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## COMMUNITY FAREWELL FOR REV. FRANK FITT

### Large Attendance at Gathering Monday Night; Present Silver Coffee Service

Large attendance and an outpouring of genuine expressions of esteem for the guests of honor marked the community farewell gathering held for the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Fitt at the Presbyterian church Monday evening in which all sections of the city were represented. Former Mayor Samuel M. Hastings presided and the invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Harvey M. Siemsen of Bethany Evangelical church.

There were five-minute talks by several speakers. President Herbert McComb Moore of Lake Forest college, of which Dr. Fitt has been a trustee for several years, spoke of Mr. Fitt's splendid work in that capacity. Mrs. W. A. Alexander of Highland Park spoke feelingly of Mr. Fitt's many fine qualities and fine work in the community. Dr. Henry S. Brown, executive secretary of the Chicago Presbytery brought greetings and appreciative words in behalf of the Presbytery. Mr. J. B. Garnett, who has been associated with Mr. Fitt in public library work, spoke of him as a fellow citizen. Rev. Christoph Keller, rector of Trinity church, spoke of his brother clergyman from the viewpoint of church work.

Following these Mr. Hastings voiced an eloquent tribute to the departing minister and closed by presenting to him and Mrs. Fitt in behalf of the congregation a handsome sterling silver coffee service.

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## Children's Party at H. P. Woman's Club

The board of managers of the Highland Park Woman's club extend a cordial invitation to the members' children between the ages of 4 and 14 years to attend a party on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 27 at 3 o'clock. The games and play will be in charge of the young hostesses: Isabel Danley, Barbara Funke, Dorothy Funke, Jean Ericson, Josephine Zook, Alice Young, Pauline Davis, Catherine Davis, Jane Newmann, Mary Thompson, Katherine Haislip.

A puppet show, with musical accompaniment, called "Toys Alive!" will be presented by Miss Betty Phelps and Miss Edith Vail.

The Highland Park Social Service committee wishes to thank all individuals and organizations that have co-operated so splendidly in the work of relieving the unemployed and needy. The committee extends a wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Highland Park Social Service Committee,  
378 Central Avenue,  
Tel. Highland Park 4000.

## Banks Contribute To Local Business With Christmas Club Funds

A marked impetus is being given to the retail business of Highland Park by reason of the maturity and release of the Christmas clubs sponsored by the two local banking institutions. The total amount being disbursed to Christmas club members by the Highland Park State bank and the North Shore Trust Co. is about \$65,000. These savings are accumulated during the year by small weekly or monthly payments for the purpose primarily of providing a fund to be spent for gifts during the holiday season.

Additional funds will be put in circulation by the banks through dividend payments. Following a resolution adopted by their directors shareholders in these banks will receive on January 1st, checks aggregating a considerable sum, representing quarterly dividends.

Despite the business depression, generally prevalent, in addition to the regular dividend payments, both banks have been able to strengthen their reserves and increase their undivided profit accounts.

## Drama Workshop Twilight Reading and Tea Sunday

Christmas tea at 4 o'clock, Sunday, Dec. 28, in the music room of the Village house. Three of Ravinia's own poets will furnish the program.

Rowena Bastin Bennett will read a group of her latest poems. New poems from her are always a very real treat to her many friends and admirers.

Gertrude Williams, who has been very active in organizing the Junior Drama Workshop, will read a group of her poems. She is Ravinia's newly discovered poet and is most pleasantly anticipated.

Brent Dow Allinson will read a Christmas masque, entitled "A Miracle at Drachenfels," with which he took second place in the Drama League national playwriting contest of this year. The best dramatic critics in the country acted as judges in this contest, which was open to both professional and amateur playwrights from every state in the union. The play is written in blank verse.

Mrs. Bennett and Mr. Allinson are both very well known for their poetry, which frequently appears in current magazines, and have each had the honor of appearing on the Literary Digest current poetry page.

Mrs. James Cady Ewell and Mrs. John Warmington will act as hostesses, assisted by members of the Junior Drama Workshop. The program will commence promptly at 4 o'clock and will be followed by a social hour. It is an open meeting to which guests are cordially invited.

## Re-elected President



J. W. Simons

Recently re-elected president of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce for second term.

## Watch Night Service at First U. E. Church

The following interesting watch night service will be held at the First United Evangelical church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 31: 8:15 p.m.—Song and praise service. 8:45 p.m.—"Jesus Christ Our Great High Priest; an Appeal and a Warning." Hebrews, chapter 5. Pastor C. G. Unangst. 9:30 p.m.—Intermission. 10 p.m.—Confession and Intercession. Jas. 1:16; Neh. 1:5-7, 11. Prayer for:—1. All Preachers and Teachers of God's Word. 2. All Hearers of God's Word. 3. All who are not directly under the influence of God's Word. 4. Our Nation: the President and all in authority; the Rich and the Poor; the Sinful and Criminal classes; the Unemployed; the Children and Young People. 5. Missions: All True Missionaries. Prayer for Ourselves: 1) That we may judge all sin; that we may be pardoned and cleansed. 2) Prayer for a clearer vision, and keener power of discernment. 3) For a greater concern for the spiritual welfare of others. 4) For new power for service. "That in all things He (Christ) might have the preeminence." Col. 1:18.

Those not attending a similar service elsewhere are cordially invited to join in this unique watch night meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bell are entertaining about sixty guests at their home on New Year's Eve as a house warming. Cards, dancing and games will be played during the evening.

## RELIEF COMMITTEE REPORT TO DEC. 20

### Social Service Group Providing Christmas Cheer for Many; Summary of Work

The Highland Park Social Service committee wishes to thank all the individuals and organizations who have co-operated so splendidly in furthering the work of relieving the unemployed and needy.

#### Christmas Cheer

Plans for Christmas cheer to go into the home of every unemployed person in this community are now perfected. Baskets have been promised by 82 individuals or groups, and the number to be furnished by the Social Service committee will be over 100. The H. P. Woman's club has donated the use of the club basement for packing these baskets on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Following is the report to and including Dec. 20:

Investigations to date of families in need, 74; relief to families in food and fuel, 69; relief to families in clothing, 245; individuals sending supplies—milk, 18; rent, 2; baskets vegetables weekly, 3; meats once a week, 3.

#### Other Donations

Individual donated several dozen pairs new mittens.

Sunday school class donated several dozen pairs new stockings.

Individual donated several dozen new sweaters.

Individual donated dozen new dolls.

High School Sewing class, several dozen garments made from materials furnished by committee, including dresses, pajamas, slips, bloomers.

#### Other Items

Registrations to date, 215.

Given permanent positions, 13.

Amount earned through this office last week, \$196.50.

Amount earned per person through this office last week, \$.95.

Amount donated for Christmas relief, exclusive of baskets, \$430.

## Oliver Twist, Jan. 2 at Elm Place School

Friday afternoon, Jan. 2 at 2:30 p. m. at the Elm Place auditorium, Oliver Twist, the current Goodman Theatre attraction, will be presented. Tickets may be procured from Gsell's, or from Mrs. Francis Parker, box 252, Highland Park. This series is sponsored by the literature department of the Highland Park Woman's club.

## Pythian Sisters to Give Dance Jan. 10

A dance will be given by Lake Shore temple, Pythian Sisters, on Saturday evening, Jan. 10 in the Oak Terrace school. There will be good music and all attending are assured a pleasant evening.