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BIG SKATING EVENTS HERE ON DEC. 29

At Sunset Park Rink; Cups and Trophies to Be Awarded; Other Activities

The cold wind of last week, while causing suffering and discomfort to many, made it possible to again put the rink in condition for the big event of the skating season. Let's keep our fingers crossed for fear that the weather man will decide to change the brand in a hurry.

The rink is in excellent condition, never was better. The management hopes that the weather will make it possible to maintain it in that condition until the skating races take place on Sunday, Dec. 29. Don't forget the time, 2 p. m.

Cups and Trophies

Cups and trophies will be awarded to the winners. Here are the events that will take place.

For boys of Highland Park:

220 yards, 1 lap—Boys under 12 years of age.

440 yards, 2 laps—Boys 12-15 years inclusive.

One-half mile—Boys 15-18 years inclusive.

For boys and men—Open to residents of the North Shore; entry fee 50c:

One and one-half miles—18 years and over.

Relay race, 4 in team, 1 lap each. Best fancy skaters.

For girls of Highland Park:

220 yards, 1 lap—Girls under 12 years of age.

440 yards, 2 laps—Girls 12-16 years inclusive.

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Elks Christmas Baskets Bring Joy to Many Here

The annual distribution of Christmas baskets by the Elks Lodge social welfare committee was made in plenty of time for Christmas this year, and to every needy family reported to the committee a bushel basket of good things to eat and other Christmas articles was delivered by the committee, bringing Christmas joy to many and maintaining the record of the Elks for materially spreading the Christmas spirit in the community. The Elks also are making a liberal contribution to the Dorcas Home from their welfare fund.

Christmas Service at Ft. Sheridan Wednesday

Christmas services were held at Fort Sheridan chapel on Wednesday morning, conducted by the Rev. Frank Fitt, assisted by Rev. J. H. Taylor and Robert Carver. There was a large attendance of soldiers and officers who heard with appreciation the Christmas message and joined with feeling in the Christmas hymns.

Rotary Club Enjoys Delightful Christmas Party Monday at Noon

The feature of the weekly luncheon session of the Highland Park Rotary club Monday noon at the Moraine hotel was a Christmas program arranged by the Community Service and Boys Work and the Public Relations committees of the club. The main dining room of the hotel, in which the meeting was held, was beautifully decorated by the hotel management, and it was a delightful affair throughout.

Christmas carols were sung by a quartet made up of "Buck" Booth, Dick Purnell, Myron Rybolt and Dr. Nichols and how that quartet can sing! Then there was a story teller from Chicago who kept the members in a continuous laugh with his anecdotes, in most of which he managed to implicate one or more of those present. Thus, the program was plenty interesting and amusing and greatly enjoyed. The two committees in charge are as follows: Community Service and Boys Work, S. A. St. Peter, chairman; Myron C. Rybolt, A. W. Person, J. Howard Moran; Public Relations, Paul L. Udell, chairman; Clarence J. Shetzley, C. H. Witt, Robert W. Larke.

Only Local Donations Aid Local Boy Scouts

Mr. John H. Rumbaugh, chairman of the Highland Park district Boy Scout committee of the North Shore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of American, has the following statement to make. Mr. Rumbaugh says: "Many people living in Highland and engaged in business in Chicago have thought that when they contributed to the Chicago council of the Boy Scouts that they were also giving their support to the scout movement in Highland Park. Such is not the case since money contributed to the Chicago council remains in Chicago. Only contributions made to the North Shore Area Council through the local Highland Park district Boy Scout committee goes to give Highland Park boys the benefits of scouting. We believe the boys of your home community should have your first consideration with your personal contributions."

No Session of City Council Held Monday

No session of the city council was held Monday evening of this week, and the next meeting will be held Monday evening, it is expected, unless some unforeseen necessity caused the calling of a session in the interim. City Clerk V. C. Musser received bids on some of the equipment for the new City hall Monday evening, but these will not be opened until the council meets.

Says H. P. Press Big Factor in Progress Of This Community

It is always a pleasure to know that our efforts are appreciated, and while we believe that there are many in Highland Park who realize that the Highland Park Press has tried to do for the community, it is not often that we receive a letter such as one sent us in the last week by Mr. Alfred R. Esmiz ("Smitty" the Barber) well known Central avenue business man and long-time citizen of this city. Everybody in Highland Park knows "Smitty" and esteems him for the good citizen he is and for his success in his own business here. He is a Cuban by birth and came here 20 years ago, as recently mentioned in the Press. Since then he has married and has a fine family and his friends in this city are many, all of whom have followed his progress with pleasure. He is a booster for the Press and believes in it as one of the factors of Highland Park's growth and progress in worth-while things, and, which is more to the point, he takes his pen in hand and says so. For these kind words and the good feeling which they evidence the Press wishes to thank Mr. Esmiz publicly and hopes that it may continue to be worthy of the good wishes and confidence of such good citizens as he is. His letter follows:

Highland Park, Illinois
Dec. 23, 1929

Editor Highland Park Press
Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my appreciation for the timely and kind greeting which appeared in the Press of December 12th, congratulating me on my twentieth year in Highland Park.

The number of comments that I received from many of our leading friends, have made me very happy, and also proves the merits of your valuable weekly as a medium of information.

I firmly believe that the Press is worthy of the community's most loyal support and consideration.

In this year just ending you have added to the city's progress with so beautiful a building, which in my judgment is an outstanding honor to the community. Your great determination and efficiency expressed through the columns of the Press for the past nineteen years, have been and still are very instrumental, and in my mind the most leading factor in making this city what it is today.

Therefore congratulations to you, to your staff and to our home paper, The Highland Park Press.

May the coming year be very happy and prosperous to you.

Sincerely yours,

A. R. Esmiz.

GRADE SEPARATION HEARING ON JAN. 15

North Shore Communities Carry Project to Commerce Com- mission Then

Highland Park is vitally interested in the outcome of the grade separation hearing to be held before the Illinois Commerce Commission on January 15, in which the project of eliminating grade crossings from Wilmette northward in all of the north shore towns up to and including this city will have its first formal airing before this body.

It is expected that the improvement will be achieved only after long and involved proceedings and it will undoubtedly be several years before the goal aimed at is reached, according to officials of these cities who have studied the plan, but a beginning has been made, and it is expected that the hearing before the commerce commission will help to emphasize the great need of grade separation all along the north shore, they declare.

In Highland Park

In Highland Park, according to the plans now being discussed, the idea is to retain the present grades north of Vine avenue and to work for depression of the tracks below the street levels from that point southward, and it is expected that the depression plan will be followed in towns to the south of this wherever feasible.

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Annual Banquet of N. S. Realtors Board

The annual banquet of the North Shore Real Estate Board will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 15, at 6:30 o'clock, at the Vista del Lago club. Dancing, cards and other entertainment features will follow. Members are privileged to invite friends. Harold R. Vant of Deerfield is president of the board and Isabella V. Harkness of Highland Park is vice-president. Lake Forest realtors have recently been added to the membership of the board, which already included those in Deerfield, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Hubbard Woods, Kenilworth, Northbrook, Wheeling, Wilmette, Winnetka and contiguous territory.

Opening of New Fire Station on Saturday

Plans are under way for a formal opening of the new fire department sub-station at Burton place and Highland avenue in Ravinia, which is to be held Saturday, Dec. 28, beginning at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The Ravinia commission, which is sponsoring the affair, is extending a cordial invitation to the public to attend, and it is anxious that as many people as possible be present at the reception.