

Oak Terrace News

Girl Scouts

The first Highwood Girl Scout meeting of the season was held last Monday evening at 7:00 p. m. in the Oak Terrace school. Miss Hazel Dawson is to be the lieutenant at the school. The Girl Scouts are planning an interesting time. Join the forces of the Highwood Girl Scouts, girls!

Bernice Swan.

Basketball Game

The first game of the series of games to be played between the seventh and eighth grades of the Oak Terrace school, was played Tuesday evening. The line-up of the teams was as follows:

Eighth Grade—Ettore Lenzi, captain; Raymond Fini, Enzo Doretti, Robert Wicklander, Irving Bernardi.

Seventh Grade—Bill Saelli, captain; Frank Belingheri, Frank Belmonte, Nello Silvestini, Armondo Scornavacco.

A large crowd witnessed the exciting game. The girl cheer leaders certainly did make the crowd cheer! The score was nine to seven in favor of the eighth grade.

Enzo Doretti.

Christmas Chorus

Miss Nelson, music teacher at the Oak Terrace school chose the chorus to sing Christmas carols. Among the people in the chorus are the girls in the Glee club. The chorus consists of four groups: alto, soprano, tenor, and bass. The chorus will sing Friday evening, Dec. 20, at the Highwood Civic association party.

Ledia Berti.

Christmas Vacation

Last week Mr. Thomas, principal of the Oak Terrace school, told the children that their Christmas vacation would start on Friday, Dec. 20. They would be given a 16-day vacation being requested to return January 6. The pupils were overjoyed by the news.

Alfredo Bertucci.

Many Still Believe Joan Arc Myth; Facts Greatly Alter Story

Although investigators have fairly well proven that Joan of Arc was never burned at the stake, but was told to take off her male attire, go home and never fight again, there are many people who want the world to stick to her story because it is heroic and inspirational, declares Woman's Home Companion. The magazine adds, editorially, that it is far better to accept the findings of thorough research.

According to the article, investigators found records of Joan's visit to Metz in 1436, five years after her death was believed to have taken place, and subsequent papers recording her marriage and a costly gift to her by the city of Orleans in memory of the good she had done during the siege of the city. This was eight years after Joan's ashes were supposed to have been scattered in the Seine.

"For our part," concludes the article, "we prefer to know the truth even when it hurts. In the long run, there is nothing so inspiring as true knowledge."

Telephone Trouble Men Find Many Odd Interference Causes

If it isn't one thing it's another. At least, telephone repairmen have found such to be the case. For example, out in New Mexico some ravens not long ago chose to build a nest between two telephone wires. The nest interfered with long distance calls, and a repairman had to travel a long distance to remedy the difficulty. One New Mexico newspaper humorously suggests that the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph company plant trees for crows and ravens to build their nests in, so as to put an end to this difficulty.

Then there is the tumbleweed. Every westerner knows what tumbleweed is. But up in Montana not so long ago, linemen who were sent out to find out the cause of trouble on a circuit leading to Havre, following a hard storm, discovered some tumbleweed clinging to a line and short-circuiting the wires. The tumbleweed had picked up a piece of barbed wire and had blown up on the telephone wires.

Nor are all such difficulties confined to the United States. When telephone service stopped recently between Melbourne and Albury in Australia, it was found that a magpie had built a nest on the top of a pole, and being intent on making it durable and solid, had utilized several pieces of wire which had been left on the ground by repairmen.

One of the pieces was in contact with two of the wires of the line, thereby causing a short circuit.

N. Chicago Company Is Defendant in Two Suits \$500,000 Damages Asked

Two suits, for an aggregate of \$55,000 damages, charging breach of contract were filed last week in the United States district court in Chicago against the Balkeit Radio company and its subsidiary the Balkeit Sales company, according to the Waukegan Sun, which says:

The actions were taken for the first National Radio corporation, of New York.

The factory of the companies is located at 44 22nd street, North Chicago.

The suits are based on the alleged failure to keep a contract for the delivery of 96,000 radios during two years to the First National Radio corporation, according to Sonnenschein, Berkson, Lautman and Levinson, attorneys for the eastern corporation.

Blame Industry Slump

Attorney A. C. Baehrach, counsel for the Balkeit company, said deliveries of radios on a credit basis had been halted because of the recent slump in the radio business that dates back to October 25 when the stock market cracked the first time.

He said that an offer to continue the contract on a cash basis was refused by the complainant.

A \$500,000 suit was directed against the Balkeit Radio company and a \$50,000 suit against the Balkeit Sales company.

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