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## OLD IRONSIDES

*Ay, tear her tattered ensign down!*

*Long has it waved on high,*

*And many an eye has danced to see*

*That banner in the sky;*

*Beneath it rung the battle shout,*

*And burst the cannon's roar;—*

*The meteor of the ocean air*

*Shall sweep the clouds no more.*

*Her deck, once red with heroes' blood,*

*Where knelt the vanquished foe,*

*When winds were hurrying o'er the flood,*

*And waves were white below,*

*No more shall feel the victor's tread,*

*Or know the conquered knee;*

*The harpies of the shore shall pluck*

*The eagle of the sea!*

*Oh, better that her shattered hulk*

*Should sink beneath the wave!*

*Her thunders shook the mighty deep,*

*And there should be her grave;*

*Nail to the mast her holy flag,*

*Set every threadbare sail,*

*And give her to the god of storms,*

*The lightning, and the gale!*

—O. H. Holmes

No activity is more needed in America than the conservation of natural resources, especially the saving of such attractive features as waterfalls, forests, and unusual phenomena like great caves and hot springs. America the beautiful, must be kept beautiful. The

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### League

forces tending in the opposite direction are numerous and powerful. They can be held in check only by forces more powerful than they, by public opinion expressed in law.

Public opinion is most effectively roused and kept alive by concerted and continuous activity of individuals and organizations, and doubtless more effectively by organizations than by individuals. The former is, in the nature of the case, much stronger and longer lived.

The Izaak Walton League with its national and local organization has done much and will do much more in keeping America beautiful, in protecting our native wild animals, in keeping unspoiled our rivers and lakes. To materialize these aims the League has brought pressure to bear on legislators, and thus secured the passage of appropriate laws.

Suppose it were the evening of January 3 and you were simply dying to hear some good piano music. If you happened at the

## Bringing

### Them to Us

time to be in Western Springs or Maywood, you'd have to keep on dying, because there wouldn't be any good piano music in that particular neighborhood. But if you happened to be at that time in Winnetka or one of the adjacent towns, and had a ticket, you could go to New Trier Auditorium and hear one of the greatest living pianists, "the greatest woman pianist of the present, Guiomar Novaes."

Five or six times during the season this opportunity of hearing a master musician is given to dwellers in our shore towns. They may hear and see Schipa, the foremost lyric tenor; Spalding and Hansen, two of the world's foremost violinists; Werrenrath, a famous baritone. And if our North Shore citizens attend all these recitals, imagine what a series of inspiring experiences they will have; experiences that are denied to the vast majority of Americans, not to mention other unfortunates in other countries of the world.

We should therefore be very grateful to the Winnetka Music Club, which has given us these privileges. In securing these extraordinary artists and in arranging to the innumerable details involved in arranging for dates, printing and distributing programs and tickets, etc., etc., the members of the Club have expended untold energy. Perhaps the most appropriate expression of our gratitude will be our continued appreciation and enjoyment of what is offered us so liberally, and with such rare concern for our genuine satisfaction.

The north shore is fortunate in that it is not obliged to import its public speakers and solo musicians but on occasion can draw on its residents for entertainment and inspiration. Many other towns of equal size must bring in outside help to make out programs

## Local Talent

of any importance. A study of the directories of Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka and Glencoe will disclose the names of several men and women not unknown to fame.

For example, at a recent afternoon concert of the Little Symphony orchestra Miss Winifred Mickey of Wilmette furnished the piano solos to the great satisfaction of the audience. At the evening performance Mr. Howard Preston, also of Wilmette, well-known bass-baritone in grand opera circles, presented two classic solos.

We trust that we shall be pardoned for thus taking pride in the successes of our home talent. A father is foolish who is over fond of his talented offspring, but is there any harm in his calling passing attention to the fact that under his humble roof a star or two is shining?

It's good sense to buy your stamps for letters and parcels at your local post office. Help swell their volume of business. The bigger their sales the bigger appropriation they can get from Uncle Sam and the better accommodation you'll get. So do all your mail business at your home post office.

## SHORE LINES

HAVING ENJOYED OUR JANUARY THAW OVER THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY INSTEAD OF IN ITS ACCUSTOMED PLACE AT THE BREAK OF FEBRUARY, WE MAY NOW EXPECT A YEAR OF UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS AT EVERY HAND. ON THE CONTRARY, HOWEVER, THE DAY OF THIS WRITING IS TYPICALLY JANUARY, ESPECIALLY SO SINCE THE CUSTODIAN OF THE EDITORIAL FURNACE NEGLECTED HIS FIRES OVER THE WEEK-END SIESTA PERIOD.

We suggest as a sideline for those who have tired of the radio hobby, a careful study of the 1927 Almanac, and more particularly that portion relating to the weather forecast for 1927. It is surprising how often you can catch the weather man off his stride. In 1926, for example, we found him to be wrong exactly 365 times. The other quarter of a day in the year found his prognostications to be fairly accurate.

## THE MARTYR

One of Wilmette's prominent business men was observed emerging from a certain north shore beautification parlor (customarily reserved for the feminine gender) sporting a glistening manicure in addition to other evidences of careful grooming. When asked the why and wherefore of this presumably untoward circumstance he replied with feeling: "Well, all chairs in all the barber shops were filled, including the waiting benches, and nary a man in sight, unless, of course, one may regard the modern tonsorial artist as such. I had to get this job done up in a hurry and the only places that didn't seem to be busy were the beauty shops." (That he was well served is further evidenced by the fact that he secured a neatly marked toupe, a brilliant afterthought of the aggressive, not to mention beautiful manicure).

Not content with having presented its citizenry with an Xmas gift in the shape of a splendid municipal bank balance for 1926, the Wilmette Village board went a step further by "saying it" with a new fire siren. The initial test of the new and terrifying device brought so many citizens into the street that a passing stranger suspected Wilmette of having an oversized volunteer fire fighting organization. Fortunately, the test was made in daylight.

## "Earlier Chicago"

Glancing over the initial copy of the Daily Chicago American, dated April 9, 1839 (for which we are indebted to Miss Florence Wood, Wilmette oculist) we note items of interest as follows:

Steamboats were negotiating the trip from Buffalo to Chicago in seven days.

"B. W. Raymond and company, general dealers in staple and fancy dry goods, and staple groceries, Lake street, a few doors west of the Tremont House."

Benjamin W. Raymond is mayor of Chicago, and John H. Kinzie, an alderman.

A man escaped from the Cook county jail. A reward of \$25 for his capture (establishing the precedent).

Copies of the Daily American sold at six and one-quarter cents each. All advertisements were payable strictly in advance.

The public was kicking about taxes.

Under the heading, "Commerce of Chicago":

Year	Arrivals	Tonnage
1833	4	700
1834	176	5,000
1835	250	22,500
1836	456	60,000

"The subscribers will exchange smoked hams, pork, lard or lumber for Michigan money—Newberry and Dole."

"Ten bbls. of whiskey just received and for sale by G. S. Hubbard and Co."

"Dewey's Tincture—a safe and efficacious cure for ague and fever."

The issue of the Daily American from which the above bits were gleaned represents the first issue of the first daily newspaper ever published in Illinois. The editor and proprietor is William Stuart. He is a man of vision! Just read this editorial comment:

"When Alton supports her Semi-Weekly, and Galena issues her Tri-Weekly, cannot Chicago, with advantages superior to both combined, sustain a Daily? Possessing a flourishing population of 6,000—with her chain of noble lakes connecting her with the Atlantic on the one side, and the expanding valley of the mighty Mississippi opening to her its growing treasures on the other, she already stands in her infancy, the Queen City of the state, as she is destined to be of the Great West."

Further, in a comment to "correspondents and others," Editor Stuart writes: "As we wish to make our paper what its name implies, a news paper, we shall always be very thankful to our friends for any information which they may from time to time furnish us, interesting to our readers. An editor, in fact, should possess the power of ubiquity and intuition, but, as he is not thus blessed above his fellows, he must depend like others on the usual sources of intelligence."

—MIQUE.