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Feats Of Magic Program To Be Presented May 6

Everything is in readiness for the gala invasion of Highland Park next week by some of the most famous "wizards of magic" of the middle west. Appearing under the sponsorship of the Rector's Guild of Trinity Episcopal church, the magicians will present an evening of breath-taking feats of magic in the auditorium of Elm Place school, Friday evening, May 6, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The magical talent that has been assembled by the Rector's Guild is unusual in that each act will represent a different type of mystic art.



Ki-Ming, Oriental Mystic

Werner C. Dornfield, past president of the Society of American Magicians and well-known master of ceremonies, will introduce each act. One of the important performers will be Douglas McKay, of Evanston, a member of the Chicago Board of Trade. Magic is McKay's hobby, and he is widely known as a result of his perfection of the art. A close friend of the late Thurston's he claims to know the secret of the master magician's "mysterious sphere" illusion, and will include it as one of the highlights of his performance Friday night.

Another outstanding performer on the program is Eugene Laurant "the man of many mysteries", who will contribute a varied assortment of tricks to conclude the program. The Great Joseffy, who is said to have given a command performance before the King of England, will display the famous Talking Skull of Balsomo, one of the most unusual phenomena of all magical effects. Among others of note on the program are Ki-Ming, Oriental mystic, direct from a long engagement at the Hotel Texas in Ft. Worth, who will perform the widely discussed "link rings" mystery; and John Platt, who is well known in Chicago night club circles.

In planning the evening of magic the Rector's Guild endeavored to secure acts of equal interest to children as well as adults. Because of the attraction which magic has for children, a Friday night date was chosen so that children might attend without inconvenience, and a special price was set for children's tickets.

The ticket sale is in charge of a committee of Guild members, of which Mrs. Arthur Claghorn is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Chas. Ferrigo, Mrs. Chase Smith, Mrs. Wm. Bromstedt, Mrs. Peter J. F. Weber, Mrs. G. O. Strecker, Mrs. Frank Blake, Mrs. John F. Brent. Tickets may also be obtained from members of the Rector's Guild, the Highland Park and Ravinia Gsell's drug stores, or by calling Mrs. Claghorn, Highland Park 3479.

Bellarmino Club Anniversary Ball at Arlington C. C.

The beautiful atmosphere of the Arlington Country Club will again provide the setting for the second annual Anniversary Ball of the Bellarmino Club (St. James Young People's Club) on Saturday evening, May 21, 1938. This club was chosen for their annual affair last year, and is situated on Dundee road, two miles west of Wheeling. This dance will be open to the public, and club members extend a cordial invitation to their many friends.

P. A. Mertz of Sears Roebuck Company Speaks at Lions Club

P. A. Mertz, director of company training for Sears, Roebuck and Company, will address the Lions club at its regular Thursday luncheon, to be held at the Green Tea Pot on April 28th, at 12:15 p.m. He has chosen as his subject: "A Square Deal for the Employee." The program is sponsored by Mr. F. J. McDonough, manager of the Highland Park branch of Sears, Roebuck and Company.

Mr. Mertz has been with Sears for the past seven years. He came from the Retail Research association of New York City for the development of a retail training program for Sears. He has been in retailing for the past twelve years, having entered that field as a personnel director of one of the large department stores in Cleveland.

Formerly Mr. Mertz was associate professor of Education at Penn State college.

He has appeared recently before a number of educational and retailing conventions and has been very active in promoting the extension of retailing into public schools as a vocational subject, as the result of recent federal legislation intended to spread such training.

Mr. Mertz formerly addressed the Illinois State Laundry Owners association, who have shown an interest in establishing a better employee relationship in their business, and he has addressed on this subject the Denver Retail Institute and numerous service organizations throughout the country.

Deerfield School Finances and Survey Discussed by Board

The Deerfield Grammar School board of education met on Monday evening to hear reports of the newly appointed committees and to plan for an educational survey of the school. Teachers will not be given contracts until after the survey is completed. President B. B. McRoy presided and board members present and voting unanimously were R. F. Grohe, Geo. Harder, H. C. Hawes, R. T. Meyer, Agnes Tennemann and Myrtle Weiss.

Committee Reports
(1) The committee has completed teachers' interviews, compiling information up to date. The committee desires to keep this record current each year.
(2) Particular attention has been given to methods, commendations and suggestions both recorded.

(3) The committee urges complete cooperation between the home and the school, and offers its assistance in bringing about a closer relationship between parents and teachers.

The committee recommended a survey of the school, and requested an appropriation not to exceed \$50 for this purpose. The vote was unanimous.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Geo. Harder, chairman. A complete and detailed account of the condition of the building and grounds, with specific information regarding essential repairs, and suggestions for improvements. Needed care for shrubs, lawns and playground was outlined; conditions inside the building were accurately described; an inventory recommended. The report included suggestions regarding storage room, an inspection of the heating plant, covering of exposed steam pipes, painting and screening lunchroom, and the statement that an automatic sprinkler system in the basement rooms would afford valuable fire protection.

Mr. Harder suggested that the use of the building and equipment
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Glencoe Riding School Announces Many Improvements

Thomas Chalmers, proprietor of the Glencoe Riding stables, located on County Line road west of Skokie road, has added numerous improvements to his riding academy. Widening of the bridle paths to ten feet, with weekly grading, will add much to the enjoyment of riding. None of the paths cross any paved highways which insures safety to riders.

Mr. Chalmers also states that ten horses have been added to his school, and a mile and a half track, for those who desire to drive as well as a jumping course are innovations to the school.

Percy B. Eckhart New Chairman Of Ravinia Festival

The Ravinia Festival takes pleasure in announcing the election of Percy B. Eckhart as chairman of the Festival association to succeed the late Willoughby G. Walling.

The association of Mr. Eckhart's name with that of Ravinia, the famous music mecca of the North Shore, is nothing new, as Percy B. Eckhart, a long time friend and associate of Louis Eckstein, whose initiative and imagination brought the Ravinia Opera into being, appears on the records as the original treasurer of the Ravinia company. And through the changes years have wrought in personnel and type of summer music in Ravinia park, drawing the curtain at the onset of the depression on the most delightful summer opera America has ever known, to reopen two seasons ago as the ideal home of summer symphony where world famed conductors are engaged to lead Chicago's own Symphony orchestra, his interest and patronage have never flagged.

Continuing the chain of affiliation with the affairs of Ravinia is Mr. Eckhart's friendship for Mrs. Eckstein, whose generosity makes possible the use of the park by the Festival association.

It is also peculiarly fitting that Mr. Eckhart should succeed his friend and college room-mate, Willoughby G. Walling to the chairmanship of the Festival association left vacant by Mr. Walling's recent death.

A member of the law firm of West and Eckhart since 1902, Mr. Eckhart is known as a lecturer, an executive associated with a large number of firms, a member of the Chicago Plan commission, an art patron, (vice president and trustee of the Chicago Art Institute) an ardent music patron of both opera and symphony, a member of many clubs and a resident of the North Shore.

Associated with Mr. Eckhart on the board of trustees are: Maurice Berkson, Donald S. Boynton, Max Epstein, Thomas H. Fisher, Francis M. Knight, Howell W. Murray, Ralph H. Poole, Edward L. Ryerson Jr., Renslow P. Sherer, Durand Smith, Mrs. Marion Rosenwald Stern, Charles H. Swift, George Voevodsky, Mrs. Robert E. Wood.

Plans for an unusually brilliant 1938 season are well under way and announcement from the Festival association's Chicago office, located in Room 1522, 231 South LaSalle street, telephone State 9696, may soon be expected.

Father Victor Ralph Recently Ordained Says First Mass Here

Father Victor William Ralph read his first solemn mass Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock at Immaculate Conception church, the church with which he has been associated since infancy.

The young priest is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ralph, 93 Clinton avenue. He has been attending St. Mary's Seminary in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was ordained to the priesthood April 2nd in St. Patrick's cathedral in that city. He will return Thursday to Texas, where he will be stationed at St. Patrick's cathedral.

Following the service Sunday morning 150 guests were served breakfast at the Deerpath Inn in Lake Forest. Father James Kelly of Corpus Christi and Father Douglas of St. Louis, friends of Father Ralph, Messdames John and William Conway of Indianapolis, and other Indiana friends were among the out of town guests. A reception was held Monday evening at the Elks club, which was attended by 800 guests.

National Sea Scout Director Visits N. S.

Tonight Thursday, the Skippers, Mates and Ship Committeemen of the North Shore Area Council, are meeting with the National Sea Scout Director, Thomas J. Keane, at the home of the Scout Executive, Clifton G. Speer, in Glencoe.

Mr. Keane is one of the outstanding speakers of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. He was the speaker at the National meeting of the North Shore Area Council a year ago. He will have a message that will be constructive in behalf of the five ships of the Council.

Presiding at this meeting will be Mr. Will C. Huggins, Commodore of the North Shore Area Council.

Emanon League Fashion Show and Musicales, May 5th

"From Dawn to Dusk," a fashion show and musicale will be presented on Thursday, May 5, at 8 p.m. at the Y.W.C.A. by the Emanon League, a club of young business girls.

A busy day in the fashion world will be featured and will include lovely negligees and housecoats, colorful beachwear, sportswear, gay afternoon and street dresses, elaborate evening gowns, and beautiful furs. All the fashions to be modeled are from local shops who are cooperating to prove that North Shore shopping provides smartness and variety to suit any taste or pocketbook. A very nice prize has also been donated.

Miss Elyse Rinkenberger, teacher of dramatics at the Highland Park High school, will be the fashion commentator, pointing out the latest trend of fashions, as well as introducing the models.

Among the girls who will model are: Kempise Fraser, Helen Fritsch, Dorothy Glass, Dorothy Larson, Ruth Garling, Miriam Peters, Ruth Peters, June Peschman, Rosemary Rafferty, Vera McCredie, Catherine Rafferty, Dorothy Moldaner, and Marilyn Gooder.

The entertainment will consist of several popular selections sung by Marie Lawther, a recitation by Mary Heed, and violin selections by Peggy Breakwell.

The officers of the club who have been working to make this a successful affair are: Ruth Borchardt, president; Charlotte Hickey, vice president; Helen Fritsch, corresponding secretary; Violet Johnson, recording secretary, and Dorothy Glass, treasurer. The officers are being assisted by Frieda Glass, Vera McCredie, and Mary Bertacchini.

This is the second annual fashion show to be given by the Emanon League. The one given last year was entitled "The Bride's Trousseau." The public is invited to enjoy this program sponsored by Highland Park girls representing such varied positions as: secretaries, cashiers, telephone operators, clerks, and bookkeepers. Tickets can be secured at the Y.W.C.A. or from any member of the club.

"Mannequin" Comes To Alcyon Theatre

Such stage and screen headliners as Allan Jones, Judy Garland, Fanny Brice and Billie Burke join hands to contribute a wealth of musical and acting talent to "Everybody Sing," which the Alcyon theatre is showing on Friday and Saturday this week. Of course, in a comedy like this, it is not so much the plot that matters as it is the performances, and in this respect the film is superlatively equipped with a wide variety of talent and stands out as entertainment of a different and delightful order.

"Mannequin" comes to the Alcyon on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday next. The picture is American to the core, a story of hard luck and hard fighting, high courage and daring, and eventually of tender love. Joan Crawford and Spencer Tracy are co-starred for the first time in this moving, human drama of young people of today. You'll see Joan dance, sing and you'll watch her live this glamorous part as a girl who wins what she wants at a tremendous cost.

On the Double-Feature program for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is "International Settlement," which brings together the beautiful Dolores Del Rio and the new favorite, George Sanders. It is a real thriller, this picture, and you can't afford to miss it if you want to see tomorrow's news translated into drama today. The second film on the program is "I Met My Love Again," the screen adaptation of Allen Corliss' novel "Summer Lightening," which ran in the Cosmopolitan Magazine. Joan Bennett and Henry Fonda are featured and neither star has been seen to better advantage. This film will delight any cinema-goer because it has a beautiful love story, stirring drama, comedy and glamour. Write it down as a "must" at the top of your films-to-be-seen list.

Half Price Sale at Thrift Shop

The Spring cleaning season has filled the Thrift Shop so full of every sort of thing that the Board is announcing a half price sale for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 2, 3 and 4.

Everything will be sold at half its marked value and bargain hunters will not be disappointed. Come early and have first choice.

Rev. James D. O'Neill, Pastor Here 30 Years, To Be Honored

Sunday, May first, marks the thirtieth anniversary as pastor of the Immaculate Conception church for the Rev. James D. O'Neill, S.T.D. In appreciation of his many years of activity in God's work in this community and the numerous accomplishments which this Master of Divinity has achieved, the members of his parish are planning a jubilee celebration for May 1st. Services will be held at the church at 10:30 a.m. A reception and dinner will be held at 1 o'clock in the Highland Park Woman's Club to which tickets have been completely sold out.

Dr. O'Neill assumed charge of the Highland Park Parish May 1, 1908. Since that date he has been largely responsible for the following achievements:



Rev. J. D. O'Neill

March 19, 1909, with the approval of Archbishop Quigley, Dr. O'Neill segregated Deerfield and organized Holy Cross Parish.

Easter Sunday, 1909, Dr. O'Neill introduced the newly appointed pastor, Father Quinn, to the people of Deerfield.

May 1, 1909, inaugurated a movement to build a school.

March 7, 1911, engaged Sisters of Loretto to conduct classes in the projected school.

May 1, 1912, cornerstone of school set in place.

May 1, 1912, building of St. James church, Highwood, commenced.

Sept. 8, 1912, Archbishop Quig-

ley blessed St. James church at 10:30 a.m. and dedicated the newly erected school building at 3 p.m.

Following a fire on March 1, 1916, in which the school building was destroyed, the church and school were combined and a new rectory was completed. On Nov. 19, 1916, the new buildings were dedicated by His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein.

Climaxing a period of successful service, Dr. O'Neill hopes for the erection of a beautiful church as a memento of his untiring efforts in behalf of the parish.

A special issue of the Parish Record, a weekly publication of Immaculate Conception church, has been dedicated to Dr. O'Neill and the following tribute appears which alone bespeaks the high esteem of his parishioners:

"The true Christian product of Christian education, is the true and finished man of character.

"As our pastor, the Reverend Dr. O'Neill has displayed the splendid qualities of a man of Christian character during the past thirty years. He has fostered and engendered the ideals of Catholic education. He has guided our spiritual affairs with solicitous affection.

In appreciation of these services, the members of the Immaculate Conception church dedicate (this book to their pastor, the Reverend James D. O'Neill, S.T.D.)

"It is our sincere hope that our parish will be worthy of his guidance so that his future with us will be as profitable as the thirty years which have passed.

"Thirty years of priesthood is indeed a long span of human life, but thirty years as pastor of the same parish is still more singular and significant. Thirty years as pastor of the same parish carry abundant opportunities for the shepherd to know his flock and for the flock, in turn to hear the shepherd's voice and to answer his call. No need to rehearse for our readers what Dr. O'Neill has done here for the past thirty years. We are all fully conscious of the many chapters in the story. Therefore, we are all eager to give eloquent expression to our cordial appreciation on this thirtieth anniversary."

It is an honor for the Highland Park Press to join the Immaculate Conception Parish and the community in congratulating Dr. O'Neill on this happy occasion.

Marley School of Music Announces Recital, Saturday

Marley School of Music, Ethel Marley Davis, director, announces a recital of solo and duo piano numbers by students of the school. The program will be given on Saturday evening, April 30th, in the Ravinia grammar school music room promptly at 8 o'clock. The public is most cordially invited.

Those appearing are Patricia D'Ancona Lane and Elaine Bray, Barbara Birkelund, Irene Davis, Dorothy Desch, Maralyn Erikson, Jane Haggerty, Jack Hoag, Marcia Keillon, Barbara Lasier, Allyn and Elizabeth Loeb, Lucia Lupton, Joseph Michaels, Lucy Palmer, Marjorie and Shirley Pfister, Melissa Reinhardt, Kathryn Seese, Jean and Lois Sunstrom, Edward Uhlrey, Frederick and Janis Uhlmann, Charles Willard and Shirley Wing.

Large Attendance At Joint Concert Friday

Approximately eight hundred persons attended the joint concert given by the orchestra and band at the Highland Park High school last Friday evening.

The concert was sponsored by the Highland Park Music Boosters association for the purpose of securing funds to be used by the music department to help meet the expenses of participating in contests.

Dr. Jacks Moves To New Location

Dr. Robert E. Jacks, M.D., whose office has been located in the North Shore Trust building, is moving to a new location in the Molders and Humer building, 16 N. Sheridan road, the latter part of this week.

Garden Fair May 28

The Ravinia Garden Club will hold its annual Garden Fair, Saturday, May 28th. Further announcements will be made in a later edition of this paper.

Rev. H. F. Siemsen Begins Tenth Year at Bethany Church

The 94th session of the Illinois conference of the Evangelical church came to a close on Sunday afternoon with a great mass meeting of over 3,000 Evangelicals who gathered in the Masonic Temple on the corner of Kedzie and Altget streets in Chicago. This great host of people were led to a high pitch of inspiration by the masterly sermon preached by Bishop George Edward Epp, who spoke on the subject "Credo—I Believe." His sermon was a tremendous challenge to every one present. Following the sermon three young men were ordained as deacons in the ministry, while six were ordained as elders, this was not only impressive, but it was a very sacred moment in the conference. After the ordination service, the appointments for the coming year were read by Bishop Epp. Less than 15 of the 125 pastors of the state were changed. Only four churches in the Chicago area are receiving new pastors. Rev. H. F. Siemsen, who has completed nine years of service at Bethany was reappointed and will start his tenth year with this growing church of our city.

Identify Body Of Drowning Victim

The man found drowned off the Lake Forest beach last Tuesday was identified as being Olaf Samuelson alias Olaf Nyrvold, 1015 S. Wabash avenue, Chicago.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, wired Lake Forest police that the unknown tramsent was Samuelson, arrested in 1933 in Chicago for violation of the immigration laws.

Samuelson, Hoover said, was born in Norway, but emigrated to the United States in 1901. His body was discovered by Sgt. Anthony Hibner of Fort Sheridan as he was horseback riding along the beach.

Efforts to locate relatives of Samuelson have thus far been unavailing.