

"Jane Addams of Sweden" Is Chicago Guest

By Betty Browning.

"Jane Addams of Sweden," one of her fellow countrymen called Miss Kerstin Hesselgren when she visited Chicago last week-end as an official delegate to the New Sweden tercentenary celebration.

Only a few minutes' conversation with this small, unassuming woman revealed the combination of character and circumstance that has given her an important part in making Sweden the progressive country it is today.

First woman member of parliament; delegate to the league of nations; to international labor conferences; first inspector of housing; inspector of factories, heading the women's division; president of the Swedish National Council of Women—on these responsibilities of hers white haired, rosy cheeked Miss Hesselgren commented with a mischievous twinkle in her blue eyes that contrasted with the dense black velvet band about her throat. "Almost the only thing I haven't tried is marriage."

But she became serious as she described how both city and country women in Sweden are educating themselves as citizens. Swedish women, by the way, have had the right to vote since 1921, the year Miss Hesselgren was elected to the senate. She has served continuously in parliament since, and now is in the lower chamber as a representative of all parties, an almost unprecedented distinction.

"Swedish women are eager to train themselves for citizenship because they realize that the housewife's experience is of value to the community," Miss Hesselgren explained.

"There is hardly a Swedish woman who does not belong to some kind of organization. Most of our organizations joined in a campaign this year to place more women in government posts, with encouraging results. Of 240 members in the second chamber of parliament 11 are women."

Swedish women's organizations also are interested in lightening the home maker's burden by obtaining a holiday for housewives, Miss Hesselgren recounted. Sweden now has a holiday law providing 12 days' vacation with pay for almost every one but the home maker. There also is a concerted effort to introduce technical improvements into the home, especially in the country, where most women run their homes much as their grandmothers did.

The Swedish National Council of Women, of which Miss Hesselgren is president, serves as a clearing house for such activities on the part of organizations—civil, social, religious, and philanthropic.

Miss Hesselgren was brought up in Gästrikland—she translated it "land rich in guests"—in north Sweden. Her education was given her at home in the conservative fashion befitting a country doctor's daughter sixty years ago. But it was her father who first interested her in the less fortunate, she recalled. Her earliest ambition was to study medicine, but that was almost unheard of for a girl to do, and her delicate health presented a further barrier. So she did the next best thing, and helped her father as a nurse. Later she studied abroad several years, in Germany, Switzerland, and England.

In 1906, when she was 34 years old, came her first important task. In response to mounting public demand for slum clearance she was appointed Stockholm's first housing inspector. From her report and subsequent reports resulted the legislation that has placed Sweden among the foremost nations in respect to housing.

Three years later Miss Hesselgren was asked to inspect domestic economy schools preliminary to reorganizing them. In 1913 she was made government inspector of factories and head of the women's division, a post she held until her recent retirement.

Miss Hesselgren expressed dissatisfaction with attempts to fix minimum wages by legislation. "Too often they become maximum wages," was her comment. Sweden's women workers, like the men, have a 48 hour week, and unions in most cases have prescribed their wages, for women are almost as well organized as men, Miss Hesselgren said.

Miss Hesselgren is serving now on a parliamentary commission which has made a survey of women's wages as compared to men's. Its findings have been that women earn somewhat less, on the whole, because they fill somewhat less skilled jobs, but that the rule is "equal pay for equal work." The men's unions favor this rule because it prevents women's unions from underbidding them, Miss Hesselgren asserted.

Charlotte James to Be Bride of Leonard Buckley

The wedding of Miss Charlotte Agnes James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. James of 7036 South East End avenue, to Leonard J. Buckley of Detroit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Buckley of 3423 Walnut street, will take place on Aug. 6. The ceremony will be performed at St. Laurence church, with the Rev. Albert J. Buckley, the brother of the bridegroom, officiating.



Miss Kerstin Hesselgren.
[TRIBUNE Studio Photo.]

BRIDE OF SOUTH SIDE

The marriage of Miss Niceta Sullivan to Dr. Robert Charles Ranquist took place July 16 in the Visitation church, with a reception and breakfast following at the Blackstone hotel. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Edward Joseph Sullivan of 656 Garfield boulevard. Dr. Ranquist is the son of Mrs. Charles Robert Ranquist of 816 54th place.

[Du Bois the Drake Photo.]

Women's Clubs Are Planning Many Parties and Outings

An evening on Lake Michigan amid starlight and cool breezes is in store this week for members of the Chicago Civic Business and Professional Women's club and the Pen and Pencil club. The former organization will sail on the S. S. Theodore Roosevelt at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow evening from the dock near the Michigan avenue bridge, and the Pen and Pencil club will make the same trip Wednesday.

Dr. L. Pearl Smith heads the committee arranging the trip for the business and professional women. Miss Esther Grabinger is chairman for the north side and Miss Lena Boyette, Miss Alice McLean, and Miss Elizabeth Viehs also are on the committee.

Marcia Nye, radio ballad singer, will be among the entertainers who will give a program for the Pen and Pencil club Wednesday. Jessie L. MacCain is in charge. Mrs. Glen Sheffer heads the committee on general arrangements.

Another delightful outing will be that of the Native Daughters of Illinois on Tuesday to Pine Tree State park, near Oregon, Ill. The party will travel by special bus, taking box lunches. This day will culminate a year's study of state parks and memorials by the club's study class.

Miss Anna Johnson, chairman of summer activities, is arranging the trip.

A party with a purpose is to be given by the Soma Welfare, Friday, at the home of Mrs. Arthur W. Carlson on Drake road at Glenview. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 o'clock, and afterward there will be games of all sorts and fortune telling. Through proceeds of the afternoon, members hope to give added help to crippled children.

This small organization, originally a bridge club, since 1919 has had as its object the assistance of crippled children. Braces and appliances are supplied each year to little patients at the Martha Washington Home for Crippled Children and other institutions.

Mrs. John Medlock is president of Soma Welfare. Mrs. Bessie Bragg Pearson is vice president and publicity chairman; Mrs. Edward R. Sorenson, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Zerler, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Charles H. Stresenreuter, treasurer.

On the board of directors are Mrs. Mabel Calendar, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Clayton Cunningham, Mrs. Walter H. Jacobs, Mrs. William S. Hoyt, Mrs. B. S. Quigley, Mrs. F. J. Siebert, Mrs. Richard S. Snyder, Mrs. C. F. Stephenson, and Mrs. George A. Miller.



Mrs. Bessie Bragg Pearson.

Door County Visitors Hear Talk on Botany

Amateur and professional botanists as well as those who merely enjoy hiking along woodland trails gathered at the Ephraim, Wis., Ephraim village hall Wednesday evening to hear Prof. Norman Fassett describe and illustrate with colored slides "The Wild Flowers of Door County and Their Conservation." The lecture was sponsored by the Peninsula Arts association and the Ridges Sanctuary, Inc.

The latter organization was formed last year at the suggestion of Albert Fuller, curator of botany at the Milwaukee museum, to preserve and protect the area north of Bailey's Harbor, on the Lake Michigan side of the peninsula, in which can be found a greater variety of rare and beautiful wild flowers than is known to exist in any other part of the state. Several species of wild orchid constitute some of the most valuable plants in this section. Jens Jensen, who has championed the cause of natural beauty with ceaseless enthusiasm, is one of the directors of the new organization commissioned to save the "Ridges" from the ravages of the careless tourist.

Mr. Jensen was formerly of Chicago, but now makes his permanent home at "The Clearing" in Ellison Bay, where he is establishing a school of landscape architecture and handicrafts in keeping with the principles he has advocated during his long and successful career in this field.

Mrs. Eric Scherstrom of Evanston, who spends each summer at her Sister Bay home, went down from Door county to attend the Stevens hotel banquet for the crown prince and princess of Sweden with Mr. Scherstrom and their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Severin of Evanston. The four motored back to Sister Bay for a vacation of about a week after which Mr. Scherstrom and the Severins returned to Evanston. Mrs. Scherstrom was a member of the original committee which made the preliminary plans for entertaining the members of the Swedish royal family while they were in Chicago.

In view of the fact that many of upper Door county's early settlers were Scandinavian fishermen who remained here because they found the topography and shoreline of this peninsula so similar to their native land it is interesting to note that many prominent Scandinavians now living in other parts of the United States are drawn here for their vacations by that same resemblance. Harry T. Carlson of Chicago, who was given a medal last week-end by Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf for his excellent directing of the Swedish Choral club, will arrive Aug. 1 with his family for a month of relaxation at Sister Bay.

J. Arthur Friedlund, who as secretary of the John Erickson Republican League of Illinois, represented this organization in making plans for the Swedish tercentenary celebration, also has a home at Sister Bay. Mrs. Friedlund has had Mrs. Arthur Wirtz and her two older children of Lake Grove drive, Chicago, as her guests since early in the month.

Tuesday evening about fifty guests were invited to a buffet supper on the lawn of the Friedlund home in honor of Jack Friedlund's 10th birthday.

On Wednesday Mrs. Henry E. Nelson and her sister, Mrs. Ralph G. Bengston of Chicago, entertained at Claus Haven, the home of their mother, Mrs. Claus A. Carlson, for Mrs. Wirtz, Mrs. Friedlund, Mrs. J. P. Friedlund, Mrs. Edwin B. Frank, and Mrs. Otto W. Westphal, all of Chicago. Dr. and Mrs. Huette Williams and their son, Bobby, of Chicago visited Mrs. Bengston and her young son and daughter last week, and while here helped to "initiate" the renovated bathhouse on the Claus Haven property in its new role as guest house. The Bengstons have retained a strictly nautical atmosphere throughout the structure by having porthole windows, double deck beds, and other features typifying a steamship.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale W. McMillan Jr. of Fort Wayne, Ind., have already returned home after spending part of the month with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Fisher of Evanston, who have a cottage here during July.

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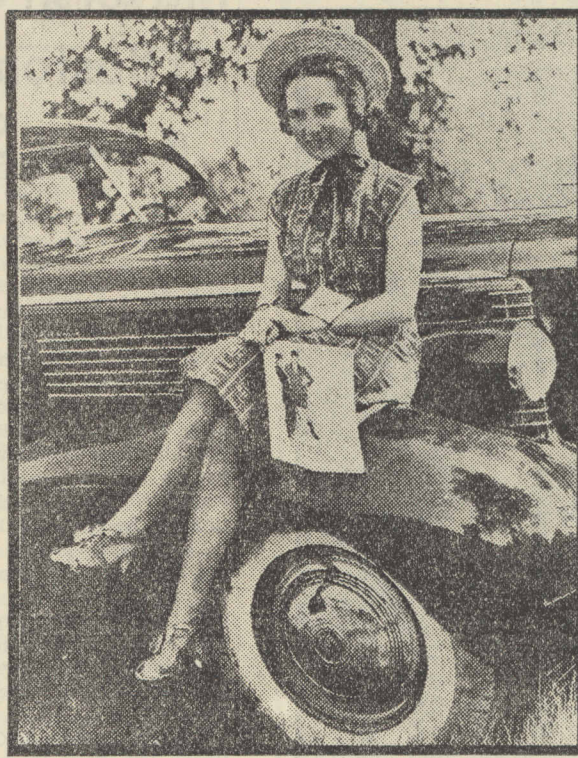
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AT HINSDALE HORSE SHOW

A pretty visitor from Battle Creek, Mich., at the Hinsdale horse show was Miss Jeanne Buckley, who watched the show with Paul Butler's children. Her parents are the George P. Buckleys.

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Their son, Wisner, is now visiting them.

Miss Blanche Vail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Vail of Evanston, and her Ephraim house guest, Miss Betty Rowlett of Glenview, a Roycemore classmate, spent a week-end at the Washington Island home of Mr. and Mrs. Veit Gentry of Highland Park before driving back to Evanston last week. From there Blanche left by train for a two weeks' vacation at the Timberline ranch in Arizona, where she was meeting Jane Ann McBride of Evanston.

Mrs. Vail and her son, Jesse, with his young friend, Bobby Carpenter of Kenilworth, are remaining here for the season. Tony Lorimer of Evanston returned home last week-end after two weeks with his friends at the Vail log home.

Mrs. William C. French and her son, Robert, of Evanston made a stopover at Eagle Inn last week on their way to their summer home at Eagle Knob.

Miss Frances Whedon and her niece, Miss Frances Jeffery of Chicago, have leased the spacious Hoffman home on Fish Creek's cottage row for the season and have planned a series of house parties for the coming weeks. Miss Jeffery's recent house guests, Mrs. Reid Chatillon of Chicago, Richard Burke of Winnetka, and Joseph Roby of Rochester, N. Y., were members of the theater party from Cottage row attending the opening production of the peninsula players last week.

Prof. Franklin B. Schneider of Northwestern university, who is spending most of the summer at the Thorp hotel with Mrs. Schneider and their son, Bliss, made a brief trip to Evanston last week.

Mrs. Hugo C. Wagner and Mrs. R. A. Keyes of Evanston motored to Fish Creek last week-end with Mr. H. M. Pfleger of St. Louis for a vacation of a week or ten days at Thorp.

Mrs. F. W. Billis and her daughter, Anita, arrived from Chicago to be with Miss Marie Gatter at her cottage, the Owl's Nest, in Peninsula State Park, for the rest of the summer.

Fred E. Busbey Is to Address Finance Forum

"The Effect of Communism on Economics in the United States" will be the subject of a talk by Fred E. Busbey, president of a Chicago brokerage house, at a dinner meeting of the Women's Finance Forum Tuesday evening. The meeting will be held at 6 o'clock at the Central Y. M. C. A., 19 South La Salle street.

Mr. Busbey served with the Rainbow division in France during the world war, and for ten years has been active on the Americanism commission of the Illinois American Legion.

This dinner is to be the first of a series of early evening meetings planned for the forum during the remainder of the summer. "Steel, Man's Servant," a technicolor film, will be presented at one of these meetings. Another program will be devoted to a review of a book, "Money Without Men," by its author, Mrs. Ruth MacKay, member of the forum. The book is to be published this autumn. Mrs. Hazel R. Ferguson, new president of the forum, will conduct the meetings.

Another interesting meeting of the week will be the summer activities program of the Chicago Woman's club at 11 o'clock Wednesday at the clubhouse, 72 East 11th street. Mrs. Clare Hahit Eldrado will speak on "The Origin of Languages and Dialects." Mrs. Eldrado, a native of Illinois who spent twenty years abroad as the wife of a Spanish opera singer, will illustrate her talk with humorous stories and readings. Luncheon and a card party will follow the program.

Mrs. Arthur F. Schermerhorn, who is at Schermer, Lenox, for the summer.

\$82,000 Music Shed to House Berkshire Fete

Elaborate preparations have been made for the fifth annual Berkshire Music festival at Tanglewood, Stockbridge, Mass., Aug. 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, and 14. Six concerts will be given by the Boston Symphony orchestra, Dr. Serge Koussevitzky conducting in a new music shed just completed at a cost of \$82,000 raised by subscription. There are seats for 5,000 persons, with standing room for as many more. All of the 104 boxes have been sold at \$150 each.

The "shed" is shaped like a fan and is built of steel and wood. Its acoustics, tested by Massachusetts Institute of Technology experts, were found to be exceptional. Joseph Franz of Stockbridge was the architect and engineer in charge.

The festival association, of which Miss Gertrude Robinson Smith of New York is president, has a budget of \$51,000, compared with \$41,000 last year, when the net proceeds were \$3,000 compared with \$1,800 in 1936. All first class Berkshire hotels have been sold out for weeks for the festival period. Dr. and Mrs. Koussevitzky are to be at the Berkshire Hunt and Country club, Lenox.

Dr. Albert Britt, president emeritus of Knox college, and Mrs. Britt, who have been guests for ten days of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Blodgett of Great Pine farm, Great Barrington, left today for their Cape Cod summer home. Jonathan G. Latimer returned to Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Richberg to Washington. They also were in the Blodgett house party.

Early in the week Mrs. Blodgett had a luncheon party of twenty women at Westogue, Conn., in compliment to Mrs. Britt and Mrs. Richberg. The guests included Mrs. George O. Forbes and Mrs. Walt Talcott of Rockford, Ill., and Mrs. Aubrey T. Barnes, sister-in-law of Mrs. Forbes. Also in the group was Mrs. John B. Beebe of Great Barrington, whose daughter, Mrs. John H. Hamline of Lake Forest, Ill., is arriving next week for a visit with her and Dr. Beebe. Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Forbes were themselves luncheon hostesses for Mrs. Blodgett and her guests.

Count and Countess Giovanni Cardeilli of Imola, Great Barrington, were the honored guests at a "swimming pool" luncheon given by Mrs. Albert Spalding, wife of the violinist, at Aston Magna, Great Barrington.

Mrs. Warren M. Salisbury of Lake Shore drive is having as guests at Tor court, Pittsfield, a group of relatives and friends from her old home at Rumford, Me. They are Mr. and Mrs. Wilder B. Kimball Jr., Miss Evaline Kimball, Mrs. Nahum Moore, and Miss Barbara Moore; also Miss Betsy Baker of New York City. Joining Mrs. Salisbury next week to remain until after Labor day will be Mr. and Mrs. Kimball Salisbury and daughter Joy of 1415 Astor street, Chicago. Mr. Salisbury plays annually in the Pittsfield and Manchester, Vt., golf tournaments.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Wedding and engagement announcements must be signed by a member of the family, and must bear the address and telephone number of the signer. Announcements must reach the society editor by Tuesday noon preceding the Sunday of publication.

Kathryn Weniger, daughter of Mrs. Frank Weniger, 1715 Normandy avenue, to Richard J. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack London, 2906 Wilcox street.

Sara Choos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Choos, 1517 South Harding avenue, to Irving Yones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Yones, 3145 West Darwin terrace.

Betty Currey Hultgren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hultgren, 10222 Emerald avenue, to William Semmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Semmer, 9012 Leavitt street.

Charlotte Farber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Farber, 3234 Beach avenue, to Sy Sussman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Sussman, 1440 Milwaukee avenue. The wedding will take place on Oct. 16.

Minnie Lightman, daughter of Mrs. Rose Sapoznik, 3219 West Division street, to Joseph Levin, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Cohen, 1250 North Wash-ton avenue.

Pearl M. Laser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Laser, 3600 West 16th street, to Harold Ribner, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strohlovitz, Cicero, Ill.

Estelle Binswanger, daughter of Mrs. I. J. Binswanger of Kansas City, to Marvin Kaufmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kaufmann of Detroit and Hollywood Beach, Fla. Miss Binswanger is the cousin of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Binswanger of 5021 Woodlawn avenue.

Dorothy Katz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Katz, 5346 South Cornell avenue, to Louis Newman of New York. The wedding will take place in the early fall.

mer, is on a committee of Lenox and Stockbridge society women who have arranged with the Rev. Edmund Randolph Laine of Stockbridge for a series of lectures on "Milestones in Christian History."

The Richmond Garden club, of which Mrs. W. Rockwood Gibbs is president, is to have charge of Herb week activities at the Berkshire Garden center, Stockbridge, beginning Aug. 1. Mrs. Gibbs was the special guest at a luncheon given by Mrs. Lucy Wadhams Dodge at Guestwick, Pittsfield, before the garden club meeting with Mrs. Alanson Gibbs Fox.

Mrs. John H. P. Gould, who is the former Miss Lee Higginson, is on the Stockbridge Golf club entertainment committee which was in charge of the golf tournament at the club tonight. On the club tennis committee are Mrs. Edward T. Herndon of New York, who is passing the summer with her parents; Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Holloway of Glenview, Ill., at Tamarack, Tarrytown, and her brother, George Allen Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. Holloway are back at Tamarack from Dedham, Mass., where they were visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur Whitcomb.

Mrs. Edith Brock and Mrs. Alta Miller of Evanston, Ill., were at Williams Inn, Williamston, this week.

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