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Howard V. O'Brien Visiting Expert, On P. T. A. Program

Howard Vincent O'Brien of the Chicago Daily News, is to be the Visiting Expert on the "Information Please" skit at the next high school P.T.A. meeting. This meeting will be at 8 o'clock on the evening of Thursday, January 5th, instead of in the afternoon as usual. Frank Selfridge of Ravinia will ask the questions, in radio style, of Arthur Swanson, Elm Place school board member; Burton McRoy, president of Deerfield school board; J. Mills Easton, Ravinia school board member; and Wayne A. Thomas, principal of the Oak Terrace school. This portion of the program is planned to be amusing as well as informative.

The serious part of the program will consist of a talk on current trends in high school education, given by E. R. Seese of West Deerfield township. He will introduce the other high school board members: George T. Rogers and Frank W. Read of Shields township, Mrs. Herbert B. Smith and E. J. Fucik of East Deerfield township. The audience will hear briefly how these members are elected, the terms they serve, their duties, and just how a board functions.

Mothers of the Elm Place district will serve refreshments during the social hour following the program. A very large attendance is expected for this interesting evening.

The new feature, a P.T.A. bulletin being sent out this week tells more Parent-Teacher news and gives interesting facts about the school. This innovation comes through the efforts of the program chairman, Mrs. Carroll Binder, and her industrious committee of teachers and parents. "Know-Your-Own-High-School" is this year's program theme.

Failure to Secure Drivers License May Require Examination

Motorists who fail to get a drivers' license until after May 1 may be required to take a personal examination, Joseph H. Braun, general counsel for the Chicago Motor club, warned today.

"Of course every one is required to have a license to operate a car after May 1 and anyone who drives without one is subject to arrest. Furthermore the secretary of state has indicated that drivers who neglect to apply for their licenses until after the dead-line run the risk of being forced to undergo a personal examination as to their fitness to drive," Mr. Braun explained.

Meanwhile Chief Walter Williams of the Illinois State Highway police is proceeding with examinations of thousands of physically handicapped drivers who have already applied for licenses.

Under the law, the secretary of state may require an applicant to submit to examination if he believes the applicant would not be able to operate an automobile with safety upon the highways.

Oak Terrace P.T.A. to Hear Talk by Sam Campbell Jan. 2

The Oak Terrace P.T.A. will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday evening January 2, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Sam Campbell, known as the "Philosopher of the Woods" will present his newest film using as his topic for the evening "On Our Way to San Francisco." Refreshments will be served after the meeting by the fifth grade mothers with Mrs. Lewis Miller, chairman. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Charles Weeks Is Buried Thursday

Mrs. Jane Bemiss Weeks, whose husband, Mr. Charles E. Weeks, passed away two weeks ago, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, in Chicago. Funeral services were held Thursday in St. Elizabeth Episcopal church, Glencoe. Interment was private.

N. W. Settlement Meets

The next meeting of the Northwestern University Settlement will be held at the home of Mrs. Howell Murray, 31 N. Linden avenue, on Wednesday, January 4, at 1 o'clock.

Press of 20 Years Ago Sought News Just As It Does Today

While browsing through the files of THE HIGHLAND PARK PRESS of twenty years ago, the following item appeared which has as much value today as it did twenty years ago.

"Has Any One" died, eloped, embezzled, divorced, left town, had twins or colic, sold a cow or lost an auto, laid in a stock of whiskey, stolen a dog or his friend's wife, committed suicide or murder, fallen from an aeroplane, fallen into a coal hole or fallen into a legacy? Had a fire, a baby, a party, sold a farm or been arrested? That's news. Phone or mail it to the City Editor of THE PRESS."

How few Highland Park citizens realize the value of their "home paper." They enjoy reading the local news; inwardly appreciating and outwardly criticizing for the volume or lack of news, yet never exerting themselves to contribute an item. Of the thousands of residents here there is probably not one family that doesn't know at least one item each week which would interest other newspaper readers. If it's worth telling your neighbor, it must be news.

THE HIGHLAND PARK PRESS does not encourage slander or scandal, but seeks to publish a newsy newspaper which every member of the family may read and enjoy.

The indulgence of our readers in contributing news stories is solicited. Your home paper can only be a success with "news" and the editor seeks your help in getting that news.

THE PRESS will not accept anonymous contributions, so be sure to sign each item sent in. Let's start the New Year right, with a newsier community paper.

Edgar Bergen of Radio Fame Has Local Connection

Many Highland Park residents are unaware of the fact that "Charlie McCarthy" the wooden comedienne of the air and his inner voice, Edgar Bergen, are related to Highland Park, to a certain degree.

The following item received early this week from Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Sheafor, former residents of this city, now of Pasadena, Calif., explains the connecting link between "Charlie" and Highland Park.

"Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Sheafor were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Yowell, Highland Park residents who are wintering at Long Beach, Calif. While there the Sheafors had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Bergen, mother of Edgar Bergen, (Charlie McCarthy's companion) and Edgar's brother and wife. The younger Mrs. Bergen was Christine Jenkie, a former resident of Highland Park and very dear friend of the Yowells. Mr. and Mrs. Yowell will be the guests of the Bergens over the holidays."

Christmas Letter to the Home Folks

An unusual Christmas celebration in Mexico 92 years ago is described in a letter of a 20 year old youth who fought in the Mexican war. The letter, which was written in German, is one of a series translated for the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, and noted by research workers of the Federal Writers Project, W.P.A.

On December 25, 1846, Adolph Engelmann of Belleville, St. Clair county, writing to his parents from his camp near Saltillo, said in part: "On this day we had marched 20 miles and a total of 116 miles in four days, so it is no wonder the men had sore feet and tired legs, worn out horses and mules, and that when the day drew to a close the Inf. Regts. were without men. During this whole march, which I made easily, I only put up my tent once. In the foot hills en route are many evergreens which give us the idea of a Christmas tree. I got some flour, sugar and annis seed and two feet of sperm candles, a couple of young fellows in the company made some right good cookies and we decorated the tree. I wish you could have seen it."

Campbell Chapter to Meet Next Wednesday

Campbell Chapter O. E. S. will hold its first meeting of the year Wednesday evening, January 4, at the Masonic Temple.

A special "mixer" program has been planned following the meeting and members are urged to attend.

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**May Peace on Earth,
Good Will toward Men,
Govern the Universe
during the coming year.
And may it be a
Happy and Prosperous
Year for All.**

Inmates Of Railroad Men's Home Enjoy Xmas Celebration

Residents of the Railroad Men's home located on S. St. Johns avenue, enjoyed a very Merry Christmas under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Wirls, new managers of the home.

The dining room was festive in its array of Christmas decorations and an excellent dinner of roast turkey with dressing and mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, green peas, celery, bread, tea, coffee, milk and ice cream was served. At each man's plate at the table was one-fourth pound of candy, an orange and an apple, English walnuts and stuffed dates. In the evening, supper was served with pumpkin pie and plum pudding as dessert.

Altho little is heard about this well known institution which has been in Highland Park for forty years or more, it is gratifying to know that its inmates are happy and contented and that they are receiving such excellent care.

Highwood Marconi Lodge Elects New Officers for 1939

The Highwood branch of the Marconi Mutual Aid society will have installation of the newly elected officers for the coming year of 1939 at the Labor Temple on Wednesday, January 4, 1939.

This branch of the Marconi lodge is in its infancy in Highwood compared to the Marconi lodge of Chicago which has a membership of over six hundred. A drive has been started about three months ago to secure new members and by the great response and turnout of the local fellows in this community the drive seems certain to be a great success, and Highwood will be ably represented as a fine branch of the Marconi lodge.

After installation of the newly elected officers there will be the initiation of new members which will be followed by a reception.

The newly elected officers are as follows: Victor Colombi, president; Aldo Bertacchini, vice president; Second Natta, recording secretary; Battista Pasquesi, finance secretary; Diderio Casai, sick committee; Joe Antonelli, marshal; Joe Mordini, sergeant at arms; Jim Bernardi, social chairman; Bruno Somenzi, publicity chairman; Dr. Risjord, society physician.

Escape Injury When Hit By Car

Wilford Jones, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jones of Central avenue, was struck by a car driven by Kenneth Wonnell, 1602 Dean avenue, Christmas eve at the corner of Central and St. Johns avenues. The boy was taken to the Highland Park hospital for examination, where it was learned that he was only slightly bruised.

Mrs. Margaret Snyder Pioneer Resident Passes Away Dec. 22

Mrs. Margaret Snyder, one of Highland Park's oldest residents, passed away Thursday at her home, 605 Central avenue, following several weeks illness.

One of seventeen children of the Rudolph family, pioneer settlers of this city, Mrs. Snyder was born October 6, 1855, on a farm just north of County Line road on the west side of Green Bay road which is now being rapidly built up as a residential center. She spent her entire life in Highland Park, and few were better versed with the historic setting of Highland Park than she.

In 1875 she was married to John Snyder, who preceded his wife in death in 1913. One son, Charles Snyder, was born to this union, with whom the deceased has made her home since the death of her husband.

In spite of her age, Mrs. Snyder led a very active life. Even as late as Thanksgiving time she attended a party given for one of her sisters. She was of a jovial nature, enjoying to the fullest the best in life. Her kindly nature and happy, cheerful disposition won for her a host of friends and admirers.

Mrs. Snyder joined the Waukegan chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star many years ago, and when Campbell Chapter of Highland Park was organized more than twenty years ago, she became a charter member of the local chapter.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the family home on Central avenue. The Rev. F. P. Robinson, pastor of the First Evangelical church was in charge. Burial was in Rosehill cemetery.

Besides her son Charles, the deceased is survived by four brothers: Charles and August Rudolph of Highland Park, Arthur Rudolph of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Jacob Rudolph of Wheeling, and three sisters, Mrs. Amelia Dannemark, Mrs. Carolyn Sheahan and Miss Rose Rudolph, all of this city.

"Boys Town" Showing at Alcyon Theatre Five Days Next Week

Five hundred years ago a vagabond poet from the back streets of Paris became ruler of his country for one tumultuous week, stormed the heart of a royal princess in defiance of the orders of his king and saved France by leading a rabble army into battle against the most powerful armies of Europe. This man was Francois Villon, rogue, lover, statesman and warrior, whose story roaring down the centuries, is as thrilling today as it was during the colorful age in which he lived. It comes to the screen in "If I Were King," starring Ronald Colman, Frances Dee and Basil Rathbone. At the Alcyon on Friday and Saturday of this week.

For five days starting with Sunday the Alcyon is presenting that outstanding picture "Boys Town" which everyone has been so eagerly awaiting. The picture is dedicated to Father Flanagan, who has done excellent work on behalf of homeless boys in Nebraska, where he actually established such a place as Boys Town. It is an inspiring story that is unfolded here, for it shows the determination and courage of one man in the face of hardships, to help homeless boys. Spencer Tracy, in the part of Father Flanagan, has a great deal to do with the picture's excellence; he plays with restraint and dignity. Mickey Rooney is, as usual, outstanding; starting out as a tough boy, his actions in the beginning are the cause for hearty laughter. His regeneration in the end, although brought about by a sentimental episode, touches one deeply. There are numerous situations that bring tears to the eyes. This is one picture that should be on everyone's "must see" list.

North Western R. R. Installs New Lights On Crossing Gates

Residents of Highland Park are complimenting the Chicago and North Western railway on their recent improvement with the installation of electric lights on their grade crossing gates. The electric lights which operate in conjunction with the lowering of the gates replace the old lamp lights previously used.

There are three lights on each gate, making a total of six lights across the expanse where there are double gates. The lights are much brighter, and are visible for several blocks away. These new lights are being installed this week along the north shore.

Lincoln P.T.A. to Meet January 4th

The Lincoln school Parent-Teacher association will meet Wednesday, January 4th at 3:15 p.m. at the Lincoln school.

The speaker will be Miss Grace Miller, who is an expert on Home Lighting and Decorating. As Miss Miller has an interesting message, the Lincoln school P.T.A. extends an invitation to everyone interested to attend.

As this is the first meeting of the new year, attendance of all members is urged.

Hear Illustrated Talk On Sumatra Woman's Club To

With the beginning of the year 1939, the members of the Highland Park Woman's club are eager to take advantage of the entertainment offered them during the month of January.

An unusually delightful program is scheduled for the regular meeting, Tuesday, January 3, at two o'clock. An illustrated talk on the interesting island of Sumatra called "Homeless Husbands" will be given by Mrs. Fay-Cooper Cole, wife of Dr. Cole of the faculty of the University of Chicago, a scientist of international reputation. Mrs. Cole has accompanied her famous husband on many of his trips to far off lands and this talk will concern itself with a country and a people both strange and fascinating. With such odd customs as that of having a bride file off her front teeth or have them extracted, this semi-civilized people live in a land rich in minerals, whose forests provide teakwood and bamboo and whose fertile valleys easily grow tobacco and pepper for foreign trade. It is, moreover, a beautiful island with tropical verdure, whose presence in the Indian Ocean was first made known to Europeans by a Portuguese explorer in the year 1508. Mrs. Cole has an attractive personality and a charming way of presenting her interesting experiences.

Promptly at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, January 14, the increasingly popular class in Club Ethics and Parliamentary Law conducted so ably by Mrs. Gertrude C. Lieber will be held at the club house.

The "Swing Club" will hold an informal dance on Saturday, January 7 from 9 until midnight. This group of High School students enjoy more and more the opportunity to them by the club for wholesome and lively entertainment. Working with the chairman, Mrs. Clakurn Jones, to make a success of this outstanding civic venture, are Mesdames Frank Blake, Frank Ronan, Frank Austin, Charles Baker, A. L. Berg, John Brigham, Ben Buckmaster, Emory Curtis, E. W. Douglass, Walter Durbahn, Elmer Freytag, Jess Halsted, Charles Hayes, Charles Sanborn, George Strecker and Joseph Tew.

Robber Posing As Chauffeur Holds Up Exmoor Club

An armed man held up and robbed Frank V. Nelson of the Exmoor Country club last Thursday evening of a small sum of money.

According to the local police the man had waited in the club room about thirty minutes previous to the robbery, apparently as a chauffeur. As this is a customary habit, there was no immediate cause for alarm.

When everyone had left the lobby for dinner in the club dining room the holdup man approached the desk and demanded that Mr. Nelson hand over the money. He was frightened away when he heard a car door slam outside.

THANK YOU

Members of the Highland Park Police force were the recipients many very lovely Christmas gifts. Through the columns of THE PRESS they wish to express their appreciation to their many friends for these remembrances, and extend a Happy and Prosperous New Year to the citizens of Highland Park.