

## Here Are Some Forgotten Art Institute Facts

By Eleanor Jewett.

There is something almost luxurious on a hot summer's day in lolling in a hammock and testing comparisons served up by some one who knows the facts. It even may be found that there are cases when comparisons are not odious, but rather extremely stimulating. Walter J. Sherwood, the indefatigable spirit back of the Art Institute news letters, lets us in on several bits of forgotten information this week.

Did you know that in 1900 the Art Institute had eighty-four life members and now has 10,096, each of whom pays a fee of \$100 and is exempt from further payments?

Did you know that in 1900 the Art Institute had thirty salaried employees, while now there are about 300, exclusive of the teachers of the art school?

The director of the museum then, William M. E. French, also had to conduct the art school and lecture there, and Mr. French was a teacher in the University of Chicago as well; today the Art Institute has two directors, one heading the department of fine arts and the other heading the department of finance and operation, and a third official is dean of the school.

In 1900, the museum was visited by 577,421 persons; in 1937, there were 1,013,561 visitors. The largest number in 1900 on any one day was [Sunday] 10,759; in 1937 there were 16,827 on one day, Saturday, Nov. 27. The art school of the Art Institute had more than 1,900 students in 1900; last year there was an attendance of 3,100 students. In the art classes in 1899 there were twenty-five teachers. Today there are ninety-nine. In 1905 there were 20,000 persons who came to the art lectures; in 1937 there were 415,236 visitors at the various lectures offered by the museum and of these 164,474 lunched or dined in the institute restaurant.

Thank you, Mr. Sherwood, for a pleasant and instructive twenty minutes. The spirit of growth which is Chicago's seems to have done well in the gentle atmosphere of the fine arts, and any comparisons which may be drawn from your facts wear an intriguingly rosy hue.

If a man inaugurated "Mother's day," then the tables were neatly turned upon him by a woman, for the fact is that "Father's day" was started by Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Wash., who is a graduate of the school of the Art Institute.

Alice Littig Siems, a Chicago sculptor of note, has just returned from Florida. During the last three winters spent by her in Passa-Grille, Mrs. Siems has finished portraits of several distinguished persons, among them Gen. E. C. Ashton (chief of staff of the Canadian army), R. B. Hansen, M. P. K. C., and Sir Charles Ross.

One of the finest exhibitions near Chicago during the month of July is the memorial exhibition of the works of Alfred Juegens at the galleries in Oak Park of the Austin, Oak Park, and River Forest Art League. The paintings were seen at the Drake hotel under the auspices of the All-Illinois Society of the Fine Arts during June. They are very beautiful, nearly each one a collector's piece, many museum pieces, and all of them that kind of picture which finds its way most readily into the heart of the visitor, stimulating, vivid, poetic, sensitive, and magnificently handled. Mr. Juegens was one of the great technicians of his day. His reputation abroad was widely spread and on this side of the Atlantic his name was linked with the foremost American artists of his generation.

An exhibit of etchings and dry points by N. P. Steinberg is current at the Club Woman's bureau, Mandel Brothers, through July. Mr. Steinberg is a member of the Palette and Chisel Academy of the Fine Arts and his work is familiar to many of us. His prints are usually entertaining in theme and strikingly composed.

The summer school session of the American Academy of Art, Kimball



### ARLINGTON RACING FAN

Mrs. Grier D. Patterson is among the young women often to be found at Arlington Park on sunny afternoons during the racing season, which will end next Saturday. Mrs. Patterson lives in Wilmette, a half hour's drive from the track.

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building, opened June 27 with a large enrollment and will continue to Aug. 19. J. Allen St. John is teaching painting, story, and advertising illustration. Three of the academy's faculty members, Charles Wilimovsky, Antonin Sterba, and Wallace Turner, are spending their vacations painting in Mexico.

Water colors by Marjorie Nuhn and Diane Felsher have been on exhibit in the gallery of the Artists' union, 205 East Superior street, the first half of July.

The most comprehensive mural history of Chicago ever carried out will be painted in the five second floor dining rooms of the Lake Shore Athletic club by Otto Hake, Chicago artist, so the club president, H. E. Devereaux has announced.

The Saugatuck Art association is holding the second annual Arts fête Aug. 10, 11, and 12, with a gay round of pictures, masques, dancing, music, pageantry, and plays, and Ye Grande Arts ball to cap the climax the night of Aug. 12.

The art gallery of Saugatuck has hung its first exhibition of the summer and many Chicago painters are among the artists represented in the show. Frederick F. Fursman, Thomas E. Tallmadge, Alice Mason, Cora Bliss Taylor, Edgar A. Rupprecht, Francis Chapin, and Albert H. Krehbiel are painters we all know.

The Hoosier gallery, 211 West Wacker drive, will be closed the entire month of July. It will reopen the first of August with an exhibition of small pictures by artist members. Mrs. C. B. King, director of the gallery, is spending her vacation in the east and enjoying various eastern exhibits.

### Mildred Louise Hoffman Engaged to Vernell Derr

Dr. and Mrs. Ira E. Hoffman, 2217 East 68th street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mildred Louise, to Vernell Byron Derr, son of Mrs. Elmer Cox of Sacramento, Cal. Miss Hoffman attended Dana hall, the Frances Shimer school, and the University of Chicago. Mr. Derr was educated in Sacramento. The wedding will take place early in the fall in Sacramento.



### "FOUNTAIN FIGURE"

Sylvia Shaw Judson is known for the sensitive quality of her sculpture. This piece, from her show which opens July 28 at the Art Institute, reveals the delicate grace that is another important factor of her work.

## Players North of Boston Have a Busy Season

The little theater, which for more than a score of years, has been popular on the North Shore BEVERLY, is more in form than ever this year, with new MASS. groups delighting colonists in playhouses all the way from Nahant to Rockport. Besides the regular playhouses, however, have been transformed into theaters and probably more variety in the playhouses and presentations is offered on the North Shore than in any section of the New England coast.

Years ago groups of traveling players came to the great estates and put on their plays and even today they continue to be welcomed. The Jitney players, headed by Ethel Barrymore, played to enthusiastic audiences at the Oceanside at Magnolia.

At the Moorland Casino at Bass Rocks the Bass Rocks players have also been offering some fine attractions. The Gloucester school of the theater, successful for many years, has been putting on some new plays, while the Rockport theater colony this week had large audiences to enjoy "Gold in the Hills."

Over at Marblehead the Marblehead players have been fortunate in securing the Marblehead high school auditorium in which they stage their plays, while at Ipswich the players use the Ascension Memorial church parish house. The summer attractions, diversified as they are, brought some noted stage stars from New York and Chicago, and screen stars from Hollywood and other centers for the leading roles, while many of the younger colonists appear in the supporting cast and often win an opportunity to play in a title role. With so many places to dine and dance, before or after the show, little theater going is at its height of popularity this season.

There is interest of Chicago visitors in the plan to establish a new sea plane amphibian base in Manchester harbor. The harbor itself offers a splendid opportunity for such a base. It is well protected, with the town on one side and Smith's point on the other. Because of smooth water there are possibilities for development for safe take-offs and landings and ample facilities for getting ashore at the numerous wharves which line the harbor.

Col. Charles Steadman Hanks is active in planning the program for federal cooperation for the project. Thomas Leiter of Chicago is one of the many who own amphibian planes on the north shore. Often guests come to the Leiter home, Edgewater House, at Beverly farms by plane; land opposite the house, and then taxi to the beach.

Summer days bring many Illinois visitors to the north shore. In Beverly there is an information booth in charge of Boy Scouts. One day early this week fifty-four cars with Illinois registration plates were checked. Of course, all were not bound for the north shore for Beverly is the main route to most of the New Hampshire and Maine resorts. One day cars from thirty-nine states were checked, showing the residence of car owners who travel north shore roads.

This year the annual fair of St. John's Episcopal church at Beverly farms will be held on July 28. Prominent on the committees serving for the fair are Mrs. Bradford H. Burnham, Mrs. Bayard Warren, Mrs. W. Galbraith Mitchell, Mrs. Gordon Abbott Jr., Mrs. Alvin Sortwell, and Miss Alice Thordike, all Chicagoans.

The Manchester Yacht club, one of the best known of the north shore clubs, has a woman for its commodore, Mrs. Henry Pratt McKean Jr. of Willow Tree farm in Wenham. Its racing schedule is always long, with the sixteen footers a popular class with the women sailors. Among those handling the tillers on these small craft are Commodore McKean, Mrs. Andrew Marshall Jr., Mrs. John Zisser, the Misses Molly Bowditch, Loring, Marion McKean, and Margabe Macdough. The Manchester club is one of those jolly organizations where every one has a good time.

Mrs. Richard T. Crane Jr. of Chicago has Miss Emily Chadbourne of New York City as her guest for a midsummer stay at Castle Hill, her lovely estate on Argilla road, Ipswich. The Crane gardens are now at their best and one of the most attractive on this stretch of the Atlantic.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wallis of Evanston are visiting Mrs. Edward F. Wallis at her summer home in North Beverly.

Mrs. Edward Mandell House of New York, widow of Col. House, wartime adviser of President Wilson, is at the Oceanside at Magnolia for the summer. For thirty-five years the family summered on the north shore and had many Chicago friends. Mrs. House's daughter, Mrs. Randolph F. Tucker, lives at her Fairfield farm estate in Wenham, half an hour's motor trip from Magnolia.

The George Lawlors of Chicago are at their Eastern Point home in Gloucester for the season.

Mrs. Edward B. Woodbury of Chicago, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodbury at Ipswich, is at the Woodbury cottage at Great Neck in Ipswich bay for an extended north shore sojourn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Wales of Sheridan road, Winnetka, are visiting Mrs. M. M. Huntington at her home at East Gloucester.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dale of Evanston and Miss Jeanie M. Adsit of Chicago are at Magnolia for a midsummer stay on the north shore. Stewart Baird, well known in musical circles, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nelson Morris of Chicago at their Eagle Head home in Manchester. Mr. Baird is to give recitals at Blue Hill and Bar Harbor, Me., later in the month.

## When Chicago Was Young:

By Herma Clark

Letters from Martha Freeman Esmond to her friend Julia Boyd of New York.

Chicago, Dec. 3, 1889.

Dear Julia: Gen. and Mrs. John B. Gordon have been in Chicago for the last three days and the city has outdone itself in honoring them.

Yesterday the general, who is the popular governor of Georgia, was the guest of N. K. Fairbank, who took him to see all our public buildings and to drive in our parks and along our boulevards. The afternoon was spent at the Chicago club, where a small party of members enjoyed talking with him.

At Central Music hall he swept us of our feet with his eloquence. Such a speech has never been my lot to hear and seldom is it given to a man to receive a warmer, more earnest and enthusiastic welcome than that which greeted Gen. Gordon. As Mayor Cregier led the ex-confederate soldier to the front of the platform a storm of applause broke out, and it was some time before he could begin.

His speech was moving. "War," he said, "though always calamitous, is not always an evil. The war between the states and all the actors in it will yet be tried by the impartial Judge of all, and when the final verdict is rendered it will be found that no more consecrated purposes were ever recorded in history than those which animated both sides in that great conflict."

His tribute to Robert E. Lee was cheered no less enthusiastically than his words about Grant, whom he eulogized too.

And when closing he took the United States flag from Col. Phelps.

who stood near him, and unfurled it above his head, most of the audience wept as he cried:

"Long float this flag over the free republic, the proudest emblem of law, honor, and freedom in the world... the flag of the north and the south, the flag of the foremost and freest of human governments."

Any orator might have stirred us with an address to the flag, but no one could have affected us so deeply as did this southerner, who, having fought against it, yet, when his cause was lost, could become a faithful citizen of the republic and could recognize the ideals of those who had opposed him in battle.

All about us were men and women shaken with emotion, the old soldiers being most affected. I felt Will's body trembling and, stealing a glance at him, I saw tears coursing down his cheeks. Deep was calling unto deep, as old recollections stirred within us all.

People pressed forward to speak to Gen. Gordon after the speech, and as we stood waiting our turn we saw a young Democrat, Charles Perkins, greeting him and heard him say: "My father was in the 10th Georgia infantry and fell near Mobile. I want to shake hands with his old friend." Gen. Gordon, grasping the younger man's hand, said: "God bless you, my boy, for your dear father's sake." But he greeted Will less cordially, though he knew from Will's army button that he had worn the blue during the war. Like all truly brave soldiers, he could honor his opponent, knowing that each had done his duty as he saw it. He has been called the Chevalier Bayard of the Confederacy.

Among the festivities for the Gordons was a reception given by several Chicago ladies for the feminine portion of the city. Mrs. Gordon was dressed in a handsome black silk, with long train, and looked very lovely. The Chicago ladies who gave the reception included such well known names as those of Mrs. Cregier (wife of the mayor), Mrs. Potter Palmer, Mrs. A. L. Chetlain, Mrs. Heaton Owsley, Mrs. S. P. McConnell, Mrs. Myra Bradwell (our brilliant woman lawyer), and Dr. Julia Holmes Smith.

## Nantucket Net Champion Bows to Chicago Girl

Molly Hill of Chicago started off her tournament career in tennis at the Nantucket Yacht club last week by eliminating the club champion, Madeleine Kilvert, in a hotly contested second match of the club's junior tournament. Island tennis enthusiasts still are talking about the way the diminutive Chicagoan battled her way through to a 7-5 victory in the decisive third set, after losing the first, 3-6, and winning the second, 6-4. Miss Kilvert, as 1937 champion, entered the match an overwhelming favorite over the newcomer from the Windy City, and the outcome was of considerable surprise to the gallery, which quickly gathered when news spread that the titleholder was being threatened.

Later in the week Miss Hill met another Chicagoan and close friend, Rose Taylor, in the quarter-finals, and after losing the first two games, she won the first and second sets, 6-2, 6-0. Donald Freeman of Chicago was eliminated by Dudley Taylor of Nantucket, 6-2, 6-3, in the boys' division of the tournament.

The Yacht club theater will present a musical tonight featuring the Radamskys. Mrs. Robert Stewart is a patroness.

Thursday the Nantucket playhouse will present Violet Heming in "Candida." Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Boynton among the patrons.

Glenn Frank recently visited Col. and Mrs. Robert Stewart at their home, Moores End.

Mrs. Alfred W. Walters is at the White Elephant hotel; the Misses Dorothy Norton and Shirley Sammis are at the Ocean house.

Among those enjoying the Saturday evening yacht club dinner-dance: Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus G. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Y. Freeman, and Mr. and Mrs. Hopewell Rogers.

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## Gov. John Gordon of Georgia Gave a Stirring Speech.

I do hope you can come out for the opening of the Auditorium. It will be a great event in the annals of our city. Lovingly, MARTHA FREEMAN ESMOND.

### FOOTNOTES.

Gen. John B. Gordon (1832-1904), for almost forty years the idol of the people of Georgia, had had no military training when, at the beginning of the civil war he was elected captain of a mountaineer company. Promoted rapidly, he was at the close of the war a lieutenant general. Courteously and impressively bearing, he was the ideal southern gentleman and soldier. His "Reminiscences of the Civil War," published in 1903, is notable for its freedom from sectional bitterness and for its fairness to friend and foe.

Has any reader a memory of the speech of Gen. Gordon at Central Music hall?

### AN ALPHABET OF CHICAGO PIONEERS.

A is for Adams and Arnold and Ayer; B is for Beaubien, Botsford, and Blair; C is for Carpenter, Cregar, and Cole; D is for Davis, for Drake, and for Dale; E is for Ellsworth and Egan, I think; F is for Farwell, for Field, and for Frink; G is for Goodrich and Garrett and Gale; H is for Hamilton, Hubbard, and Hale; I is for Isham, and Indians too; J is for Joliet, brave, bold, and true; K is for Kinzie, whose name oft you see; L is for Lavin and good Larrabee; M is for Medall and McCormick and Mason; N is for Newberry [now on we must hasten]; O is for Onahan, Ogden, and Otis; P is for Porter [a preacher, you'll notice]; R is for Rogers and Runsey and Ross; S is for the Scammons and Skippers and Shaws; T is for Temple and Tuttle and Turner; U is for Udkie, a dividend earner; V is for Van Osdel and Velie and Volk; W is for Wentworth, the tallest of folk; X—well, now, really, no X's we know; Y is for Yager and Citizen Yoe; Z is for Zabriskie, suggestive of speed, And now we have come to the end of our screeed.

Readers will think of many pioneers whose names should be recorded in such an alphabet. The exigencies of time and meter caused many omissions.

"F. L. Udkie was an incorporator of the Chicago Gas Light and Coke company in 1849. We were pretty hard pressed for a rhyme and had to drag in mention of his money."

We shall be glad to receive "alphabets of pioneers" from our readers.

## Philanthropic Club to Have Party Meeting

Just once during the year do the Jewish Big Sisters meet for any but business purposes. Next Tuesday comes their midsummer luncheon, the single occasion when they put aside their responsibilities as Big Sisters to have a good time. The luncheon is to be held at the Edgewater

Beach hotel at 12:30 o'clock, with cards, Mah Jongg, or a stroll along the beach walk afterward.

Miss Frances Hoffman, 5555 Everett avenue, Plaza 1188, and Mrs. Benjamin Wolin, 433 Briar place, Buckingham 9219, are in charge of arrangements and are receiving reservations.

Mrs. Harry J. Friedman and Miss Dorothy Hoffman are planning a tour, supper, and concert at Grant park next week for the intermediate and senior groups of Little Sisters.

A delightful trip is in store today for the Chicago Philanthropic club juniors, who are sailing on the S. S. Roosevelt for St. Joseph, Mich. from the Navy pier at 9:45 o'clock. A committee, with Jere Lustig and Miss Marjorie Van Gelder as co-chairmen, has arranged for entertainment and dancing. Four hours will be spent at St. Joseph. Tickets will be on sale at the pier. Proceeds will go to the organization's philanthropies, which are associated with the Jewish Children's bureau.

## Anglo-American Betrothal

One of the more important engagements in the Anglo-American colony it that of Carol Christie to Michael Duke Doulton. Miss Christie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Christie of Newport, R. I., and Mr. Doulton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orrok Doulton of 37 De Vere gardens, London. It is expected that the marriage will take place in Newport, and will be one of the major social events of the season.

## Elizabeth Louise Wyant Plans Wedding July 31

Dr. and Mrs. A. R. E. Wyant of 2033 West 101st street announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Louise, to Charles F. Martin of Evanston. The wedding will take place in the garden of the Wyant home at noon on July 31.

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