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## Vote Allocation To Meet Local Safety Budget

The Board of Directors of the Highland Park Community Chest at its regular monthly meeting last week unanimously voiced its approval of the work of the Highland Park Safety Committee by voting a special allocation of \$245 from 1937-38 Chest funds to meet the estimated expense of the Safety Committee for the present year.

The action of the Chest Board was taken following a presentation of the work and plans of the Highland Park Safety Committee for the current year by Mr. Harry Aiston, and upon the recommendation of President Herbert M. Lautmann of the Chest. Mr. Lautmann stated that he felt that support of the Safety Committee's work from Chest funds would meet with the approval of all subscribers to the Chest, in view of the community-wide benefits which the program of the Safety Committee would bring.

The special allocation of the Chest to the Safety Committee will enable the committee to secure adequate school zone signs for all Highland Park schools, furnish the schools with bulletin boards for safety literature to be obtained from the National Safety Council, and inaugurate a city-wide campaign to remedy dangerous traffic conditions at various points in the city. To assist in this campaign, a large safety and accident map of the city will be purchased and maintained in some conspicuous location by the committee. Surveys and photographic records of the most hazardous points will be made and will be properly publicized for the benefit of motorists and pedestrians.

## Serves 42 Years With Cudahy Packing Co. Retires December 30

After forty-two years as an employee of the Cudahy Packing company, Mr. A. L. Blair retired from that organization on December 30.

Mr. Blair who has been a resident of Highland Park for the past ten years, went to work for the Cudahy concern as a clerk in the North Chicago branch in 1895. He served at various houses throughout the middle west and in 1903 was appointed office manager at the Sioux City plant where he remained until 1911. In that year he was transferred to Omaha as office manager at that point.

For the past twenty years, Mr. Blair has been general plant auditor for the Cudahy Packing company with headquarters at the general offices in Chicago.

Mr. Blair is well-known in the packing industry and enjoys the friendship and esteem of thousands of Cudahy workers in all sections of the country with whom he has been associated during his long career.

The Blair residence is at 453 South Sheridan road.

## Suburban Home Service Bureau Is Opened Here

Announcement has been made of a new free service and information bureau now being offered the residents of this community, known as the Suburban Home Service. It is a center where the housewife and the homeowner can receive free information about reliable workmen and trades people to do the needed repairs, remodeling or decorating in the home or on the property. Those recommended by the Suburban Home Service will have been thoroughly investigated and will have a background of years of real service, firms known for their standards of fair dealing and reasonable prices.

One of the principle reasons for organizing the Suburban Home Service is to help the new residents overcome the many problems which present themselves during the process of moving, and to help them become quickly and comfortably established in their new homes.

Calls can be made to this service for an extra electrical outlet, window shades or venetian blinds, wood for the fire place or fuel oil service, an entire new heating system, or for the Blue and Laminis stone used in landscaping. Their aim is to establish a practical information and service bureau pertaining to every need of the home. The Suburban Home Service is located in the Thompson building, at the corner of Central and St. Johns avenues. Read advertisement appearing in this paper for further information.

## Gertrude W. Butler Opens New Term Of Dramatics At YWCA

Children's drama classes directed by Gertrude Williams Butler under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. Education committee will open for a new term next week. The groups will be open to new pupils as well as those enrolled last term. Mrs. Butler will be at the Y office, 374 Laurel avenue, this Saturday morning, January 8, from 10 to 12, to talk personally to any mothers of boys and girls who wish to register then. Registrations will be accepted, however, at the Y office any time this week that it is convenient for mothers to drop in.

By dividing the classes into three age groups, three to five, six to eight, and nine to fourteen, inclusive, Mrs. Butler plans to give more attention to the individual problems and interests of the children. The two younger classes will enjoy work to music with pantomime and rhythm featured in their dramatic play. All of the mothers who visited first semester classes realize how popular this feature is with the kindergarten age. These classes will continue to meet on Saturday mornings making it possible for those who wish to attend story hour at the library next door before or after drama classes.

The nine to fourteen year old group will write original dramas and dramatic versions of well known classics. After a few rehearsals these young people may invite their friends to visit their performances so that the attraction of "free matinee shows" is a unique and popular feature of the course. These will be very simple performances so that mothers will not have any responsibility for costumes or properties as the children's imagination or their own ingenuity at arranging "props" will be part of the fun. This group will meet at 9 o'clock on Saturday mornings.



Gertrude Williams Butler, drama instructor, is well known on the North Shore for her work as one of the founders and directors of the Ravinia Players. She has also appeared in productions in Chicago theatres and is a radio artist as well. Underlying the enjoyable features which make her classes seem like recreation to the boys and girls, are the basic principles of the fine training children can receive in poise, diction, and creative group work. The surprisingly reasonable registration fee covers a term of ten weeks. Last term it was necessary to close registrations as soon as the classes started as the number in each group is limited. Children should therefore be registered on Saturday or as soon as possible.

## 4 Accidents Here on New Year's Eve; Only Slight Damage

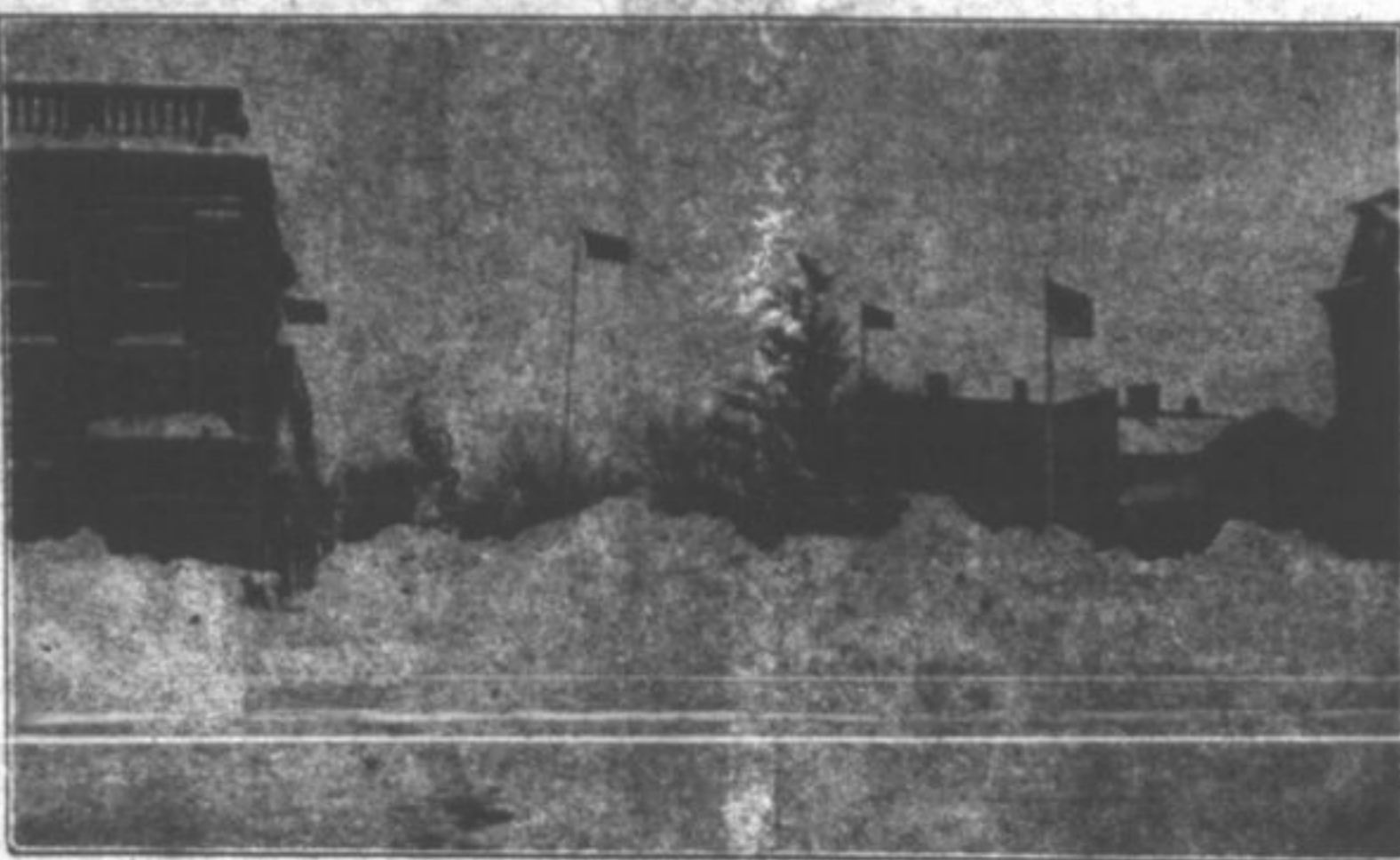
Four automobile accidents, with only one person slightly injured, occurred in Highland Park between the hours of 5 and 10 o'clock New Year's eve.

The first accident occurred at 5 p.m. when the front bumper of a car driven by August Ruelli, 439 N. Central avenue, Highwood, hit the back bumper of a car driven by Clarence Leis, 2101 Lanier street, DesPlaines, as Ruelli was attempting to pass Leis, on the Skokie Blvd., near Clavey road. The impact threw the Ruelli car against a tree, badly damaging it. Ruelli was taken to the Highland Park hospital where four stitches were taken on his head. Both cars were headed south.

At 5:58 p.m. two cars were involved in a collision on N. Sheridan road north of Elm Place, with only slight damage.

An automobile emerging from the Northwestern station entrance between Central and Laurel avenues at St. Johns avenue, struck a North Shore Line car at 8:25 p.m., badly damaging the auto.

## KLONDIKE? NO, HIGHLAND PARK



As It Looked 20 Years Ago January 7, 1918

Contrasting the snowless weather of today (Jan. 6, 1938) with a scene which appeared in the Highland Park Press twenty years ago, when snow, starting with a heavy gale at midnight on Saturday, Jan. 5, 1918, continued to fall all day Sunday, and until Monday morning. The snowfall was estimated at 13 inches, and drifts varying from six to twelve feet were everywhere in evidence. Business was practically at a standstill, while traffic was completely tied up. Every available person in Highland Park was engaged in clearing walks and streets. Two local men started for Deerfield early Monday morning and did not return until four in the afternoon, the entire time being spent enroute. The above picture shows the First National Bank of Highland Park taken at the corner of Central and St. Johns avenues.

## Emil W. Iverson To Give Health Talk At C. of C.

The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will convene for its regular monthly meeting, Tuesday evening, at the Green Tea Pot. Dinner will be served as usual at 6:30 p.m.

Varying the program from the usual routine business talks, a speaker has been secured whose work is to keep business men in good physical condition.

Mr. Emil W. Iverson, who is to speak, is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Copenhagen, one of the foremost schools of education in the world. He has served as physical director in various countries before coming to the United States, and perhaps is best known in this area as the former physical director and coach of the Chicago Blackhawks.

## Outstanding Film "Zola" To Be Shown On Alcyon Screen

The boldest venture a British agent ever faced, impersonating an officer in the German high command, forced to gamble on the love of a woman whose business was betrayal, with the opportunity to strike the deadliest blow of the great war if he lived, is the theme of the screen's most suspenseful espionage drama, "Lancer Spy," featuring Dolores Del Rio, George Sanders and Peter Lorre, which the Alcyon will present on Friday and Saturday.

Ranking with "Rothschild" as a social document, magnificent in its force, great in its sober dignity, "The Life of Emile Zola" is one of those extraordinary pictures which no one should miss. Paul Muni in the leading role, Joseph Schildkraut as Dreyfus, play the story with matchless fervor, as they describe the terrible campaign of injustice which was waged against Dreyfus and which took a shameful place in social history as "The Dreyfus Affair." Most artfully dramatized, the picture introduces no prejudices, gains in dramatic force by the sheer simplicity of its treatment. Mr. Muni's performance is the most stirring that he has ever contributed to a film. On the Alcyon screen for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Matching wits on a transatlantic thriller for a world-famous diamond, a beautiful young girl, fond of gems, and a romantic adventurer, fond of danger, keep just one step ahead of the law but find they can't escape from their hearts in "Dangerously Yours," featuring Cesar Romero and Phyllis Brooks at the Alcyon on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. This result is peripatetic adventure that covers two continents and turns a desperate competition for the fabulous gem into the climax of an exciting romance.

## Choral Club Will Open New Term

The Highland Park Community Choral club which meets every Tuesday at the Y.W.C.A. at 8:15 o'clock in the assembly room under the direction of George A. Faulds, will begin its second term next Tuesday evening. Those who can sing, and who enjoy the choral music work are invited to join.

## Auto Death Toll In 1937 Same As Previous Years

The death toll in Highland Park due to automobile accidents in 1937 was 4, the same total recorded in 1936. In the city of Highwood, there were only two deaths, during the past year. Highland Park, however, painted a clean slate until Sept. 6, when the first fatality occurred, while the Highwood's two deaths occurred early in the year.

Lake county's death toll from motor accidents was 43, a drop of 28 years 1936. While neighboring counties in the Chicago area showed an increase of 7.9 percent, Lake county showed a decrease of 29 percent.

Improved highways, installation of warning signals at railroad crossings and insistence of law enforcement officers in keeping reckless and drunken drivers off the highways are said to be largely responsible for the excellent showing.

During the year 1937 motor traffic increased in the county by leaps and bounds. The opening of the new superhighway, Skokie road, not only took some of the traffic off narrow highways, but invited more vehicles from the Chicago and Milwaukee districts.

Head-on collisions on Skokie road were eliminated by the two-way drive roadways. Five persons were killed in other ways on Skokie road during the year.

Following are the names of persons who died from traffic accidents in Highland Park and Highwood during the year 1937.

On Jan. 18, James Bertucci, 28, of 336 Highwood avenue, fell from a truck at Burchell avenue, Highwood.

Feb. 22, Christ Christensen, 51, of 208 Fulton avenue, Highwood, was struck by a vehicle while walking at Prairie avenue, Highwood.

Sept. 6, Peter Vandervin, 59, of 2015 Hiawatha trail, Highland Park, a pedestrian, was hit by an automobile near Skokie and County Line road.

Nov. 22, Benjamin Ori, 700 Deerfield avenue, killed in a truck-auto collision at the intersection of Clifton avenue and Harvard court.

Nov. 25, a Thanksgiving tragedy ended with the deaths of Arthur Ori, 27, and his wife, Lucille, 25, at Central and Deerfield avenues.

## Slot Machines Are Quietly Moved Out Of Highwood Monday

Slot machines operating in the City of Highwood, were quietly removed under cover of darkness, Sunday night or early Monday morning, it is said. Even those who frequent the twenty-one taverns in Highwood who have been operating about fifty machines there for the past two months, were unaware of their removal until their attention was called to the fact.

Unofficial reports say that the removals were ordered by the slot machine syndicate operating in Lake county and the North Shore. It is believed the clearing of the machines may have been perpetrated by the recent statement of Joseph Mull of Waukegan, a prominent Democratic leader in Lake county, that "Slot machines must go."

## Roundtrip Fares To Chicago Raised In New Rating

On January 1st, the Chicago and Northwestern Railway and the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee line boosted the price on all round trip tickets. However the change did not affect the rate on monthly or other commutation tickets.

From Highland Park to Chicago, the present fare is 90c, where previously it was 85c, an increase of five cents on both roads.

Other round trip changes on the Northwestern between Chicago and north shore towns are:

City	Present Fare	New Rate
Ravinia	80	85
Highwood	90	95
Fort Sheridan	96	1.05
Lake Forest	1.03	1.10
Lake Bluff	1.12	1.20
Great Lakes	1.17	1.25
North Chicago	1.21	1.30
Waukegan	1.32	1.40

On the North Western, the new tickets will be good for 30 days and will permit stopovers between the starting point and Chicago.

On the present schedule, the North Western offers two-day shopper specials. The brief time limit often proved inconvenient to persons wishing to remain in Chicago, the local ticket agent said in commenting on new fares.

The Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee round trip changes are:

City	Present Fare	New Rate
Ravinia	80	85
Highland Park	83	90
Highwood	90	95
Fort Sheridan	96	1.05
Lake Forest	1.03	1.10
Lake Bluff	1.12	1.20
Great Lakes	1.17	1.25
North Chicago	1.21	1.30
Waukegan	1.32	1.40

In general, North Shore Line round trip fares between cities in the county will be raised to double the one way ticket price less five per cent. Heretofore the reduction was 10 per cent. This rule may vary when the figure thus arrived at does not end in zero or five. In that case, the fare will be rounded up, added, according to company decisions.

## Lake Bluff Boy Accidentally Shot; Is Buried Tuesday

Bryden Northcott, 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Northcott of Lake Bluff, died in his mother's arms Sunday, a few minutes after he had accidentally shot himself through the heart as he was descending a hill leading to the beach in that city.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by a coroner's jury in Waukegan Monday, in an inquest into the fatal injury of the deceased.

Bryden, who was a graduate of the class of 1935 of Highland Park High school, and a sophomore at DePauw university, accompanied by his parents, was descending a stairway down the bluff at the lake front for target practice.

Mr. Northcott, noticing that the steps were icy, asked his son, who was an only child, if he were sure the rifle he was carrying was unloaded.

The son replied that he was sure it wasn't, as he had just looked at it.

About half way down the bluff young Northcott slipped on the stairway and the rifle was discharged as he attempted to regain his balance. The bullet plowed through his chest. As he collapsed his mother caught him. He was carried to a nearby residence where a physician declared him dead.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Lafayette, Ind., the birthplace of Mr. Northcott.

## Central Hardware Sold To Former Highland Parker

Francis P. Rohr and company, has purchased the Central Hardware store at 611 Central Ave., from Mrs. Paul Zeigner, whose husband recently passed away. The business will continue to be operated in its present location.

Mr. Rohr is not a stranger to Highland Park, and his many friends will recall his association with Walter Meierhoff in the hardware business here, from 1917 to 1929. He has a thorough knowledge of the business and is well qualified to take over the store.

The new owners will carry a full line of hardware and builders supplies, and will do repair and lock work.

## Year's Building Reaches Highest Mark Since 1929

With a substantial building gain during December, Highland Park figures in 1937 increased \$238,647 over the figure for the preceding year, to mark the best showing since 1929.

With a total of \$197,564 for the last month, accumulated construction valuations for the 12-month period hit \$2,009,464, compared with \$1,770,817 during 1936.

It was the first time since 1929 that the two million mark had been surpassed. The high for Highland Park is \$3,157,168, touched in 1928. The year 1933 set a 20-year low mark when building amounted to but \$237,719.

Permits issued during 1937 totaled 224, compared with 238 for 1936. Of the number issued last year, 122 were for new construction estimated at \$1,842,448.

December's remarkable recovery from the puny November figure of \$48,740 was attributed to the fact that a permit was issued to Fred L. Mandel Jr., of the department store family, to construct a residence on Woodbridge lane estimated to cost \$127,900.

Six other building projects, including three dwellings and a \$32,000 addition to the Lincoln school, helped to swell last month's valuation not only over November's but also above the figure of \$112,700 for December 1936.

It is believed that a revival in "middle class" house construction is imminent. Concern is felt over the fact that much of the building in the community during 1937 was for school additions and other "big" construction.

## Miss Buzard Will Give Informal Talk At D.A.R. Meeting

The January meeting of the North Shore chapter of the D.A.R. will be held on Thursday, January 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. J. B. Garnett, 622 South Linden Ave.

This will be both a valuable and an interesting meeting as it is a business meeting at which time the funds of the chapter which have been raised and appropriated for this purpose are disbursed to the various schools, which for years have looked to the D. A. R. for assistance in carrying on their work.

Much information is gleaned about these schools, many of which are in remote mountain areas as this money is voted, and as a most appropriate and significant climax the remainder of the afternoon will be given over to Miss Minnie Buzard, the principal of our own Highland Park high school. Miss Buzard has been a resident of Highland Park for many years, and is most successful in her work and most highly regarded by both parents and students, and her talk promises to be very stimulating. She calls it "an informal discussion" and with members of the chapter participating there will be many interesting phases of present day education brought to light. Mrs. Garnett will be assisted by Mrs. Richard Sandwick, Mrs. Jared Johnson and Mrs. Lewis Sinclair.

Delegates to the State and National Conventions will be appointed at this meeting.

## Food Demonstration Planned For Jan. 11 By Highwood PTA

A very unusual program has been planned for the next meeting of the Oak Terrace Parent-Teacher Association, which will be held on Tuesday, January 11, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the school.

A lecture-demonstration which shows how to prepare a variety of interesting dishes for both family use and for guests will be presented by the Maggi Company of Chicago.

The lecturer delivers her talk attired in native Swiss costume. While the lecture is in progress five or six family sized dishes are prepared. The prepared dishes are given away at the conclusion of the lecture as prizes. Bottles of Maggi's Seasoning are also awarded as prizes.

To all attending the meeting a useful recipe sheet as well as a copy of an attractive booklet called "Recipes You'll Like" will be given. No attempt to sell anything will be made at the meeting.