

Chicago Society Leaders Vie For Dictator's Scepter Unused Since Death Last Year of Mrs. McCormick



The late Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, the last to hold the scepter of Chicago's social dictator, and her Lake Shore drive home. Mrs. Howard Linn. The late Mrs. Potter Palmer, the mightiest social dowager Chicago ever had, and her home on Lake Shore drive.

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CHICAGO.—Chicago, used to seeing a battle royal for the crown of gaudium, now is observing a contest, clever and brilliantly fought, for the scepter of social dictator.

Three women are eager to seize the scepter. It has lain idle since the death last year of Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick.

At the moment, Mrs. Howard Linn, whose portraits by Boule de Monville and Frank B. Hoffman are internationally famous, flashes into the social spotlight as the unofficial hostess for the Republican and Democratic conventions. Her parties were the talk of the social town.

Party Specialist

This striking, white-haired, brown-eyed young woman, has advanced to her present position on the theory that it takes either an amusing program or an amusing guest of honor, together with per-

fection in catering, to make a party worth while.

But Mrs. Linn has to reckon with Mrs. Charles Barney Goodspeed and Mrs. John Alden Carpenter.

Mrs. Goodspeed, wife of a trustee of the University of Chicago, and a conservative among the regulars, created a furor this summer when she finally bulldozed her habit. Her picture is in the paper often.

Travels Widely

When Mrs. Goodspeed is in town she presides as president of the Arts Club. When she is out of town she is apt to be doing almost anything in the line of adventure—from invading the Gobi Desert to roughing it in Arizona.

Among the last of the parties of the brand which the "Famulous Twenties" produced was her party for 500 guests at one of the most exclusive Lake Shore hotels.

For the most part, however, Mrs. Goodspeed's address is likely to be Cape Cod, Long Island, China, Ja-

pan, the South Sea Islands, or any other part of the world.

Mrs. Ellen Wallace Borden Carpenter, who married John Alden Carpenter recently in the Cambridge, Mass., home of her uncle and aunt, the Kingsley Porters, most closely approximates the former day picture of a social leader.

Formerly Mrs. Borden

During a former marriage to the then fabulously wealthy John Borden, her stone chateau, which faces the McCormick house, was a society stronghold. She and Mrs. McCormick were close friends.

Well liked and admired as one of the most gracious figures of the city, Mrs. Carpenter's drawing room has continued as the center of philanthropic plans since the marriage of "Chicago's best-known widow" and most prominent widow.

If Mrs. Linn has an advantage over Mrs. Goodspeed and Mrs. Carpenter, it may be because of her resourcefulness and her "knowing". She has so far defied precedent that she has entirely given up a town residence and has established the Linn ménage in the most northerly of suburbs—Lake Bluff. Further, she now has hit upon a unique plan to benefit her pet charity—Olivet Institute—by arranging a treasure hunt around the World's Fair and city. Each guest must pay an admission charge.

Mrs. Potter Palmer

At heart, though, Chicago still reveres the mightiest social dowager it ever had, the late Mrs. Potter Palmer. Her castellated pile on Lake Shore drive was the palace from which a queen issued undoubted orders.

Then, later, there arose the dynasty of Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, with her Napoleonic gold service and her patronage of the arts and the opera.

No "outsider" has a chance for the throne. All contenders, past and present, have been of Chicago blood royal.

The guests of her brother and sister-in-law, Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace and Mrs. Wallace.

Mrs. H. Gray Muzzy of Tooting Lane was hostess at a riding breakfast at Devon Gables Saturday in honor of the 13th birthday of her daughter, Joan. The guests included a group of young equestrians, who meet each Saturday morning to ride.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mrs. A. Claire Wall, chairman of the women's golf committee of the Oakland Hills Country Club was the honoree at a ladies party and luncheon Monday at the home of Mrs. J. D. Role of Linden road.

The guests included Mrs. David E. Ralston, Mrs. Euclid T. Smith, Mrs. Fred H. Rollins, Mrs. Frank Seal, Mrs. R. M. McGuire, Mrs. W. Zweiner, Mrs. E. M. Holmes, John Calvert, Mrs. Frank Blador, Mrs. H. J. Piper, Mrs. Allan Bloss, Mrs. Kenneth Moore, Mrs. Damon Gail, Mrs. A. R. Burt, Mrs. Neal McGinnis, Mrs. D. Watkins, Mrs. W. G. Lewel, Mrs. Neal Mulhern, Mrs. W. J. Penningroth, Mrs. K. D. Berdan, and Mrs. H. B. Hatch.

Daniel Swartz of Purdy street spent the week-end in Jackson attending a convention of insurance men.

Mrs. Don M. Hawley of Oakland avenue has returned from San Francisco, Cal., where she spent the past month.

Mrs. and Mrs. Walter L. Moreland of Worth street, spent the week-end in Allegan, where they visited Mr. Moreland's mother, Mrs. Julia Moreland.

Mrs. James W. Parry of Oak and avenue is making an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. H. A. Amlerand of Fargo, N. Dak.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Hutton entertained members of the choir of St. James' Church at dinner at their home at Lakeland Lake Sunday.

Mrs. George Shelton of Fort Wayne, Ind., spent the past week at the home of her niece, Mrs. E. Bayley of East Maple avenue.

Mrs. and Mrs. Maurice Lowman of Ferndale avenue have as their guest, their niece, Miss Louise Fisher of Mexico, Ind.

Mrs. S. J. Stratton of Windsor, Ont., is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Robert Phillips of Ivenhoe road.

Stanley Peabody of Quanton and Miss Harriet Brelsford of Pilgrim road returned to Lansing Friday to be the guests of Miss Betty Peabody, Miss Marion Richard Phillips and Courtland Cromwell, students at Michigan State College. The young couple attended the football game at Ann Arbor Saturday, and Miss Brelsford and Mr. Peabody returned to Birmingham Sunday.

Miss Mary E. Reynolds of Pierpont Manor, N. Y., is the guest of her niece, Mrs. L. Earl Jackson of Cedar drive.

Mrs. W. R. Huber of Riverside drive has as her guest, her sister, Mrs. Edmund Davis of Dayton, O.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Foster of Penn Yan, N. Y., are spending a few days this week with Mrs. Foster's sister, Mrs. George E. A. Hallett of Mohegan drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Anibal of Lone Pine road had as their guests for the week-end, Mrs. Anibal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fogarty of White Pigeon, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin P. Kilbourn moved Monday from their home on Tiverton drive to Palmer Woods where they will reside for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald T. Stanton of Mohegan drive will have as their guests for the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Snyder of Cincinnati, O. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton and their guests plan to attend the Michigan-Cornell football game at Ann Arbor Saturday.

Mrs. J. F. Walker of Gambier, O., is the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Wells of Mohegan drive.

Mrs. and Mrs. A. J. Brandt of Kennosaw drive have as their guest this week, Mrs. Brandt's sister, Mrs. E. A. Hangnum of Cleveland Heights, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morrow of Ann street will entertain 12 guests at dinner and bridge this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Ballentine of Poppleton avenue were hosts to a group of friends at a buffet supper Sunday evening following the tea of the Village Players. Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Bartzick of Rand court entertained a small group at an impromptu supper following the tea.

Mrs. William Laurence Shaffner of Wibleton drive had as her luncheon guests Monday, members of her bridge group, including Mrs. Clifford H. Ramsey, Mrs. A. J. Brandt, Mrs. Harrison J. Stringham, Mrs. W. Whiting Raymond, Mrs. Ernest's sister, Mrs. E. A. Hannum, Mrs. Leigh Lynch and her guest, Mrs. Don Almy of Redding, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Buick of Abbey road spent the week-end at Charlevoix, returning Sunday. Miss Mary Buick has also returned from a motor trip through the East.

Mrs. Leigh Lynch of Forest avenue has as her guest this week, Mrs. Don Almy of Redding, Conn. Mrs. Lynch was hostess at a smart informal tea in honor of Mrs.

FOOD SPECIALS

Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>Loan Roast</p> <p>Pork</p> <p>with Tenderloin</p> <p>18c lb.</p>	<p>Extra Special</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>STEAKS</p> <p>Sirloin Round Porter-House Club</p> <p>1 lb. 25c</p>	<p>EXTRA FANCY ROASTING OR FRYING</p> <p>Chicken</p> <p>21c lb.</p> <p>1 to 3 lb. Av.</p>
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<p>Shoulder Roast—Prime</p> <p>BEEF</p> <p>For Oven or Pot Roast</p> <p>15c lb.</p>	<p>A 12c SALE AT SFIRE'S</p> <p>Swift—Circle S—Premium</p> <p>Smoked Picnics</p> <p>Fresh Ground</p> <p>Shoulder Beef</p> <p>1 lb. 12c</p>	<p>Prime Standing</p> <p>RIB—BEEF</p> <p>6th and 7th rib</p> <p>17c lb.</p>
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<p>SMOKED HAMS</p> <p>Boned and Ralied</p> <p>14 1/2c lb.</p>	<p>Canadian Back Bacon</p> <p>In Piece</p> <p>29c lb.</p>	<p>Swift Premium</p> <p>Sliced Bacon</p> <p>23c lb.</p>
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<p>Genuine Spring</p> <p>Leg of Lamb</p> <p>Free Mint</p> <p>1 lb. 15c</p>	<p>Leg of Lamb</p> <p>Free Mint</p> <p>1 lb. 15c</p>	<p>Cornd Beef Tongue</p> <p>Or Calves' Tongues</p> <p>19c lb.</p>
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<p>MUSHROOMS</p> <p>Extra Selected</p> <p>29c lb.</p>

<p>Sweet Potato or Pepper Squash 5 for 10c</p>	<p>Fresh Carrots - Beets - Turnips 3 bunches 10c</p>	<p>Green Peppers .2 doz. 10c</p>
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<p>Fresh Green Krispy Spinach . . . lb. 5c</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Celery 4 stalks 10c</p>	<p>Florida Grapefruit . . . 5 for 25c</p>
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<p>Michigan Cauliflower . 2 hds. 17c Large</p>	<p>Hubbard Squash . . . lb. 2 1/2c</p>	<p>Jersey Sweet Potatoes . 3 lbs. 10c</p>
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<p>Fresh Pumpkin . . . 3 for 10c</p>	<p>Bechnut Tomato Juice . Doz. cans 93c</p>	<p>P & G Soap 10 bars 29c</p>
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<p>IDAHO BAKING POTATOES</p> <p>29c PK.</p> <p>15-lb. peck</p>	<p>Michigan Potatoes</p> <p>19c PK.</p>	<p>SUNSHINE CRACKERS</p> <p>2 lb. box 27c</p>
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