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## ROB GIESER STORE; ESCAPE WITH MONEY

### PROPRIETOR IS HELD UP

#### Pair of Thieves Hold A. A. Gieser at Point of Gun While They Empty His Cash Register

Holding A. A. Gieser at the point of a gun, two well dressed young men forced him to open the cash register of his store at the corner of Green Bay road and Second street, and escaped with about \$40 in change and three checks. The robbery occurred about 6:45 o'clock Saturday evening.

The job was done during the supper hour when there was a lull in the business at the little grocery store. Several people had just made their purchases and left. A stranger entered and bought ten cents worth of cheese. He gave the store the "once over" and departed. Shortly two other strangers entered. One of them, evidently a little older than his companion asked for a half dozen bananas.

Mr. Gieser came from behind the counter and reached up to pull the bananas off the bunch. The man grabbed his arm, stuck a gun in his ribs, and ordered him to open the cash register. Mr. Gieser complied.

The two pocketed the contents of the cash register. As they were about to depart, Mr. Gieser jokingly said "Here are your bananas. Better take them along." The thief thanked him politely, and warned him not to move until they had departed.

As soon as the pair had gotten well away, Mr. Gieser notified the police. No trace was found of the thieves. It is believed that they came in an automobile. Miss Anna Ohlwein declared that she had seen a car about the time of the robbery, parked on Green Bay road at the rear of the store.

Crime has become so prevalent on the North Shore that it has been suggested by several citizens that the city officials swear in as policemen the entire fire department, to act as co-operative police. The local police are doing fine work, but it is impossible for them to patrol the entire city. The members of the fire department are scattered around town and would give valuable assistance to the local police, and would no doubt be glad to serve the city without compensation.

## SERVICE AT TRINITY CHURCH XMAS EVE

On Friday evening, Christmas Eve, there will be the annual carol service and Christmas tree for the pupils of the church school at 4 p. m. After a brief devotional service and carol singing in the church the congregation will march into the parish house where a large Christmas tree has been erected. After due ceremonies those present will receive candy and fruit. At this service the members of the school bring in the presents for St. Mary's in Chicago.

The Christmas day services will vary from the usual because of the fact that Christmas comes on Saturday. At 7:30 a. m. there will be the celebration of the Holy Eucharist which is always the most important Christmas service. At 10:30 there will be a second celebration and address with the choir boys in attendance.

On the Sunday after Christmas the services will be at 7:30 a. m., Holy Communion; at 9:30 the Children's Eucharist at which the Advent mite boxes are to be returned; and at 11 a. m. when Festival Matins will be sung with the full Christmas music program.

At 4 p. m. the church school will present in the church a Christmas mystery play, the composition of Mr. Samuel Lyons, who will be the new superintendent after January 1.

## ALL STORES OPEN ON FRIDAY EVENING

According to the arrangement made by the grocery stores and meat markets in Highland Park were closed as usual yesterday (Wednesday); but will remain open until nine o'clock Friday evening. Dry goods, jewelry, and other stores will remain open evenings this week. All will be closed Saturday, Christmas day.

## RUMMAGE AND BAKERY SALE NETS Y. P. S. \$160

### Affair Saturday at Community Center for Benevolence is a Decided Success

The rummage, bakery goods and candy sale given by the young people of the Presbyterian church at the Center last Saturday afternoon and evening was a decided success.

For days the young people were busy collecting rummage and soliciting pies, cakes, doughnuts and cookies from the people of the parish. Friday evening the church parish house very much resembled a candy kitchen upstairs and a bargain counter down stairs as the delicious sweets were prepared to tempt old and young and the wearing apparel, furniture, etc., was priced for the careful buyer.

At one o'clock Saturday afternoon all was in readiness at the Center. In the front, the rummage articles, carefully sorted and displayed were presided over by the young men. In the back of the room dainty maidens sold candy, pop-corn balls, pies, cookies, cakes, etc., from tables bright with holly and Christmas candles.

Few buyers were allowed to escape without being lured by other dainty maidens to the rear room from which came the aroma of tea. Here a fire blazed in the mammoth fire-place, tables were daintily set for afternoon tea and more holly and red candles greeted the customer while the service was all that could be desired.

The young people cleared \$160 on the sale which will be turned over to the Bible school to be used for benevolence. They desire to thank all who contributed to the success of the affair.

## ICE AND SLEET CAUSE SEVERAL ACCIDENTS

### Slippery Pavements Prove Dangerous to Motorists; Cars Damaged by Skidding

Several cars about town were more or less seriously damaged in skidding accidents Tuesday afternoon when the sleet and rain made the pavements smooth and icy. Two cars driven by Floyd Koon and William Brown collided in Central avenue. Neither was seriously damaged. A large closed truck belonging to Marshall Field & company smashed a front wheel when it skidded into the curb at the corner of McGovern street and Deerfield avenue. Another machine struck the curb at the corner of Park avenue and Sheridan road, smashing a rear wheel. It was towed to the J. & L. garage for repairs.

## WANT "COURTESY" MAN TO MAKE VISIT HERE

### North Shore People Believe That They Are the Most Polite in This Vicinity

Many people in Highland Park are anxious that the "courtesy reporter" of the Chicago Tribune make a visit to the north shore, and believe that such a trip would be well worth the effort. The north shore prides itself on its politeness and courteous manners, and believes that it has more social polish than any other district in this vicinity. Trainmen on the North Shore line believe that, as a group, they are the most courteous in the Chicago district.

## PISTOL FOILS ROBBER IN ATTEMPTED HOLDUP

### Fred Neff Scared Would be Bandit Away From His Car With Revolver

A stranger who attempted to rob Fred Neff in front of the latter's home in Moraine road was forced to flee when Mr. Neff drew a pistol from one of the pockets of his car, and pointed it at the hold-up man. Mr. Neff was in his automobile, driving along Moraine road when the bandit jumped on the running board and attempted the hold-up. When last seen the thief was running into the grove of trees near the Neff home.

## LOCAL MOOSE TO GIVE NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Highland Park Lodge, No. 446, Loyal Order of Moose, will give a New Year's eve dance in Witten hall on Friday evening, Dec. 31. Dancing to be enjoyed from 8 to 2 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## YES, YOUR LITTLE GIRL HAPPY, BUT—



How about other poor little girls of this community? Let's don't allow any little girl's heart in this country to be sad Christmas morn. Search out just one little poor girl — or boy — and make them glad again this Christmas.

## BRIEF RESUME OF WORK OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

### 4000 AT CENTER MONTHLY

#### Plans for Christmas Week Given. Mrs. McGregor Adams in Charge of Holiday Festivities

Look up, not down.  
Look forward, not back.  
Look out, not in.  
Lend a hand!!

—Edward Everett Hale

As the first year of Community Service draws toward its close a short resume of the work will be of interest. Briefly:

The average monthly attendance at the Center has been over 4000.

The average weekly attendance at the Saturday night dances has been over 250. (In this connection the question has often been asked as to the personnel of the dancers.) Over 75 per cent of the girls in attendance are Highland Park girls. The rest are from Lake Forest and Glenco, and are those who come to help entertain the soldiers and sailors when the dances were War Camp Community Service parties. The boys who come are Highland Park boys, soldiers from the Fort and sailors from the 14000 boys at Great Lakes.

Every Saturday evening since the canteen service was discontinued light refreshments are served at the Center to soldiers and sailors who have been resting and reading at the Center and desire to remain for the dance.

Every Sunday evening the junior service club served cake, sandwiches and coffee to soldiers and sailors, play games, sing songs and make an otherwise dreary, lonesome evening a delight to boys away from home.

Community Service offers its hospitality to every club and organization in town. Among those who use the rooms regularly are the Young Men's club, the American Legion, Americanization class, Highland Park Woman's club (committee meetings and household economy exhibit), Community Shop (Committee Meetings). (Continued on page 7)

## ELKS TO DISTRIBUTE CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Good Fellowship committee of the E. P. O. E. met Tuesday evening in the Elks' club rooms to arrange the distribution of Christmas baskets to the needy. Anyone having any knowledge of a family who is in need of a Christmas basket, kindly call Mr. T. E. Welsh, chairman of the Good Fellowship committee.

## MEN ARRESTED HERE HELD AS MURDERERS

### IDENTIFIED BY BARTENDER

#### Chicago Police Believe the Trio Responsible for the Killing of Saloon Keeper December 11th

The three men arrested last Wednesday morning by Officers Charles Rafferty and John Sheahan, when they found three revolvers hidden under the seat of a Hudson automobile, which they had driven to the Larson Brothers' garage, are being held by Chicago authorities in connection with the shooting of John Budz. Budz was killed when his saloon at 4408 South Ashland avenue was held up, Dec. 11.

The men are: Percy C. Kirtland, 931 1/2 Leland avenue, David Franklin, same address, and Richard Stingley, alias Bradshaw, 4409 North Lincoln avenue.

Tony Mrozak, a bartender in the saloon, identified Stingley as the man who fired the shot which struck Budz in the leg. The other two, he said, were Stingley's accomplices.

The Chicago police are investigating the possible connection of the three men with a number of north shore holdups, as well as the actions of a man, who represented himself as a Kenosha business man, who attempted to obtain their release from the jail here last Wednesday morning.

The men were arrested when Officers Sheahan and Rafferty encountered them at the Larson Brothers' garage. Their actions were suspicious to the police, and their car was searched. After discovering three large calibre revolvers hidden in the car, the police arrested the trio, and took them to the city jail. Judging from developments, it was a wise "pinch."

## STATE BANK EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE BONUS

At the last meeting of the directors of the Highland Park State bank a Christmas bonus of 5 per cent was voted to employees in "appreciation of loyal and faithful service." The bonus, which will be distributed this week, in each case is based upon the salary received during the year.

This and the fact that 1920 has proved the most successful year in the bank's history, make for happy holidays in this old reliable and progressive institution.

## OSSOLI CLUB

The lecture for the Ossoli meeting of Dec. 28, will be given by Prof. Amsbury, the subject being Kipling. Tea will be served at the close of the talk.

## VESPER SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Christmas Service to be Held Sunday Afternoon. Mr. Hungerford, Violinist, to Assist

A program of unusual merit has been prepared for the Christmas vesper service which will be held at the Presbyterian church on next Sunday Dec. 26, at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Mr. Louis Kreidler, baritone soloist, and Mr. Allan B. Benedict, organist, need no introduction to Highland Park lovers of music. To assist in the program, Mr. Samuel Hungerford, violinist, of Chicago, has been secured. Mr. Hungerford is an artist who is sure to please.

The program is made up of selections from the best Christmas music. Mr. Benedict will play three numbers, two of which are selections from that most beautiful of all oratorios, "The Messiah," by Handel. Mr. Kreidler will sing three numbers, one of them having a violin obligato which will be played by Mr. Hungerford. Mr. Hungerford will also have two solo numbers on the program.

In the midst of our Christmas festivities, it is well that we pause for a quiet vesper hour to listen to the praise of the Christ Child whose birth made all the wonderful Yuletide possible. The public is most cordially invited to this service. The program follows in full:

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Pastoral Symphony                | Handel           |
| Baritone Solo, (Violin Obligato) | Mr. Benedict     |
| a. O Holy Night                  | Adams            |
| b. The Angel's Song              | Stieckle         |
| Mr. Kreidler and Mr. Hungerford  |                  |
| Violin Solo                      |                  |
| Air for G string                 | Bach             |
| Mr. Samuel Hungerford            |                  |
| Organ                            |                  |
| Holy Night                       | Buck             |
| Mr. Benedict                     |                  |
| Baritone Solo,                   |                  |
| Ring Out, Wild Bells             | Gounod           |
| Mr. Kreidler                     |                  |
| Violin Solo,                     |                  |
| Ave Maria                        | Schubert-Wilhelm |
| Mr. Hungerford                   |                  |
| Organ                            |                  |
| Hallelujah Chorus                | Handel           |
| Mr. Benedict                     |                  |

## DR. T. L. KNAAK OF DEERFIELD PASSES AWAY

### Several Months' Illness Results in Death Last Saturday. Funeral Held Yesterday

Dr. T. L. Knaak, for many years a very prominent resident of Deerfield, passed away at his home Saturday evening after an illness of several months. Dr. Knaak was born in Corline, Prussia, June 8, 1843, and came to Illinois in 1862. He came to Deerfield in 1881, where he opened a drug store and practised as a physician. In 1881 he was married to Eliza Becker. He leaves to survive his wife, five sons, Theodore, Otto, of Deerfield, Alvin of Seattle, Wash., and Rudolph of Chicago, four daughters, Emilie, Ida, Elfrida of Deerfield and Amanda Stryker of Lincoln, Ill.

Funeral services were held from the home Wednesday, with the Rev. Martin Thomas officiating. Burial was in the Deerfield cemetery.

## VAUDEVILLE AT PEARL THEATRE NEW YEAR EVE

On New Year's eve, starting at 10:40, there will be eight acts of vaudeville and pictures.

The program at Pearl theatre for next week is as follows:

Today, Constance Talmadge in "Good References;" the theatre will be closed tomorrow evening; Saturday, Miriam Cooper in "Evangeline," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Matinee Saturday with a real Santa Claus and a Christmas tree with candy canes for the youngsters; Sunday, Ethel Clayton in "Sins of Rosanna," Fox Sunshine comedy; Monday, Alice Lake in "Body and Soul" adapted from the famous stage play by William Hurlbut, "Bride 13;" Tuesday, Constance Binney in "Something Different," adapted from the novel, "Calderon's Prisoner," by Alice Duer Miller; Wednesday, Mabel Normand in "What Happened to Rosa," adapted from the story "Rosa Alvaro Entrante;" Thursday, Willing Farnum in "Drag Harlan;" Friday, Bebe Daniels and Walter Harris in "Oh, Lady! Lady!," adapted from the play by Guy Botos; 8 acts of vaudeville and pictures start at ten o'clock.

Saturday, Olive Thomas in "Everybody's Sweetheart."

## NEW PARKS NAMED ON TUESDAY EVENING

### WINNERS GIVEN CHECKS

#### "Skokie Field" Name Given the Mooney Tract and "Sunset Wood" The Sheahan Tract

At a meeting of the Park Board on Tuesday evening the Committee appointed to suggest names for the new parks made its report. The report recommended the name Sunset Wood as first choice and Belleau Wood as first choice for the Sheahan tract and the ten dollar prize was awarded to Mrs. Harry Butler and Mr. W. W. Kneath received the five dollar prize. Skokie Field and Westmoreland were the suggestions for the Mooney tract and prizes of ten and five dollars were awarded to R. H. Geer and Mrs. John Booth respectively, and the Secretary was instructed to draw the checks for the winners in time for Christmas money.

In Sunset Wood, where the toboggan slide and skating pond are located, the President reported that both of these were now finished and can be used whenever the weather permits. The lights have been installed and tested out and the pond has been flooded and skating can begin as soon as the ice is strong enough. The Board greatly appreciates the good fellowship shown by a number of our citizens in helping the work along without cost to the public. Mr. R. G. Evans gives the use of his private road from Central Avenue straight into the slide; Mr. Ed. Huber contributes his time in superintending the work on the slide; Mr. John Gourley made a very low price on the necessary lumber; the Public service company furnish the material for lighting, charging only the labor in installing the lights; the Purity Ice company furnish the ice blocks to make a base for the slide and Mr. Frank Gallagher put them in place all free of cost.

An effort is being made to procure one of the old cantonment buildings from Fort Sheridan out of which to make a shelter house in the park and it is hoped that authority will be received from Washington in a very few days to dispose of one of these buildings.

The Park Board also assists in a financial way in having the toboggan slide erected in Fairview ave., where it was located last winter. This is for the especial benefit of the children from the southern part of the city.

The Highland Park Hockey club is arranging a series of matches with clubs in neighboring towns some of which will be played on our new rink, and should the winter turn out to be favorable to outdoor sports, there will surely be plenty of them this year.

## YOUNG DRAWS MONEY AND LEAVES HOME

### Sudden Attack of Dementia Believed to be Cause of His Sudden Departure

Charles U. Young, for five years engaged in the upholstery business in Highland Park, left his home here suddenly last Friday afternoon, after withdrawing his account at a local bank and selling his Overland coupe. Mrs. Young was overcome when she returned from a shopping trip to Chicago, and learned of her husband's disappearance. In a short letter to her Saturday morning, the missing man declared that he was leaving for good. There had been no domestic or business troubles, and the only explanation that Mrs. Young can see for the sudden departure of her husband is that he had suffered an attack of dementia. She believes that he will return as soon as he has recovered from his illness.

## AGED INMATE OF HOME DIED LAST THURSDAY

### William W. Snodgrass Succumbs at the Age of 73; Funeral Services Held Monday

William W. Snodgrass, 73, for the past nine years a resident of the Railroad Men's home, died there last Thursday. Funeral services were held Monday in Prior's chapel Dr. P. C. Wolcott officiating. Burial was in Mooney's cemetery west of Highland Park.