

VISTA DEL LAGO IN PRE-OPENING EVENTS

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Vista del Lago was open early to permit the members and their guests to indulge in a bit of inspection, before the evening's entertainment began. That inspection was a jaunt through old Spain, with a bit of California influence to brighten things. What they saw was this:

Esplanada Big Feature

A long esplanada, which interpreted from the Spanish means a prominent walk, with a mission bell tower over a big room, the lounge at the south end. In the center of the west wall a nook in which hang three mission bells augmented by a typical Spanish fireplace depicting Cervante's life of Don Quixote. To the right of the entrance to the lounge there is a Spanish fountain, imported and unique in tile design.

Enter the lounge and there is Spain brought to America. It is called the Sorolla lounge and on the walls are copies of the famous murals done by that famous painter. But there is more. There is a great Spanish casque, and on a pedestal there is a miniature Spanish ship of the trader type. Then there is the furniture and that too is of Spanish design.

A stroll north on the esplanada brings one to the grill. Very near the entrance to this room there is a typical Spanish window, reaching the floor. In the grill there is Spanish furniture and on the walls are posters of famous bull fighters. Over the door there is a bull's head in fancy colors.

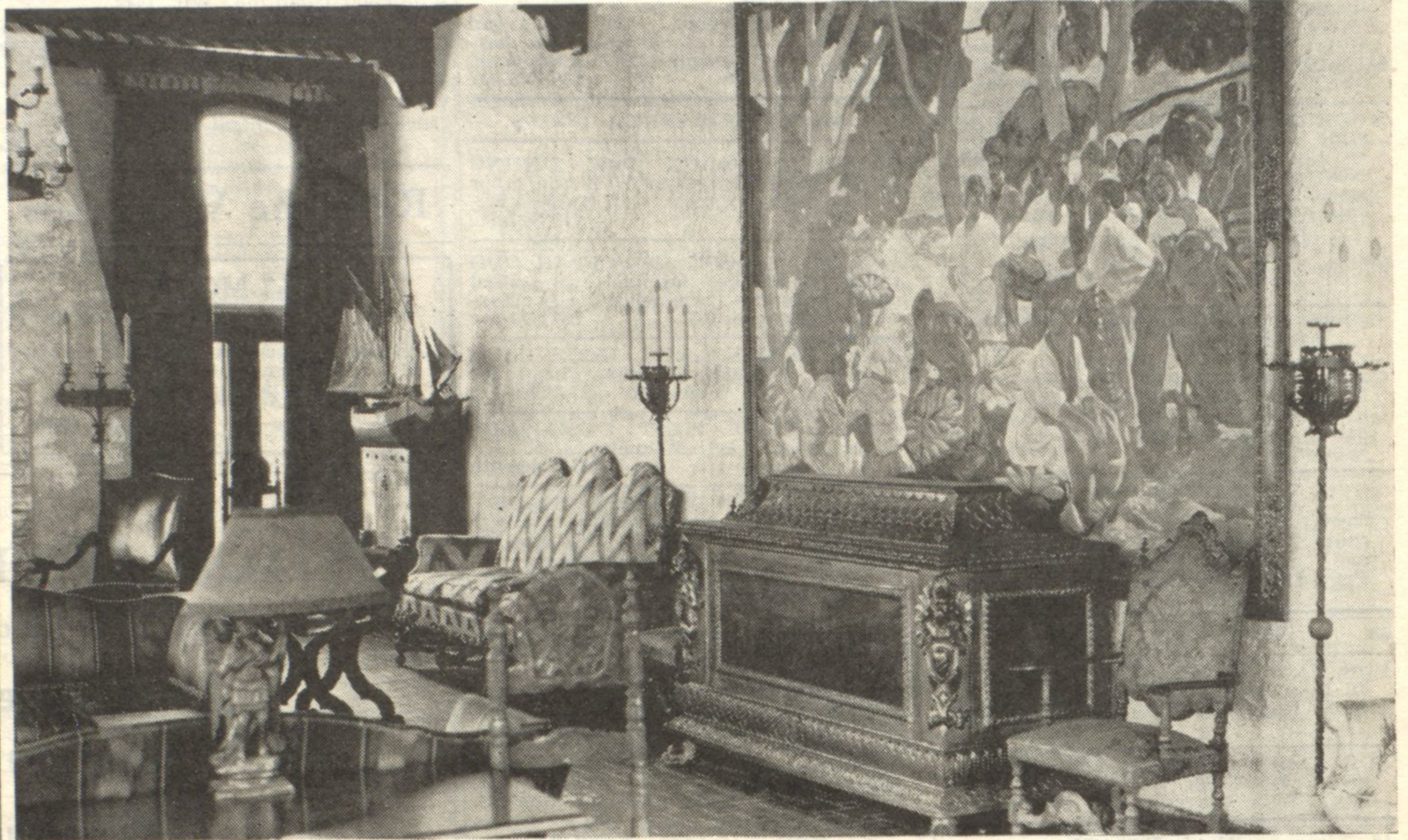
A stairway leads from the esplanada to the first floor, where are found the locker rooms, outside of which there is a long walk called the embracadero. That is Spanish meaning a wharf extending into the water. This walk doesn't do that, but the unit itself is so close to the lake that that one on the esplanada could easily imagine he was over the water. The kitchen is at the north end of the embracadero.

Encourage Life in the Open

Dotting the embracadero and the beach are tables and chairs and vari-colored parasols. To encourage life in the open, the club has arranged to serve meals to those who happen to be in bathing suits.

Everywhere one looks there is found a Spanish name. Over the arches on the embracadero we read San Luis de

Vista del Lago Club Which Stages Gay Pre-Opening



The Sorolla Lounge

Francia, Santa Ynez and other names. Those are famous old missions of Spain. On the floor of this beach level there have been painted grotesque and amusing pictures.

The inspection at an end, the evening of entertainment began. An orchestra produced gay music while vari-colored flood lights played on the beach. Miss Isabel Cline, soprano, recently connected with Ravinia opera, sang several songs and won applause. Spanish songs were sung by El Senor Don Alberto S. Gutierrez, who has just completed a tour of the United States with the Orpheus Grand Opera Concert company. Other features which rounded out the program were a volleyball game between gaily bedecked girls in bathing suits on the beach, a burlesque bull fight between two young men, and Mentora, the Spanish dancer.

After the entertainment there was dancing on the esplanada.



The Esplanada

View of Vista del Lago Beach



Cosmo D'Almada Baritone, Sings Before Students

Cosmo D'Almada, baritone, an international singer who is vacationing in America, contributed his talents to the National Kindergarten and Elementary college for its closing assembly of the summer session on Thursday of this week.

Signor D'Almada will return to Italy in the autumn to continue his engagement in opera both in Milan and Rome, and later in Cairo, Egypt, and Spain. He is now an American citizen and one of whom Americans will be increasingly proud. Because of his Spanish blood he is, perhaps, more at home in the music of that country, although he sings in several languages. His con-

certs over W. G. N., the Tribune station, have introduced him to the radio audience and those who have met him and heard him at close range pronounce him an inspirational singer of great excellence.

Signor D'Almada's program Thursday consisted of seven groups of songs in six different languages, the Italian, German, Spanish, English, Latin, and French, and included many old favorites.

President Baker and the college faculty held a reception in honor of Signor D'Almada immediately after the musicale when the guests of the college were able to meet the artist.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay O. Smith, and their family, of 848 Spruce street returned to Winnetka Sunday. They had spent three weeks at Pelican lake.