West Indies. Mr. and Mrs. Percy B. Eckhart of Kenilworth, Mr. and Mrs. George Lytton of Highland Park, and Mrs. A. F. Reichmann of Barrington are also sailing on the same steamer.



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