

H. P. High School Builds Addition To Their Auto Shop

Before the end of this year, the students in the vocational courses hope to have their long needed class rooms ready for occupation.

In the fall of 1925, after a careful study had been made by Principal R. L. Sandwick, the board of education deemed it wise to open a new field of education in the Deerfield-Shields Township high school, namely trade preparation. A large percentage of the students who graduated from the high school failed to attend college because of financial reasons or lack of interest. Thus they did not profit by the college preparatory course. Many of these young people found their way into skilled occupations, and it was considered expedient to arrange a high school course which would give them training for such occupations. A survey of the graduates who had not attended college was made by Robert W. Schneider, head of the industrial arts department, and he found that many of them entered the building trades. Therefore a building trades course was offered for the first time in 1925.

The new course has been an economical addition to the curriculum, since the school board is able to take advantage of the Smith-Hughes Act passed in 1917, by which half of the salaries of the vocational teachers is paid by federal aid through the state department of education to those schools which give approved practical work.

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In 1928 it became necessary to find adequate quarters for the automotive work which was then housed in a room in the industrial arts building; so the building trades classes erected the auto shop. The vocational work proved so popular that the enrollment grew to the point where it was advisable to open another trade class, and in 1930 the vocational auto mechanics course was offered.

During these years, the building trades classes were without permanent quarters, their own class room being the building under construction at the time. Because of unfavorable weather conditions during the construction period, much valuable time was lost. In the fall of 1936, the school board appointed a committee to investigate the needs for and the desirability of adequate class room facilities for such work, and they decided to build a 40x40 ft addition to the auto shop. As their architect, they selected Raymond Flinn, well known school architect, member of Holmes and Flinn Architectural Firm of Chicago, and resident of Highland Park, who has also shown a great interest in community welfare. After the students had done such satisfactory work in erecting the field house, the board saw no reason why they should not have an opportunity to build their own shop and class rooms and thus gain the practical experience which is so essential in preparing the boy to enter the trade. Since the students are not able to do all of the work, some of it has been let out by contract to local contractors, thus giving employment to many local trades.

This addition to the high school plant will not only satisfy the needs of the trades classes, but it will also house the related subjects of the vocational auto mechanics and building trades students. The class rooms formerly used for these subjects will then be released for use for the much crowded academic classes in other departments of the school.

Although the students are now having some difficulty in securing apprenticeships when they leave school, every indication points toward a considerable pick-up in the building trades industry. Because of the long period of inactivity, very few mechanics have been trained; many older ones have retired, and building trades activities increase, there will undoubtedly be a shortage of skilled tradesmen. Thus any student who is enrolled in the department or who plans to enter it should have a very promising field provided he has the makings of a skilled mechanic. Furthermore there is a great demand for caretakers on the estates of Highland Park and Lake Forest, and several of the building trades students have found this maintenance work an excellent opportunity for employment.

Many people are under the impression that the vocational students spend their entire time in doing practical work on the job, but half of their school day, three hours, is spent in the class rooms studying such related subjects as mechanical drawing, science, trade mathematics, social science, and business English. The above work is chiefly of an individual nature so that the students can progress as rapidly as possible. Thus while the pupils of the vocational department receive a considerable amount of practical training, their academic needs are not neglected.

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Legion Auxiliary of Highwood Makes Christmas Plans

At the meeting of Stupey-Smith unit No. 501 American Legion Auxiliary, Catherine Summers was the winner of the Bank Night Award. The unit is using this method to stimulate a better attendance at the monthly business meetings.

There were many plans made for the Christmas season. The unit is to cooperate with the Legion post with their Christmas party for the Veterans Children. This is to be held at the Labor temple, Friday afternoon, December 23 at 2 p.m. Parents and members of the post and Auxiliary are invited to attend. An extemporaneous program is planned and good time will be had by all. Cake and coffee will be served to the parents, and Santa Claus will have his pack loaded with goodies for the children.

'Little Miss Broadway' At Deerpath Theatre

"Little Miss Broadway," "Broadway Musketters," "Arkansas Traveler" and "Secrets of an Actress," coming to the Deerpath theatre next week.

Shirley Temple always turns in a fine performance — as millions of fans will attest—but this time she gives you the time of your life! She's a Shirley of surprises simply surrounded by singing, dancing, romancing, fun making show people. And if you're thrilled, Little Miss Broadway, which is playing Friday evening and Saturday matinee, December 16, 17 at the Deerpath theatre, is the musical thing to thrill to. The grand group of troupers which aids and abets Miss Temple is headed by that scintillating stepper, George Murphy; the irrepressible Jimmy Durante; gorgeous blonde Phyllis Brooks and Edna Mae Oliver, the popular, prim and prudish grande dame of filmdom. Others in the cast include George Barbier, Edward Ellis, Jane Darwell, El Brendel and Donald Meek.

Broadway Musketters, playing at the Deerpath theatre Saturday evening, December 17, is a uniquely dramatic story, packed with those precious ingredients of entertainment—comedy, romance and pathos—it is first rate movie fare for everyone. The "Musketters" of the title are Margaret Lindsay, Marie Wilson, Ann Sheridan, and Janet Chapman, a six-year old trouper with a wistful grin. And there's no scrap for acting honors. The girls share them equally—and charmingly. Others in the cast include John Littel, Dick Purcell, and Richard Bond.

Bob Burns, the man who put Van Buren, Arkansas on the map, plays a character from his native state for the first time in his latest film, The Arkansas Traveler, playing at the Deerpath theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 18, 19 and 20. Burns, America's outstanding homespun humorist, will be seen as

a happy-go-lucky wandering printer who causes a political revolution in a small town when he takes over the editorship of the local newspaper. In his new picture he is teamed with Fay Bainter, who charmed audiences everywhere in "White Banners" and with another great native humorist, Irvin S. Cobb. The supporting cast includes Jean Parker, John Beal, Porter Hall, Lyle Talbot and Dickie Moore.

Giving, as the title implies, a really intimate glimpse of the private life as well as the public career of an actress the picture, Secrets of an Actress, comes to the Deerpath theatre Wednesday and Thursday, December 21 and 22 with a cast headed by Kay Francis, George Brent, and Ian Hunter—that is advance certification of its fine quality. Prominent in the cast besides those already mentioned, are Isabel Jeans, Gloria Dickson, Penny Singleton and Dennie Moore.

District Meeting of Legion Convenes in Highwood, Dec. 23

Stupey-Smith post No. 510 American Legion are making plans for the district meeting which will be held December 23, at 8 p.m. sharp at the Labor temple, Highland Park. The Auxiliaries of the district are invited to attend.

There is to be a very brief business meeting followed by a program. After the program partake of either cards or dancing and refreshments. The local Auxiliary will assist in serving the refreshments.

The honored guest will be Edward Clamage, state commander; Leonard J. Applequist, Jr. Dept. commander; Oscar Berga, 2nd Div. commander; Francis D. Scully, Dept. Child Welfare chairman; Noel White, 2nd Div. Poppy Rep. state commissioner; and Robert P. Gullic, chairman Dept. of Illinois Education.

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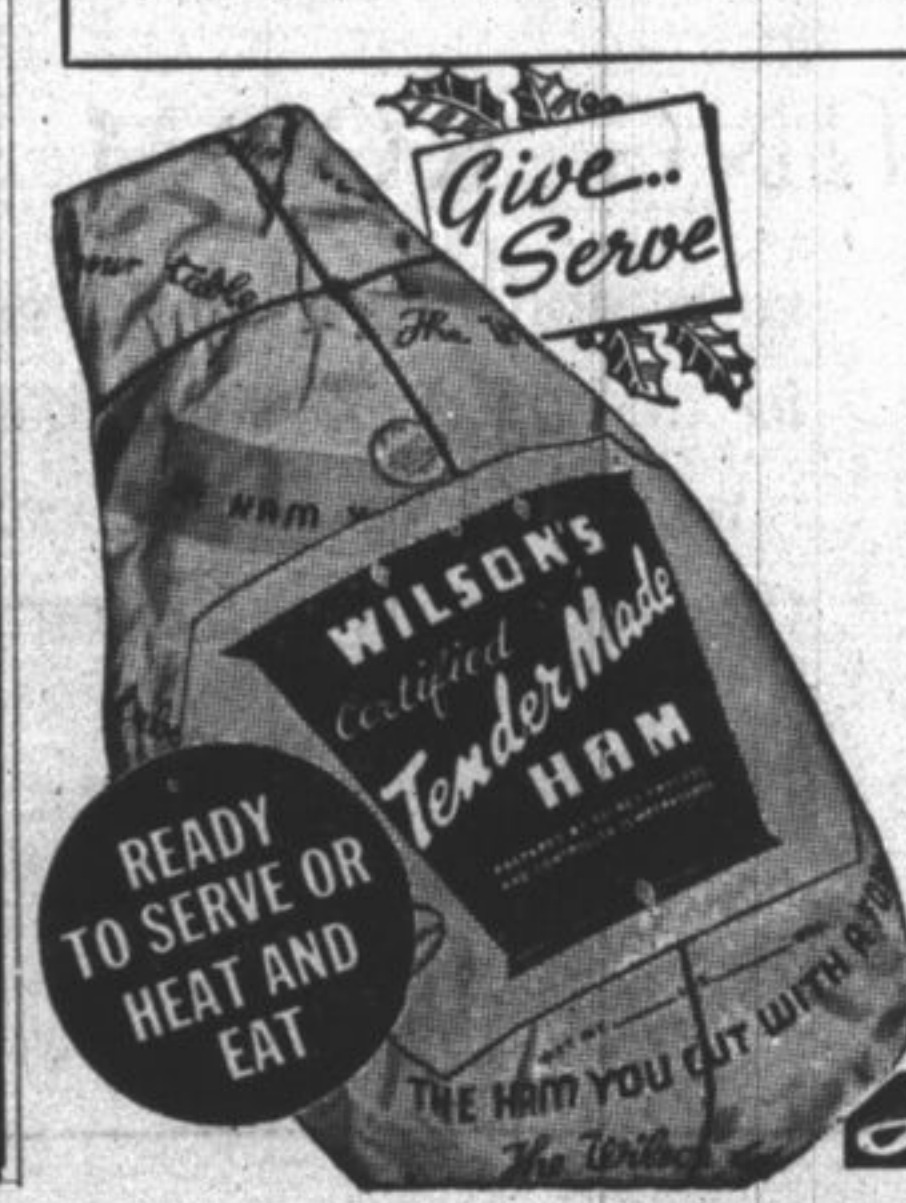
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