

Highland Park News.

Mrs. C. G. Phillips has been ailing for the past week.

Young men's Civics Club third meeting a great success, splendid speakers.

Mrs. McGregor Adams entertained at Bridge Whist, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Morgan returned this week from a visit to St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Dona Drew entertained a number of friends at Bridge last Friday afternoon.

Mr. R. H. Bowers the popular composer visited in Highland Park, Sunday.

Miss Alice Baker expects to spend the Christmas vacation with friends in Chicago.

Miss Julia P. Morgan is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bellhouse, in Amherstberg, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Duffy rejoice in the arrival of a little daughter, born Saturday Nov. 28th.

Miss Charlotte and Dean Friese entertained a few friends informally last Friday evening.

Mrs. Wm. Dooley of West Central avenue, entertained the Eucher Club Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Eddy of Marengo, Iowa, is the guest of her son, Mr. Wm. Eddy of First street.

Miss Davidson entertained her Sunday School class to the Thomas concert on Friday afternoon.

Mr. James Waltz who has been visiting Mr. Harold Steele, will leave soon for his home in Watson, Mo.

The sad news of the death of Miss Alice Hosmer well known in Highland Park, was received on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clow, South Second street, give a reception this evening in honor of their fifteenth anniversary.

Mrs. G. Dickenson of Prospect, avenue entertained ten ladies at luncheon, on Thursday, Dec. 10th.

August DeBoni has started to build a new residence on Glencoe avenue. Highland Park friends wish him success.

The Royal Neighbors gave an open meeting by invitation last Wednesday evening at their club room, Masonic Hall.

The Baraca class of the United Evangelical church held their meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Roger Fritsch.

Word was received on Sunday that Mr. Van Schaach who was seriously injured in an auto accident several weeks ago is progressing favorably.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Eyre, the wife of Mr. Kenneth R. Smoot's law partner, was received in Highland Park on Tuesday.

Mr. C. Foulds and family of Highland Park, will take up their residence at Libertyville, some time in the near future. Mr. Foulds business is located there which makes the change necessary.

Mr. George H. West of Elyria, Ohio, a traveling man for the American Lace Manufacturing Company, paid a short visit Thursday, to his brother, Mr. E. E. West, of the firm of West & Co., of this city.

The Highland Park dramatic club were entertained by Mgr. F. O. Peers of the Whitney Opera House on Monday. They all enjoyed Otis Harlan's antics in "A Broken Idol". Inamensely. The Club will present "The Secretary D'Amour" in the near future.

Dr. E. R. Moras, formerly of Chicago, has taken the property at Sheridan Road and Maple avenue, formerly occupied by Palmer A. Montgomery. Extensive repairs are going on and the Doctor will have a fine home. He is engaged in a work on Autology.

The Deerfield High School defeated the Fast Evanston Academy team on Wednesday by the score of 32-31. The score was even at the end of the regular period of time, but then the great work of Greenslade was able to nose out the extra point. The High School plays Lake Forest Academy tonight at the High school.

We brand as a canard the infamous statement of the Waukegan Sun that Rev. Mr. Quayle is using Highland Park students as spies against the blind pigs of Highwood.

The Young Men's Civics Club holds its next meeting Saturday, Dec. 19, 1908, at Library Hall. Everybody is cordially invited, for more details see other columns of this paper.

Reports from League II of the Fecit Club at Lacon, Ill., show that they are "doing things." They have a base ball team, a debating club, etc., and went camping last summer.

The Highland Park Club gave a very interesting vaudeville entertainment last Friday evening. The entertainments are steadily growing in interest, nearly five hundred people were present on Friday.

Alderman Denzel proved the value of a 25 cent advt. in the NEWS LETTER. He advertised the loss of a valuable watch for last week and the ad brought the finder to his store with the lost treasure in a few hours after the issue of the paper.

The Alumni Association of the Class of 1907 of the High school will attend "A Stubborn Cinderella" on New Years eve at the Princess Theatre. All members desiring to go will communicate at once with Miss Gertrude Nevins the Treasurer at her office in the High school building.

At the last meeting of the Fecit Club the following officers were elected, Factor, Robert Shields; Scriba, Confector, Eddie Wren; Monitor, Edwin O. Grover. Three new members, Eddie Seiler, Osborne Darby and Nathan Corwith were elected and will be initiated at the next meeting.

The money order department of the Highland Park Post Office is doing a tremendous business just now. Coming Christmas stimulates foreign remittances. No less than 27 money orders on two successive days, 54 in two days were sent, some of them for considerable amounts. The majority of them were for Italy.

Ramsdell Lasher of Evanston who was formerly a resident in Highland Park established a new world's high school record for the distance plunge this week in the tank of the Evanston Y. M. C. A. going sixty feet in 0:38 4-5. He held the best previous mark, for the same distance, 0:45. The feat was performed during the dual swimming meet of the Evanston and Crane High school teams, the suburban lads winning by 35 to 25.

The High school played the strong Evanston Academy team (north shore champions) to a tie in basket-ball in the formers gymnasium Wednesday night. Five extra minutes were played which resulted in another tie; score 31-31. A marked absence of rooters has been noticed at all games, it is believed that we have a winning team this year and everyone interested should attend our games. The team will play Hyde Park next Saturday night at our gymnasium.

The following is a copy of an invitation circulated by the Y. L. B. C., of the Ebenezer S. S. Did you get one? If not, come anyway, it is meant for everybody that wants a good time.

To the "Backwards Social" on Thursday evening, December 17th, at the home of Mr. J. J. Brand, No. 41 Second street. Don't be backward in coming forward with your clothes on backwards and see what happens afterwards.

Y. L. B. C., Ebenezer Church.

The third meeting of the Civics Club was held last Saturday at Library Hall. The attendance is still wretchedly small but what the members lack in numbers they make up in earnestness. A membership committee has been formed so that perhaps after the holidays interest may grow. The meeting on Saturday was a success from all points of view. The two speakers were both talented experts. Their addresses had just enough of a technical side to retain one's interest and yet not enough to render them boring. The purpose of the Club is to aid its members in the acquirement of a knowledge of the rights and duties as American citizens. To this end practical talks on the science of government are given by experts followed by brief informal quizzes. The officers of the Club are, President, Walter Weaver; Vice President, Geo. E. Phillips; Sec. Treasurer, C. H. Inman; Advisory committee, Mr. H. M. Bacon chairman, Mr. Geo. S. Coale and Mr. Howard Hill. Meetings are held every other Saturday Library Hall; everyone is invited.

One of Mrs. Geo. Coale's informal but very delightful musicals was given at her home on Tuesday. These occasions are very pleasant and of those interest to those fortunate enough to attend.

The Fecit Club will conduct its skating rink again this year through the courtesy of Mr. Lay who has given the use of the rink on Vine avenue near Linden. The boys have a large and comfortably heated shanty for the use of the skaters. Season, family and single tickets will be sold at very reasonable prices as last year.

The Woman's Club has for its program, Tuesday, Dec. 15, Mrs. May Wood Simons, the assistant editor of the Chicago Daily Socialist, who will speak on the subject, "Why am I a Socialist." Another great attraction in this program is Mr. Harry Mauser, one of Milwaukee's first and best known tenors.

At the invitation of the Botanical Club of the University of Chicago, Mr. Jesse L. Smith of Highland Park, lectured on the "Wild Flowers" of Chicago and vicinity. Dr. John M. Coulter presided and the audience consisted of professors and students of the University.

Death has played havoc this year with the pioneer citizens of this city. Thursday morning at 1 o'clock Mr. James Warren passed away at the home of his son, James E. Warren, at Kalamazoo, Michigan. Full particulars have not yet reached us, but it is known that death was caused by Pneumonia.

The funeral services were held on Friday at 2 p. m. at Rosehill chapel.

The High School chorus of a hundred voices will render Gade's Christmas Eve Cantata at the High School on the evening of December 18th, at a quarter after eight. The cantata is one of great beauty. It opens after the instrumental introduction with a solo part, a seraphic song. A chorus follows by the first and second tenors and first and second sopranos, representing the angelic hosts announcing the appearance of the star. A chorus of shepherds in the whole eight parts blend in a beautiful and harmonious ensemble. The author of this cantata is related to Mr. Frederick Gade of our High School Board of Education. The solo parts will be taken by Mr. Prior and Mrs. Eddy.

The chorus will sing "Gypsy Life," and "The Heaven's are Telling," from Haydn's oratorio, Creation. The entertainment will begin with a short sketch dramatized by Miss Martin from Kate D. Wiggins' Bird's Christmas Carol.

No charge is made for admission and all friends and patrons of the school are invited.

Highwood News

Thos. Reminger, proprietor of the Highwood pressing club, has just received 3,000 cloth samples. There is a great assortment to choose from and a person may get any kind of a suit they wish. Mr. Reminger, is to be complimented for his energy.

The young ladies of the Highwood M. E. Church will give a handkerchief and candy sale on Friday the 18th, at the Post office. Every one is invited to come with a full pocket book. The young ladies will take care of the rest.

Mrs. Chas. Brown spent a few days of last week with relatives in Racine, Wis. Mrs. Brown celebrated her 61st birthday anniversary Monday evening by having a few relatives and friends in.

The stores are decorated with holiday trimmings and the merchants have worked hard to make their stock complete in every detail. Stand by them and trade at home.

The oyster supper given by the ladies of the M. E. Church, was a grand success. The proceeds in the neighborhood of \$50 was turned over to the parsonage fund.

Mrs. Jones of Lake Forest, was a visitor in town Thursday. Mrs. Jones formerly lived on Bloom street and her many friends were glad to see her.

The parsonage is nearly completed and the Pastor has already moved in.

Mr. Clair Mc Ewen is able to be at work again after a short illness.

"The Christian Brotherhood" plan a recreation farm for members of the order at Libertyville. They have a big tract of land donated by C. C. Copeland, and will bring out their members and poor children of this Catholic order, for the vacation season in summer time.

Highwood School Notes

The Xmas programs will be given in the school rooms this year as in former years. All friends of the school are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Pratt, one of our teachers was surprised at her home in Waukegan, Wednesday evening December 9th.

SUCCESS CLUB.

Program Committee.—Bessie Yager, Chas. Conoton, Frances Siegle. Finance, Committee.—Ray Garrity, Margaret Moore, Mae Whiting. School Committee.—Claude Brace, Theo. Broten, Howard Stoker. Library Committee.—Paul Muzik, Dan Welster, Mary Taylor. Schoolroom Committee.—Earl Brady, Louise Gustafson, Ben Taylor, Esther Swanson, Nellie Swanson, Noreen Brownlee.

President—Philip Siegle

Glencoe News.

Fifty little folks of the primary department of the Glencoe Congregational church Sunday school are having a party and a good time generally in the church parlors today. They are served with ice cream and cake and the little ones are also planning Christmas surprises for others.

At one thirty Thursday afternoon, the water was shut off to remain so till Friday on account of a break between here and Winnetka. The merchants were busy getting in a supply of water to tide them over. The man on the water wagon was the most popular fellow in town—for the time being.

For some time past we have noticed any number of old newspapers and pieces of wrapping paper along the village roads and otherwise well kept lawns. Clean up.

The Glencoe Choral Society meets every Monday night at the St. Paul Hall of the Episcopal church. The active membership is now about twenty five trained voices.

Look out for our Christmas number next week. If you do not get one by mail drop us a card and we will send you a copy with our compliments.

A men's club is being organized in Glencoe; the first meeting was held at the Episcopal church last week to arrange for sending out notices etc.

The Glencoe State Bank, with \$25,000 cash capital and \$2,500 surplus is being organized, and will begin business shortly, in the Zeisling block.

The fruit display in the window of the North Shore Grocery Co., is a fine one, and is in harmony with the beautiful building in which they are located.

Glencoe church notices and social news items, may be sent to Post office box 48 and should be in Wednesday night or not later than Thursday morning.

Winter sports at the Skokie Country Club is being arranged for, by Mr. O. J. West; \$5.00 memberships can be had.

If you wear out your understanding while Christmas shopping, you can buy new ones at Bowman's shoe store.

When you pass by Ralph Pate's bakery, you feel like the little boy who is wishing every day was Christmas.

The window of C. Dopfer's store is decorated with gems and toys, to make glad the hearts of boys and girls.

Mrs. Gordon Ramsey has cards out for Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 17, from 4 until 6 o'clock.

Dr. Oliver D. Swain has removed his dental practice to his new office in the Zeisling block.

Miss Clara Griffin of Madison, Wisconsin, is visiting in Glencoe this week with Miss Jessie DeLang.

Chas. H. Warren & Company's store is replete with a Christmas stock which is new and well chosen.

H. C. Schroeder's store looks prosperous, and he expects to do a thriving business.

It will be worth while to see the dolls at R. H. Schell & Co., they are beautiful.

THE MILK ROUTE.

A Story with a Moral.

We suppose every story has a moral, but not every one so apparent and pertinent to certain common human faults as the short story in last Saturday's Chicago News under the title of "The Fenton Milk Route." We have no intention of infringing the copyright of the story by publishing it, but we may mention that it tells of the hardships of a family occasioned solely because unthinking customers did not pay the milk bills. Here is an extract from the story which tells its own tale:

"Nearly all the bills is out for this month, an' not a one paid up except Morse. She's the only one as is certain when the day comes round. With the others it is always a wait of days or weeks or months. Sixty customers and not a one payin'. Burke ain't none to blame. If he shut down on feed, what then? Any one of the children could have answered that question. It merely meant that the cows would have to be sold—one by one, or all together; sold, too, at the small figure that a forced sale brings; that the sacrifice of all their little savings had been in vain; that they were where they started when they purchased the milk route—only with no money in the bank.

"For several days thereafter there were no bills to be sent out, but the ones already presented kept them on the tiptoe of expectation. Some of them must pay, some time. And why not to-night? They argued to themselves. Mrs. Burton reeled off the list nightly, but Mr. Burton could only shake his head and comb his grizzled locks with a trembling hand."

The story continues with pathetic descriptions of the anxiety which increases as the weeks pass and still no money coming in. Burke is the feed merchant and we read:

"Then came the day when Burke, having grown surlier and surlier, refused the weekly supply of feed for the cattle. Charlie came home with the empty wagon, mortified, frightened. When the father heard the news, he gasped.

"Wife, it's just ruin not to be able to serve the milk. Hawkins is jumpin' every customer of mine that he kin. One day off an' he'll git 'em all. An' they're good customers—good as gold—about a one as couldn't pay a thousand times them little bills they owe. It's jest that they don't realize. You see, two an' a half or five ain't much to nobody. It's all of 'em added together that makes it hard. Yes, they're all good fur it, but I ain't got the capital to stand out. Ef I don't pay I can't get feed. Ef I don't git feed the cows won't give milk an' I can't serve 'em. I aren't ask 'em. They'd sure quit. Funks won't stand it. See how mad we was at Burke askin'. But, Lord, ef they only knew! Ef only a little bird'd tell 'em. There's middlings an' bran for one day. After that I give up."

He bent his head on his work-worn hands. His wife leaned over him. "Father, don't never give up. Ef one door shuts another opens. An' we're all well an' hearty, thank the Lord!"

"The children looked on awestruck. When their cheery, happy-hearted, optimistic father gave up the world was nesting its end."

Suddenly the story ends happily, for the eldest boy proves himself a phenomenal collector. Charley begged his father to let him have the horse one day, and after a prolonged absence the boy returns with a load of "feed" and a "bunch" of money. The father was made glad and the home happy as Charley said:

"When you said we'd lose 'em if we didn't get the money, and lose 'em if we asked, I thought we might as well ask and have a try for it. I went to Betty first, 'cause he has the most money, and was standin' out three months. Thirty dollars I got from him. He was mad at first—mad enough to quit—but I jest explained things to him and we parted real friendly. I went to every one—I even got the money from Jones. An' every one is goin' to pay regular after this. An' I got a load of feed an' paid Burke, an' there's over a hundred left—and oh, 'father.'"

There is many a struggling merchant to whom this experience is not strange. We know of some, not a hundred miles from this office. And there is at least one local newspaper, the publisher of which is putting every dollar into improvements of quality and fitness and who would be immensely relieved if two hundred or more past due subscriptions were paid.

As Burton says of his customers: "They are as good as gold. It's just that they don't realize. You see, two an' a half or five ain't much to nobody. It's all of them added together that makes it hard."