

## PLAYGROUND NOTES FROM SUNSET PARK

### Folk and Tap Dancing, Tennis and Baseball; Other Feat- ures of Interest

The folk and tap dancing classes being held at Sunset park playground every Tuesday and Thursday morning have attracted a large number of children. Last Thursday there were from 40 to 50 children on the dance floor, and it was found to be better if they were divided into groups for different kinds of dancing. The children up to eight years of age are given singing games for a half-hour. From 10:30 to 11:15 the group from eight to eleven are given instruction in folk-dancing, and the older girls and anyone else who is interested may take tap-dancing from 11:15 to noon.

Mrs. Graham, who is giving the instruction, is very skillful in handling the younger girls, and her tap dancing class is progressing rapidly. It is hoped that by the end of the playground season there will be a group well advanced enough to put on an act in the final pageant.

#### Good Tennis Courts

Sunset park playground has a popular feature in the two good tennis courts at the extreme southwest corner of the park. These courts are (Continued on page 40)

### Ravinia Community Day Largely Attended

Ravinia Community Day and the Fourth of July was celebrated as usual at the Ravinia school grounds this year, a large crowd attending.

Members of the Civics committee of the Ravinia Woman's club, had charge of the day under the direction of Mrs. Godfrey Eyler.

The children's costume parade was led by Mr. James Eady Ewell, and a number of prizes were given.

There were games for the children directed by Mr. Howard Copp and a horseshoe tournament for the men. There was an excellent display of fireworks in the evening and a pleasant day is reported by all who attended.

### Hold Picnic Sunday at Sylvan Lake

Zion Lutheran church of Highwood will hold their Congregational picnic at Sylvan Lake next Sunday. The Sunday school will meet at the usual time at church. At ten-thirty and eleven there will be care at the church to take those who have no cars to the picnic grounds. There will be a short service in the open at Sylvan Lake about noon and then after the service they will have the dinner. The Lutheran Brotherhood in charge of the picnic arrangements have done everything in their preparations to make this an outstanding event within the social functions of the church.

The picnic is not a strictly congregational affair but it also invites their many friends to spend a day together in this special way. Recreations of various kinds will be the events of the day. All are invited to come early so as to spend a good day together.

### Former Minister to Speak Here Sunday

Dr. M. G. Geil, a former pastor of the Evangelical church of Highland Park, will be the speaker at the Bethany church Sunday evening at 8 p. m. He will use as his subject "The Prodigal Father." His message will interest every parent of the community and at the same time be very fascinating for the youth of this vicinity. Dr. Geil has made a very thorough study of present day youth problems. He made a recent survey of the moral and religious standards of the youth of several hundred representative high schools of America. His findings have been very interesting, they have given him a great deal of prominence and publicity in church circles and in the work of religious education. At the present time Dr. Geil is a member of the faculty of the Department of Education at Northwestern university. His many Highland Park friends have been watching him climb the ladder of success with a great deal of admiration and will be pleased at the opportunity of hearing and greeting him at the Bethany church next Sunday evening.

### Vacation Bible School Continues with Zest

The splendid interest which the children have shown from the beginning of the school continues with a zest. Each week has brought special features and the last two weeks of the school promises to be the best. The weekly paper which the children edit carries interesting bits of news of their activities and reflects the children's loyalty to the school. Last Thursday during the patriotic service the kindergarten children sang and played the band for the older children. On Friday of this week a special worship service will be conducted out of doors.

This service has become an annual affair and one which has claimed the attention of religious educators throughout the country. This is the service which is a culmination of our World Fellowship program, for we celebrate the birth of Christ and His plan for the world with an out of door Christmas tree, gifts which are dedicated and sent to some mission station, and a missionary speaker. Our speaker this year is Rev. Wm. H. Hezlep of Jhansi, United Provinces, India. Mr. Hezlep has been engaged in district evangelistic work in India since 1911. This work involves the supervision of Christian groups and the reaching of non-Christians in the hundreds of villages around Jhansi. The work is largely among the low castes of Hinduism; three of them are the sweepers, the leather workers, and the weavers.

The service will be held at eleven o'clock and the parents and friends of the children are invited to attend.

#### Ravinia Village House

Anyone desiring to use the Ravinia Village house during July, may get in touch with the chairman of the board of governors of the Ravinia Village house, Mr. Edwin C. Jones, 1630 Judson avenue, telephone 1113, to make arrangements for the rental of any of the rooms in the building.

Dr. M. G. Geil



### Plan for Consolidation of School Districts Is Defeated by Dist. 110

Plans for consolidating the Wilmot and Everett school districts which would result in the erection of a new school building at Bannockburn, failed to meet the approval of the voters in both districts at the special election held Saturday.

Parents of school children in the Wilmot district, known as school district No. 110, voted 38 against the consolidation and five for it. The reason for this was said to have been that the new school building at Bannockburn would be too far away from this district.

The Everett school district cast an overwhelming vote of 58 to 3 for consolidation. But under the state school laws two districts can be merged only when both districts approve it.

The election Saturday was held following a petition filed with T. A. Simpson, school superintendent, several weeks ago.

### If You Want to Call the Fire Department Say "Highland Park, O"

In order to avert misunderstanding when hurry-up calls are made, the telephone number of the Highland Park fire department has been changed from H. P. 59 to Highland Park O. Citizens are urged to keep this in mind in calling the department.

Because the previous number sounded similar to other numbers ending in "9" it was decided to make the change, and the adoption of "O" for the department gives the fire station a number which cannot easily be misunderstood, in the opinion of Chief Hoskin and Manager Knox of the telephone company.

## APPEL DESCRIBES THE PASSION PLAY

### President of H. P. State Bank in Letter Gives Impressions Is Interesting

The following letter descriptive of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, is written by J. M. Appel, president Highland Park State bank, who is touring in Europe:

#### Mr. Appel's Letter

Starting from the thriving city of Munich, after two hours by motor bus, we approach the Bavarian Alps. Soon we catch a glimpse of the cross planted on one of the highest peaks, telling us hereunder lies Oberammergau, the seat of the Passion Play.

We enter the village, lying 2500 feet above sea level, inhabited by about 800 sturdy homely German mountain folk, mostly of Catholic faith, speaking the Bavarian dialect, many in native garb, the men conspicuous by their long beards and bushy hair. The winding streets are paved. The houses are built of stone, wood and cement with projecting eaves, balconies and porticos. In many cases the barn is attached with its inevitable pile of fertilizer built in "Gothic" style. The houses are lighted by electricity. Every one is planned to serve as a pension or boarding house. During the play these 800 people house and feed daily 5,000 guests and furnish for the play about 650 of their own number. The village is in need of a modern water and sewer system.

#### Large Auditorium

The auditorium, rebuilt last year, (Continued on page 41)

### Legion Carnival Over Week-End Is Success

The carnival held in Sunset Park the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of July under the auspices of the American Legion was admitted a great success by all who attended. Large crowds were in attendance all three days, and holiday spirit pervaded the whole thing. Baseball games and other park sports were enjoyed by many, while the open-air dancing every evening permitted no one to leave.

The American Legion carnival has taken the place of the old Highland Park day festival, and it is hoped that it will become a regular summer custom. A holiday festival of this sort is a thing appreciated by all people in the vicinity.

### Advertise for Bids on Library Building

That immediate steps are to be taken by the library board in the direction of the construction this year of the proposed new public library building is indicated by the advertisement for bids for this building printed on another page of this newspaper. The fine structure which the board plans to erect on the site adjacent to the present building has been fully described and pictured in previous issues of the Press, and the general opinion seems to be that the board is planning a notably handsome building and one fully equipped for the purpose intended.