

Highland Park News.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sandwick entertained the faculty of the Deerfield High school two weeks ago Thursday, at their home on Central avenue.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Mildred Elizabeth Baylis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Baylis, 1630 Humboldt boulevard, to Charles F. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith of Highland Park, on the evening of Jan. 6.

A reporter of the NEWS LETTER is now busy collecting data for a front page resume of the business conditions along the North shore. This will appear in the New Year's number and will be the only thing of its kind attempted in this neighborhood. Watch for it.

We take this opportunity to correct an unfortunate error which appeared in week before last's issue of this paper. Mrs. Eyre, whose death was noted in the issue of week before last, was Mrs. Smoot's mother, and not the wife of Mr. Smoot's law partner.

The class of 1907 Alumni Association will attend "A Stubborn Cinderella" at the Princess Theatre, Chicago, next Tuesday. Any one desiring to go should communicate at once with Miss Gertrude Nevins the Treasurer.

Our country friends report the appearance of wolves in the country west of town. They were probably driven down from the north by the recent forest fires of Wisconsin and reports say they are proving destructive to sheep and poultry.

There is some talk of the union of the Port Clinton Orchestra and the Orchestra of which Ed. Mead is director. If this union comes to pass, we are sure of a first class Highland Park Orchestra.

The Woman's Club will have their annual children's day on Tuesday Dec. 29. This is an event that will be anticipated with great pleasure by children and their mothers.

Mr. A. L. Gail fell off the porch Saturday at his home, 1015 St. Johns avenue, spraining his ankle quite badly. He was laid up for repairs a couple of days in consequence.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Behrens of Highland Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha to George R. Quin of Chicago.

Miss Charlotte Friese left last Sunday evening for Houghton, Mich., where she will be entertained at a house party during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Fessenden of Circle avenue, left for Detroit, Monday, for a holiday visit with Lieut. and Mrs. Peck.

Mr. James Watts, who has been visiting Mr. Harold Steele, has returned to his home in Watson, Mo.

Mrs. Smith and daughter of Onwentsia avenue are spending the holidays with relatives in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin are guests of Mrs. Martin's sister, Mrs. John Sheahan of W. Central avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Clow are spending the holidays with Mrs. Clow's parents in Crystal Lake.

Mr. George E. Phillips visited Mr. Peter Grabolet at Irving Park on Wednesday.

Dr. Hamilton left Monday for Canada to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother.

Mrs. Davidson of Moraine road entertains out of town guests at a dinner Dec. 25th.

Miss Eleanor Smoot returned home last Monday for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Chas. Streiber, who has been ill the past four weeks, is able out again.

Mrs. W. Hasney of Glencoe avenue has gone to Mokence for a few days.

The Post office Clerks and the Letter Carriers are extremely busy. We sometimes have a kick against them but this is the time to remember them with an open hand and a grateful word of cheer.

The Highland Park Public Library will be closed all day tomorrow (Christmas) and also next Friday (New Years day). All day books due on that day will be held over until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ohlwein and relatives wish to thank the many friends who with flowers and help showed the sympathy they felt in their recent bereavement.

Don't forget the Civics Club Saturday night at 8 o'clock, at the Library Hall. Among the speakers will be Mr. Bacon and Mr. Coale, and a number of other live ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills are rejoicing over a little daughter. Mrs. Mills was formerly Miss Francis Everett, known all over the country for her skill as a golfer.

Mr. Paul Van Duyn, now at the University of Illinois, has been appointed to a position of great responsibility in one of the leading creameries of the state.

The reading by Miss Marjorie Benton Cook last Friday at the Highland Park Club was another of the many interesting entertainments the club has given.

We hear that Mr. Jas. R. Weeks will be in his office in Highland Park from 9 to 12 every morning for professional consultation as a veterinary surgeon.

Albert Larson has on sale the two great books, The Bible in Shakspeare and The Religion of Ruskin.

Mr. Chas. H. Baker has returned from a business trip in the west.

Mr. Frank Botsford of Racine visited relatives here last Sunday.

Mrs. Bayliss entertained out of town guests on Christmas day.

Mr. Walter C. Hatley entertained at dinner on Christmas day.

Mrs. Peter Garbolet visited her son and daughter on Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Jennings visited in Wilmette, on Sunday.

Miss A. S. Hipwell visited in Highland Park Sunday.

Miss Margaret Phillips has been sick this week.

Miss Mable Cole is visiting friends in Ottawa.

School Notes.

Mr. Wm. Lowrie has organized a dancing class at the Grammar school.

Mr. Edward Sweitzer of Canon City, Colorado, visited at the home of Miss Helen Ogilvie on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

The Reserves headed by doughty Mgr Levin went down to defeat before the strong Wheaton High School team on Saturday by the score of 18 to 15.

Deerfields defeated the Hyde Park basket-ball team at the Deerfield gymnasium by the score of 53 to 13, Saturday evening. Referee, Shields (Illinois).

Coach Lowell of the Academy has re-entered Michigan. Mr. Lowell who is known on the campus as "Jack" will be of immense aid to the football and baseball teams at his alma mater.

Owing to lack of interest the 1907 Theatre party has been abandoned. Those in charge felt it would be unadvisable to attempt the trip unless twenty five could be secured to go.

The High School will play the McKinley High School at basket-ball Dec. 26, at the High School gymnasium. They also have a game with the champions of New York City, scheduled for the second of January.

Manager E. S. McPherson of the Deerfield Township High school basket ball team announces a game with the Townsend Harris Hall of New York City on January 2, 1909 at the High school gymnasium. The Townsend Harris Hall basket ball team have been the High school champions of New York for three seasons. They are taking an extensive

trip during the holidays and the High school will be their sole opponent from this part of the country. Manager Levin of the Reserves is negotiating with a number of high class teams for a curtain raiser providing a veritable feast for the basket ball fanatic as the New York men come under a heavy guarantee. There will be a special admission fee of twenty five cents.

A week ago Friday the tryouts for the 'varsity' debating teams were held at the High school. Those selected and their scores:

VARSAITY. Robert Shields:46; William B. Wrenn: 41; Mary A. Phillips:40.

RESERVES. Mark Byers: 24; Merle Tibbets: 21; Glenn Maris:17. The Varsity will meet the New Trier Varsity about the middle of March. The Reserves from both sides will have a debate about the same time.

On Wednesday the executive committee of the Alumni Association held a meeting in accordance with a resolution passed at the last June meeting. At this meeting it was decided to have the annual Alumni dance on Friday evening, January fifteenth. It was also decided later on in the year to give the annual Alumni play. The writer of this column thinks he is voicing the sentiment of a large number of the alumni in urging that the committee on the play in making their selection will choose some work of standard literary merit such as "She Stoops to Conquer," given two years ago under Miss Sutton's direction. This suggestion does not disparage the high character of last year's performance.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all kind friends and neighbors, for the many beautiful floral offerings and kind favors that were bestowed upon us, in our sorrowful and sad bereavement in the loss of our dear son and brother, Dithmar Ohlwein. Signed:—Mr. H. Ohlwein and family, Mr. A. Ohlwein and family, Mr. Ed. Eichler and family, Mr. Chas. Gemmer and family.

THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE ELECTRIC LINE

Special meeting of the Council met on Dec. 19 to consider action in view of the late Electric road disaster. It was ordered that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance requiring the Electric Railway Company to bring all cars to a full stop at both sides of Elm place, Central avenue and Laurel avenue and to cross Lincoln avenue and Roger Williams avenue at a speed not to exceed two miles per hour.

The Birds of Venezuela

An important expedition is planned by Mr. John Farwell Ferry of Lake Forest which may have important results in nature study. He plans to leave shortly for Venezuela. The expedition is in the interest of the Field Museum of Natural History and is directed toward two groups of islands off the north coast of Venezuela on which no naturalist has ever set foot. The purpose is to determine whether the birds and mammals of those islands belong to the classification of the West Indies or to that of South America, a question which has never been settled by natural historians and on which hangs many interesting problems.

OLD KRIS KRINGLE

Old Kris Kringle Is a merry old lad, He is up with the times And he never is sad.

Not long ago On his yearly trip, He used a sleigh And a very long whip. He's up with the times Is old Kristy And if you'll look For yourself, you'll see.

Old Kris Kringle this year Will be about Deliverin' things From his new turn-out.

The times they changed, And old Kris-thot He'd keep right So an Auto bo't.

The car was fine So Kristy said But it roused the kids From out their bed.

Now that wouldn't do Ther he said he'd try To find a way So he could fly.

He looked all 'round And got a tip, To try a new fad— The Wright air-ship.

Glencoe News.

Miss Mary Andrew gives card party December 29th.

John Newhall will be home from Manitou Island this week.

Miss Beatrice King gave a dance at her home Monday night.

Harold Beddoe will visit friends in Glencoe during the holidays.

Jean Hurford writes from Mexico, Florida, that she is enjoying her trip.

Miss Louise Lane left today for Burlington, Iowa, for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lane returned from their southern trip on Christmas eve.

Mason Wilmeroth will spend her Christmas holidays at Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cranford entertained for their son Aldan, Monday night.

The Δ Ψ K will give a dance at the Women's Library Club December twenty-eighth.

Miss Grace Hall will spend the Christmas holidays with her mother in New York State.

The B. A. E's will give a dance New Year's night, January 1, 1909, at Ravinia Park.

Mable Becker will entertain her young school friends on Wednesday evening December 30th.

The program of the Women's Library Club announces a "Whittier" by Mrs. Josephine Olmstead.

Miss Leo Cooper and Mr. M. Saunders were married Tuesday December twenty second at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Newhall in Glencoe.

Among those home from school for the holidays from Champaign, Ill., are Frances Hurford, Chester Sargent, Paul Brown, Ben Schnur, Paul Flanagan, Junius Flanders, Harry Rubens Jr. and Mr. Edwards. From Yale, John Higham. From Madison, Wis., Alice Upton. From Dartmouth, Louis Williams.

SANTA CLAUS SURPRISES AT GLENCOE.

While preparing for his grand ride, which takes place every year at Christmas time, Old Santa Claus, was not quite as cheerful as usual, because he was afraid he could not meet all the children's needs this year, as there are so many of them round about that do not have the privileges of the children along the North Shore. But when he came to Glencoe his face was wreathed with smiles once more. He landed at the Congregational church door on Wednesday afternoon, with an empty sack, and when he entered he found dozens of little tots whose eyes were so bright with joy that it made him think of the stars, and almost took his breath away when he found them like good fairies filling his empty sack to overflowing with gifts of their own. He was so pleased that he postponed his important mission and accepted an invitation to stay till evening, when the older members of the Sunday school filled another sack for him. He was then told to distribute the gifts to The Eli Bates Settlement in Chicago, and other institutions where he found great need. Because of the gifts they had given Santa Claus gave them something which they will never forget. It was the gift of "Peace and Joy" in such away as they had never known before.

The Churches

Special Christmas services at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening Dec. 27 at 7:30. Fine music. Young people are very cordially invited. The service will be made especially attractive to them.

The Christian Science reading room in Highland Park is open every afternoon (except Sunday) from two until four o'clock in the church building on Hazel avenue, near St. Johns avenue. All are cordially welcome.

Thrifty Pat.

"Now, Pat, would you sooner lose your money or your life?" "Why, me loffe, yer reverend I want me money for me old age."

Highwood News.

Fire broke out shortly before noon last Sunday and destroyed the laundry of John Stedehouder.

Miss Ethel Kuedler has resigned her position at Fritsch Bro's store, and is soon to be married. (name of gentleman not given.)

The Lake Shore Lodge No. 558 K. P. will move into their new lodge room, Lake View avenue, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper from Fruitport, Mich., are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Gibbs, of Bloom street.

Mr. T. Berg, formerly of Highwood, fell from a car in Milwaukee Tuesday night and received injuries that proved fatal. He died at 2:30 A.M. Wednesday.

Mr. Gaus, a motorman, was taken suddenly ill while on duty at Evanston last Tuesday. Mr. Trang, the conductor, unloaded his car and made a record run to Winnetka, where the sick man received medical attention.

ILLINOIS INVENTORS.

The following patents were issued this week to Illinois inventors reported by D. Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C.

C. J. Greenstreet, Alton, Producing gas; A. G. Grommet, Alton, Passenger-recorder; L. H. Kennedy, Sycamore, Adjustable supporting device; R. C. McNutt, Mendota, Box-fastener; C. F. Merrill, Hinsdale, Calendar; H. E. Traub, Pekin, Horse-collar pad.

Copies of any of the patents will be furnished to our readers at ten cents each, by D. Swift & Co., Washington, D. C., our special patent correspondents.

A SANTA CLAUS FIRE.

Lake Forest Girl Student badly Burned.

Miss Edna Hicks, 18, a student at Lake Forest college, Lake Forest, Ill., was seriously burned about the face and arms in the first "Santa Claus" accident of the year at midnight Saturday.

Fifteen girls of the college, attired in night gowns and kimonos, were having a private party in Lois Durand hall, guests sitting and lounging about in picturesque attitudes.

Miss Hicks, who is considered a sort of fairy god mother among the students because of her perennial good nature, her gift for doing handy little things for fellow students, and her active imagination in getting up novel entertainments, was attired as Santa Claus. Cotton batting was used in lieu of ermine fur on her fancy costume.

Students had hung gifts intended for their friends on a large lighted Christmas tree and these Miss Hicks was fastening and handing about to the owners when suddenly the batting on her sleeve caught afire and she was a mass of flames.

The girls were panic stricken for a moment but in another had recovered their presence of mind, smothering the flames that threatened the girlish Santa's life with sofa pillows and kimonos.

Miss Hicks was taken to the hospital but was later discharged and Sunday morning was able to wave two much bandaged hands and wish a "Merry Christmas." Her features were not injured, although her face was burned quite badly.

Dramatic Notes.

Chicago Opera House: No one will wonder who sees the performance of "The Melting Pot" now running at the Chicago Opera House why the play is such a big enormous success and why it has taken such a firm hold on the affections of the amusement loving public of the City of Chicago. It is the triumph of a theme so large and simple that it has the quality of inspiration. America is God's crucible. In it are refined away all the dross of prejudice and oppression. Here even the Jew may forget his isolation and mix his life with that of other races and make a new Zion which shall be greater than the old Judea and a fulfillment of dreams rarer than those of the most zealous, modern colonists.

Whitney: "A Broken Idol" continues to attract profitable patronage to the Whitney. Otis Harlan is the principal agent in distributing mirth and melody. The "Apple-blossom Girls," the "Dragon Girls," the "Toodles Girls," the "Daffy Dan Girls" and the petite prima donna, Miss Alice Yorke, in her sensational balloon ascension continue to delight the patrons of the Van Buren street play-house.