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Local Residents Committee Seek To Aid N. S. Line

A committee composed of the following: Marvin Wallach, Clarence Shetzley, Benjamin Bruce, Harry Kelley, Eugene Singer, John Udell, Dr. J. P. O'Connell, William Wurm, Mrs. John Van Bergen, Joseph Garnett, Stuart Miller, Dr. C. B. Christensen, Mrs. E. T. R. Murfey, Henry R. Holmgren, Robert Anspach, Earl Sheaben, Miller Schreiner, Samuel Alter, William Pohrte, Mrs. Mae Pertz, William Brown and Mrs. James Murphy are working to aid the C. N. S. & Mil. R.R. in securing a three million dollar loan from the government.

This committee met at 394 Central avenue, Highland Park, on December 8, at which time Mr. C. Edw. Thorney, Public Relations man of the C. N. S. & Mil. R.R., gave a brief talk on the actual standing of the railroad, and discussed the need for such a loan. Among the improvements would be to obtain streamlined trains, and to reconstruct and complete modernization of all other equipment; to rebalast the road and provide heavier rail for higher speed trains.

At the Highland Park Rotary Club luncheon on Monday, December 12, a resolution was adopted, as follows:

Resolution Adopted by Highland Park Rotary Club

At a meeting of the Highland Park Rotary Club on Monday noon, December 12, 1938, the president, Joseph Garnett called attention to the plight of the C. N. S. & Mil. R.R., and requested several members who were informed on the subject to explain the situation to the club. Thereupon, a resolution was presented and unanimously adopted, in the following language:

"Resolved, that the Highland Park Rotary club members are deeply concerned over the threat of suspension of service along the Shore Line of the C. N. S. & Mil. R.R., and whereas said members feel that a proper appreciation of the economic service and the business-like administration of the road entitles it to the highest consideration,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Highland Park Rotary Club favors a loan to the road in sufficient amount to assist in its rehabilitation, and along the line of the program outlined by the Waukegan News-Sun"

It was likewise proposed that the president, Joseph Garnett, continue to act as the representative of the Highland Park Rotary Club members on the local committee.

It was further proposed that copies of this resolution be sent to the C. N. S. & Mil. R. R., the Waukegan News-Sun and to the local committee.

R. E. DENZEL, Secretary.
The Common Council of the City
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Hold Christmas Programs Next Week At Grade Schools

The Greenbay Road and Elm Place schools are now busy making preparations for the Christmas season. Children in the manual arts department under the direction of Miss Turpin and Mr. Cunningham are repairing toys to be distributed by the Boy Scouts. The eighth grades are getting out a special Christmas Book number of their publication. Many parents are going to be surprised with gifts made at school. One first grade group is making cranberry jelly and stuffing dates for baskets to be distributed to the less fortunate. One second grade group has a toy shop of their own.

On Friday evening, December 16, at 7:30, the children and parents of the Greenbay Road school will join together in a Christmas program. A short program by the children will be followed by carol singing by parents and children. All friends of the Greenbay Road school are cordially invited to attend this joyous occasion.

At the Elm Place school the children are preparing a program entitled "Christmas in Many Lands." The dress rehearsal of this program will be given on Tuesday afternoon, December 20, at 1:45 o'clock. The main performance will be that evening at 7:30 o'clock. All parents and friends of the school are cordially invited to come and join in the carol singing which will be a part of this program, also. No admission charge will be made to either program.

Mrs. Chas. T. Boynton, Long Time Resident of H. P. Passes Away

Mrs. Charles T. Boynton, long a resident of Highland Park, died Monday morning at her home, "Ravinoaks," on South Sheridan road. She had been in ill health for several months.

Mrs. Boynton was born in Catskill, N. Y., and came to Chicago as a bride. After a few years the Boyntons with their young family moved to Evanston, and 18 years later, in 1907, came to Highland Park. Mr. Boynton, who was a prominent businessman and banker of Chicago, died in 1923.

With a warm interest in the musical and artistic life that went on about her, Mrs. Boynton was a constant concert goer at the Chicago Symphony and a devoted follower of Ravinia opera. She scarcely missed a performance during all of Ravinia Park's many seasons.

To the world of art, and to the historical records of the nation, she did in particular one important service. She collected and won recognition for the gallery of J. H. I. Brovere Life Masks of Great Americans. These living casts from the faces of the presidents and statesmen of a century ago, including also the Marquis de Lafayette, Gilbert Stuart and Dolly Madison, are one of America's chief historical treasures. Mrs. Boynton, a descendant of Brovere, gathered most of the surviving busts from other scattered relatives and lent them to the World's Fair in 1934, where their almost photographic quality aroused wide notice.

Around Mrs. Boynton in Highland Park, a large family group had grown up, who will greatly miss her and mourn the end of her long and happy life. There are two daughters, Mrs. Everett L. Millard and Mrs. John H. Harmon, and a son, Donald S. Boynton, together with seven grandchildren.

Rev. Duncan Browne will read the funeral services this afternoon, Thursday, at 2 o'clock at "Ravinoaks." Interment will be at the family lot at the Lake Forest cemetery.

Annual White Gifts Service Sunday At Presbyterian Church

The annual White Gift Service at the Highland Park Presbyterian church this year will be held on Sunday, December 18th at 4 o'clock in the church.

The service will consist of carols, scripture and tableaux, entitled "The First Christmas." The entire choir of the church, consisting of forty-five young girls and six young men, and the Orison Quartet, will furnish the musical part of the program under the direction of Helen Abbott Byfield. Mr. Knox Hill will play the organ.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.



Keeping Christmas

THERE is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is, keeping Christmas. Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness — are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

— HENRY VAN DYKE.

Deerfield Civic Group Sponsors Yuletide Contest

Who has the most attractively decorated home in Deerfield this Yuletide? That is the question Deerfield residents will be deciding within the next two weeks in a contest promoted by the Deerfield Civic Association. A living Norway spruce tree is the grand first prize which will be donated by the Clavey Nurseries on West Deerfield Road. The tree will be lanted by the nursery on the winner's property as soon as spring planting starts.

A second prize of a string of 15 weatherproof outdoor lights will be donated by the J. R. Notz hardware company to the household winning the second highest number of votes. A third prize of a box of candy or merchandise of equal value if preferred will be donated by the Deerfield Pharmacy. Merchants and residents are welcome to contribute additional prizes if they desire. Announcement of such will be made next week.

Ballot boxes are conspicuously placed in three conveniently located stores, Notz hardware, Olendorf's dry goods, and the Deerfield pharmacy. The Civic Association is mailing ballots this week to every resident registered through the postoffice. Each ballot has provision for two votes thus allowing a vote to every man and woman in Deerfield.

The votes will be collected on Dec. 30 and counted by a committee consisting of Harry E. Wing, chairman, 826 Pine street, Mrs. William Cruickshank, 1051 Forest avenue, and Edward H. Selig, 933 Waukegan road. Announcement of the winning homes will be made through this paper as soon as the votes are counted.

This contest to help promote community spirit and beauty is the forerunner of a village-wide tree planting project which the Civic Association is planning for next spring. Kenneth J. Weir, president, announces.

Peter Swanson Dies by Own Hand

Peter Swanson 80, father of Jack Swanson, 300 Oakwood avenue, with whom he made his home, was found dead by the son Friday afternoon, hanging from a rope tied to a pipe in the basement of his home.

A verdict of suicide while depressed was returned Saturday by a coroner's jury at an inquest into the death of the aged man. He was said to have been despondent since the death of his wife a year ago. Funeral services were held in Chicago Monday.

Students To Present 'The Supreme Gift' Before Woman's Club

The Christmas Play given by the talented local high school students was so well received as the Christmas program last year, that another play under Miss Elyse Rinkemberger's splendid direction is to be given at the regular meeting of the Highland Park Woman's club this coming Tuesday, December 20 at 2 o'clock. A realistic play taking place in any American city the day before Christmas in a Christmas Tree Shop, called "The Supreme Gift" will be presented by the following students introduced by Fred Weizmann of the Public Speaking class who is chairman for the undertaking:

Sarah Merri Laing
David Dean Tjaden
Jonathan Walter Monach
Marjorie Ruth Peddle
Her Mother Mary Harrington
A Boy Stephen Meyer
His Father Ray Johnson

Following this delightful presentation, the club members will sing Christmas songs in the room festively decorated with a lovely Christmas tree, and an especially attractive Christmas tea will close the meeting in the spirit of good will that prevails at this holiday time.

Adding to the gaiety of the occasion will be the brilliant enlargements of the "Elephant Folio" of Audubon prints loaned to the club from the large collection owned by the Alden studios. These famous bird pictures by one of the greatest naturalists of all times, John James Audubon, have never been equalled in the history of painting as perfect reproductions of each bird and its habitat. The lounge is a natural background for the charming landscapes by Cecil Chichester which continue to hang there during the month of December.

Working with other local clubs and organizations, the Philanthropy committee, headed by Mrs. Marvin Wallach with Mrs. Raymond Flinn as vice-chairman, and Mrs. Claburn Jones as secretary-treasurer and the following members: M. E. D. M. Charles W. Baker, Herman Black, Alfred Birdick, Walter Durbahn, C. Vigo Nichols, Theodore Osborn, Whitt Schultz, Frank Sturtevant, Lloyd Taylor, Peter Weber and Miss Adele Everett, will assist with the annual Children's Christmas Party which is sponsored by the Highland Park Community Chest and conducted by the Legion, the event this year will take place in the Elm Place school auditorium, Thursday afternoon, December 22 at 2 p.m. and promises to be one of the finest parties ever given.

Santa Claus as so finely impersonated each year by Henry Hansen of the Legion will greet each child attending and present everyone of them with a large bag of gifts that will not only include candy, toys, Christmas stockings, fruits, and nuts but socks, gloves and other items of warm apparel as well.

Special entertainment has been arranged and will feature the outstanding childrens Puppet Show conducted and produced by Miss Marjorie Merit of Deerfield with music by Larry Brown's Swingsters considered one of the finest high school students bands on the north shore.

Invitations have already been sent out by Mrs. Nellie Flinn of the Social Service whose expert plan covering, not only has accomplished a perfect census of all eligible to attend, but provides for a careful record of all boys and girls with their ages so that presents to be given may be accurately procured.

The Rev. Christopher Keller of the Legion will take part in the program and among other Legionnaires serving on the special committee in charge are Commander Paul Webb general chairman; Miller Schreiner, adjutant; Edwin Gilroy and H. B. Aiston.

A special committee made up of Mrs. Marvin Wallach and Mrs. Edwin Gilroy of the Highland Park Womens club; Mrs. Henry Eitner, Miss E. Hansen of the Legion Auxiliary and Mrs. Geo. B. Prindle of the Ravinia Womens club will be in charge of purchasing the gifts and together with members of their organizations will assist in the packing which will be done at 10 o'clock Sunday morning in the American Legion rooms by members of the Legion.

A number of other public spirited citizens including Mr. J. C. Morrison and Mr. Lester Ball of the Deerfield Public school are cooperating by offering their services and forwarding donations of candy and toys to supplement what is to be given. Several others have expressed a desire to help and any wishing to donate may do so by forwarding their gift to the offices of the Highland Park Social Service on Central avenue.

Music Departments Present Concert At High School Friday

The music department of the Highland Park High school will present its ninth annual Christmas concert in the high school auditorium on Friday, December 16, at 8:15 o'clock. The program is as follows:

1. Christmas Fantasy Bergh
 2. The Clock and the Dresden Figures Kotelbey
 3. Rhapsody No. 2 Friedman
- Solo piano part played by Andrew Jacobs
- The Orchestra
- Helen Mayer Mannings, Director
 - Neighbors of Bethlehem Gevaert
 - In Dulci Jubilo Parrall
 4. Ding-Dong! Merrily Davis
 5. Carol of the Birds Cain
 6. Gloria in Excelsis Deo Heckenlively
- The Chorus
- Harold N. Finch, Director
9. March Hongroise Berlin
 10. Libava Overture Smetana
 11. Perpetual Motion Strauss
 12. Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral Wagner
- (From Lohengrin)

The Band

Harold N. Finch, Director

MEMBERS OF ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN—Morton Raff (concertmaster), Barbara Franzen (principal), Ruth Lidicker, Carroll Binder, William Guffy, James Krohn, Roland Hoermann, Ross Harrington, Siegfried Hoermann, Chautney Frisbie, Loraine Weaver, Lois Palmer, Edith Johnson (principal), Alice Aris, Lorett Brandt, Mary Gostfield, Betty Mublie, Jane Selfridge, Evan Dever, Paula Raff, Betty Warner, Artimee Tashjian, Martha Ashman, Doris Cooke, Norma Meyers, Bill Karper, Betty Meyers, Carol Olson, Ruth Jacobs, Jean Goodman, Patsy Stern, Molly Boyer, Betty Vander Velden, Robert Landauer.

VIOLAS—Louise Lyman (principal) Betty Cunningham, Mary Cunningham, Jane Keuse.

CELLOS—David Harrington (principal), Ruth Shapiro, Regina Kemp.

BASSES—Helen West (principal), Mary Frances Anderson, Margaret Gronlund, Christie Knisk, Dorothy Jane Anderson, Elizabeth Caldwell.

Bob Burns Stars In New Film At Alcyon Next Week

Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland, Rosalind Russell and Patrick Knowles share starring honors in "Four's a Crowd" which the Alcyon is screening on Friday and Saturday of this week. This film has only one objective, and that is to make the audience laugh. Strictly in the don't miss class—and don't forget to bring the kiddies.

Bob Burns has created the most colorful and engaging character of his career in his latest picture, "The Arkansas Traveler," an Alcyon attraction for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. For his heart-warming and sincere portrayal of a wandering printer and small town journalist, Burns deserves a place alongside that other great interpreter of American characters, Will Rogers. The story gives the star every opportunity to glorify the character he has created. Fay Bainter, who deserves her title of one of the first ladies of the screen, is teamed with Burns for the first time and acting honors are evenly divided between her and the star. An excellent supporting cast includes such top-notch performers as Jean Parker, John Beal and Irvin S. Cobb, a comedian as typically American as Burns himself.

On Wednesday and Thursday the Alcyon is presenting a very unusual screen attraction, "Spawn of the North."

Cub Pack 65 Holds 'Magic Show' Monday

The cubs of Pack 65 at Braeside school held a "Magic Show" at the regular monthly pack meeting of the school on Monday afternoon.

The following boys took part in the show: Buddy Watson, Jimmy Watson, Vally Volwiler, Dean Dickinson, Byron Crane, Herbert Bowker, George Charney, Bill Rahner, Loren Moore, Bruce Robinson, Tom Foster, Art Supple.

Celebrated Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kreuger of Green Bay Road, who celebrated their golden wedding Tuesday, December 6th, at the homes of their daughters, Mrs. W. E. Meierhoff and Mrs. O. K. Wessling, on Glencoe avenue. Mr. Kreuger served the city as Chief Engineer at the Waterworks for 33 years. They have been residents of Highland Park for fifty years.