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Highland Park NEWS

Highland Park Rod and Gun Club held their annual meeting Saturday evening February 12th at the secretary's, D. C. Purdy's office. After the regular routine of business by the stockholders, a meeting of the directors followed for the election of officers. J. J. Brand was re-elected president; D. C. Purdy, secretary and treasurer; Earl Purdy, acting secretary pro tem, in the absence of D. C. Purdy. Meeting adjourned in due form after some humorous "fish and hunting stories" related by Directors Edwards, Prior, Holabird and former President S. F. Knox. The writer declines to vouch for all that was said. However, those present look forward for the relaxation with much enthusiasm.

Miss Harriet Leaming is spending a few days this week at home, from Madison University.

The annual meeting of the Lake County Law and Order League, which was to have been held February 18, has been postponed to Saturday evening March 5, at 8 o'clock, at Reed Memorial Hall, Lake Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Faxon have returned from New York where they have been for the past week.

Miss Bliss chaperoned Misses Annie Fraser, Jean Ten Broeck, Sylvia Carter and Elenore Gould on Tuesday when they attended the French Theatre.

Miss Irene Russell of Arlington Heights spent the week-end with Highland Park friends.

The Alumni have commenced their rehearsals for their play which will take place in April at Ravinia Park Theatre.

Mr. George Colburn delivered a lecture at the Edgewater Woman's Club on Monday afternoon.

John De Muth, who is attending Culver Military Academy at Culver, Indiana, spent the week-end with his parents.

Miss Florence Shelton entertained at a heart party on Monday evening.

The Choral Club met on Tuesday evening.

Rev. Columbus Polk Goodson is preaching during the week at Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Mr. H. B. Chandler of South Sheridan Road is having his barn remodeled into a cottage.

Miss Lily de Graves visited friends in Chicago on Sunday afternoon of last week.

Cupid found his way into the schools of Highland Park judging from the many valentines received by the teachers and pupils.

Mrs. C. A. Smith entertained at luncheon on Saturday. Covers were laid for eight.

Martin Murphy, who has been in the employ of the Northwestern Dept. Store, has been transferred to Mr. Moses' new store in the city.

Mrs. Osborne and her two daughters Mrs. Kinzen and children and Miss Osborne of Okla. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Shultis visited friends in Libertyville on Wednesday.

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WORK OF THE BLACK HAND IN HIGHLAND PARK

Price of \$600.00 Set Upon the Head of 10-Year-Old Helen Hill, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hill of Highland Park, Postmaster A. W. Fletcher of this City and Daniel McArthur, Postmaster of Glencoe, Succeed in Capturing the Author of the Letter.

The Chicago papers have so distorted the story that, in justice to our own men who did the real work in capturing Martin, we are printing the facts, after an interview with Mr. Fletcher. Last Tuesday morning at 11:30 Mr. Wm. Goodridge brought the following letter, which had been received by Mrs. R. D. Hill, to A. W. Fletcher:

Text of Death Threat Letter.

"Mrs. Hill: Read this through. It is important to you. Means life or death. I need money. You got lots of money. You also got daughter. If you love daughter better than money then you give me \$600. Refuse to give and we kill child. You are to keep this to yourself, for we swear by the Malta to kill child if you tell.

"We shoot child as she stand in window or door or on the street. We are near and can see girl and we swear by the Holy Malta to kill your child if you tell anyone of this or refuse to give us \$600. We are bound by oath to kill child.

"You may get one of us, but not the others, so if you tell policeman or any one and any harm come to one of us we kill child sure as we live.

"We swear by the oath of Malta, our sacred oath which we hold dear above all things, even life or liberty, and we swear by the oath to keep all things we have said in this letter. We swear to it so you can do as you feel. You can tell policeman or no send money or you can keep secret this letter and send money, which will be best."

Mr. Fletcher had Mr. Goodridge write a decoy letter addressing it to C. A. A. Kruger, Glencoe Postoffice, general delivery. After telephoning Daniel McArthur, postmaster of Glencoe, to watch out for the party. Mr. Fletcher took the

Miss Lola Waterhouse of Bloom street entertained in honor of Mrs. Frye of Lake Forest on Wednesday.

Miss Ella Dawson of Antioch spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Johnson of Elm Street.

The many friends of E. W. Kesler regret to hear of the death of his father, Rufus Dow Kesler, which occurred on February ninth at his residence in Chicago. He was buried at Honey Creek, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Simons will return next week from Canada where they have been enjoying a trip.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. B. C. Shultis gave a quilting bee.

The many friends of Mrs. Morse were glad to hear of her return from Augustana Hospital, where she recently underwent an operation.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. A. B. Holabird on Friday.

Mrs. John Kelley had as his guest for the week-end Mr. Knowles of Chicago.

Miss Una Whortley is visiting her sister Mrs. Hess of North St. Johns avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frye of Lake Forest entertained several of their Highland Park friends with a toboggan party on Wednesday evening.

Gordon Bock is confined to the house with the mumps.

train for Chicago and notified Col. James E. Stuart, chief postoffice inspector, of the action he had taken in the matter. Inspector Stuart instructed him to arrest any person calling for the letter addressed to Kruger. Upon returning to Glencoe that same afternoon Mr. Fletcher learned from McArthur that the party had called for the letter but he told him that he must receive a written order for the same before he could deliver it as Kruger was unknown. In the meantime he got a good description of the man and Tuesday evening they succeeded in locating him. McArthur ordered Officer Lane of Glencoe to be at the postoffice before seven o'clock the next morning.

At seven o'clock Wednesday morning Fletcher, McArthur and Lane were ready to nab their man. He appeared for his letter about 9 o'clock and McArthur very cordially invited him into his private office.

Fletcher, who had been given the power to arrest the man by Inspector Stuart, did so and turned him over for temporary safe keeping to Officer Lane. Stuart was immediately telephoned for and he sent out Inspectors Chas. Driggs and J. F. Elston. The prisoner was turned over to them upon their arrival. After searching Martin and going to his home they found all the evidence necessary to convict him in spite of his declaration of innocence.

He was taken to Chicago on the 2:32 train and after a grilling by Chief Inspector Stuart he admitted his guilt. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner Mark A. Foote, waived examination and was held to the federal grand jury.

On Thursday a very enjoyable evening was spent at the North avenue church when Mr. Erwin Coe gave the program. He is a very clever speaker and his impersonations were well done.

We are glad to hear of the return of Mrs. Charles Stoker from St. Francis Hospital Evanston where she has been for several weeks.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held an all day meeting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Walker on Monday. Madame Sedgwick of Waukegan is president. Reports were given and a very interesting day was spent.

Judge Grosscup has closed his home on the Bluff and will travel for several months in Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and child are in California for the remaining winter months.

The young people of the United Evangelical Church met at the home of Herman Dreiske of Ravinia Monday evening at 8 o'clock to take part in a valentine social. A good time was reported by all.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hebblethwaite of Evanston entertained informally last Sunday evening at a musicale given in honor of Mrs. Hebblethwaite's brother, Mr. Christopher Prior and his daughter Pauline of Colorado. Miss Pauline is a coronet player of marked ability. There were a number of Highland Park people present all speaking highly of Miss Prior's rendition of the Holy City.

Owing to the high cost of living the new comet is receding from the earth.

The Passing of Alexander Scott

On Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock Alexander Scott of Highland Park passed away after a illness of gripp poisoning which brought on a complication of diseases. His death was a shock to Highland Park citizens which will be felt for a long time to come.

When the news was passed from one to another such expressions as "too bad," "we can't afford to lose him," "A man who was loved by all," "he did not have an enemy," etc. Such was the character of the man who, since the 1st of May 1887, has held public offices in the City of Highland Park; first as City Marshall, then as Supt. of Streets and for the past number of years at the City water works.

The City Council at its meeting Tuesday evening voted a donation of \$25.00 for a floral offering to express their true appreciation of the man.

The funeral services were held from the home Friday afternoon 2 o'clock, Rev. P. C. Wolcott officiating and the body was laid to rest in the Deerfield cemetery. He leaves to mourn his loss, daughter, Mrs. T. H. Elvey Douglas, Arizona, a brother, T. Scott of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, a stepson, Elmer Palmier, his two grandchildren, M. Jorie and Donald Palmier, Chicago, his stepdaughter, Lucie Palmier and his niece, Miss N. Lewis of Whitewater, Wisconsin.

E. R. Shapter Dead

E. R. Shapter of Highland Park died in the Jane McAlister Hospital, Waukegan. Sunday morning February 13th, after a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Shapter was born at Preston, Devonshire, England, August 23, 1842, and came to America at the age of 17 settling with his parents in Lake County where he has since resided.

When the country called for volunteers he enlisted with the 15th Illinois Infantry and later the 17th Illinois Cavalry. Shapter often told of riding the first Northwestern train which passed through Highland Park Tuesday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Lillie Friebele of Highland Park by the Christian Scientists and then at Half Day when the G. A. R. took charge of services, laying the body to rest in Vernon Cemetery.

John Farwell Ferry Dead

One of the most promising young men of the North Shore, John Farwell Ferry of Lake Forest, passed away last Friday morning at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago. He had been ailing some time, but a sudden attack of pneumonia was the direct cause of death. Mr. Ferry was born in Lake Forest 32 years ago. He was a grandson of the late J. V. Farwell and had been for years assistant ornithologist of Field Museum of Natural History. Mr. Ferry made expeditions into the wilds of Costa Rica, Venezuela, the Leeward Islands and into the Hudson Bay regions,

collected thousands of birds for the museum, among them many species entirely new to science, one of which (Coereba ferreji) was named in his honor.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church at Lake Forest, and was attended by several hundred friends. The floral offerings were the most beautiful ever seen in this city. Revs. McClure, Boyle and Edwards conducted the services, each in turn eulogizing the true Christian life and faithful attention to duty, through sickness, privation and danger in his pursuits. The burial was at the Lake Forest cemetery. Mr. Ferry leaves his mother and two brothers; his father having been killed by a train at Lake Forest many years ago.

At the Baptist Church

Special services begin on Sunday. At the morning service at 10:30 the pastor, E. LeRoy Dakin, will give his third sermon in the series on "The Laws of Divine Friendship" the subject being "Growth in Friendship." Rev. Madison Stifler Ph. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, Evanston, will speak at the evening service. Prof. Allan Hoben of the University of Chicago speaks each evening during the week except Saturday. Chorus music, special singers. The public is cordially invited to both the Sunday and week evening services.

Meetings to Help People

Through the much appreciated courtesy of the editor is my privilege herewith to call the attention of the many readers of the News-Letter to the unusual opportunity for spiritual help that will be afforded the public in the meetings that have been arranged for by the Baptist church. These meetings begin Sunday the 20th and continue for two weeks.

It has been the purpose of the church in arranging for these meetings to secure strong men with a wide reputation as speakers of ability, and men of rare effectiveness and power as exponents of spiritual realities. We have been eminently successful in securing such men. Prof. Allen Hoben of the University of Chicago Divinity School, is a young man of scholarly attainments, whose messages make tremendous appeal because of their sanity and clearness of conception. Dr. D. D. McLaurin of the Second Baptist church, Chicago, has a national reputation as a preacher to men. We congratulate ourselves on having been able to secure such men, and we believe that their coming will be a marked service to the community.

The Church is confident that these meetings will be full of inspiration and helpfulness to all, yielding light on life's spiritual problems, helping every man to a life of vital godliness, and to a contagious Christian faith. On behalf of the church, and by courtesy of the editor, a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

E. LEROY DAKIN.

New Telephone Book

Owing to the heavy increase in the list of patrons the Chicago Telephone company will print a new local directory at once. Another will not be issued for several months. If you need a telephone, sign a contract now and get your name in the new book. Don't delay or you may be too late.

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Mr. A. P. Whiting, formerly with the Northwestern Military Academy, has secured a position at Glencoe with the C. & N. W. R. R. His many friends in Highland Park are wishing him success in his new position.

Unusually the statesman who complains that all the trusts are fighting him is offering a strong bid to be loved for the enemies he has made.