

News of the North Shore Clubs

Dr. John Levy Speaks at Club

Third Address in Series on Child Study Deals With Superior Child and His Problems

Third in the series of child study programs was the address on the "Superior Child," by Dr. John Levy of the Institute of Juvenile Research, on Thursday, March 15, at the Woman's club. In his definition of the superior child, Dr. Levy accepted that of present-day child psychology—"any child possessing an intelligence quotient of 110 or over." The subnormal child is one with an intelligence quotient of 80 or below, and the normal or average child has a quotient anywhere between 80 and 110. It is estimated that about one fourth of the children in Chicago are subnormal, one fourth superior, and the rest normal or average.

The idea of the superior child most commonly held in the past was that, since he was an unusually bright child, he must be frail physically or a poor mixer socially. This idea has been discarded. In support of the newer idea, that the superior child is superior in all respects, Dr. Levy quoted statistics of 600 superior children, showing that they had better physiques, were taller and heavier, had a stronger grip of the hand, and were less nervous than the average child of the same age.

Of 125 gifted children picked at random from the records of the institute, 81 per cent were of gifted ancestry. In this particular group Scotch, Jewish, and German racial strains predominated. Seventy per cent of this group were children of parents engaged in business and professional pursuits, a very small number of superior or gifted children coming from the families of day laborers.

In speaking of the social traits of the superior child, Dr. Levy said that he usually preferred the company of older children, and that, if he were overbearing and snobbish, these attitudes quickly disappeared when the child was placed among his equals and given their competition.

Of their psychological traits, the superior children are better in memory, in comprehension, and in manual dexterity. Their behavior problems are handled much easier than those of the subnormal child because they learn so readily and do not forget so quickly. As to the nature of their behavior problems, Dr. Levy quoted figures to show that they are largely personality problems—irritability, stubbornness, disobedience, not getting along well with others, and so forth. They presented a much lower percentage of emotional and intellectual problems than the child below average intelligence.

To social problems, the superior child is almost a stranger. These problems were listed as stealing, fighting, and destroying property. The dull child is the social problem, said Dr. Levy. Summing up the problems of the two types of children, he declared those of the dull child to be those of his relationship to society, and of the superior child, those in relation to himself. The sex problems were again largely the problems of the duller child.

With another group of statistics, Dr. Levy showed that the percentage of superior children was much higher among native-born parents than among foreign-born; among skilled and professional families than those of the unskilled laborers.

Garden Talks

(Contributed by Wilmette Garden Club)

Today the Chicago Garden and Flower show opens. If you are there on Tuesday, March 27, or on Wednesday, March 28, on Friday, March 30, or on Sunday, April 1, you will be greeted by many Wilmette neighbors. Sunday, April 1, will find a number of representatives from the Wilmette Garden club in the tea garden, Mrs. Walter Gore Mitchell, the president of the club; Mrs. John Weedon, the vice president; Mrs. J. Benton Schaub, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Albert E. Gebert, Mrs. Edward Moore, Mrs. C. G. Smith, Mrs. Fred C. Brooks, and Mrs. W. A. Kendrick. Even if you do not care for a cup of tea, come in and speak to us. We shall be very glad to see you. The tea garden is conducted, you know, for the benefit of the state federation of garden clubs. Representatives from the garden clubs of Kenilworth, Evanston, and Winnetka also will be assisting in the tea garden that day. Mrs. William Colvin will be in charge.

If you are there on Wednesday, you may think, as you walk about among the flowers, that the flower show is in Wilmette instead of in Chicago, for Wednesday is Wilmette day, and the Wilmette Garden club luncheon is being held in the hotel at 1 o'clock. Reservations have been made with Mrs. C. P. Berg.

If you are there Tuesday morning at 11, you will hear Mrs. Charles D. Ewer give an illustrated talk on "Japanese Floral Garnishing." Mrs. David Cooke, who has looked after Wilmette's interests at the Flower show, has everything in readiness for tomorrow. She and her committees have done splendid work.

If you are there Friday morning you will find the following members of the Wilmette Garden club selling programs, Mrs. B. L. Davis, Mrs. O. A. Sontag, and Mrs. Charles Van Deusen.

Mrs. Keith Kellenberger, Mrs. Roscoe Sonneborn, and Mrs. J. Benton Schaub have made a beautiful home and garden of the miniature model you saw pictured in WILMETTE LIFE two weeks ago. Anyone would be happy to live in a garden like the one they have made.

Mrs. Alonzo J. Coburn and Mrs. Ralph Huff have planned an attractive arrangement for the shadow box in colors that will interest you. Mrs. Charles D. Ewer has developed one of the garden plantings in a novel way. Hers has a surprise feature about it that you may not see at first.

The luncheon tables for six as planned by Mrs. David Cooke and Mrs. Charles Bixby are very lovely.

Those of our members who are entering the exhibit of branch arrangement 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.

Some of us will be at the Flower show every day. We shall be looking for our Wilmette friends and shall be very glad to be of any use to them, acting either as guide or information bureau.

His axiom, Dr. Levy stated, was that, the better the home, the better the child. He closed his lecture with some case studies of behavior problems of gifted children.

Garden Club Head



At a recent meeting of the Winnetka Garden club, Mrs. C. Colton Daughday of 180 Chestnut street, Winnetka, was re-elected to serve the club as its president.

Tenth District Clubs to Elect Officers Wednesday

The annual meeting of the Federation of Clubs of the Tenth Congressional district of Illinois will be held on Wednesday, March 28, at the Edgewater Beach hotel, with the North End club as hostess.

The board meeting at 9:30 o'clock will be followed at 10 o'clock by the district meeting. Mrs. Harry S. Gradle, president of the Tenth district, will preside and will respond to the greeting of Mrs. William Westerlund, president of the North End club.

Reports of officers, election of officers, and regular business will fill the morning session. After luncheon a contest of quartets from the district will be held and Mrs. Walter Seymour, president of the I. F. W. C., will address the members.

Skokie D. A. R. Meets in Kenilworth Monday

The March meeting of the Skokie Valley chapter of the D. A. R., will be held Monday afternoon, March 26, at the home of Mrs. O. M. Ruth, 416 Woodstock avenue, Kenilworth. The program announced will be given by Mrs. J. G. Goodhue, who will talk on "National Defense." Mrs. Goodhue is vice-chairman of the State committee on National Defense.

In the absence of the regent, Mrs. Fannie Cope, the meeting will be in the hands of the vice-regent, Mrs. E. D. Snyder.

O. E. S. MEETING

The Winnetka chapter, Order of Eastern Star, is holding a regular meeting Monday evening in the Masonic temple.

The Evanston Smith college club will give a tea in honor of undergraduates next Tuesday afternoon from 3 until 7, at the home of the Misses Mary and Katherine Buchanan, 1022 Greenwood boulevard, Evanston.

Unique Exhibits at Flower Show

Park Systems, Forest Preserves, and State Garden Clubs Put on Exhibitions

Construction is under way this week on spectacular floral and architectural exhibits which will represent the civic aspects of the Second Annual Chicago Garden and Flower show to be held at Hotel Sherman from March 24 to April 1.

John A. Servas, flower show director, yesterday described the exhibits which the city will enter through its park systems and forest preserves.

"It is the first time," said Mr. Servas, "that an attempt has been made to put a complete replica of a bit forest scenery into such a showing. This year the Cook County Forest Preserve commission has accomplished it and will exhibit a true picture of some one of the city's wooded spots with real trees, grass and flowers."

A Spanish patio with a real Spanish house in the background has been chosen by the West Parks for their exhibit, and west park florists are importing a tropical planting to complete the picture with its hanging moss, cactus plants, and rare tropical blooms.

A quaint cottage will be erected for the South Parks' exhibits, surrounded by a typical cottage garden in a Spring color scheme. Lincoln Park will supply a water garden with a pool and running stream, with flagged walks, and rushes, iris, and other water plants in keeping.

One of the special features of the showing will be a real Japanese garden built and planned by a famous Japanese gardener (Otsuka) who arrives from Florida to begin work this week. A Japanese tea house and imported flowers and shrubs will be used to make this exhibit authentic.

Some forty-seven miniature models of an English house and garden suitable to the areas of suburbs and outlying communities will be entered in contest by the clubs forming the Garden Club of Illinois and some of the unique gardens in the show are also entered by the clubs. Lake Forest, for instance, will have the walled garden of the type with a wall fountain, while Glencoe will have a less formal exhibit in a rock wall with foreground of flower and shrub arrangement and Wilmette will have set in a quaint planting, an old-fashioned well head whose beauty will conceal its utilitarian purpose.

A lesson in civic gardening in two scenes—"Before" and "After"—will be staged by the Illinois Garden club under the direction of Mrs. Frederick Fisher of Lake Bluff, the president. The settings will show in a very small space a typical Chicago back porch and back yard in the flat-dwelling area, and will demonstrate how it may be transformed by the simplest plant treatment from an unsightly receptacle for tin cans, brooms and garbage, to an attractive garden spot in the smallest possible space.

TO ATTEND CONFERENCES

Mrs. William C. Fox of Wilmette, regent of the Gen. Henry Dearborn chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of Chicago, will head a group of women attending the thirty-second Illinois state conference to be held in Bloomington March 28, 29, and 30, and later will attend the continental congress in Washington, D. C.