

INTEREST GROWING FOR A COMMUNITY HOUSE

REV. FRANK FITT WRITES

Tells of Workings of Winnetka Community House. Makes Recommendation for Highland Park

Highland Park Press.

Dear Sirs:—

Inspired by Mr. Silber's splendid letter in last week's Press I visited the Community House in Winnetka last Monday afternoon with the object of finding out just what such an agency is accomplishing in a nearby suburban city where conditions and population approximate our own.

The Community House was built and equipped in 1911 at a cost of \$50,000.00. It is non-sectarian in its activities, but it owes its origin and the guarantee of its financial upkeep to the people of the Congregational Church which adjoins it. For example, the church makes up the annual deficit. Last year, out of a total budget of \$10,698.99, the deficit amounted to \$3,457.11. Most of the money for the building and equipment was supplied by the people of the church. Its annual expenses are met in part by membership dues, boys, girls and women paying \$2.00, and men paying \$5.00. The enterprise is controlled by a Board of Governors and a House Committee. The director of the activities is an ordained minister. Nevertheless, though backed to a large extent by the people and the money of the Congregational church, the Community House is not denominational in any sense of the word. Its prospectus tells us that the "Community House is dedicated to this community as a center for wholesome recreation, for the development of strong bodies and alert minds, for social opportunity, for the inspiration of moral integrity, and the promotion of all that makes for noble character and Christian citizenship."

The list of activities is a long one. On Sunday the Community House is used by the Sunday School of the Congregational Church. On week-days it affords a meeting place for the Women's Society of the Congregational Church, the Winnetka Men's Club, the North Shore Guild (a Jewish Women's Sewing Society), the Christian Science Sewing Club, the Boy Scouts, the Camp-Fire Girls, the Junior Navy League, the Neighborhood Circle, the Friendship Circle, (a club for maids in domestic service), the Illinois Volunteer Training Corps, the War Emergency Headquarters and the Visiting Nurse headquarters. There are gymnastics and dancing classes for the boys and girls. The reading and pool rooms are open all week. The Jack-o'-lanterns on Saturday nights. It has offered itself for numerous patriotic rallies during the Great War. One very splendid feature is an annual Halloween party for the children. On Washington's Birthday and on similar occasions the children gather for some exercise of patriotism. These are the main activities of the Winnetka Community House throughout the year. Those who benefit most from a community point of view are the children but everyone else has the same opportunity.

Many of the activities listed above take place in Highland Park in our churches and schools. At the same time there is room in Highland Park as Mr. Silber suggests, for a Community House in which all of us can have a common interest; and I, for one, take this means of expressing my hope that our appreciation of the young men who went from our midst to fight for democracy across the sea will take the form of an institution dedicated to the same ideal in our own community. Our Community House would not fulfill exactly the same functions as the Community House in Winnetka, but it would have the same purpose behind it. For example, it would not need a gymnasium when the High School gymnasium is already open to all. But a Community House would fill a need in our community life in other ways. The Highland Park Woman's Club could find a home within its walls. The Y. W. C. A. could find in it a much needed space. The Highland Park Business Men's Association could use it for a meeting place. Other agencies, such as a Young Men's Club, could use it for a meeting place. Community bowling alleys would prove a welcome

VIVIAN MARTIN IN "MIRANDY SMILES" FRI.

Clara Kimball Young in "The Road Through the Dark," Wednesday. Also Allies War News

The motion pictures to be shown at Pearl Theatre next week are as follows:

Sunday, Pauline Frederick in "A Daughter of the Old South," also a Vitagraph comedy and Katzenjammer Kids; Monday, Mary Miles Minter in "Rosemary Climbs the Heights," "Rosemary Climbs the Heights," "Wolves of Kultur," Pathe comedy; Tuesday, Carlyle Blackwell and Evelyn Greeley in "Hitting the Trail," Pathe news and Mutual comedy; Wednesday, Clara Kimball Young in "The Road Through the Dark," a Christie comedy, Allies War News; Thursday, William Farnum in "The Rainbow Trail," Pathe news, Arbuckle comedy; Friday, Vivian Martin in "Mirandy Smiles," Famous Players; Saturday, Bessie Barriscale in "The White Lie," written by F. M. McGerew Willis, Burton Holmes Travelogue, Universal comedy, Matinee at two-thirty.

BURTON GRAY STUBBS IS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

Enlisted May, 1917, with 6th Regiment Marines, Received Injuries on October Sixth

In Monday's casualty list appears the name of Burton G. Stubbs of Highland Park, as being slightly wounded. Gray Stubbs as he is known to most of his friends, is the son of Mrs. W. T. Stubbs of this city. He enlisted with the Sixth Regiment Marines at Paris Island in May, 1917. After a few months training he was sent to France where he has been in service ever since. On October 6th he received his first wounds. He was shot in the left leg and hand. Mr. Stubbs was confined in a hospital in France for eight weeks. In a letter received Monday by Mrs. Stubbs her son states that his wounds are healing and he is out of the hospital.

NORTH AMERICAN UNION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Highland Council No. 99, North American Union, met on Wednesday evening, December 19, and the following officers were elected for 1919: John Pierce, president; Tom Simson, vice-president; James Bowden, chancellor; Oscar Lundgren, orator; John Ralph, collector; John T. Erickson, secretary; John Grant, treasurer; John Morgan, prelate; Chas. J. Clark, conductor; G. Guffian, warder; John Deiges, guard.

Trustees, John Deiges, John Grant and Tom Simson. Highland Council No. 99, with its splendid corps of officers are going to make 1919 a banner year under the field manager, Thomas Walsh of Supreme Office.

JOHN T. ERICKSON, Secretary.

BENEFIT CHARITY BALL TO BE JANUARY 8TH

The Charity Ball for the Illinois Children's Home in Evanston which was postponed owing to the influenza epidemic, will be held Wednesday evening, January eighth, at the Evanston Country Club.

Innovation. There can be no question of the benefit of such an institution for increasing and centralizing the community interest of Highland Park.

Although I am connected locally with an institution which in its name—but not in its spirit—still preserves the sectarian label, I find myself all the more willing to do all I can for an institution which has no exclusive labels of any kind. I believe that the days of such labels are numbered and that we cannot afford such labels if we would be abreast of the spirit of our time. Nothing would show a greater appreciation on our part of the tremendous vindication of the democratic ideal than a popular subscription for the erection of a Community House in the activities of which we would all take part.

Cordially and sincerely yours, FRANK FITT.

SWEETLAND DISPLAYS A FRITZIE HELMET

Lyman Murphy of 108th Engineer Fulfills Promise, Mr. Arnsward Also Receives Helmet

When Lyman Murphy left for France with the 108th Engineer one month ago, he told Mr. Dale Sweetland, he would send him a German helmet. Last Friday the promise was fulfilled, for Mr. Sweetland received a curious object wrapped in burlap and weighing a little over two pounds. Upon unwrapping it he found to be a helmet. It is made of metal and there is a bandeau of leather attached to which is a strap that fastens under the chin. On the inside leather band of the hat was written the name, "Becker," who most likely was the wearer. Around the outside of the crown of the helmet is inscribed "September 25, 1918, Verdun," indicating that it had been picked up September 25, at Verdun. As yet Mr. Sweetland has received no letter giving any other details. The helmet is on display in Sweetland's Drug Store. Lyman Murphy was a former apprentice in Sweetland's pharmacy.

A few days before Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Arnsward received a helmet from their son, Albert, from France, but it contained no inscriptions.

BLUE JACKETS GIVEN MERRY CHRISTMAS

Highland Parkers Furnish Tree and Gifts for Sixth Regiment at Camp Perry

The Christmas tree and gifts which were given to the 6th Regiment at Camp Perry by the citizens of this city, were indeed appreciated and enjoyed by the boys who were unable to leave the station during the holidays. Many of the boys were downhearted but when the gifts arrived and the tree was set up in the Y. M. C. A. hut, Christmas cheer and happiness took the place of sadness. The ornaments for the tree were collected from Elm Place school, Lincoln school and the Deerfield-Shields High School. The tree was the most beautiful one at the station. Mrs. Samuel Slade, of this city, is the chairman of the committee was: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Slade, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin, Mrs. Marshall Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Annette Jones, Mrs. Holbrook, Miss Francis Holbrook, Mrs. Mihills, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. J. McRann, Mrs. P. C. Wolcott and Mrs. Walter Carr. Other communities in the vicinity of Great Lakes looked after other regiments at the station.

MADAME ANNA BAHR PASSED AWAY MONDAY

Funeral this Morning at 8:30 in Immaculate Conception Church. Interment at Memorial Park

Madame Anna Bahr, mother of Fritz Bahr, florist, of this city, passed away on Monday at the Highland Park hospital following a slight operation. She was born in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1846, and was seventy-eight years of age at the time of her death. Mrs. Bahr spent thirty years in Paris, France, coming to this country in 1902. She has made her home with her son in this city during the past sixteen years. Funeral services were held this morning at the Immaculate Conception Church with interment in Memorial Park Cemetery. Mr. Fritz Bahr is the only one who survives her.

D. C. PURDY & SONS TO SELL POSTAGE

On account of the removal of the postoffice to West Central Avenue, D. C. Purdy & Sons have decided to sell postage stamps, postal cards, stamped envelopes, etc., for the convenience of business men and residents east of the railroad tracks. This action on the part of the Purdy's will no doubt meet the approval of many patrons of the post office who have no other reason for going over to the new location.

TWO DOZEN PRESSES RECEIVED IN ONE MAIL

Sgt. W. R. Graves Writes From Siberia. Expects to Spend the Winter There

Siberia, Nov. 3, 1918.

Brother Udell:— Find enclosed \$1.50 for my subscription to the H. P. Press. Just received notice that it had expired on October 20th. Don't forget the back numbers if any are due.

Last week I received about two dozen copies of the Press—all in one mail. This, I suppose, was due to an extended trip to the Philippines and several relays throughout Siberia. However, better late than never! I certainly enjoy reading the Press and have distributed the entire consignment among the various barracks. My, how the men hunger for something to read; how they go through old magazines, even through scraps of old papers and how they enjoy something fresh that has a tendency to take "them out of themselves just for a little while."

We are beginning to feel the effects of cold, dreary winter—such as old Siberia is noted for. The bad feature here is the cold wind which blows constantly. We used to think old Lake Michigan was awful, but really, Siberia is in a class by itself in "cold winds come sighing around."

Everything is quiet around these parts. The one great effort now is to get in under cover for the winter with the necessary supplies. Will close for this time, old friend, hoping this will reach you in due time, and with my very best regards, believe me.

Sincerely yours, N. P. GRAVES.

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The post office is now installed in its new quarters in the Rock building, 512 Central Avenue. The lease on the Fletcher building expired Tuesday so the new year finds the post office located in one of Highland Park's most attractive buildings. Mr. Fletcher is planning to remodel the building formerly occupied by the post office, for use as a grocery store. It will be made in the same style as the Army and Navy Center building with a large plate glass front. He expects to put up a building between his old one and the Purdy hardware store in the spring.

SHERIDAN LODGE TO HOLD "HOME COMING NIGHT"

Installation of Officers of Both the Sheridan and Sheridan Rebekah Lodges Tuesday

Sheridan Lodge, No. 662, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will hold a Home Coming Night in connection with the joint installation of officers of that lodge and the officers of the Sheridan Rebekah Lodge No. 801 on Tuesday evening, January 7. The installation will be public. Members are privileged to bring their friends and relatives. Don't forget Tuesday evening. It is the date of the annual banquet.

SUMMARY OF YEAR'S EVENTS IN HIGHLAND PARK AND VICINITY

AS PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE HIGHLAND PARK PRESS

News of Local Interest During the Last Twelve Months. Highland Park in War Time. Death Records of Prominent Citizens. Personal, Political and Social News in Brief.

The chronicle of Highland Park events for the year of 1918 furnishes a stirring chapter in the annals of this city, and incidentally presents a fairly accurate account of Highland Park in war time.

For many years it has been the custom of the Press to publish a summary of the events of the year in the first issue of the paper in the new year, but never before has that record presented so much vital material, so much real history of the city in a crucial period. In compiling this city record of 1918, we have tried to make it as comprehensive as possible, and if it should prove to be worthy of a place in our readers' files and scrap-books, we shall feel amply repaid.

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Twenty-fourth General shut-down of all business on Mondays by order of Fuel Commissioner Garfield owing to the shortage of coal.

Owing to the bad roads conditions, at the two funerals of Mrs. Mary Huppich and Mr. Henry Ohlwein, bob sleds were used instead of the hearse.

German alien enemies required to register between February 4 and 6. Highland Park Defense Council met Tuesday evening at the City Hall. Treasurer's report showed that almost the full \$5000 sought to be raised by January 1 had been paid in to the treasury and that there was a fair balance on hand.

Nineteenth Telephone franchise wins by 203 votes.



HIGHLAND PARK ONE YEAR AGO

Corner of St. Johns and Central Avenue, Monday Morning, January 7, 1918

January

Third Be prepared to meet income tax officer. Will be in Highland Park February 8th to 12th.

Loan your spyglasses, telescopes, binoculars and telescopes to Uncle Sam. Our navy needs eyes. Lookouts on all ships have been doubled and it is impossible to navigate vessels or detect submarines without these instruments.

Mrs. Emelie Holke, wife of Rev. Holke of St. Johns Evangelical church, dies at the age of seventy-two.

Sixth Mr. Louis Kriedler begins his two year term as soloist and musical director at the Presbyterian church.

Eighth Highwood Red Cross meets in Oak Terrace school to elect officers.

Tenth Patriotic Rally will be held Monday night under the auspices of the Highland Park Defense Council. Miss Gladys Spencer of this city who has served in France with the American Fund for French Wounded for a period of fourteen months, will be one of the principal speakers. Other speakers are Mr. John Zane of Chicago, Lieut. Andrew M. Nossbith of the Canadian Field Artillery, who has won the Military Cross for gallantry at Vimy Ridge, and Rev. Preston Bradley of Chicago.

Co-operative delivery is urged for merchants at the last meeting of the Highland Park Business Men's Association.

The quota for Highland Park in the recent Red Cross membership campaign was about 1100 members, this being just 20 per cent of an estimated population of 7000.

Mr. G. W. Peck's district brought in the largest number of subscribers.

Highland Park becomes buried in snow drifts. Delivery of coal, groceries, milk and mail is delayed. Community trains are practically snowed out.

Death of James P. Carlson, Charles H. Merrill, and Walter H. Nischke.

Seventeenth Merchants plan to perfect co-operative delivery.

Second heavy snow storm buries city. Business men practice trench digging today. All places of business closed that all may assist in the work of removing snow from the streets and sidewalks.

February

A meeting was held at the City Hall on February 2 to organize the Four Minute Men of Highland Park. Those present were Rev. F. Holke, Rev. P. C. Wolcott, Rev. Unsworth, Mr. Gratiot, F. S. Munro, G. R. Jones, John Norcross, Ira J. Geer, H. M. Bacon, A. A. Moses, R. W. Schneider, G. W. Peck, P. D. Silber, W. C. Shapner, W. F. Suhr, A. J. F. McBeah, J. Brand, E. S. Gail and J. L. Martin.

Third A sermon was preached in Trinity Church on Feb. 3 in memory of Dumaresq Spencer who died fighting in France on Jan. 27, 1918.

Seventh Boy Scouts urged to aid U. S. Government by President.

A. E. Smith made Licensing Explosive Agent for Highland Park by the government.

Fourteenth The Illinois Volunteer Training Corps is now organizing what is known as a motor transport train, to be attached to the Illinois Reserve Militia. The object of the train is to transport the state troops upon occasions of emergency and for drilling formations.

Ninth Marriage of Miss Katherine Dean to Dr. James P. Fitzgerald of New York.

Twentieth Red Cross entertainment at Bartlett's Theater in Highwood. F. S. Munro speaks.

Draft Board gets new orders effecting all men in First Class from this district.

Sixteen German alien enemies registered.

Mrs. Violet Magnusson died on Thursday, Dec. 14.

Twenty-first The Army and Navy Center presents the following list of officers: President, Mrs. George M. Jones; Honorary Pres., Mrs. Blanche (Continued on Page Eight)

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