

## Days of Lincoln Brought Back in Story and Costume

By V. H. L.

Carl Sandburg gave one of his unique and individual types of programs at the Kenilworth club last Friday evening, and Mrs. Walter Marx, as a member of the entertainment committee, lent a fanciful touch to the evening which was very lovely. Mr. Sandburg is a genius with broad, poetic vision. Some people like him very much, others, not at all, but it can be truly said that all who have read his story of the "Life of Abraham Lincoln," not only love it but recognize in it a work of real art and an entirely new type of biography, and so little in art is new.

His program on Friday evening was to be about his Lincoln book and consisted mainly of readings from it. In order to create an atmosphere of harmony and beauty and to take us, as "moderns," back to the early 60's or 70's, Mrs. Marx went to endless trouble and care to gather together costumes of that period and when the members of the club reached the club rooms, they found there the oval pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln to greet them, early American furniture about the rooms, which were lighted by the soft glow of the period lamps, and all about, charming girls and women in costumes of that day. There were the gracious matron in grey silk and velvet, Mrs. Benjamin Bisbee; the grande dame in rich black brocade and lace, Mrs. Marx; the petite young matron in lace and frills, Mrs. Frank Watt; the debutante in flowered challis, Mrs. Herbert Taylor; the young girls: in white taffeta, Miss Phoebe Hedrick, or in demure flowered silk, Miss Jean Marx; in the fluffy, ruffled dress, Miss Helen Taylor; in a plaid poplin, Miss Virginia Little; in the brown silk with velvet jacket buttoned up the entire front and the tight basque, Mrs. Harry Weese; and in the bride's costume of pure white, Mrs. H. S. Lovejoy of Janesville, Wisconsin. All were enhanced with accessories and jewelry of the day, the brooches and earrings and the hairdress of each as carefully studied from the old fashioned Godey prints.

It was a charming picture and, later, when the program closed and the guests moved back to the coffee tables, these "gracious ladies" served the dainty sandwiches or poured the coffee at the urns.

Mr. Sandburg seemed to respond to the atmosphere and was in a lovely mood. His readings from the book were simply and graciously done, and the program had great dignity and beauty.

He closed with a few spoken song pictures to which he, himself, furnished an accompaniment on his guitar, and these little snatches of poignant moments often told stories of great length and of deepest feeling.

His last number was a bit from an unpublished poem about skyscrapers and city things and both in spirit and rhythm was typically Sandburgesque. The writer loved it and will await the entire poem with sincere anticipation.

Mrs. Dwinell Slater, formerly Priscilla Allen, arrived in Kenilworth from Boston last Thursday and she remained in Kenilworth for a day or two as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Leon Allen, Melrose avenue. On Saturday, Mr. Slater joined her and together with Mr. and Mrs. Allen they have gone to California for a month.

Mrs. John Rathbone left for Newton, Iowa, on Monday of this week to be gone ten days. Mrs. Rathbone visits her mother in Newton, which was formerly her home.

## Gives Lecture on Story of Uncle Tom's Cabin

At the Friday Morning study class, under the direction of Professor Franklyn Bliss Snyder, of Northwestern university, Professor Snyder lectured upon that great American novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and gave a stirring and interesting story of Harriet Beecher Stowe, of her life and its hardships. He told of what a wonderful thing she did when she gave to the world this vision of slavery. After her large family was well on its way, and she was a woman of middle age,

she produced this splendid piece of literature and book of inspiration. It was something of encouragement to his group of listeners.

### GOING ABROAD

Miss Bernice Bulley of 220 Sheridan road, Kenilworth, in company with Miss Mary and Dorothy Neal of Evanston, is sailing on March 6, for an interesting trip through Europe. They will visit Gibraltar, Spain, Italy, and Switzerland; take a trip up the Rhine, then visit Holland, Belgium, France, and end their trip with a three weeks' stay in England, returning home the middle of June.

## Announcement

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