

INTERESTING LETTER FROM DR. WOLCOTT

Former Rector Here Writes About Life in Florida and Things Seen in South

His many warm friends in Highland Park will read with great interest the following good letter from Dr. P. C. Wolcott, rector emeritus of Trinity church of this city:

Jacksonville, Florida
January 23, 1930

My dear Friends:

It is six months or more since I wrote to my Highland Park Press friends and the days have gone by quietly and happily for us here in our Florida home. We were here through most of the summer and were very comfortable and did not find the heat oppressive, though it is rather prolonged, the trade winds from the Atlantic keep the air in motion and render the nights comfortable. The heat here is never so trying as it is in Chicago during the hot spells, nor does the thermometer ever register as high as the Chicago maximum, and what makes the climate so delightful is the sunshine which according to the local weather bureau failed us only 13 days last year. We had a couple of light frosts about Christmas time which killed our poinsettias much to our grief, so that at present there are few flowers in our garden, there are narcissi, lantana, a few roses and calendulus and some other small blossoms, but the azalias are beginning to bloom, the red buds are flaming in the woods and the yellow jasmine is beginning to show in the hedges and spring is close at hand.

Interesting Trip

We made an interesting little trip on New Year's day to Fernandina, 40 miles north, on Amelia Island, which is separated from Georgia by the St. Mary's river and Amelia inlet. It has one of the best harbors on the Atlantic coast and the place has a romantic history. While Flor-

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Highwood Roof Fire Causes \$500 Damage

Fire at Highwood about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning badly damaged the roof of the home of Caesar Fiocchi. The blaze was caused, it was believed by either sparks on the roof or a defective flue. The Highwood firemen were promptly on the job and prevented the flames from spreading to other parts of the house. The damage is estimated at about \$400.

The fire was discovered by Policeman Cameron while on his rounds and he awakened the family and helped the parents and children to escape in safety. They were sheltered in the home of a neighbor, I. Breakwell.

The Highwood firemen had a busy day Tuesday. At noon a chimney fire at the home of Harry Kelly was extinguished with small damage to the roof. Later an attic fire at the home of Mrs. A. Bruno caused damage of about \$100. A third alarm came from a home on Oak terrace. The blaze was out when the firemen arrived.

Thrift Shop Divides Year's Large Profits

When, a little less than a year ago, the Community Shop was going out of existence, a few of the devoted members, feeling that the Thrift department was too valuable to the community to be given up, consulted with a group, representing the various philanthropic organizations of Highland Park, with the idea that they might take over this work.

The outcome was that the Thrift Shop was formed with the woman's Auxillary of the Highland Park hospital, the Northwestern Settlement, and the Infant Welfare society co-operating in the management.

The Community shop gave the new Thrift Shop their equipment and a generous gift of \$500. Which is being kept in the savings account as a sinking fund.

The Thrift Shop has been operating since April 13, 1929, the members of the board being as follows: Mrs. James L. Martin, president; Mrs. Wm. Barker, treasurer; Mrs. George W. Childs, general chairman of thrift.

Representatives of the hospital auxillary: Mrs. Roger S. Vail, Mrs. Sidney B. Cahn, Miss Caroline Meyer.

Representatives of Northwestern Settlement: Mrs. Karl B. Meyer, Mrs. Walter Rutledge, Mrs. R. K. O'Hara.

Representatives of Infant Welfare society: Mrs. Malcolm D. Vail, Mrs. John Glace, Mrs. Edward H. Eitel.

Mrs. Everett Millard and Mrs. George Allen Mason served on the board during the first months. Each of the organizations have received each month one fourth of the net proceeds, the remaining fourth being put into a savings account to be distributed each year among local charities.

According to this division the hospital Auxillary, the Northwestern Settlement, the Infant Welfare society have each received from April 13 to Dec. 31, 1929, \$835.23.

At a recent meeting of the board the fourth quarter was divided into the following gifts:

Arden Shore, \$200; Ridge Farm Preventorium, \$200; Dorcas Home, \$200; Lake Bluff Orphanage, \$200; Y. W. C. A., \$50; Allandale Farm, \$50.

The savings account is greater than the amount each organization has received, because, when the Thrift Shop opened there was something over \$70 in the cash box, which was put into this account and there is also, accrued interest. In view of the fact that the total receipts from April 13 to Dec. 31, 1929 have been \$5,266.49 the board feels that the success of the new venture is assured and we ask for the co-operation of the community in sending thrift.

Remember that nothing is too new or too old, too large, or too small to be of use and that in sending articles you are not only helping those who buy but are contributing to the support of a number of worthy charities.

Card Party February 7

Card party to be given by the North American Union at Witten's hall, February 7. Grand prizes and a good time assured all who attend. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

College Night at High School Saturday Feb. 1 Features Are Outlined

In order to familiarize the upper-classmen of the Deerfield-Shields high school with what the various colleges and universities offer, a "College Night" is being held in the boy's gymnasium of the high school Saturday night, Feb. 1.

The gym will have booths for the representatives of forty-five colleges and universities from all over the country. There will also be a quantity of literature in each booth for the juniors and seniors planning to attend college. The booths will be marked by signs and penants being prepared by the students of the art department.

A special feature of the evening will be the showing of many reels of motion pictures portraying the campus buildings and activities of the various colleges in the country.

Tickets have been distributed throughout the home rooms in the high school to all juniors and seniors who desire to attend that evening. A special invitation has also been issued to all of the parents of the upper-classmen.

Louise Smith, senior, is chairman of the general committee and is assisted by Charles Marks, chairman of the decorating committee of the boys' gym, Oscar Goepner, chairman of the publicity committee, and Marjory Kendall, chairman of the decorating committee of the girls' gym.

The orchestra and band will play college songs during the evening and there will be dancing afterwards in the girls' gym.

Pythian Sisters Hold Installation Tuesday

Highland Park temple, Pythian Sisters, No. 300 held their annual installation of officers Tuesday evening, January 28 at the Masonic hall before a large gathering of friends.

Mrs. Ethel Hepburn of the Lake Shore temple officiated as installing officer. She was assisted by Mrs. Mond Roth as grand manager and Mrs. Gertrude Goozman as grand senior. Mrs. Iva Henderson and Hazel Chapman acted as wand bearers. Mrs. Catherine Radcliff was pianist. The following officers were installed for the coming year:

Mrs. Rebecca Greismeyer, most excellent chief; Mrs. Lucille Denton, excellent senior; Mrs. Anna Cliffe, excellent junior; Mrs. Dimple Larson, manager; Mrs. Ellen Shifflett, mistress of finance; Mrs. Katherine Allen, mistress of records and correspondence; Mrs. Cecile Hansen, protector; Mrs. Lillian Frieble, guard; Mrs. Mary White, past chief.

The hall was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers. After the presentation of gifts to the retiring officers and the visiting sisters who installed the new officers, a delicious supper was served. The rest of the evening was devoted to entertainment. All who attended reported an enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. St. Peter and son, Milton, are leaving Saturday for the Rio Grande Valley, Texas. On their return Mrs. St. Peter will go to Florida where she will join Mrs. J. D. McDougal at St. Petersburg.

Elm Place Mid-Year Exercises Pleasing; Students on Program

Before an audience which filled the large auditorium of the school to capacity, the mid-year exercises for the class of February, 1930, at the Elm Place school were held last Friday evening and proved most interesting and informative, as the entire program was presented by members of the class in groups which in turn outlined their work in their various studies during the year.

This plan was adopted instead of having a single speaker for the evening and proved highly successful, everybody present being greatly impressed with the splendid manner in which the pupils handled their respective phases of the program and the very illuminating way in which they explained and exemplified the work of the class during the past 12 months. In several instances, especially in the vocational and domestic science departments specimens of the work done by the class were exhibited, and the entire program was both unique and instructive, giving the audience a clear and comprehensive insight into the excellent work being done in the eighth grade by the students and their efficient staff of teachers.

The list of graduates in this class was printed in last week's issue of the Press.

H. S. Basketball Teams Making Good Records; Win in Recent Games

Deerfield-Shields basketball teams are making good records this season, and indications are that they will go through with an exceptionally large percentage of games won during the season.

Last Friday evening they defeated the Evanston cagers, the local heavies winning 29 to 22, and the lights, 24 to 16. For the heavies Jack Thomas tossed in seven baskets and Matt Maiman three. Leo Zanier led the scoring for the lightweights.

Tuesday evening of this week the lightweights defeated the Proviso team, 24 to 12 in a fast game. Thomas and Berube each dropped in three baskets for the locals, and Berube also successfully made five free throws on fouls. The heavies are showing marked improvement in recent games, fans report. In the tilt with Proviso the local lights were defeated 26 to 16.

Propose Scottish Clan for North Shore

A movement is on foot to start a Scottish clan in the North Shore district. Mr. Robert Eadie, royal deputy of the Order of Scottish Clans, has been requested to do his utmost to get the clan established in one of the North Shore towns. Anyone interested in this proposition are earnestly requested to communicate with Alex McFadzean, 2651 Railroad avenue, Evanston, Ill., either by mail or phone (Univ. 2724.) If sufficient names are received a meeting will be held at an early date when everything will be fully explained by some officer of the Order of Scottish Clans. This society is open to men of Scottish birth or descent.