

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Building Greatly Appreciated; Fifty Per Cent of Population Use It

Eight months in the new building after years of planning and waiting, and planning again, has brought, according to library patrons a comfort and satisfaction beyond anticipation. Without doubt the greatest day in its building was the laying of the cornerstone on October 24, 1931, before every school child in the city. The closing hymn of "America the Beautiful" sung by them at that ceremony may have inspired some of the beauty which entered into its making.

Not only its restful and spacious reading rooms, but need for books must have been responsible for the registration of 3,410 persons during the past year, 2,235 of whom had never before visited the library.

Fifty Per Cent Readers

Records show that 50 per cent of the city population are library readers. This includes all workers in the city, teachers, and students who attend the public school but live without its boundaries, together with our immediate neighbors, numbering 993, from Highwood, Deerfield, Fort Sheridan, and others.

Twenty books per registered borrower, or 10 books per capita, have given information, inspiration and recreation at a cost to the city of fourteen cents per volume which was borrowed for home use. This cost covers also the use of hundreds of books in the library of which no record is made, and the entire expense of operation including the (Continued on page 27)

First Aid Talk For Girl Scouts May 26

On Thursday evening, May 26, in the Elm Place auditorium, there will be a talk and demonstration on first aid. This will complete the course now being given for the Girl Scouts by Mr. Waite of the C.N.S. & M.R.R. The talk will be given by Mr. D. W. Whiteman, director of all first aid for the C.N.S. & M.R.R. He will be assisted in his talk by one of the first aid girls drill teams. All Girl Scouts, their parents, friends and anyone interested in this subject is most cordially invited. A special invitation is being issued by the Girl Scouts to the Girl Reserves.

A. M. Bailey Will Give Bird Talk May 27

"Our Local Birds," an illustrated talk, will be given by Alfred M. Bailey, Friday evening, May 27, at Elm Place school auditorium. Mr. Bailey is curator of the Academy of Natural Science in Lincoln Park.

These films are the most remarkable collection of our local birds. This talk is sponsored by the Highland Park Community Field club, which has been taking early "bird walks" with Mr. Bert S. Leech every Tuesday morning at 6 a.m. in Sunset Park.

Moose Musical Comedy To Be Given Tonight And Friday Evening

"All Aboard," the musical farce-comedy, to be presented tonight and tomorrow night at the Elm Place auditorium, has taken on an aspect of a professional performance. This production is being sponsored by the Highland Park Moose, and the cast of fifty is made up of the best local talent available.

Starting the show tonight will be a rousing opening chorus, this takes place down on the dock just before sailing time. The chorus is led by Miss Catherine Yeager and Mr. Norman Gemmer. The action then continues in a fast and furious manner. Names of the cast were in last week's issue of this paper, and it would be hard to pick a star of this talented group.

The production not only boasts of acting talent, but also offers Highland Park's best singing talent in connection with the story. Mr. T. O. Thompson, whose tenor voice has pleased any number of music lovers in this community will sing, Mrs. Bessie Okey not only plays one of the leading parts but sings a solo beautifully in the first act. Mr. Henry Hansen sings a ballad in a way that will long be remembered by those hearing it, and for the more modern type Miss Marie Lawther, the toast of Deerfield-Shields school blues crooners. Mr. Louis Otteni, as the colored ship porter, does a song and dance as sure to tickle the audience into side-splitting laughter as are the twelve young girls that dance with him. Mr. Edwin Gilroy and six pony dancers will do a number abounding in pep and rhythm. Undoubtedly one of the outstanding features along musical lines will be the singing of Master Charles Fehr from Deerfield. Although this lad is only eleven years old his interpretation and style of delivery is far above that of the average adult.

Invites Equestrians To Riding Party on Saturday, May 21st

Tom McKearnan of Winnetka, well-known among North Shore riders, invites everyone interested in horseback riding to attend a ride he is giving at the Glencoe riding school on County Line road next Saturday, May 21, at 3 o'clock. Lemonade and sandwiches will be served, and an enjoyable ride will be afforded all who attend.

John Orr Young, internationally known sportsman an equestrian, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Starr of Glencoe this week. Mr. Young, who lives in Westport, Conn., has for many years been a member of the Fairfield Hunt club of that city and is well-known for his good judgment of horses.

Mr. Young has just returned from France where he has been spending his time following the Staghounds over the famous French country.

While here he rode a hunter owned by Mr. Thomas Chalmers, of the Glencoe riding school. North Shore equestrians will be pleased to learn that Mr. Young was more than pleased with the excellent bridle paths and with the selection of horses that are available to riders.

Legion Post Head Urges Observance of Memorial Day

Dear American Citizen:

We are fast approaching that day set aside by proclamation of the President of the United States, to honor our soldier dead. Decoration Day, Monday, May 30, should see every citizen paying homage to these dead. Dumaresq Spencer post No. 145 of the American Legion of Highland Park, Illinois, invites your organization to take part in a patriotic demonstration in the form of a parade through the streets of Highland Park and Ravinia. Never in the history of our Country has there been a greater need for co-operation of all organizations and individual citizens of our country in making Decoration Day a day of patriotic mass demonstration.

In years past, this day has been marked by a parade of a few Legionnaires, a very poor showing for a community of 14,000 people. Surely patriotic citizens are not going to allow May day celebrations of "Communism" to surpass those of our Decoration Day. We urge your organization to send one man as a delegate to a meeting to be held at H. & R. Anspach Realty Office, 386 Central avenue, Highland Park, on Friday evening, May 20, at 8 p.m. to arrange details for parade and speakers.

Please use every effort to make this day a marked success.

Respectfully,

John J. O'Brien, Commander
Dumaresq Spencer Post 145
of the American Legion.

Ravinia Players Hold Election of Officers

The Ravinia Players held their annual election of officers last week and the new directors, Guernsey LePelley president, and Donald Vaughan, business manager, are taking over their duties immediately.

Guernsey LePelley was one of the originators of this dramatic group and took part in "The Dover Road" their first production. He returned from California recently in time to take a part in "Peggy" as it was presented for the Village Varieties.

Donald Vaughan has also been a member of the Ravinia Players since their beginning. He participated in "The Dover Road" and "Peggy," played the part of Tom in the last three-act production "Tom, Dick and Harry," and has worked on the business affairs of the organization as well.

The Ravinia Players will continue their Tuesday night meetings for another six weeks, and plan to spend this time in arranging a schedule for next season, and reading and discussing plays which can be considered for future production.

Fell Brothers Hold Reorganization Sale

Fell Brothers are carrying on a gigantic reorganization sale at their popular shoe store on Central avenue. Splendid bargains in the fine lines of shoes which they always carry are available to all.

AMERICAN DEFENDERS WRITE OPEN LETTER

**Refer to Recent Events in This
Community Reported of
Communist Origin**

Chicago, May 16, 1932

Editor Highland Park Press
Highland Park, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Perhaps some of the good citizens of the north shore, in their customary belief that individual effort to purify our body politic is futile, are further disturbed by recent events which might indicate that patriotic conscientiousness is degenerating in our community. A search light has been thrown on a certain element in our community subversive thought, calculated to destroy our existing form of Government.

This is the year dedicated to the 200th birthday of possibly the greatest of American Statesmen—George Washington. He helped found a Government which is now old among the Governments of the world. There are many people within our gates who would persuade us to believe that time and progress has evolved an idea of Government more just and more beneficent to the people of the land. We are individuals blessed by our Government with the right of free speech. In our search for fundamental truth and knowledge we demand the preservation of this right. If we are to progress as a nation and as individuals we must open our minds impartially to the many theories honestly offered for our common welfare. The test of time with all of its disintegrating influences

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Mrs. Dilling To Speak at Pearl Theatre on Tuesday Night, May 24

Mrs. Albert W. Dilling, whose recent articles in several newspapers on activities of communists in this and other communities, has aroused considerable comment and some criticism, will speak at the Pearl theatre at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday evening of next week on "Communism and Conditions in Russia," as seen by herself and husband while on a visit to that country. She will exhibit moving pictures which they took while in Russia.

Another speaker, a Russian, will also be present to speak along kindred lines.

This meeting is being sponsored by Dumaresq Spencer Post No. 145.

Social Service Meets and Elects Directors

At a meeting of the Social Service committee Tuesday night, directors were elected and Lyle Gourley was named temporary chairman. Another meeting will be held Friday evening.

Chop Suey Supper

The Philathea class of the Bethany church will hold a chop suey supper, Thursday evening, May 26, at the Bethany church. An illustrated lecture on Japan will be given following the supper.