

CONTINUE SWEDISH SERVICE

Contrary to rumor, the Swedish services of the Christian Fellowship will be continued throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings at 8, at Christ church Parish House, it was announced this week.

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Garden Club Meets Today; Hears Jesse Smith Monday

The regular meeting of the Kenilworth Home and Garden club will be held at the home of Mrs. C. G. Littell, 322 Woodstock avenue, today. Dr. Franklin Martin, a former resident of Kenilworth, will speak about the nation-wide campaign against the invasion of such vast hordes of mosquitoes upon the summer peace. He is a representative from the Gorgas Memorial society, which exterminates the mosquitoes in the Panama district.

Charles Howe, a prominent Boy

Scout, this year is offering his services to investigate the possible breeding places around Kenilworth. Representatives from other garden clubs will also be present.

Following a different trend of horticultural thought the Home and Garden club will listen to a talk given by Jesse Smith, on "Wild Flowers and Natural Planting" at the home of Mrs. R. C. Johnston on Melrose avenue, Monday, June 11. Mr. Smith is the principal of the Elm Street school in Highland Park. The members of the Kenilworth Garden club are to be invited as guests.

Motor Club Opens Fight Against New State Gasoline Tax

Legal attack has been made against the new Illinois gasoline tax. Frederick O. Mason of the law firm of Miller, Gorham, Wales and Noxon, and Joseph H. Braun, counsel for the Chicago Motor club, have filed a bill in the circuit court of Sangamon county, drafted for the purpose of testing the validity of the gasoline act and enjoining its enforcement.

The bill runs against the state treasurer, Omer N. Custer, director of the department of finance, A. C. Bollinger, and the auditor of public accounts, Oscar Nelson. "It seeks to restrain these officers from using any of the money appropriated by the legislature for the purpose of carrying out the provision of the act," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club.

"The bill was not filed by any individual taxpayer, but by the Chicago Motor club itself as a resident and taxpayer of this state on the plea that the organization owns and operates a fleet of motor vehicles using gasoline as motor fuel. The bill for injunction states that A. C. Bollinger, director of the department of finance of the state, is about to expend portions of a \$50,000 appropriation for the printing of various forms in connection with the collection of the tax, and is about to expend other portions of this appropriation for the employment of clerical help and the purchase of office furnishings and supplies and in fact that some of the \$50,000 already has been spent.

"The bill alleges that the act is invalid because it violates the constitution of the state of Illinois, which requires the purpose of an act to be expressed in its title, in that the title purports to impose a tax on the sale and use of motor fuel, but Section One of the act exempts kerosene oil, kerosene oil being in fact a motor fuel, and in extensive and daily use as such. Therefore, the purpose of the act as expressed in the provisions of the act is not to tax all motor fuels, but only certain motor fuels. Furthermore, that the legislature cannot merely by its declaration change the characteristic of kerosene and declare it not to be a motor fuel, when, as a matter of fact, it is motor fuel. Also that the provisions of the act itself do not attempt to impose a tax on motor fuel, but only on motor fuel used for one particular purpose, viz., the operation of motor vehicles on the public highways, and this purpose is not expressed in the title of the act; that while the title says the purpose is to impose a tax on the sale and use of motor fuel, the act itself declares the purpose not to tax motor fuel, but to tax persons using the highways for the operation of motor vehicles; and that, therefore, the real purpose of the act is not expressed in the title.

"The Chicago Motor club," concludes Mr. Hayes, "is making this fight on behalf of the motorists of the state and proposes to see the legal battle through to a finish. We feel that it is right and proper that the Chicago Motor club should file the bill in its own name for the reason that the Chicago Motor club has fought the gasoline tax for the past two sessions of the legislature. Our attorneys believe that the bill ultimately will be declared invalid and its enforcement enjoined.

Andrew J. Mouat, 616 Lake avenue, returned Tuesday after spending two weeks at the American Whist League tournament which was held in Hanover, N. H. Mr. Mouat is an old time member of the league, and during the recent tournament obtained five high scores.



Testing Times

ON a levee at a bend in the Mississippi a thousand men were building with sand-bags a second-line defense against rising waters which threatened hundreds of miles of fertile cropland.

Over a telephone, housed in a wooden box nailed to a tree, an engineer was talking to headquarters—reporting on the progress of the work, asking for reinforcements and additional material, receiving Weather Bureau forecasts which would be vitally important to him in planning the strategy of this grim battle for lives and property.

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