

News of the North Shore Clubs

Woman's Club Hears Edward Price Bell

Foreign News Correspondent Gives Fascinating Glimpses of Ten Great Men of Today

The Winnetka Woman's club met on Tuesday afternoon at the clubhouse with Mrs. Arthur T. Cushman presiding. The program was in charge of the art and literature committee, of which Mrs. E. V. L. Brown is chairman.

Edward Price Bell was the speaker of the afternoon. In his capacity as foreign correspondent, he lived in London for twenty-seven years and was known as the "dean of foreign correspondents." After the war he gave up his London duties and traveled extensively in the Far East.

So it was with authority that he gave his talk to the club on "Supermen." He selected one Chinese, one Japanese, and eight Europeans. Through Mr. Bell's talk ran the theme of international understanding as the foundation of international peace. He opened the door for fascinating glimpses of the world figures he considers to be the great men of today.

His appreciation of Dr. Tang Shao-Yi, as China's greatest statesman, was very interesting. It was impressive for hasty Americans to contemplate the wisdom of the old Chinese sage who conceives peace as a matter of education and thinks of it for China in the term, one hundred years from now. Dr. Baron Hozumi of Japan, a great constitutional lawyer and honorary professor, who honors the religion of his people and is a famous exponent of ancestor worship, gave as his contribution that international friendship was a matter of getting acquainted.

Stalin, the successor of Lenin, is the symbol of Russia's return to reason. He stands for amity and peace, Mr. Bell remarked.

Germany's great men are Marx and Stresemann. Mr. Bell was received in the old chancellory of Bismarck by Dr. Marx, who is himself the incarnation of simplicity. He thinks misunderstanding breeds fear and animosity, thus causing war.

Then came the great man of Italy—Mussolini—whom Mr. Bell likes personally and describes as proud, ceremonious, cordial, smiling, and egoistic. He is said to be enslaving Italy and he is said to be setting Italy free. The truth, as Mr. Bell sees it, is that Italy has been enslaved by poverty. For centuries Italy has suffered the curious disequilibrium of a fine civilization with ineffectual and corrupt politics. Mussolini is the embodiment of national passion and he faces the problem of putting the best in Italian civilization into Italian politics.

Poincaré and Briand for France, and Baldwin and Chamberlain for England, completed the list of men who are serving their respective countries with distinction, according to the speaker.

After Mr. Bell had finished, the club celebrated its twentieth birthday with cakes and candles and a poem by Mrs. William A. Otis, recounting its high spots of achievement.

O. E. S. MEETING MONDAY
There will be a regular meeting of Winnetka chapter number 945, O. E. S., on Monday evening, January 23, at 7:30. This will be the first meeting to be held under the new worthy matron, Mrs. Christine Wolter. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all members of O. E. S.

Speaker at Woman's Club Tells About Fascist Movement

By R. L. P.

The growth of the fascist movement in Italy, and the rise of a blacksmith's son to the rank of prime minister and each of the seven members of his own cabinet, was thrillingly told at the Wilmette club meeting on Wednesday, January 11, by Tom Skeyhill, an Australian soldier who has spent the last fifteen years of his life adventuring around Europe, fighting the Turks at the Dardanelles, getting mixed up in the Red revolution in Russia and occasionally finding a few revolutions in other countries to be joined with gusto.

Mr. Skeyhill told the story of the "black shirts" as if he were unfolding a colorful breath-taking novel by Sabatini written around a remarkable personality, Benito Mussolini, "Il Duce,"—"The Chief," who comes from the soil and has been rocketed to the high position he now holds. He described Mussolini as a supreme realist, a man who knows how to wait and plan and who carries out his plan in the sweeping gestures of middle ages, imbuing his men with the sense of the romantic by tickling their love for the old Roman days when the immortal Julius lived.

Primarily, said Mr. Skeyhill, the black shirts were organized to fight the Reds, bolshevism in Italy. Mussolini traveled about Italy organizing ex-soldiers, youths, and business men into groups called "fascies." He resurrected the old Roman legionnaire salute, and clothed the fascisti in black shirts, which do not seem to get dirty, and which make the Italians very picturesque. They pledged absolute allegiance to "Il Duce," dedicating their lives and their fortunes to save the country. They swept through Italy like a cleansing gale, going over the heads of the politicians and using direct action. They broke up Red groups by administering a quart of castor oil, an old Roman punishment, to traitors, and restored law and order. They finally organized as a political party, but about six years ago withdrew, because of crooked elections.

Mussolini's spectacular and romantic rise from then on, the enforced resignation of the controlling political party of Rome, and the installation of Mussolini backed by thousands of black-shirted men, was glowingly told by Mr. Skeyhill. "Italy," he said, "has sold her soul to Mussolini." It has gone back to the middle ages, and some day must return.

In telling of the democracy Italy had before Mussolini came into power, Mr. Skeyhill said Italy lost the democracy because when the citizens had the power to vote they did not use it. Those who did, elected crooked politicians and did not respect laws that were made. In concluding, he said, speaking of Australia and the United States, "My country and your country have a democracy. Let us take warning."

JUNIOR ARTS SALON MEETS

The regular meeting of the Junior Allied Arts Salon will be held Sunday, January 22, from 3 until 8, at the home of its president, Frances Maydelle Rochlitz, 215 Harbor street, Glencoe. The guests of honor on this occasion will be Mme. Anna Balatka, pianist, of the Balatka School of Music in Chicago, and Miss Leila Peterson of the same school, a dramatic reader.

On Club Program



"A charming personality, a great entertainer," writes a critic of Cornelia Otis Skinner, daughter of the eminent actor, who comes to the Woman's club of Wilmette next Wednesday afternoon offering a repertoire of her original character sketches. This will be one of the outstanding events of the club's year.

Sisterhood Has Program of Lecture and Music

The Sisterhood of the North Shore Congregation Israel met last Wednesday at the Glencoe Union church. The meeting began at 9:30 in the morning with sewing, which continued until luncheon at 12. At 1 a board meeting was held, and the regular meeting began at 2.

The program consisted of "A Day in Palestine" by Mrs. Bertha Read, with accompanying music by Mrs. Evelyn Hattie Fox. The program was both interesting and unusual. Mrs. Fox's music is always delightful, and Mrs. Read's talks are both charming and interesting. There was a large attendance.

Law Class to Meet

The Parliamentary Law class which is sponsored by the North Shore Catholic Woman's league and led by Mrs. Maurice Lieber of Winnetka, will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. Francis A. Bonner of 245 Scott avenue, Glencoe. The meeting on Wednesday of this week was at the home of Mrs. William B. Pavey, 845 Lincoln avenue, Winnetka.

The members of the league will have a sewing meeting next Tuesday with Mrs. William Schneider, 911 Vernon avenue, Glencoe.

Bon Voyage Luncheon

Mrs. John R. Cochran, 370 Chestnut street, Winnetka, recently gave a charming bon voyage luncheon in honor of Miss Mary Knapp and Mrs. W. O. Millinger of Chicago. Miss Knapp and Mrs. Millinger leave the last of the month for a mid-winter Mediterranean cruise. Upon return Miss Knapp is planning to build a summer home at Indian Hill, which she expects to occupy during the coming season.

NO MEETING THIS WEEK

The Woman's society of the Winnetka Congregational church had no meeting this Wednesday because of the church dinner, which came that same day. The next meeting will come Wednesday, February 1.

Garden Club Tells of Plans for Show

Wilmette Garden Club to Participate in Second Annual Garden and Flower Show

(Contributed by Wilmette Garden Club)

At the luncheon given Thursday, January 12, by John A. Servas at the Hotel Sherman to the presidents of the forty-five garden clubs in Illinois and to the board of the Garden Club of Illinois, Mrs. W. G. Mitchell, president of the Wilmette Garden club, and Mrs. C. D. Ewer, recording secretary of the Garden Club of Illinois, were present from Wilmette. One third of the forty-five clubs have joined the state garden club since April 12, 1927, when it was founded, the others are charter members. The garden club movement is growing rapidly.

Mr. Servas, a talented north shore artist, is the manager of the Chicago Garden and Flower show, which will hold its second annual exhibit March 24-April 1, at the Hotel Sherman. Mrs. Frederick Fisher of Lake Bluff, president of the Garden Club of Illinois, had charge of the meeting following the luncheon, during which the part that the garden clubs will play in this season's exhibit was discussed. It will be a larger and even more interesting part than last year's.

The model house and grounds exhibit in particular, will call forth the greatest talent each club possesses. Besides this entry, each club will have a shadow box flower picture; a luncheon table for six, set at a moderate price, none to exceed one hundred dollars; and an arrangement of branches of seed pods, buds, or any natural growth other than flowers, in a container. This last exhibit is open to anyone, club member or not. Besides these entries for the clubs, there is a special garden exhibit of an educational nature which only a part of the clubs is entering. We are glad to say that our club will have an entry in this.

Mrs. David Cooke, a charter member of our club and our first president, will be our representative at the Flower show. The names of the members of her committee will be made public soon.

The clubs voted to have a tea room, set in a lovely garden, this year, where the members of the garden clubs will act as hostesses and help serve. The proceeds of the tea room will be devoted to special lectures for the garden clubs.

The Wilmette Garden club plans to have a Wilmette day on Wednesday of the week of the show, March 28, and to have a luncheon at 1 o'clock in one of the rooms of the hotel for the Wilmette people who plan to be present that day.

A beautiful flower show is being held this week and next at the Garfield Park conservatory featuring cyclamen and primrose plants.

The Southern Woman's club of Chicago is planning what it considers one of the largest and best evening entertainments ever given, Thursday, January 26, in the Red ballroom of the Hotel La Salle. A cabaret dinner dance will celebrate the evening.

TO READ PLAY

The Drama Study group of the Winnetka Woman's club will hear Mrs. Myron Harshaw read a recent play, Tuesday, January 24, at 3 o'clock. This reading is open to everyone in the village.