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**Reading in Highland Park Annual Report**  
Year ending April 30, 1934.

Every year the library records reveal new and changing trends in reading interest. Every community unfolds certain reading requirements among its racial groups, school systems, economic conditions, industries, clubs, social groupings, surrounding territory, etc. It is evident that the economic dilemma has brought a different type of request to public libraries. Inquiries the past year have been characterized by a practical tone.

An increase of 10 per cent was shown among books of useful arts and an even greater gain in the field of natural sciences. The interest in general economics has increased 60 per cent during the last five years. The perverse problems of the world have shown the need for simple and clear expositions of national questions. Such a list of books has just been compiled by a committee of national educational agencies. It is entitled "Books of General Interest for Today's Readers." Ask to see it at the library.

Good books are stimulating, as the evening groups in our popular book room testify. The prevailing and insistent demand for two or three popular books of the moment offers a real problem for public libraries. After some deliberation a special effort was made to meet this demand in the case of two fiction titles of early spring, namely, "Anthony Adverse," by Hervey Allen and "With This Present," by Margaret Aver Barnes. Nine copies of "Anthony Adverse" were purchased at a cost of \$21.60. Should the rental libraries be left to supply the heavy demands of the amount in popular reading, or the limited funds of the public library? After all, the library is not a club, supplying entirely recreation and amusement, but a book and information supplying body, and further, what does the community of today need that we as a book and information supplying body can contribute?

**Information Service**  
Information service more than kept pace with the book circulation during the past year. Reference questions for information demanding the service of the professional staff doubled during the year.

The economy involved in co-operative ownership of expensive reference books, which here approximate \$2,000, also includes information on the purchase of worthless encyclopedias, and readers advisory service thrown in.

**Cost of Service**  
The service of the library is to all people—old and young, rich and poor, wise and foolish, the leisurely and the busy, the sick and the well. Other tax supported institutions are for a limited clientele—schools, prisons, hospitals, etc. For twelve hours a day, the service of thought and fact as expressed in print, is freely offered to all.

For the year ending April 30, 1934, the taxpayers of Highland Park provided \$17,151.76 for the upkeep of such a democratic institution. There was an added income of \$1,676.60 from other sources. 7,018 of the city's 12,203 inhabitants made use of the service; or, an enrollment of 5,023 adults and 1,995 children. A percentage of these were students, government employees, etc. This is a per capita circulation of 11 volumes at a cost of 13 cents per volume. Few institutions, clubs, or city departments reach as many people at such a cost.

**Expenditures**

Books	\$3,235.56
Binding	459.19
Periodicals	333.51
Salaries—	
Staff	9,661.10
Janitors	1,381.25
Supplies	604.38
Operating expenses	2,604.79
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$18,279.98</b>

**Book Collection**  
2,017 volumes were added to the book collection; 1,830 of the volumes were adult books; 467 juvenile. 188 adult books were worn out and withdrawn during the year, and 84 juvenile. At the end of the year the collection numbered 28,499 volumes, of which 12,727 were adult and 5,772 were for children.

The total use of books for home reading was 132,693 volumes. This is 1,993 less than last year for the entire library, and a gain of 10,832 in children's reading at the library and schools.

The community still held its record last year as second to none in the state in the quality of its reading, relative to its population. A drop of 7 per cent in fiction should keep our place this year.

**Historical Room**  
Interest in local history has been increased tremendously, both among the library staff and the friends of the library. The new historical room on the second floor is nearing completion and announcement will soon be made of its dedication. Out of the interest herein aroused grew the recent organization of the Highland Park Historical Society, thru the efforts of the late Mr. Jesse L. Smith, for fifteen years a member of the Library Board. Some interesting and rare gifts have already been added to the collection of books and manuscripts, which endeavors to cover local history in every aspect, and books by and about local authors.

Visitors are still coming and inquiries are still being made from other communities for plans of the new building which has proven such a credit to Mr. Raymond Flinn of Highland Park, the architect.

**The Boys and Girls**  
The boys and girls of the grade schools in Highland Park borrowed 32,491 books for home reading, in addition to 7,599 loaned to the children in Highwood. Classroom libraries in four public schools issued 381 books. It has been demonstrated too often to be doubted that children flock to children's rooms as soon as they are open, and that children for the most part cannot go long distances because of the traffic

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menace. An important factor, therefore, in library work with children is taking the books to the children. More classroom libraries will help to bring this about. In addition to the pleasure and the growth in taste and education given to children by reading, the effect on character should cause thought in the community.

**Group Service**  
Group service requires the co-operation of the library and every civic agency and individual in order that the library may attend to the needs of the community. The library hall accommodated some thirty group meetings, in addition to the weekly story hour for children. The pleasure afforded readers of the community at the book talks given last fall by local citizens is a never ending source of comment. Plans are in preparation for the next series.

The resources of the library have been measurably increased during the year by gifts of one kind and another, and for these we thank our friends. A gift presented to a public library is, in truth, a gift to the entire community.

Suggestions for better service are not only invited, but urged. The library must supply adequately the means for education to present and future citizens that shall be an important part in every recovery program.

(Extracts from the "Annual Report of the Librarian" presented at the regular board meeting on May 10, 1934.)

### Announce Officers for Deerfield Club

The Deerfield Woman's Club announces its officers, directors, and chairmen for the new year, as follows: President, Mrs. Robert L. Johnson; first vice-president, Mrs. C. W. Boyle; second vice-president, Mrs. Harold Young; recording secretary, Mrs. Irving Brand; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles A. Bickford; treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Hoover; directors, Mrs. Lewis Ashman and Mrs. Harry Muhke. Committee chairmen: Program, Mrs. C. W. Boyle; membership, Mrs. Harold Young; hospitality, Mrs. Alex Will man; press and publicity, Mrs. Ray Dobbins. Department chairmen: Art and literature, Mrs. Lewis Ashman; social service, Mrs. Merwin O. Hopkins; home and education, Mrs. Walter B. Metcalf; garden, Mrs. William C. Wing.

Two new departments were created this year.

### Paul Reveres To Have Lecturer Here May 28

"Is There Anything Happening To Our Constitution?" is the subject of an address to be given in Highland Park by R. E. Pattison Kline, former president of the Executive Club of Chicago, at 8 p.m., Monday, May 28.

Mr. Kline will speak under the auspices of the Highland Park Chapter of the Paul Reveres on the lawn at 260 Ravine Drive. The public is invited. There will be no admission charge. In case of rain, the meeting will be postponed to a later date.

### Aldo Piacenza Gives Up Liquor License

Aldo Piacenza, well-known Highland business man, has given up his liquor license and has discontinued his liquor business in that city.

Mr. Piacenza is now conducting a confectionery and stationery business in his store at 39 Highwood avenue. He carries a splendid assortment of Italian books, and has one of the best equipped stores of its kind on the North Shore.

He announces, "I intend to give the people of Highwood the best service at the lowest possible price."

### Rummage Sale Will Be Held Here on May 26

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, May 26, from 9 until 5 at 541 1/2 Central Avenue. Articles of clothing, pictures, dishes, baby buggies, and many useful things will be on sale.

It is requested that those who have things to contribute to the sale will bring them to the store the previous day, Friday, May 25, or notify Mrs. Carleton Moseley, H. P. 19, if they are to be called for.

**St. Paul Ladies Hold Weekly Rummage Sale**  
The women of St. Paul's Ladies' Aid Society will hold weekly rummage sales each Friday morning from 9 to 12 noon in Rommel's Harness Shop on Deerfield Road until further notice. Call Mrs. F. G. Piepenbrock, Deerfield 115, if you have any donations for the sale.

**Mrs. Torbett's Basket Given First Prize**  
The Bannockburn Garden Club held its annual May Breakfast last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Marshall Doty. Each member brought a May Basket. Mrs. A. W. Torbett won first prize for her beautiful basket. Breakfast was served and the afternoon was given over to bridge.

### Legion Auxiliary to Sell Poppies May 26

Poppies to be worn in tribute to the men who gave their lives for America in the World War will be offered on the streets throughout the nation on Saturday, May 26, by the American Legion Auxiliary women.

When the American divisions drove forward in the great offensives of 1918, they entered a region torn, desolated and trampled by the most tremendous battles of history. Destruction and death were everywhere but amid it all the little wild poppies bloomed on. When machine gun and shell fire took its toll from the American ranks, the poppy was nature's floral offering on the graves of the dead.

All contributions received for the poppies will be used for the rehabilitation and welfare work of the Legion and Auxiliary among the disabled veterans and the dependent families of veterans.

On National Hospital Day, Saturday, May 12, three of our Deerfield Auxiliary members, Mrs. Minnie Whitcomb, Mrs. Ruth Huhn, and Mrs. Agnes Tennermann, visited the U. S. V. B. Hospital No. 105. They delivered to the hospital a number of magazines, jig saw puzzles and playing cards.

In the afternoon the ladies assisted with the serving of tea to the guests. The units share of the cookies were donated by Mrs. C. C. Kappusch.

On Sunday morning, May 27, the Deerfield American Legion and its Auxiliary will attend the worship service at the St. Paul's Evangelical Church of Deerfield. Rev. Piepenbrock's cordial invitation has been unanimously accepted by both organizations.

### Aladdin and the Lamp in Dance-Drama Form

The Arabian Nights story of Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp will be presented in dance-drama form by the pupils of Mildred Haessler at the Ravinia auditorium Tuesday evening, May 29. Forty girls from Highland Park, Ravinia and Braeside homes will take part.

The Aladdin production will be the eighth in the dance form to be given by the Haessler dancers. Other fairy tale dramatizations included Cinderella, the Sleeping Beauty, the Court of King Cole and others, most of them repeated on children's afternoon programs at Ravinia Park in the summer.

The music for Aladdin has been adapted from Tchaikowsky's Nutcracker Suite.

The part of Aladdin as a boy will be danced by Rose Caryl Pfantichel and in his maturity by Jeannette Bryant, the grand vizier by Sarah Jane Murfey, the emperor by Barbara Garst, Aladdin's mother by Barbara Franzen and the princess by Mary Vercoe.

### New Officers Chosen for Ravinia Players

As a result of the elections May 8 and 15, a new board of governors for the Ravinia Players will take office June 1. With one exception, they are all new members this year.

Ted Osborn will be president. Ted has been active with the club since some of their earliest performances and because of his popularity among the members and his experience with the group he is well suited to his new office.

Don Vaughan was elected business manager; this is Don's third season as a member of the board. Enid Phillips was selected by the club as production manager, and Fritz Reinhold, stage manager. Fritz took over the duties of stage manager for the last two shows, "Second Fiddle" and "Children of the Moon." Kay Buhner will be secretary-treasurer. "Kaybe" has been active in the club since the first meeting in October, 1930.

Last season's officers were Guernsey LePelley, president; Don Vaughan, production manager; Mort Haarvig, business manager; Tom Grant, stage manager and Eileen Thompson, secretary.

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### Kelvin Kitchen

May White Sales, June brides, summer plans all lead our thoughts to the linen shelves these days. It's hard to resist the bargains offered by these sales, if one is a bride it's hard to know just what should go on those shelves. If the summer is to be spent at the shore it means at least a dozen more woolly bath towels, or if up at the lake an extra blanket or two will be needed. Oh, it's all very confusing we'll admit.

Blankets have never seemed quite so soft and warm as those on display now, and the colors are simply entrancing. Towels are as colorful or subdued as anyone could wish, and the new ones are good and absorbent, too. Table linens are the most varied of all. It's very easy to over-spend one's budget for months in advance at a May sale.

Just to help you keep within it if you can we've a few suggestions to make. They are really guiding rules for the about-to-be-a-June bride, but brides of ten or more June Jungs might like to know the very lowest common denominator for the linen closet.

Let's dispose of the table linens first. Don't pay too much attention to the clever new cocktail napkins and bibs and the intriguing breakfast sets because your friends will probably deluge you with those. Concentrate on the actual table linens. Have two damask table cloths with at least a dozen napkins to match each pattern. Then squander the rest of the table linen budget on peasant linens for breakfast, lunch, and supper out in the garden. Before the budget is quite gone be sure and have a silence pad for the dining table, and a scarf or two for the buffet.

Next take up the bath linens. A good rule to follow is to have each member of the family have a color all their own. Then it will be easy for them to grab their own towels and washcloths when washing-up in a hurry. The new towels can be had in all the garden colors and some have most amusing designs. Let your bath linens be as colorful as you like but be sure to have eight or more bath towels for each person, six wash cloths apiece, six to twelve guest towels, two or three bath mats and two shower curtains for the bathroom.

When we come to bedroom linen we reach the very important subject of sheets. Be sure your sheets are long enough to tuck in comfortably over the toes of the longest member of your family and still have a generous amount to turn back over the blankets. To accomplish this all your sheets should be 108 inches long. Go on a color spree if you like and have the borders on your sheets, the blankets, and the spreads one of the predominating colors in your bedroom, but be sure the blankets and sheets are long enough.

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Of course you won't need to stop here in stocking your linen shelves. You can go right on and have all your linens monogrammed with a nice large monogram or a discreet tiny one, and you might have glass doors put on the linen closet so you can just stand and admire the colorful shelves of linens. But without all that you'll have a pretty complete and attractive linen closet. And if you stick to well-known trade names you'll have a linen closet that will last for years and years with just a slight replenishment here and there.

(Editor's Note: If you have a question on home management, send it with a stamped, self addressed envelope to Joan Adams in care of The Press. Miss Adams will answer your question personally.)

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