

"Smitty," The Barber Writes Good Letter Voices Appreciation

The following letter of appreciation of this community and including a good word for the Highland Park Press is received from Mr. A. R. Esmiz, popularly known as "Smitty, the Barber" whose loyalty and good citizenship and other excellent qualities are too well known here to require comment. He says:

A Word of Appreciation:

It is with not little joy that I wish (by courtesy of the Press) to voice my hearty expression of gratitude to the good people of Highland Park and neighboring towns for the splendid support I received in 1930. May 1931 bring employment, prosperity, and happiness to all.

At this particular time of the year it seems to me we all feel more or less sentimental. In our hearts revives a sincere desire to patch things up, to please, to help, and to make each other happy, thus making life worth living.

Nearly every grammar school child in this country and even those in other countries, knows very well that the United States of America is the greatest country on the face of the earth. The north shore is the most beautiful, the richest, and most progressive spot in the United States, and Highland Park is without a doubt the very best city on the north shore. Now you know where you live.

To the credit of our efficient administration and the progressive system of our beautiful city, our institutions are superior to those of any other city of its size to be found elsewhere in the country. Our schools and educational system, our banking institutions, our hospital, our water supply system, our A-1 filtration plant, and beautiful parks, are not only worthy of our pride and admiration, but they are an honor to our city, to the county and to the state, and to that I offer no apology.

In mentioning our home paper may I repeat in my own words what I said through its columns just a year ago

today: "The Press is worthy of the community's most loyal support and consideration." Call it our home paper on its character, on its purity of purpose, on its record.

While vacationing last summer in beautiful northern Wisconsin, I told the people of a little town where I was staying that I was the man that put the liver in Liverpool. Decidedly it was purely a bluff. Of course, I left there a few days later and whether they believed me or not, there was no harm done.

Here and there, and often to one's sorrow the public learns a lesson from this sort of misrepresenting parasite. The trouble with our world today is not over-production, nor over-capitalization, nor too much centralization, but too much misrepresentation, too many false alarms. On the other hand, the Highland Park Press does not misrepresent. The Press is to the community like Hack Wilson is to the Chicago Cubs. I've heard many a baseball fan remark that Hack Wilson couldn't play ball, that he was this, and he was that. Yet Mr. Wilson in this last summer only, was responsible for 56 home runs. He scored 148 times and his hitting power brought in something like 400 runs. The Press is today not only the hitting power of Highland Park but it has been hitting the apple on the nose very effectively with a marvelous record of over 19 years of constructive conscientious service to its people.

In conclusion may I say that in the last 21 years of my residence here I have learned to love Highland Park. I believe in a uniform sentiment of constructive co-operation, through winning the people's confidence in the social as well as in the business life of our city. For after all, it is a blessing to live in a community whose people have at all times demonstrated possession, not only of one hundred per cent of the right spirit of loyal co-operation and sportsmanship, but also the noble instinct to see, to appreciate and to support that which is good.

With heartiest good wishes I am,
Yours for progress,
A. R. ESMIZ.

Real Estate Board Elects Officers



Photo by Hecketsweiler

Jules Dixon (seated at the right) was elected president of the North Shore Real Estate board at its annual meeting in Highland Park last week. Other officers elected to serve with Mr. Dixon during the ensuing year are standing (left to right) Harold Vant, secretary; Martin Olson, treasurer; A. J. Woodcock (retiring president), director for three years; Arthur Lee (seated at left) vice-president.

D. A. R. Better Films Committee Review

Right at the outset this column wants to broadcast the good news that there are exceptionally fine films for children to be shown next Saturday and the Saturday following, the kind we like to recommend for junior matinees. The first is "In the South Seas with Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Pinchot." This is a talking travelogue and an interesting adventure has been made of the expedition in search of specimens for the Philadelphia National museum. The Panama Canal shots are fine. Pearl and coral diving, harpooning of porpoise, rare birds, fish, and animals of the islands. Family.

The following Saturday, Jan. 10, we are to have the eagerly awaited "Silent Enemy." There was great disappointment when this was withdrawn some weeks ago, so this is advance information that you may save this day. Among other pictures to be shown are:

"Renegades," Warner Baxter is excellent in this tragic story of a patriot, who condemned by his own country, does not fail her when his loyalty is vital to her welfare. The picture is filled with tense dramatic moments. Unwholesome for children. Adults.

"East Is West," Menta Bell's name as director assures good entertainment and this is no exception. Adapted from the play by Samuel Shipman, this picture combines excellent acting, good photography, and a well-handled plot. Stars Lupe Velez and Lewis Ayres. Family.

"Whoopee," Eddie Cantor is at his funniest; the comedy situations are ridiculous; the sets gorgeous; color sequence beautiful; unfortunately some of the dialogue is vulgar. It is a highly entertaining comedy and may be enjoyed by the entire family.

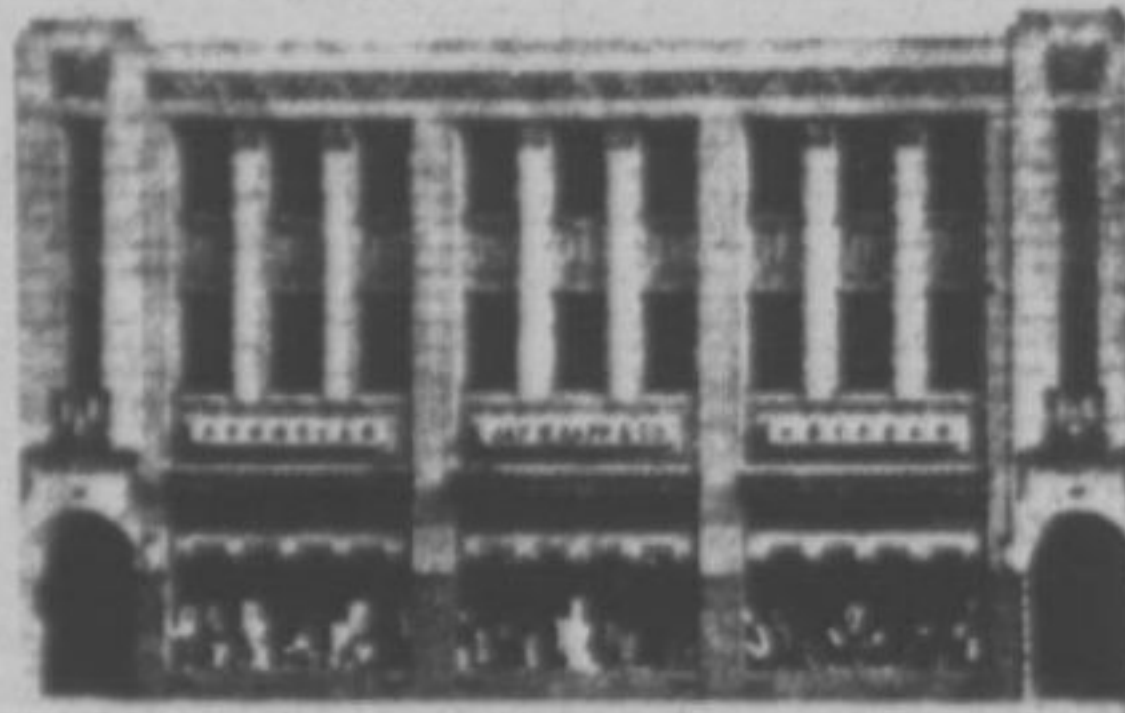
"Scotland Yard," skilful direction, artistic photography of objects in the

fog, and good acting of dual roles by Edmund Lowe make this an interesting picture. Joan Bennett also does very good work. Youths may appreciate this picture but it is beyond children and cannot be said to have any value for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wentworth and small son of Chicago will be the New Years day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dorr of Central avenue. Miss Myrtle Dorr, sister of Mrs. Wentworth, will return to Chicago with them to spend the week-end there.

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