

News of the North Shore Clubs

Gives Barrie Play at Catholic League

Miss Charlotte Crocker Vividly Brings Out Humor, Pathos, Charm of "Mary Rose"

The Winnetka Woman's club was turned into fairyland by Miss Charlotte Crocker at the regular meeting of the North Shore Catholic Woman's league on Tuesday, December 11. There was the same tenseness and imaginative atmosphere among the group assembled that is found among children when hearing a fairy tale.

Miss Crocker presented, "Mary Rose," by James Matthew Barrie, the sister play to Peter Pan, in a charming and realistic manner. The peculiar charm, pathos and humor of the story were perfectly brought out.

The music of the afternoon was furnished by Mary Louise Cotton and Robert Brown, students of New Trier High school, which by contrast, lent a local atmosphere to the program.

Mrs. F. T. O'Brien presided at the meeting because of the illness of the president, Mrs. W. F. Schildgen. Mrs. W. Pavey and Mrs. O'Brien were hostesses for tea following the program.

Due to the holiday activities there will be no sewing meeting for the month of December. Mrs. N. P. Andersen, 809 Michigan avenue, Evanston, the philanthropy chairman, will accept anything in the line of toys or clothing that may be used for poor families for Christmas, it is announced.

On Thursday, December 13, the league gave a party at the Great Lakes Naval station for two-hundred disabled veterans. Twenty of these men whose birthday fall in December were guests of honor.

The January program will be of timely and special interest. Miss Louella H. Ensworth will give a talk on "Home Budgeting" and the music will be furnished by Miss Johannah Siragusa, a pianist of world renown.

Solicit Volunteers for Christmas Baskets

Volunteers for Christmas baskets for families of disabled war veterans are now solicited by the ex-service groups of the woman's clubs of the Tenth district of the Illinois Federation. The names of the families come through the War Veterans' bureau and are not on any other charity list. If any interested person would like to aid in this spreading of Christmas cheer and does not feel able to give a basket, he or she may contribute toward one, it is announced through the chairman of the district, Mrs. Joseph Joyce of Kenilworth, who states: "We hope to have the Boy Scouts help us deliver the baskets, but the Christmas spirit really is manifested through personal contact. If you wish to help us, please phone Mrs. Joyce at Kenilworth, 2139 for the name of a family, or send checks to her at her home, 531 Essex road, Kenilworth."

TO PLAN FLOWER SHOW

The Garden club of Illinois is holding an important luncheon meeting on Tuesday, December 18, at 1 o'clock, at the Hotel Sherman, to consider plans for the third annual Chicago Garden and Flower show, which is to be held from February 25, to March 3.

At the Neighbors

The Neighbors met on Tuesday afternoon of this week for its final regular program for 1928. In keeping with the spirit of Christmas, Mrs. H. W. Austin gave an intimate talk on "Some Experiences in Palestine" telling of her own interesting trip to the Holy Land. Mrs. Austin has a charming personality, and although not a professional lecturer, spoke with great ease.

Music was furnished by Eloise Erwin Crouse, and she delighted her audience.

The home and education department of the Neighbors is making plans for the course of morning lectures which it annually sponsors. Mrs. Tom Dix is chairman of this department and announces that she has secured Mrs. Esther L. Harcourt, formerly of Northwestern university, a dramatic reader and interpreter of plays, who will give five lecture recitals. These recitals will represent five different countries, England, America, France, Spain, and Russia, and will occur in February and March. Complete announcement will be sent to the members of the club in January, and the committee is eager to have a fair idea of the number of people interested so they are asking immediate response to these announcements.

Last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joseph White on Sheridan road, the art and literature department combined efforts and interests with the music department and presented a most timely and valuable program. Mrs. Arthur Wakeley, Leicester road, Kenilworth, gave an informal discussion of children's books, both for the very little children and those of the grades. She gave a list of books suitable and desirable for children of all ages, subdivided for boys and for girls, also including books for mothers to read to children. It was a very valuable list at this time when mothers are selecting books for Christmas gifts. Mrs. Wakeley had a large assortment of books to illustrate her remarks. It was a most painstaking and carefully thought out discussion and very sincerely appreciated.

Mrs. Paul Gilbert, a member of the music department, sang groups of songs for children and gave a very cultured talk on "Children's Music." She showed a thorough musical background.

Miss Margaret Bluthardt, one of the Junior members of the Neighbors, accompanied Mrs. Gilbert and, although a young musician, Miss Bluthardt has already passed the committee on credentials of the Chicago Women Musician's club and is a very fine pianist. The work of accompanying is a distinct field and a very difficult one and she displayed excellent skill and taste in her work on Tuesday afternoon.

The next regular meeting of the Neighbors will occur after the new year opens. The date will be January 8. The program to be presented is rather unique, "Watch Your Handwriting", by Bertha W. Hall, graphologist, and songs from the Chinese by Ilse Forster.

Friends in Council Meet

The Friends in Council of Evanston held their December meeting yesterday at the Orrington hotel. Mrs. G. A. Spalding reviewed "Up the Years from Bloomsburg" by George Arliss, and Mrs. H. M. Paynter gave a review of the "Biography of Don Byrne."

State Regent Guest of Honor at Glencoe D. A. R. Luncheon

(Contributed)

On Monday, December 10, the Glencoe chapter of the D. A. R. met at a luncheon given in honor of the state regent, Mrs. William J. Sweeney. Mrs. Sweeney spoke on D. A. R. activities.

As there are 104 chapters in the state it is not possible for the state regent to visit each chapter during her term of office. The Glencoe chapter felt that it was an event of great significance that it was able to welcome her, and enjoy the charm of her presence and hear her inspiring words.

Other guests of honor added to the importance of the occasion. Among them were Mrs. Charles E. Herrick, vice-chairman of the Constitution Hall building; Mrs. Raymond W. Stevens, vice-chairman of Constitution Hall finance; Mrs. Melville C. Chatten, state registrar; Mrs. Charles W. Pflager, state chairman of foreign relations, and a number of regents of neighboring chapters. These guests spoke briefly on their various special subjects.

Other distinguished guests who were unable to come on account of illness were Mrs. Frank J. Bowman, past state regent; Mrs. Alexander Sclanders, state chairman of Americanism; Mrs. Lincoln E. Sisson, state chairman of national defense; Mrs. Louis Hopkins, past regent of the Chicago chapter.

The meeting was presided over by the gracious new regent, Mrs. George W. Mieth, and was deemed by those attending the most important in the history of the chapter.

Catholic Club Ex-Service Group Seeks Christmas Aid

Mrs. P. J. McGurk, chairman of the committee for friendly co-operation with ex-service men of the Woman's Catholic club of Wilmette, announces that any individuals or groups wishing to contribute money or food and clothing for the Christmas baskets for the families of war veterans this year may communicate with her at Wilmette 2672. The committee will be glad to have volunteers who will help them with baskets, or with the scrap books, one of which will be included in every basket.

The members of Mrs. McGurk's committee are Mesdames Harry Bettinghaus, John Boylston, C. F. Bunte, J. E. Dempsey, Charles Hauber, P. J. Joyce, E. F. Kelley, G. E. Ludwig, Martin Lynch, Edward J. McArdle, J. J. Mills, Frank Oelerich, Henry Prosser, R. C. Ross, Albert Salisbury, and Julian Tiffany.

Gives League Luncheon

Mrs. Walter Benson, 671 Lincoln avenue, Winnetka, was hostess at a luncheon Thursday at Chicago Woman's club for the presidents and treasurers of all the local Leagues of Women Voters in Illinois. The collection of dues, the making of budgets, and the new finance plan of the leagues were topics discussed and worked out.

Mrs. Harold Ickes was the main speaker on Tuesday at the Maywood Twentieth Century club program, in charge of the Indian welfare department.

Mrs. Floy Little Bartlett presented a program before the Des Plaines Woman's club on Tuesday.

Woman's Society Has Xmas Program

Carol Singing by Members, Music, and Reading Evoke Christmas Spirit at Meeting

The meeting of the Woman's society of the Congregational church, which was held Wednesday, December 12, at Community House, was called to order at 11 o'clock by the chairman, Mrs. Ayres Boal. After the transaction of the usual business the spirit of Christmas was evoked by the singing of several Christmas carols by members of the society. Mrs. Julian Risk sang a solo, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and Mrs. Burton Atwood sang part of, "Away in a Manger," the group joining in the chorus.

The devotionals were given by Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty in the form of a Christmas story, and a delicious luncheon was served at the conclusion of the sewing period by Mrs. Delbert Poff and Mrs. Davis Lazear.

Immediately following the luncheon Walter Spry of the Columbia School of Music presented two of his pupils in a delightful program of instrumental and vocal music. Miss Marian Hall, pianist, was received most enthusiastically and played with great finish and feeling. Her numbers included Rubenstein's "Barcarolle in A Minor," Schubert's "Impromptu in E Flat," Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu," a number by a Chicago composer, Mrs. H. A. Beach, and also a portion of a work by Mrs. Ruth Griswold Redding of Evanston.

Miss Grace Good sang charmingly a group of songs, which included the always beautiful, "Stille Nacht," "The Moon Drops Low," by Cadman, and "The Owl," by Wells.

Mrs. L. H. Mettler read between the musical numbers a group of Christmas poems which included verses from Browning's "Hymn to the Nativity," and a Christmas poem by James Whitcomb Riley, both very beautiful contributions to the program.

Woman's Club Invites Winnetkans to Carols

The next regular meeting of the Winnetka Woman's club will be held on Tuesday, December 18, at 2:30 o'clock, at the clubhouse.

The program is in charge of the music committee of the club with Mrs. Harry L. Street, chairman. Following a custom which was started last year Christmas carols will be sung by the Winnetka Music club. Mrs. C. E. Karstrom will sing a group of solos, and Mrs. Guy Stewart Bailey and Mrs. John Hansel, Jr., will sing several duets.

The program last year was thought very beautiful by those who heard it, and as this has been made an open meeting in order that more persons may hear the program, a cordial invitation is extended to everyone in the village to attend this Christmas celebration.

Mrs. Dorr C. Price was hostess at the Cradle Maisonette last Tuesday. The Winnetka auxiliary of the Cradle society is responsible regularly each Tuesday for the hostess.

A meeting of the Travel club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Trumbull, 390 Linden street, last Tuesday evening.