John Tinney McCutcheon 1870-1949

McCutcheon traveled widely, often serving as a correspondent during his journeys. His cartoons provided commentary on national politics, societal changes and economic hardships. He was awarded the Pulitzer prize for cartoons in 1931.

In 1917 he married Evelyn Shaw, daughter of famous Lake Shore architect, Howard Van Doren Shaw. The couple settled in Lake Forest. After his death in 1949, Mrs. McCutcheon distributed his original drawings to several institutions in the Midwest. 24 cartoons, which span from 1904 to 1942, were given to College of Lake County in 1973. This acquisition initiated the CLC permanent art collection.

Although some of these cartoons are over 100 years old, their themes are eerily contemporary. Frame by frame they expose the faults and foibles of their time, and echo prophetically into our own.

This past Sunday, Chicago Tribune again printed a cartoon by John McCutcheon, first published in 1907. 24 of McCutcheon’s original pen and ink cartoons are installed on the second floor of the Library at CLC’s Grayslake campus.

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