



News of the North Shore Clubs



Voters' League Has Capacity Audience at Opening Meeting

The opening meeting of the League of Women Voters on Monday, October 11, in Community House, had such an attendance that Rudolph Matz hall was filled to capacity. Two hundred seventy-six reservations had been made, but at the last moment other women anxious to attend, crowded into the hall.

Mrs. John Vander Vries presided over the meeting and read several important announcements. Mrs. Hermon Butler, president of the Y. W. C. A. in Chicago, talked to the league about what that organization meant in the lives of the young working women and colored girls of our city. Mrs. Harold Ickes, president of the Chicago Woman's club, spoke of the necessity of just such an organization as our League of Women Voters has proved to be. She suggested that such a slogan as "independent of party influence" might be adopted, following it up with the statement that our great virtue is, and should be, "Courage."

Mrs. Vander Vries then turned the meeting over to Mrs. William B. Moulton, chairman of the education committee, who introduced the speaker of the day, Max Mason, president of the University of Chicago. Mr. Mason delighted the women with his "rambling," as he expressed it, and presented to us "thoughts of problems, rather than solutions." Following the field of his greatest interest, he reminded us that universities are essentially alike—it is in the details that they differ. The universities are today experimenting in order best to secure methods of training our young people to meet life's problems. That an organization should direct, rather than interfere is Mr. Mason's thought, who in conclusion said, "the future happiness of humankind lies in this continuation of the process of detailed understanding—intellectual performance."

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 o'clock.

Glencoe Library Club Announces an Important Meeting

The Woman's Library club of Glencoe will hold its second meeting on October 21, at 2:30 o'clock, in the new hall of the Glencoe Union church. The program, under the direction of the civics department, will be devoted to preparation for the coming election. There will be a brief address on "The Changing World," and the proposed revision of the tax law in Illinois will be presented and explained.

The latter half of the session will be devoted to business of the club. There will be reports from Glen Cote, the thrift shop operated by the club, and from the various departments of the club.

A method of establishing new departments will be decided upon and an important matter of business which has been referred to the club will be presented for action. Considering the importance of the business, it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

The new temporary home of the club proves to be extremely pleasant and well suited to its needs. In particular there is abundant room for the informal social hour following the program, and, judging from the gay chatter that filled this room at the last meeting, it would seem that the club fully appreciates this new opportunity.

French Club History

One afternoon in June, 1924, in response to an invitation from Mrs. Fred Patton, chairman of the civics committee of the Woman's Library club of Glencoe, a group of women gathered at her home where she notified them that action had been taken by the executive board, authorizing her to organize a club for the study of the French language, which should be known as the "French Department" and conducted under the auspices of the civics committee. The possibilities of the success of such a club, were freely discussed.

Mrs. Samuel Watson, who had lived in France and who spoke French fluently, held that ear-training should be the first step, and she favored the formation of a circle to read aloud in turn. Mrs. Fred King, a serious French scholar, insisted that nothing could be accomplished without a good foundation, and she urged intensive study of the grammar, with constant verb drills. Several housewives and mothers were present who declared they had no time for serious study, and they frankly told the group that they would not be at all interested if they were expected to begin at the beginning and study again. The observation was made that since there were only a few present who spoke French at all, the only plausible thing that could be done, was to form into graded classes and engage an instructor.

Mrs. Babize held that if only classes were formed, after a few terms of lessons the classes would disband and nothing permanent would remain. She recommended the formation of a club along parliamentary lines, after which the club could supervise classes at its discretion. Mrs. Babize was appointed to draft by-laws and present them to the group for adoption.

In the meantime much enthusiasm was generated by meetings which were held once a week at different homes, each hostess acting as chairman for the day, and as far as possible planning her own program. Finally at a meeting August 13, at the home of Mrs. Charles Witworth, by-laws were unanimously adopted, and the following officers were then elected: chairman, Mrs. Auguste Babize; vice-chairman, Mrs. Fred King; secretary, Mrs. S. R. Hurford; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Brown.

The club was christened "La Petite Causerie de Glencoe," the object being, "To promote the study of the language, the literature and the history of the French nation." The programs which were prepared in advance, consisted of a short lesson taken from a text

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The Winnetka Child Study group, Mrs. L. J. Schwabacher of 815 Ash street, chairman, will meet at the home of Mrs. Alfred S. Alschuler of 795 Lincoln avenue, Monday, October 18. The group, which has been meeting for eight years, is studying "Adolescence" this fall, and plans to have speakers come to the meetings occasionally.

Sewing for the fall apron sale of the Winnetka chapter. Order of Eastern Star which will take place in November, has been begun by the members in the chapter. The next meeting, held for the purpose of doing this sewing, will be Tuesday, October 19, beginning at 10 in the morning, and will be held at the home of Mrs. Albert Martin, 997 Vine street.

Infant Welfare Board of Winnetka to Meet

Members of the Winnetka executive board of the Infant Welfare society will meet at the home of its president, Mrs. George S. Parker, 200 Linden street, on Monday, October 18, at 10 o'clock.

All members of the board are urged to be present, it is stated, since the nurse representing Winnetka at the Chicago Commons, Miss Vanuss, will be present to speak about her work and answer any questions.

The Board also announces that if any volunteers wish to assist in the weighing of babies at the Commons on Mondays and Thursdays from 1 until 3, will they please phone Mrs. Gilbert Scribner of 812 Ash street, telephone Winnetka 584, for further information. The board further announces that if one goes by the North Shore line, she gets off at Grand avenue, and transfers to a west Grand avenue surface car which stops in front of the Commons. If one drives, Mrs. Scribner will give directions concerning the route.

Authors Meet and Read From Works at Writer's Guild

The Writers' guild held the first meeting of the season at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Warner, 154 Church road, Winnetka, on October 10.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Malloch and daughter, Jean, Mrs. Andrus Garson, Mrs. Frederick Ward, Professor and Mrs. Fay Cooper Cole and son, Lamont, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Pepoon, Mary Dickerson Donahey, Professor Charles Myall, Mrs. Millie Graham, Mrs. C. Davis, Misses Vera Davis and Fay Morris, and Mrs. Robert Justice.

Mr. Malloch read poems from his new books, "The Little Hop Skipper" and "Be the Best of Whatever You Are." Dr. H. S. Pepoon gave a summary of his book "The Flora of the Chicago Area." Mary Dickerson Donahey gave an interesting description of her "Teenie Weenie" summer home at Grand Marais, Mich. Prof. Myall read one of his plays, "The Shadow Woman," which has been presented by the Theatre guild of Wilmington, Dela. Professor Cole reviewed the new scientific work, "The Nature of the World and of Man," which has been written by sixteen of the leading scientists of the University of Chicago.

Both Dr. Pepoon's and the work to which Dr. Cole is contributing author, are written to appeal to laymen.

The next meeting of the guild will be held in November.

Mrs. Anthony F. Merrill Opens Talks in Winnetka

Mrs. Anthony French Merrill, noted all along the north shore for her talks on current events, again will give a course of twelve lectures on books and current events at the Winnetka Woman's club commencing Wednesday, October 20.

The tickets for the series can be purchased from the chairman of the committee in charge of sponsoring the lectures, or any member of the committee, composed as follows: Mrs. Warren Agry, chairman; assisted by Mrs. Alex S. Anderson, Mrs. James P. Gillies, Mrs. F. W. Fairman, Mrs. E. E. Stults, Mrs. Warren Shoemaker and Mrs. Dick Payne.

Adolescence the Subject of Talk at Woman's Club

The subject of adolescence is always debatable ground for parent, teacher or lecturer, and believing that "Problems of Adolescent Discipline" are of paramount interest to most mothers, the education committee of the Winnetka Woman's club announces a lecture on this topic by Thomas J. McCormack. The lecture will be given at the next meeting of the Woman's club, Tuesday, October 19, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. McCormack, an educator and psychologist, has lectured in many cities in the United States addressing Parent-Teacher organizations, educational societies and women's clubs. He is director of the LaSalle-Peru-Oglesby Junior college. Mr. McCormack's talk will be of great interest to the club, it is felt, because he was the first to apply the principles of mental hygiene systematically to the personal problems of all pupils, the superior, as well as the mediocre and sub-normal.

He is not a theorist, but a practical man, who applies his theories, it is announced.

Plan Rummage Sale for Benefit of the Junior School Boys

The Chicago Junior school, situated a mile north of Elgin, which is taking care of boys from "broken homes," will be the beneficiary of a rummage sale given by the North End branch, Friends of Chicago Junior school, one of several organizations throughout the city and suburbs whose activities are directed towards the progress of the school. The sale will be held the last week of October, the place to be announced later. Those interested are asked to participate by making contributions either of clothing—dresses, coats, shoes, hats, anything—or any furniture or other household goods.

Mrs. Mabelle R. Johnson, Bittersweet 2366, chairman of the rummage committee, will make arrangements to call for and take care of all contributions.

The boys of the Chicago Junior school have wholesome and homey living quarters and excellent instructors to direct both study and play hours, it is announced, in order to fit them for real American life and citizenship.

Members of the North Shore End branch residing in Wilmette, Winnetka and Glencoe are: Mrs. G. R. G. Fisher, Mrs. A. E. Lundquist, Mrs. Albert J. Nystrom, Mrs. M. W. Zabel and Mrs. Harold Molter, of the former village; Mrs. Edgar Foster Alden, Mrs. Elwood Ankrum, Mrs. Patricia Jennings, Mrs. George Karnes and Mrs. James J. Kennedy, of Winnetka; Mrs. H. Marshall, Mrs. G. Albin Nilson, Mrs. Perry Ulrich and Mrs. D. A. Day, of Glencoe.

TO SWELL ORGAN FUND

The Winnetka circle of the St. John's Lutheran church of Wilmette will give a supper at the Christ church Parish House, Oak and Linden streets, Winnetka, Tuesday, October 19, from 6 until 8 o'clock. The proceeds from the supper will go toward the new organ that the church is planning to install in the building located at Park and Wilmette avenues in Wilmette. Everyone is invited to attend the supper, and may come any time during those hours.