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The observance of Franklin's birthday, January 17, is very typical of the man.

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### TRAMPS

This winter there is an increase in the number of men who come to our doors asking for help. Within a few days three different types of tramps have been seen in Highland Park — one, the man past middle-age who is the first to be laid off when factories reduce their working forces; two, the cripple who is hardly to be considered employable; the third, the young man with shifty eyes and a glib tongue. What is the householder to do with such visitors? Find half a day's work for them? Give them a meal and send them on? Or send them on without a the meal? Or call the police? Vagrancy is against the ordinances of our city. The law states that persons who go about from door to door begging shall be deemed vagrants and that vagrancy is punishable — with a fine. The method the police actually use is to take the record of the vagrant and then escort him to the city limits with a warning not to return to town. None of these methods is satisfactory. They leave the dangerous type of tramp abroad, passed on to the next town at best; and they provide no elements of constructive aid for cases of genuine need or reformatory care for the corrigible. The difficulty in the way of effective action is chiefly the reluctance of any one municipality to undertake the care of paupers who are not residents, but whether we undertake it or not, these vagrants are a charge upon our city in the misdemeanors and crimes they commit, and in the food, clothing and money which is given out at back doors. The North Shore cities should handle this problem cooperatively by means of enforceable laws and proper provisions for relief and reformatory treatment.

### THE BLUE LAWS AND A GREAT CARTOON

The newspapers have been raising a fuss lately about the alleged attempt on the part of certain reformers to bring about a return of the so-called Blue Laws. Enthusiastic lovers of personal liberty have been alarmed about possible restrictions and B. L. T. has joked about the compulsory prayer meeting.

It is time that all citizens realized that the so-called Blue Laws are a myth. Their author was a Tory preacher in Connecticut named Dr. Samuel A. Peters who, because of his political opinions, found it convenient to emigrate to England at the time of the American revolution. While enjoying his enforced exile across the sea he wrote a history of Connecticut with the purpose of putting in a ridiculous light the citizens of the country with which England was at war. In this history he included the Blue Laws which are causing some people so much concern at the present time. Whether he put them in as a sly joke or a deliberate slander is uncertain; but it is not uncertain that such laws have never been found in the statute books of Connecticut or any other of the thirteen colonies nor anywhere else in colonial annals or literature.

Much more to the point was McCutcheon's great cartoon in last Saturday's "Tribune" in which he indicates the offenders who cause good citizens to wonder if restrictive measures of some sort are not necessary. He pictured a sensational movie and its manager, a dishonest doctor writing liquor prescriptions, a theatrical manager who puts on vile plays, a cigarette-smoking "dude", a vulgarly dressed young woman, a gambler, and the press that caters to filth. These objectionable types are enough to make anyone wish that some laws could be enacted that would help to inculcate decency. As a matter of fact the effort of the reformers against whom the protests of many are raised is not to bring about legislative measures which will prevent any good citizen from enjoying wholesome pleasure. Their efforts are directed against those whom McCutcheon pictures and should enlist the sympathy of everyone who desires a community where children and young people will not be exposed to evil influences. The Puritans have had to suffer a good deal of ridicule for laws which they never enacted. We do them better honor when we protest against the evil-doers of our own time.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. F. de Anguera and daughter, Virginia, spent the latter part of the holidays in St. Louis, Virginia went direct from there to school in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Hamilton of Bellevue, O., spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Charles Green and brother, Harry McClure, and their families.

Watch for the arrival of "Kitty." Messrs. Earl W. Gsell, J. B. Garnett, Albert Larson, Robert Pease, Orville G. St. Peter and Paul L. Udell were the guests of the Kiwanis club at luncheon in Waukegan Monday.

Messrs. Charles and Kendall Edwards of Buffalo, N. Y., who are visiting in Chicago, were the guests at the C. E. Day home several days last week.

Mr. Roland Brand is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brand.

Mrs. Dixon of Greenville, Ill., who spent the past two weeks visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Dixon, returned Monday to her home.

The T. L. Mitchell family, who have been residing at 639 Vine ave., have moved to Waukegan where they will make their future home. Mr. Lincoln C. Torrey has taken the house occupied by the Mitchell family, and will bring his family here from Akron, O.

Mrs. Cabonari, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Highland Park hospital Monday, is getting along nicely.

The regular meeting of the B. P. O. E. will be held tomorrow evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tuttle are planning to leave the 28th of this month for California where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Watch for the arrival of "Kitty." Mrs. Theodore C. Erringer of Minneapolis is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thayer. She expects to return to her home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gossman of Highwood are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born Saturday, Jan. 8.

Mrs. Frank Moldy of Detroit, Mich., is spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Andrews.

The Misses Adamson left yesterday for Georgia where they will spend the balance of the winter.

Mrs. C. R. Short was the week end guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred Zahnie, of 807 Onwentsia ave.

Miss Lily Gallagher left Monday for the boarding school conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Ghost at Techny, where she will take a course.

Mrs. Holgate of Chicago was the Sunday guest of her daughter, Mrs. Howard Stoker.

Watch for the arrival of "Kitty." Mrs. D. F. Kelley and daughter, Eileen, left Tuesday for Miami, Fla., where they will spend two months.

The Highland Park fire department is making arrangements for their annual dance to be given St. Patrick's night. Hold this date open.

C. F. Grant, H. W. Huber, Sam Steiner and T. H. Decker leave today for a trip through the west. They will stop at Seattle, Wash., Portland, Ore., Red Bluff and San Diego, Calif., and on the return trip they will visit the Grand Canyon, returning to Highland Park the early part of February.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Griesmeyer were called to Dayton, O., last week on account of the death of Mr. Griesmeyer's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prior have gone to Jacksonville and St. Petersburg, Fla., where they will spend several weeks.

Mrs. E. E. Andrews and daughter, Miss Grace, leave the 28th of this month for Pasadena, Calif., where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker of Babcock, Wis., spent several days here last week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Brotherton, Jr., and two children, of Ann Arbor, Mich., spent the holidays with Mrs. Brotherton's mother, Mrs. Abbie B. Bastin. Mr. Brotherton was one of the speakers at the convention of scientists of the University of Chicago.

Mrs. C. M. Vail, Mrs. Roger Vail and Mrs. H. S. Vail will leave Saturday for Florida where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Chief Edward Hoakins and Lieut. William Fosbender of the local fire department are attending the firemen's state convention at Jacksonville, Ill.

The Highwood Volunteer Fire Department will give a benefit dance at the Oak Terrace school Friday evening, Feb. 4.

The Rebekah sewing circle met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clara Devendorf.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will give a Chop Suey supper tonight at six o'clock in the Patriotic League rooms, Highwood.

A daughter, Dorothy Lillian arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cameron on Tuesday, January 11th. Mrs. Cameron was formerly Lillian Evans.

A large crowd witnessed the joint installation of officers of Sheridan Lodge I. O. O. F. and Sheridan Rebekah Lodge held last Thursday evening in their new hall on Laurel ave. The work was exemplified in a most beautiful manner. Following the ceremony dancing and a social hour was enjoyed.

Thomas G. Rogan has opened an electric shop at 136 N. Second St. He has been in the electrical work for the past twenty five years and is well qualified to do jobbing and repairing at reasonable prices.

News reached the office this week of the sudden death of A. E. Moore, brother of A. C. Moore of this city and a former resident here, which occurred December twenty-third in Aberdeen, S. D. Mr. Moore who was employed as Traveling Auditor for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R. had been sent to Aberdeen on

business by the company. He was hurrying to catch a train to return home for the holidays when the taxi in which he was riding skidded and overturned, pinning him beneath it. Death followed immediately. Burial took place at Summitville, Ind. Mr. Moore will be remembered by many here as he was Supervisor of Agents for the North Shore line three years ago.

### PRESERVE OUR TREES, IS PLEA OF CITIZEN

An Open Letter from Property Owner Protesting Against Wanton Destruction of Trees

Publishers "Highland Park Press" Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Sirs: In going along West Park avenue recently I noticed several large, beautiful trees along the roadside cut down, trimmed and some of them on skids ready for removal.

In view of the fact that the United States government has inaugurated the "Forest Preserve Department" for the preservation of forests and trees throughout the country, and as other municipalities, corporations and individuals are making an effort in the same line, and as these trees were well off the road, apparently no useful purpose was accomplished by their destruction.

Knowing that the Highland Park Press is very much interested in anything that will beautify and help Highland Park to become the great residential city which its location and topographical beauty insures it will I would suggest that you use your splendid influence to stop the further wanton destruction of trees.

Very respectfully,  
MARK F. MADDEN.

### TWO PLAYS AT RAVINIA VILLAGE HOUSE, JAN. 22

"Joint Owners in Spain" and "Suppressed Desires" to be Given by Local Talent

On Saturday evening, January twenty-second there are to be two plays given in the Ravinia Village house by local talent. The plays are "Joint Owners in Spain" by O. S. Brown and "Suppressed Desires" by Susan Gladys Bell. The cast is as follows: "Joint Owners in Spain": Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. H. E. Barackman; Miss Dyer, Mrs. H. D. Woodruff; Mrs. Blair, Mrs. F. D. Porter; Mrs. Fullerton, Mrs. L. Buck. "Suppressed Desires": Bob, Mr. C. C. Bullock; Henrietta, Mrs. Graham Taylor; Mable, Miss Helen Hammond. Tickets which are now on sale and may be procured from Mrs. O. E. M. Keller.

### ROYAL ARCANUM TO BOWL BOWMAN TONIGHT

Tonight the Royal Arcanum Bowling team will bowl the Bowman Dairy team at the Majestic bowling alleys. The members of the Royal Arcanum team are as follows: Tony Lencioni, Robert Greenslade, Frank Greene, James Post and Ernest Kuehne. Those of the Bowman team are E. Carlson, Jas. Kilkenny, R. Turelli, John Meyers, and Joseph Rabattini.

### ROYAL NEIGHBORS INSTALL OFFICERS

The Royal Neighbors will hold their annual installation of officers this evening. The installing officer is to be Mrs. Chilstrom of Evanston. The officers to be installed are: Oracle, Mrs. Barber; Vice Oracle, Mrs. Edwards; Recorder, Mrs. Minnie Dooley; Receiver, Mrs. Jane Mills; Chancellor, Mrs. Gallagher; Inner Sentinel, Mrs. Mary Gilbert; Outer Sentinel, Mrs. Leana Waggoner.

### HIGHLAND PARK CLUB

The children's skating party will be held at the club pond Saturday afternoon at two thirty o'clock. The pond is in excellent condition and all should avail themselves of the opportunity of using it. Refreshments will be served following the skating.

### H. P. WOMAN'S CLUB

Rev. B. B. Schlung, district superintendent, spoke on the work of the Illinois Children's Home and Society before the Woman's Club Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church.

This society has placed a number of children in good homes in Highland Park. The society had last year, 3000 under its care and has cared for more than nine thousand children up to the close of last year.

Anyone desiring to adopt a child will kindly call or write to the office 209 S. State St., Chicago, (Republic Building). The society is doing a very good work worthy of the support of the community.

### PATRIOTIC LEAGUE

The Girl Reserves entertained their mothers at a Mother and Daughter banquet Tuesday evening. The tables were attractively decorated in blue and white, the Girl Reserve colors. Gertrude McLeran, president, gave the speech of welcome and Mrs. Curley responded on behalf of the mothers. After dinner the girls entertained with piano solos, songs and Girl Reserve yells. A member of the Business Girls Club assisted in the preparation of the dinner and four girls from the high school served.

The Misses Dick entertained the Business Girls Club at their home Tuesday evening.

Wednesday evening the High school club gave a "popularity party."

The Girl Reserves are planning a hike for Saturday afternoon.

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