

### DIRECTOR POINTS RECREATION TREND

#### Harry L. Allen Reviews Some History and Points Out Local Requirements

Mr. John Galsworthy says in his introduction of his "Forsythe Saga," "Men are in fact quite unable to control their own inventions. They at best develop adaptability to the new conditions which those inventions create."

Among the most perplexing of these new conditions which are brought to mankind by inventions are those which have given great masses of men in civilized lands over the world a constantly increasing amount of leisure or free time.

To insure minimum employment for all is the greatest problem in economics which these conditions present, and to make the free time after such minimum employment a blessing to men, women, and children, is the greatest social problem of the age.

#### Early Leader

Mr. John H. Finley of the New York Times was among those leaders who began over 20 years ago to preach the gospel of education for the wise use of leisure time. He says, "I thought that I was a voice crying in the wilderness, but I discovered, after I had reached my own conclusions, that Aristotle had reached the same conclusions somewhat more than 2,000 years ago, only he went further than I did. He said that it was the chief end of education."

"Leisure," said Aristotle, "is the principle which determines all."

Recently an English paper attempted to show how many years out of an average life of 70 were spent in various activities, and it stated that 21 solid years of our lives were spent in sleep, and that the average workman spends 18 solid years in eating, one and one-half years in sickness, and two and one-half years in washing, shaving, and dressing. But, after all this, he has about 25 solid years of free time in which to make the most of himself as a man and to be helpful to society.

Rapid changes in industry during the past few years have greatly increased leisure time, and it is this important free time that the recreational agencies of Highland Park are attempting to serve.

#### Facilities Here

In reporting the results of the year's program directing leisure-time activities in Highland Park, at the annual meeting of Community Service of Highland Park, Inc., Harry L. Allen, director of recreation, stated among other things that the facilities for recreation during the outdoor season in Highland Park are generally quite adequate. The East Park Board properties have been well located and offer splendid possibilities for a great variety of recreational activities, but the facilities for indoor recreation are quite inadequate to meet the growing need. It was further pointed out that after using every available facility for indoor recreation, including local grammar school gym-

nasiums, there were still many groups, and scores of individuals interested in active recreation left unserved.

#### All-Year Program

This all would indicate a need for concerted effort on the part of all those interested in an adequate year-round recreation program in Highland Park for plans leading to increased indoor facilities, especially for gymnasium work, meeting places for clubs, dramatics, music, and groups interested in social recreation and dancing.

#### Local Pastor to Head Northern Chicago Dist.

The Northern Chicago district of the Illinois Conference of Lutheran Churches, of the Augustana Synod, held their annual business meeting at the Immanuel Lutheran church at Evanston Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The following pastors were elected to the various offices: Rev. Henry G. Hedlund of Highwood as president, Rev. J. Helmer Olson of Chicago as vice-president, Rev. G. A. Herbert of Milwaukee as secretary, Rev. C. M. Olander of Chicago as treasurer. The Northern Chicago District has a total communicant membership of some 8000 and 2200 children. It comprises 17 churches from the northern part of Chicago, following the north shore as far north as Milwaukee.

In the month of May the Zion Lutheran church will entertain the district at their congregation. Mr. Earl Thompson represented the Zion congregation as lay delegate. Among the important business decided was that there would be a teachers' institute to be held for an eight-day continued period, beginning March 6 and closing March 13. Rev. Henry Hedlund was elected to represent the district together with four others at the synodical meeting to be held at Fargo, S. D., in June.

#### Disarmament Meeting in Chicago Sunday

A Disarmament Mass meeting will be held by the Greater Chicago Disarmament committee of Chicago, which is made up of the Peace committees of the various Women's clubs and Peace organizations in the Methodist temple, corner of Wash-

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ington and Clark streets, Chicago, on Sunday, Jan. 31. Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, dean of the University of Chicago chapel, Prof. Paul Douglas, University of Chicago, Mr. Clark Eickelberger, League of Nations association, and Rabbi Louis L. Mann of Sinai temple will be the principal speakers.

Mr. Arthur Durham will open the meeting with an organ recital from 7:45 to 8 o'clock. The church choir of the Temple will provide other music.

"You probably don't remember me," began the self-made man proudly, "but twenty years ago, when I was a poor humble boy, you gave me a message to carry—"

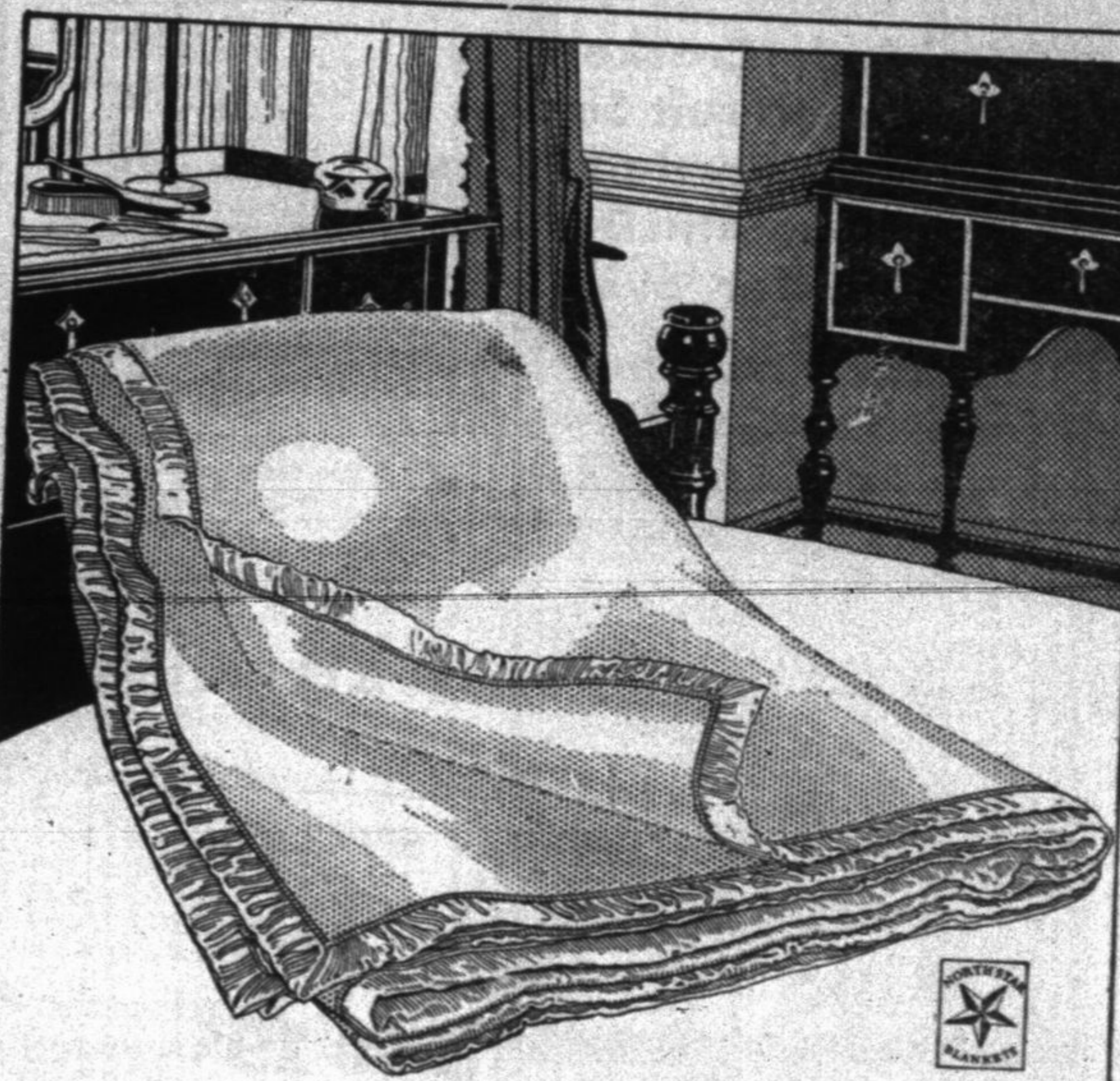
"Yes, yes," cried the busy man. "Where's the answer?"

#### H. P. Woman Named to Share in Big Estate

Mrs. Louise Mansfield Willard 277 Linden Park place Highland Park, was named to share the \$1,000,000 estate of her father, E. G. Cowdery, former president of the Peoples' Gas Light and Coke company, according to the will admitted to probate in Chicago.

Under the provisions of the will, Mrs. Willard and her sister and brother will divide the estate at the death of Mrs. Cowdery, who is to receive the benefit of a trust fund during the remainder of her life.

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