

# News of the North Shore Clubs

## Tuesday Luncheon at Club a Success

### Large Group at Woman's Club Hears of Child Study Confer- ence and Three Lectures

On February 7, the mid-winter luncheon of the Winnetka Woman's club brought over two-hundred women to hear the talk by Miss Marion Spach, director of the Winnetka Nursery school, Carlton Washburne, superintendent of the Winnetka schools, and Prof. Bird Baldwin of Iowa State university. Mrs. George Lee, chairman of the committee on education, announced the coming conferences on child study to be given as follows:

- March 1, 3:30, "The Nervous Child," by Dr. Edwin Eisler, director of the Mental Hygiene department, Michael Reese dispensary, and member of the faculty of the medical department at Northwestern university; March 8, 3:30, "The Spoiled Child," by Miss Ethel Kawin, psychologist for the Institute of Juvenile Research; March 15, 3:30, "The Superior Child," by Dr. John P. Levy, psychiatrist for the Institute of Juvenile Research; March 22, 3:30, "Parents' Mistakes."
1. Teacher's Viewpoint—Mrs. James Fentress.
2. Doctor's Viewpoint—Dr. C. A. Aldrich.
3. Psychologist's Viewpoint—Miss Frances Dummer.
4. Mother's Viewpoint—Mrs. James F. Porter.

After announcing these conferences, Mrs. Lee introduced Miss Spach, who said that she would try to answer the ever-recurring questions: "What do you do?" and "What do you teach?" A very clear word picture of the room and its equipment was presented, showing the doll corner, the toys, pictures, swings, lunch tables, serving table, cots, and blankets for each child. Outdoors, ring, ladders, sliding boards, teeter-totters, and other equipment are provided, and are used all but the stormiest days.

The program, said Miss Spach, is as flexible as possible, aiming always at the development of normal health habits. Regularity is the rule of the day, with three results: first, the child learns regular habits of health; second, he acquires a socialized point of view; and third, he accepts regular standards of behavior. The parents by the same means obtain a perspective on their child and teachers can make a scientific approach through the nursery school.

Mr. Washburne spoke of the valuable help the kindergarten had been to educational progress and predicted that the nursery schools would do even more for scientific child study. One of the aims of modern education has been to view the child as a unit and teach the parents so to view their children. Mr. Washburne said that he was glad to have the nursery school at work in Winnetka and hoped that it would continue, making its influence felt in all grades, though the school board could not assume such a project nor tax for it.

Prof. Bird Baldwin began his talk by paying a compliment to Mr. Washburne, or rather to Winnetka, for backing the vision and creative ability of the superintendent of its schools, and to Mrs. Alfred Alschuler for her work in interesting the McCormick Memorial fund and the Institute of Juvenile research in our nursery school work. Prof. Baldwin declared we were

## To Sing at Club



Miss Helen P. Mendenhall is to supplement the lecture given by that noted author and speaker, Upton Close, at the Woman's club of Wilmette next Wednesday evening, with a group of songs. Miss Mendenhall is considered an artist of splendid ability.

## Nursery School Auxiliary and Friends Guests at Tea

The Mary Crane Nursery school auxiliary will be the guest of Miss Edna Dean Baker and the faculty of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college at 4 o'clock Monday, February 13, for tea in the Alumnae room in Harrison hall.

The Wells College club of Evanston, the Fuller Lane circle of Winnetka, and other friends who have assisted the auxiliary, also are invited. The samples of the work which has been done for the Mary Crane Nursery school children will be displayed. Mrs. George M. Groves, chairman of the auxiliary, will assist Miss Baker in receiving the guests.

## FOUNDATION MEETS

The Foundation for St. Francis hospital meets next Wednesday afternoon at the Nurses' home, in Evanston. The board meeting begins at 1, and the regular meeting is at 2:30.

## STAR MEETING MONDAY

The Eastern Star will have its regular meeting next Monday at the Masonic Temple. Everyone is asked to attend as the meeting promises to be an interesting one.

beginning to consider the child as an integral unit, but a complex, changing unit. Thanks to modern research, 40,000 titles of subjects are accessible to students on various phrases of scientific child study.

The great question "How much can we change the child?" Prof. Baldwin answered by citing many interesting experiments bringing him to the conclusion that probably environment was more effective than heredity. "The chances are that environment is the controlling factor," he said.

Prof. Baldwin's summary, drawn in view of the rapidly changing environment of our children, included the following points: First, that education should make them independent; second, that it should train them for self-direction; and third, that it should give them respect for others.

## Head of Child Study at Vassar to Lecture at National College

Mrs. Margaret Gray Blanton of the department of child study, Vassar college, will give a series of eight lectures on "Child Guidance" at the National Kindergarten and Elementary college at 2 o'clock in the afternoon during the weeks of February 13 and 20. The following list gives an outline of the topics which Mrs. Blanton will follow and suggests something of the interesting field she will cover:

- February 13—The Original Endowment
- February 14—Eating and Sleeping
- February 15—Learning to Talk
- February 16—Speech Defects in Children
- February 20—The Nursery and Its Schedule
- February 21—The Mysteries
- February 23—Personality Traits Suggestibility Gregariousness
- February 24—Personality Traits Self Confidence Social Adequacy

Mrs. Blanton is co-author with her husband, Dr. Smiley Blanton, of "Speech Training for Children" and "Child Guidance." She conducted one of the first schools in the country for the study of the correction of nervous disorders and speech disorders in the very young child, and has studied the new born infant with John Watson, formerly of Johns Hopkins university, and in the field of phonetics with Daniel Jones of the University of London.

Mrs. Blanton's most important contribution probably has been in the psychology of speech and its relation to the social adjustment and development of the child, but her charming personality, keen sense of humor, and sane, matter-of-fact viewpoint make her a fascinating speaker on every phrase of child training. The lecture series is open to students, members of the mothers' classes, and members of the governing board, but a small admission fee will be charged others. Information in regard to tickets may be secured through the college office, telephone Greenleaf 221.

## Garden Club of Illinois Plans Delightful Meeting

The members of the garden clubs belonging to the Garden Club of Illinois are to have a delightful all-day program Monday, February 27, at the Hotel Sherman. At 11 o'clock, A. H. Conrad will give an illustrated lecture on the conservation of wild flowers. At 1, Mrs. Frederick Fisher, president of the club, will conduct a round robin talk on the problems relative to the Chicago Garden and Flower show.

At 1:30 original compositions in music and garden verse will be given, the reader, Christine Mogle, the accompanist, Lillian Reid Cameron. At 2:30 Mrs. V. K. Spicer of Kenilworth will talk on "Gardens, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Each member may bring one guest, it is announced.

## Benefit for House Fund

The Mothers' club of Theta chapter of Alpha Xi Delta is having a card party for the benefit of its house fund Monday, February 13, at 1:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Norman Hall, 705 Gregory avenue, Wilmette.

Acting as hostess with Mrs. Hall will be Mrs. William Burrows, Mrs. Henry Thiede, and Mrs. O. P. Olson.

## Garden Clubs Plan for Entries in Show

### Local Garden Clubs Making Ar- rangements for Participation in Garden and Flower Show

Even at this early day north shore garden clubs that are to participate in the second annual Garden and Flower show of Chicago at the Hotel Sherman March 24 to April 1, are making their plans, some of which are more definite now than are others.

The committees chosen to represent the Wilmette Garden club were announced at the meeting of the club February 3, by Mrs. David Cooke, who is in charge of the club's exhibits.

The miniature model of suburban home and grounds is to be worked out by Mrs. Keith Kellenberger, Mrs. Roscoe Sonneborn, and Mrs. J. Benton Schaub. This exhibit will be judged on design, planting, and imagination.

Mrs. Alonzo J. Coburn and Mrs. Ralph Huff will arrange the shadow box exhibit of flowers in vase or basket. This is to be judged for composition, color, and originality.

The luncheon table for six, the appointments not to exceed \$100 in cost, is in charge of Mrs. David Cooke and Mrs. Charles R. Bixby. The luncheon table is to be judged for originality, appropriateness, color, distinction, and composition.

Mrs. Charles D. Ewer will make one of the small garden plantings carrying out an original idea of her own.

The members who will take part in the open contest of bud, branch, seed pods, or any other natural growth, are Mrs. Elbert G. Drew, Mrs. Albert E. Gebert, Mrs. Neil M. Clark, Mrs. Joseph Kehl, Mrs. Edward E. Moore, Mrs. C. G. Smith, and Mrs. Fred G. Brooks. The awards for this are based on color harmony, relation of material to receptacle, distinction, and perfection of arrangement.

The Kenilworth Garden club's arrangements not yet are complete, but among the members participating will be Mrs. John Lind, who will exhibit a model of a house and garden; Mrs. Hugh Foresman, who will set a luncheon table, and Mrs. Edward Phelps, who will represent the club in the open contest of arrangements of bud, branch, seed pods, or any other natural growth except flowers.

The plans of the Winnetka Garden club for the flower show will be rather tentative until after the annual meeting next Thursday, when an exhibition chairman is to be appointed. Plans are already underway, however, for the club to enter three classes, showing a small English house, a shadow box arrangement, and a luncheon table.

The Glencoe Garden club, of which Mrs. Homer Horton is president, is entering for the four classes. Mrs. Paul L. Battey is chairman for the miniature model, an English house; Mrs. Harry Peters is chairman of the luncheon table; Mrs. Charles Workman and Mrs. Devroe Getman are co-chairmen of the shadow box; and Mrs. Arthur Brintnall is the chairman for the arrangement of some natural growth other than flowers. In this last class individual members will compete, and it is also open to those who are not members of the club.

It is announced this year that the Flower Show committee has planned to have a different set of judges for each kind of exhibit.