

## H. P. WOMAN WRITES CHILDREN'S POETRY

Delightful New Book of Verse by Rowena Bastin Bennett Is Just Published

Another talented Highland Park young woman has entered the ranks of authorship in the person of Mrs. Rowena Bastin Bennett, whose new book "Around a Toadstool Table," a child's book of verse, has just been published. Mrs. Bennett has contributed to a number of magazines of national circulation and her book enhances her reputation as a master craftsman in children's verse. She is the wife of Kenneth C. Bennett, and their home is on Clavey road. Mr. Bennett is manager of the J. B. Garnett store at Glencoe. Mrs. Bennett's mother, Mrs. Abbie B. Bastin is a member of the faculty of the Lincoln school and well known in this city.

In "Around a Toadstool Table" the author has captured in her poems the freshness and spontaneity of a child. She has discovered the magic of our work-a-day world. There are poems about mechanical things, motor cars, airplanes, zeppelins, trains, speed boats, and so on. There are story telling poems which always capture the eager interest of children. There are nature poems, about the out-of-doors, reflecting the world in all its moods. There are poems about fairies. In fact, the book is complete, arranged by seasons, and covers a large list of subjects of children's interest.

The author speaks of Pussy Willows and Dandelion bubbles with the same freedom of expression used in "The Airplane, Sky Harbor, Racing the Train, and others."

Her poems are intelligent and highly imaginative. For example:

Under the Tent of the Sky

The wind cracked his whip,  
The storm flashed a gun,  
And the animal-clouds marched one by one

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## Another Good Boxing Show at Fort Tonight

The second boxing show of the winter will take place here in the Post gymnasium at Fort Sheridan tonight, at 8:15 p. m.

This will be good news to the followers of boxing, particularly so in view of the excellent fights that were put on in the first show at the Fort two weeks ago.

Eight bouts are scheduled, each of three rounds. Among these fights, will be one between two civilians and two between sailors from the Great Lakes and soldiers from the post.

Three of the main bouts are bound to prove of great interest to boxing fans. These three fights will bring together Bergman of Co. C (at present attending the West Point Preparatory school) and Viggo Lindby of the Depot Force in the 165 pound class; McEachern, Co. A, and Mitchell, of the Depot Force, in the heavyweight class; and Janiak, Battery D, and Gregar, of the Depot Force, in the light-heavyweight class.

## At Deerpath Soon



BRADLEY KINCAID

Coming to Deerpath theatre, Lake Forest, Sunday, Feb. 23, for both matinee and evening performances.

## H. P. Garden Study Club Meets Monday, Feb. 17th

The Highland Park Garden Study club will meet Monday, February 17 at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Clark, 547 S. St. Johns avenue.

The new book of Mrs. Wilder's, "Adventures in a Rock Garden," will be reviewed by Mrs. E. T. R. Murfey.

A demonstration of seed planting and transplanting using seeds that require different treatment will be given by Mrs. R. A. Crossman.

## Arts Committee Urge Attendance Feb. 26

The Arts committee of the Ravinia Woman's club will hold their regular monthly meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month, Feb. 26, at one o'clock at Mrs. Ralph Fletcher Seymour's home on Cary avenue. As this will be a most important meeting to complete plans for our industrial art survey and spring fair the entire committee is urged to be present.

## Pietro Marchi Sings Over Radio in Town

Pietro Marchi of Highland Park, who recently returned from two years abroad studying voice culture, sang over WMAQ radio station last Sunday evening. Marchi, who is an operatic tenor and has achieved considerable success in his art, plans to leave soon for a South American tour, his friends report. He sang several classical numbers with marked effect over the radio, with both piano and orchestra accompaniment.

## Dance, February 22

A Washington birthday dance will be given by North Shore lodge No. 171, S. F. of A., Saturday evening, February 22 at Masonic hall. An invitation has been extended the public to attend.

## Set Date for Play

Thursday and Friday evenings, March 6 and 7, are the dates set for the presentation of the annual Presbyterian church play. Further announcement will appear in a later issue of the Press.

## Hold Training Course Girl Scout Leadership

The Girl Scout Community committee is sponsoring a training course of six lessons in Girl Scouting and Girl Scout Leadership open to any one interested in the movement. Mrs. Mout, who has had a great deal of experience in national scout affairs is to give this course which the committee hopes will stimulate the interest of the parents, teachers, and prospective leaders in the activities, aims and ideals of girl scouting. It is hoped through this course, to find people who are interested in working with a scout troop either as a leader or assistant. Mothers who have girls in Girl Scout troops now and those who are mothers of young children who will soon become scouts are urged to attend. There is no fee charged for the course and no obligation for leadership for those who do enroll. The course consists of six classes to be held Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p. m. at Elm Place school kindergarten room for three consecutive weeks beginning on Monday, Feb. 24.

## "Cricket on the Hearth" Delights Audience

Dicken's famous characters, Tillie Slowboy and Caleb, the Toymaker, lived again last Thursday afternoon for school children who saw the Chicago Art Theatre Players' interpretation of "The Cricket on the Hearth" at Elm Place school. These two characters were unanimously the favorites of the children, though each player received all the praise possible.

Comments heard from some were, "How could Bertha keep her eyes closed so long? I tried at home but couldn't do it," and "I cried when Caleb told his blind daughter how he had deceived her."

The auditorium was packed to capacity that afternoon, and if the sight of wildly cheering children settling down quietly to listen eagerly to a new act is any index to the success of that performance, it certainly cannot be questioned.

In the evening an appreciative adult audience greeted the players who again gave a sincere and vivid portrayal of the famous story. The players and directors are to be congratulated indeed upon an unusually fine piece of work. May we see them again soon!

## ANNOUNCES LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ Scientist of Highland Park, announces a free lecture on Christian Science by John Randall Dunn, C. S. B., of Boston, Mass., a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., to be held in the Elm Place auditorium, Saturday evening, February 15, at eight o'clock. The public is invited.

## P. T. A. to Meet Feb. 24

The February meeting of the Elm Place and Green Bay school P.T.A. will be held Monday evening, February 24. Further notice of the plans of the evening will be sent out later.

## POSTPONE ST. JOHNS AVE. HEARING MONTH

Will Be Held March 10; New Plan Suggested in Petition; Council Meets

At the opening of the city council meeting Monday evening, Mayor Benjamin F. Lewis announced that it had become necessary to postpone further hearing on the St. Johns avenue extension project until March 10, because of new developments. He explained that a petition largely signed by property owners who would favor the improvement had been received asking that the plan be altered to reduce the width of the street and the paving, and that consideration of this proposition would require additional time.

At the meeting of the Board of Local Improvements later in the evening formal action was taken providing for the postponement of the public hearing to March 10.

The council adopted the resolution, read first at the previous meeting, employing Bowen E. Schumacher as special counsel in the new project for the extension of Sheridan road southward from Central avenue. At the meeting of the board of local improvements the resolution originating the new plan, which reallocates the proposed extension, was adopted. The public hearing on this project is set for February 24.

## Bids on Shore Protection

At this meeting a number of bids on the contract for building shore protection along the lake front to protect the city waterworks and filtration plant were received and opened. After the bids have been properly tabulated and have remained on file for public inspection, further action is expected.

An ordinance amending the section of the Highland Park code fixing the fire limits in the city was read providing for making the fire limits correspond to the business and commercial zones of the city, and this was filed for inspection and will be acted on at a later meeting.

## Miss Greenlaw Attends Conference in Chicago

Miss Gladys Greenlaw is attending the annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education being held at the Stevens hotel, Chicago, this week. She is a member of the executive committee of the directors' section of religious education, and is the first woman to be elected as a representative at large from the directors' section. There are about six hundred representatives from various parts of the world attending this conference.

## Spring Is Here !!

An announcement which is always welcome at this time of the year is that of the appearance of snowdrops. Yesterday a call received stated that the snowdrops were up and within a day or so would be in bloom at Egandale. This is a sure sign that spring is on its way. These little flowers generally make their appearance on or about February 21, but this year are a week earlier.