

Real Mrs. Dawes of Evanston Described in Magazine Article

That "the real Mrs. Dawes is the Mrs. Dawes of Evanston" is told the world in an article by Frederick L. Collins appearing in the current issue of the Delineator.

Mr. Collins, who has recently relieved himself of various articles in various periodicals concerned with the vice president, has turned his pen to a sketch of "the wife" which north shore folk are reading with interest and appreciation.

Describes "Chateau" on Lake

Leading up to the place occupied in Evanston by Mrs. Dawes, Mr. Collins details her earlier years, her marriage and her diplomatic circling in Washington. And then he writes in part:

"The real Mrs. Dawes is this Mrs. Dawes of Evanston. To know her intimately, you must go out to see her in her big house on the banks of Lake Michigan. It is hard to classify—unless it be set down as a suburban architect's idea of a French chateau—just a big, comfortable house, substantially built and beautifully set, depending for its effectiveness on the people who live in it, and the atmosphere they create.

"The furniture is massive; the rugs dark. And, of course, there is the grand piano by the window where Charlie sits and plays and looks at the lake, while Mrs. Dawes and her guest are waiting for him to come back and carve the chicken! The note of comfort is stressed above that of style. At the same time, there is an impressive, a certain heavy elegance, about the great square rooms, which open into each other in a generous, friendly way, wholly characteristic of the general and his wife."

Mr. Collins remarks about the war activities that were in order in this great house, and the subsequent collection of the vice president's war relics "into a room at the left of the hall," and then proceeds to state:

"The hospitality which the vice president's wife dispenses in this great mansion is that of the most simple kind. . . . She heads every list of patronesses in

Evanston—but seldom appears at the events she patronizes, unless they are in behalf of her favorite charity, the Illinois Children's Home and Aid society. She belongs to innumerable clubs, which she never attends. She finds her chief occupation—and her chief joy—in her own home. . . . She isn't the kind that wishes to 'get' anywhere except within the circle of her family and friends. Her closest associates have always been the women who live near her, or who are active in her pet charities, or who have children in the same schools Dana and Virginia attend. . . . She keeps the same servants year after year, and keeps their friendship. She often answers her own doorbell. Ever since her husband's election, old neighbors tell of 'running in' to see the second lady in the land, and being 'let in' by the lady herself. She invariably answers her own telephone; and will talk with anyone on any subject; unless that one is a reporter, and that subject is herself.

"She wears almost no jewels, at most a small pearl necklace or a string of beads. She chooses her clothes for their inconspicuousness quite as much as for their style. She affects dark colors, usually blue. She does her very pretty hair in the way that seems easiest, brushed out on both sides, with a few locks over her forehead and she covers it when she goes out with hats that afford plenty of room. She wears skirts that are scandalously long. But even they cannot conceal the usual grace of her movements as she strolls—a really charming picture—along Evanston's tree-lined streets."

Miss Marigold Langworthy is returning to the East today after spending a week at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Langworthy of 832 Bryant avenue. Miss Langworthy is to be in a play that will be produced in Provincetown, Cape Cod, during the summer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Janney, 657 Spruce street, are leaving Monday for Boston, where they will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on June 18. Their daughter, Miss Marjorie Janney, who attends Smith college, will join them and return to Winnetka with them.



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