

**Historical Sketch of  
H. P. Methodist Church  
Covering Fifty Years**

The following is a historical sketch of the Highland Park M. E. church, which recently celebrated its Golden Jubilee:

The Highland Park M. E. church was the outgrowth of union English services held in the waiting room of the old N. W. Ry. station in Highwood in 1872, which were started by the Rev. Samuel Breakwell, a Primitive Methodist local preacher from England, who had been ordained as a Baptist minister after coming to this country.

In 1874 a Sunday school was started by John Skidmore, long deceased, in a brick building which stood near the present site of the railway stations in Highwood on Waukegan avenue, and a little later preaching services were held in the same room from which eventually grew the organizing of a Methodist church, known for a time as the "Highwood Charge," but later known as the Highland Park M. E. church, when the present building was erected on North avenue, in Highland Park.

The sessions of the Methodist Sunday school, which preceded the organization of the church, were for a time held in the old school house which is now an apartment building on the corner of Prairie and High streets, Highwood. The present edifice was erected in 1880 through the efforts of John Skidmore, H. S. Gail, H. Gage and others who gave freely of their time and money to make the enterprise possible, and was dedicated free of all debt. The Rev. C. D. Gillett was the first minister in charge. In 1908, Rev. I. C. Walker, then pastor, succeeded in securing the present parsonage, and by hard work, cleared it of all debt also.

Since that day many other good men and loyal friends of the church have given it hearty support and thirty-one different men have served as pastor, including the present incumbent; this rather large number is due to the fact that many of them in the early years were students at Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, serving this church for short periods.

The present Ladies' Aid was organized in 1899 and its first president, Mrs. Ernest Gail, was present at the banquet. The Epworth League was organized in 1898 and the present chapter was organized but a few months ago. Many other facts of value concerning the early days of the church were secured by Rev. Wm. Doble when pastor here from R. C.

Winter shortly before the later's death in 1926. Other facts are being collated at the present time from men and women still living and will be suitably preserved in the permanent records of the church.

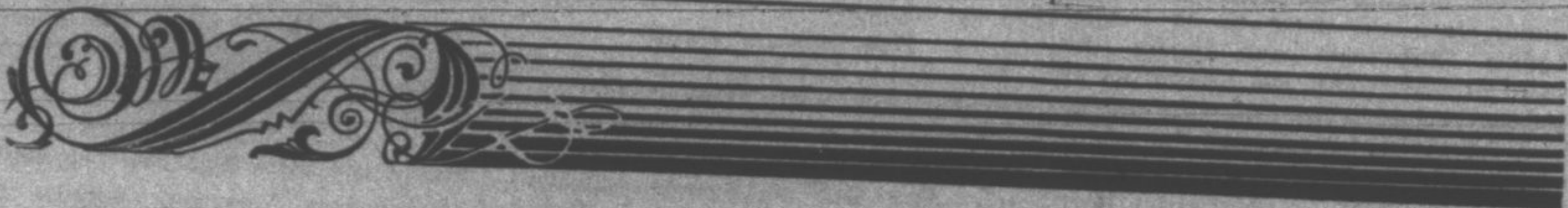
The large attendance at the various celebrations of the anniversary and the banquet Tuesday, Jan. 21, and the enthusiasm shown by members and friends, gives promise of success for the plans being matured for the enlargement and further de-

velopment of the church and its work, the present building and equipment being inadequate for the demands made upon it by the increasing activities.

Low tariff co-operatives in the Senate have voted to lower the duties on chemicals. Wonder if this is an attempt to appeal to the flapper vote by increasing the number of imported complexions?

**Says Walgreen Lease  
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The Walgreen Drug company has leased the store at the northwest corner of First street and Central avenue, Highland Park, from Mrs. Bertha Loeb, for 15 years, says a report in the Waukegan Sun. No official announcement has been issued as yet. At the present time there is no Walgreen store between Waukegan and Evanston.



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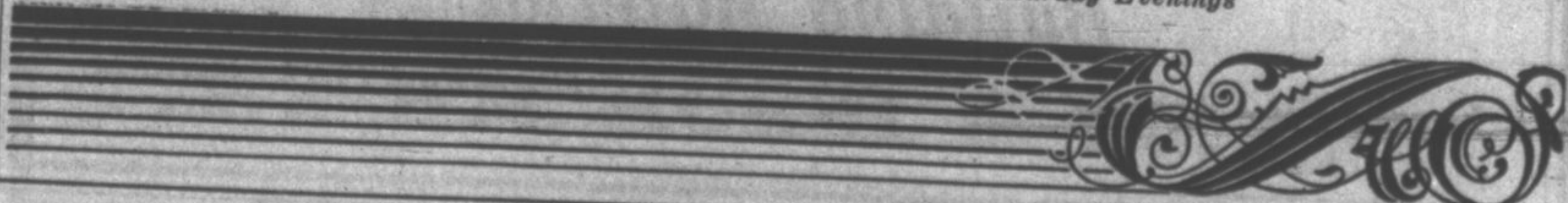
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