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Press 9-13-74

Edith Gavin Portrait Donated To Library

A portrait of the late Mrs. Edith
Gavin, painted by nationally known
artist Mrs. Eleanor King Hookham,

of Elmhurst, was recently presented
to the Elmhurst public library.

The library board had commis-
sioned Mrs. Hookham to paint the
portrait in memory of Mrs. Gavin,
who started and developed the
library's picture file housed in the
young people's room.

Mrs. Gavin donated much of her
time to this project in the years
before her death in 1870.

Mrs. Hookham's extremely lifelike
portrait is on display for public
viewing in the library's Gavin Room.
This room was furnished by Mrs.
Gavin and named in memory of her
daughter when the addition to the
library was built. The Gavin room
houses the library's collections of
recordings and 8 mm films.

Mrs. Hookham is listed in "Who's
Who in America" and has had show-
ings of her work throughout the
United States and in Paris.

Explaining how she achieved such
a close likeness of Mrs. Gavin, a
woman she met only once, Mrs.
Hookham said, "Her kindness and
unassuming nature were qualities I
recalled from memory of my one
visit with her. I tried to capture
these on canvas through her facial
expression.

"The bone structure of her face
and the formation of her features I
achieved after examining newspaper
photographs of her. Also, many of
the library employees who had
worked with Mrs. Gavin recalled
such things as her favorite print
dress and the style in which she wore
her hair."

The Elmhurst public library is
open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday
through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 5
p.m. on Saturday.

Press 7-19-74

Fans Will Meet At Library

Was Sherlock Holmes mixed up in
voodoo? What was Dr. Watson's se-
cret vice? Why didn't Holmes
marry? Or did he?

If you have wondered about such
questions — or if you wish you'd
wondered — join the growing
number of Holmes fans at the Elm-
hurst public library at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19.

The speaker will be Robert W.
Hahn, member and past-president of
Hugo's Companions, the Chicago
chapter of the Baker Street Irregu-
lars. Currently editor of the society's
newsletter, Hahn also holds the
unique office of Baskerville Herald,
a position created especially for him.
Chicagoans know him as the origina-
tor of the annual Sherlock Holmes
birthday party, and as guest on
various radio and television pro-
grams.

The library program will include a
review of recent books published on
Holmes, notably the best-selling
Seven Per Cent Solution. If there is
enough interest, Mr. Hahn has ex-
pressed a willingness to plan other
programs through the winter for in-
terested mystery fans.

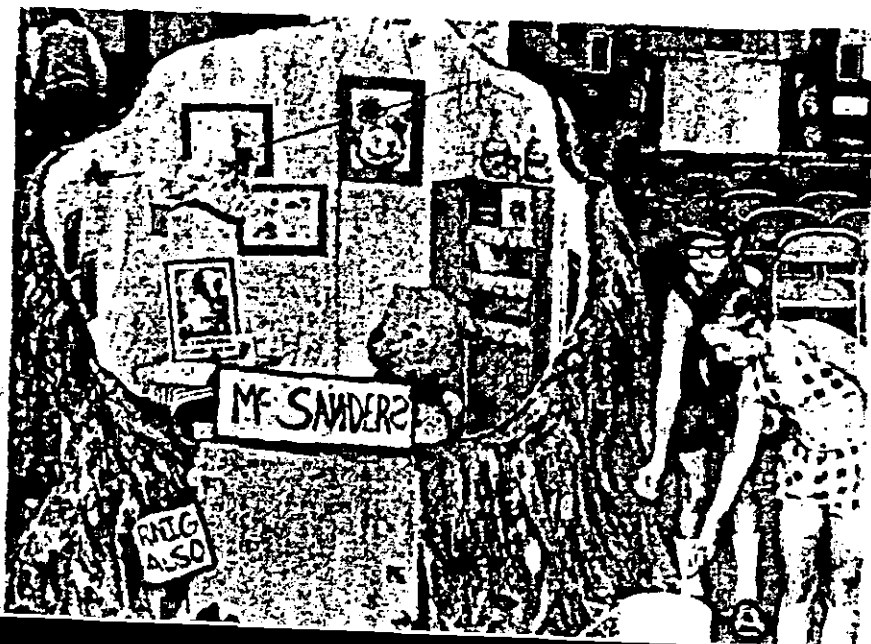
Whether you are a native or a
newcomer to the fog-shrouded world
of Holmes, Hahn's audio-visual pre-
sentation will be a fascinating jour-
ney into the Victorian Age.

Admission to the program is free.

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Press Publications

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Picture File Grows -- Through Her Work



Volunteer Worker Files Photos

"You never know what people will ask for next," said Mrs. Steve Gavin, 380 Argyle av., Elmhurst. She referred to the pictures she clips and mounts for use by patrons of the Elmhurst public library.

The picture collection, which has been built up by Mrs. Gavin during the past six years to hundreds of clippings, is used mostly by school children and their teachers.

It includes photographs and paintings on most of the countries of the world, all kinds of insects and animals, period costumes, and "most any subject."

"I'm guided in what I save by what people ask for—but you never know what that's going to be next," Mrs. Gavin said.

Working on a purely voluntary basis, she spends from noon to 6 p.m. at the library every day that it is open. So far she has filled three filing cabinets with mounted pictures and has three more filing cabinets of unmounted ones.

How did she get started on this unusual "hobby"? Mrs. Gavin, who has lived in Elmhurst since 1920, explained that she's always saved pictures and has many in her attic. But, when she called Ruth Strand, librarian, six years ago and asked if there were anything she could do, she had no idea that "I'd be doing just what I like to do."

She has just one small request to make of residents. Anyone who is moving and would like to get rid of old books or magazines—or anyone who would like to clean such books or magazines out of the attic—has been asked to donate them to the library.

Mrs. Gavin explained that she would like to have them since many pictures in the older publications have not been duplicated since and are impossible to find anywhere else.

Very few libraries the size of the Elmhurst one have picture files, and if it weren't for the hundreds of hours of work that Mrs. Gavin has donated to the library, Elmhurst probably wouldn't have one either.