
 * Highland Park Department *

AID FOR THE BECKER CHILDREN.

Corporation officials are generally supposed to expend all their time in "grabbing" franchises or "fixing" legislators, thereby sustaining the soulless reputation corporations enjoy. President Frost, of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Road, though a very busy man, finds time occasionally to do things that cannot be classed altogether as "soulless," as the following letter will show. It is a matter for congratulation that the North Shore's new tramway line has on its directory such liberal, public-spirited men as Mr. Frost:

Hon. W. F. Hogan, Highwood, Ill.

Dear Sir:— I was told yesterday that the children, left orphans through the death of their parents by a recent fire in your village, were in destitute circumstances, and if this is the case I will thank you to provide for their care and advise me of the funds required to do so.

Yours very truly,
 A. C. FROST.

Communicated.

The NEWS-LETTER gladly prints the following letter and regrets that the oversight mentioned occurred last week.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SHERIDAN-ROAD NEWS-LETTER:— There is an apparent oversight in your account of the presentation of medals to Messrs. Baker, Van Riper and Perryman on April 17th, as reported in your last week's issue.

You fail to state how the young men who were rescued from the ice floes on Feb. 12th, and their parents testified their appreciation of the heroism to which they owe so much, or how the institution with which these students were connected showed its gratitude.

The young men came from Lake Forest to the presentation and cheered heartily and their principal made a touching address, but surely that was not all.

The University, we hear, is to adorn one of its buildings with a tablet commemorating the rescue, but that by itself must strike any one as absurdly inadequate.

I have no wish to be inquisitive, but as one who sought an opportunity to show my appreciation of the bravery and unselfishness of my fellow townsmen by contributing to the purchase of the medals, I think that in fairness to those most interested, their part in the testimonial should be published.

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April Weddings.

The marriage of Miss Sophia Sweeney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sweeney of Ft. Sheridan, and Mr. James O'Malley of Chicago took place last Sunday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Highland Park. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Madden; and Mr. Schneider presided at the organ during the marriage service.

At the appointed hour the bridal party arrived, the bride's sister, Mary, as bridesmaid, and the groom's cousin, John, as best man. After the ceremony which made them man and wife there was a season of congratulations; a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, where the immediate relatives of the happy couple united in a most pleasant reception. Mr. and Mrs. O'Malley left on the 12:40 train for a wedding journey.

The young couple start life auspiciously, and with the best wishes of all who know them.

The marriage of Miss Grace Wadsworth Yoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucien G. Yoe of 476 Dearborn ave, to Lieutenant Robert C. Williams, First Cavalry, U. S. A., occurred Thursday afternoon at five o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. W. R. Notman of the Fourth Presbyterian church officiating. The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Charlotte Yoe. One hundred guests were present at the ceremony. Lieut. and Mrs. Williams will reside in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Denslow was a guest of Mrs. J. L. Ball last week.

The Art League.

The second year's work of the Highland Park Public School Art League has closed, and the members may well feel proud of its success.

The League, one of the first to be organized around Chicago, is gradually collecting a very valuable collection of works of art.

The co-operation of the teachers and scholars has been most gratifying. The pupils collected \$50 this year—which was spent as they suggested—each room designating the picture or caste desired.

The officers elected at the annual meeting are as follows: President, Miss Everett; vice president, Mrs. Lasher; treasurer and secretary, Miss Towner. The annual membership fee is fifty cents, and no one who has the welfare of our public schools at heart can refuse to join.

Next week a list of the new additions to the League's collection will be given in the NEWS-LETTER.

Obituary.

Mrs. W. M. Vines, wife of Rev. W. M. Vines—pastor of the First Baptist church in Asheville, N. C., and formerly of Highland Park, died on April 13th in Asheville, after a brief illness. Mrs. Vines' death was the cause of great sorrow to her many friends in the Park, for she was loved by the many people who knew her during Mr. Vines' pastorate here, and to all of whom she had endeared herself by her beautiful character and sweet disposition. To the bereaved husband the heartfelt sympathy of all his Highland Park friends is extended. Mrs. Vines was a Miss Ruby Painter of Johnson City, Tenn., and was 27 years of age. She was married to Mr. Vines in January, 1896. The interment was at Limestone, Tenn.

MRS. J. J. BRAND.

Mrs. Jennie Smith Brand was born in Cumberland, Md., Feb. 27th, 1864, and died of tuberculosis at her home in Highland Park, Ill. April 24th, 1899, aged 35 years, 1 month, and 27 days. Deceased moved with her parents in 1865, to Geneseo, Ill., where she spent her childhood days and received her education. She was united in marriage with her now