

FLORENTINE FAIR IS COLORFUL, GAY EVENT

Mere Man Gets Genuine Thrill in First Visit to Festive Enterprise at St. Elisabeth's

By Observer

Ever go to a Florentine Fair? Sounds like sunny Italy—the colorful and bizarre, gayly garbed ladies, gay and smiling—yes, we'd drawn a mental picture of a gay and festive time in Florence. Having run the gamut of Fairs in our time, including county and a few world's Fairs thrown in, a Florentine Fair opened a new avenue of entertainment and we didn't miss the chance to "improve our Fair knowledge."

But we didn't have to go to Italy. We stepped into the parish house of St. Elisabeth's church in Glencoe Thursday morning, stepped into the bright lights, saw the gay and smiling ladies—saw our first Florentine Fair and came away with a knowledge that we'd seen something more than worth while.

Spirited and Energetic

It took enterprise, spirited and energetic, to bring about the Florentine. The Women's guild of St. Elisabeth's church furnished the spirit and energy in abundance. That quickly became evident when we saw the colorfully decorated hall bordered by artistically framed sales booths where "things"—mere man cannot accept responsibility for describing them—were offered enthusiastic customers at prices which, the advertising card stated, opened the way for "An orgy of bargain seekers."

Incidentally, the information was imparted that these bargains—nice things for Christmas gifts—were possible because in these days of bobbed heads, the overhead is eliminated. Be

that as it may, we saw many visitors and they weren't all women folks, step up to the booths.

Nothing Overlooked

But the Women's guild didn't overlook anything. St. Elisabeth's hall is spacious, which enabled the placing of numerous tables on the floor, and around these the gay and smiling ladies stepped about carrying sandwiches and other things that satisfy the innerman.

One might buy many things at the Florentine Fair. On our way out we saw a sales table where prunes and apricots were being sold.

The Fair was a two-day affair, closing on Friday. The writer happened to be a "first-dayer," and quickly caught the enthusiasm which was at high tension.

"Fine enterprise," we ventured, when Mrs. Curtis Camp stepped up.

Mrs. Camp smiled in affirmation. "You've seen something, haven't you?" she asked.

HOSTESS AT SHOWER

Mrs. J. P. Steffen of Winnetka was hostess at a linen shower last Saturday evening given in honor of her cousin Miss Thelma Clark, who was her guest over Thanksgiving. Thirty guests were entertained at the buffet supper. Miss Clark will become the bride of Murrel Whitney of Auburn, Ind. in June, and after an extended honeymoon, they will make their home in Auburn.

Miss Clark is a graduate of Oberlin College of Music and is teaching in the college at Deland, Ill.

SPEAKS AT REALTY SESSION

Robert Kingery, 809 Pine street, secretary of the Chicago Regional Plan association, gave a talk to members of the Maywood Real Estate board Monday, November 28, at St. John's church, Maywood. Members of the Oak Park, Berwyn, Cicero and La Grange real estate boards were present.

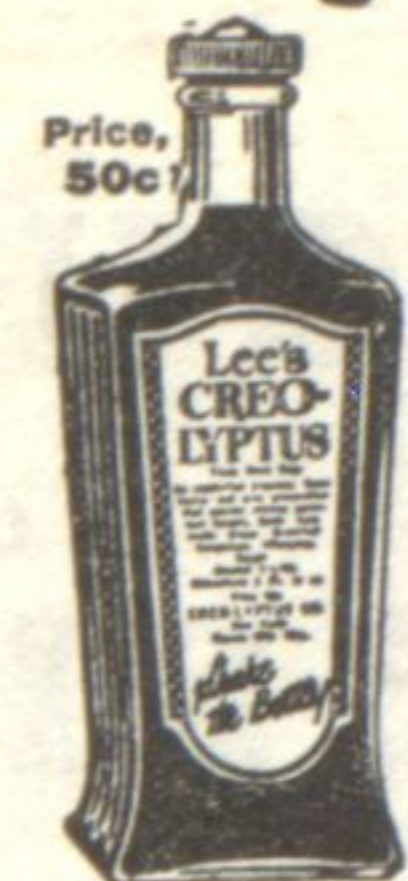
Mallinckrodt Cagers to Play St. Scholastics

The formation of the Mallinckrodt High school basketball team has been completed and the team has accepted a challenge to play the St. Scholastica Academy five on the latter's floor tomorrow afternoon, the game starting at 2 o'clock. The players who "made" the Mallinckrodt team are Mary Jane Seng and Mary Lynch, forwards; Mary Van De North and Elvira Gerstenbrand, guards; Dorothy Smith, running center; Geraldine Weber, jumping center.

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Morning—

- 9:30 All departments of the Church School.
- 9:30 Men's Class.
- 9:45 Women's Class.
- 10:00 Young Men's Class.
- 11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon, Rev. J. A. Richards. "Plain Words About the New Church."

Afternoon—

- 3:30 Service at which children may be presented for Christian baptism.
- 5:00 Vesper Service. Sermon, Rev. T. A. Goodwin. "The Originality of Jesus."

Evening—

- 6:00 Winnetka Sunday Evening Club.
- 7:00 Young People's Club.

Wednesday, December 7th.

- 11:00 All day sale of children's clothing and toys in Camp Fire Room, Community House by Young Ladies' Auxiliary for New Church Building Fund.

Friday, December 11th.

- 7:00 Old fashioned church dinner for the men of the church in Assembly Room of Community House.