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## Noted Skaters To Be Featured In Carnival, Monday

Bobby McLean, former world's champion speed skater, and Duffy and Simone, famous figure skating pair, recently returned from Hollywood where they appeared at the Trocadero Cafe, will be featured at "A Night in St. Moritz" at the Braeside Skating Rink next Monday night. The engagement of these well known skating artists was announced yesterday by Mrs. Monroe L. Ottenheimer, program chairman for the event.

In addition to these nationally known professional skaters, there will be an impressive array of talented amateur figure skaters who have achieved considerable fame among the Chicago and the North Shore skating fans. These include Elsie Thelen and J. Henry Remien in specialty and pair numbers and Douglas Miller and Jack Koldoff in the role of a comedy team. Together with other members of the Chicago Figure Skating club and the Chicago Ice Club they will participate in a colorful skating ballet. The other ballet skaters include Ray Feedlick, Virginia Bethune, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jacobs, Miss Koblitz and Douglas Ellis.

Clare Simone and Bob Duffy have appeared together at the New Yorker hotel. More recently they have been booked as stage show features at a number of the leading California theatres on a tour of the west coast. Miss Simone is now engaged in figure skating instruction at the Exmoor Country Club, Hoopartner, Bob Duffy, is at present associated with the Lake Shore Country Club and Skokie Country Club as instructor.

Although he long held world championships in speed skating, Bobby McLean's abilities are not confined to speed skating. He will demonstrate his famous barrel and "fox chase" acts.

The St. Moritz atmosphere will be carried out by seating the guests, whether on skates or not, at small tables set out on the rink where they can view the elaborate "Frosty Frolics" while they are served hot drinks and food by waitresses who will also be on skates. Gay continental tablecloths and strings of colored lights will form a colorful background for the spot-lighted floor show. Snow conditions permitting imposing figures by a local snow sculptor will help carry out the Alpine effect.

Guests will be given an opportunity to warm up by skating during the short intermissions in the "Frosty Frolics" floor show and by participating in "broomstick hockey" and other ice games. Also additional warming house facilities will be provided, together with a large outdoor log fire.

Should weather conditions on Monday be unsuitable, the party will be postponed to Wednesday night. In that event suitable notices will be posted and those who have purchased reservations will be notified by phone.

Reservations may be made by advance purchase of tickets at the Braeside Rink warming house or from Mrs. J. David Dickinson, Mrs. C. Eugene Pfister or Mrs. Edward M. Knox.

## "Y" All Club Fair Is Scheduled For Feb. 9 at Y.W.C.A.

"Should said acquaintance be forgot— And never brought to mind?— And new acquaintances—a lot— Be still so hard to find?"

Well, here's the answer—unaware To young and old—there's brewing A magic plot—a GREAT CLUB FAIR— So—come and see the "doing."

All Highland Park is agog over the Club Fair which is to be staged by all the clubs of the Y.W.C.A. Thursday, February 9, from 1:30 in the afternoon until midnight. With Mrs. C. Eugene Pfister of the "Y" board as general chairman, and Miss Robe, the "Y" executive secretary, as advisor, every member of every club is busy with preparations for this city-wide event. Tickets are already on sale at the "Y" for the club members to purchase at any time.

Many surprises are in store for those who attend, and the Fair is planned to attract the very young, and the older people in the community—anyone who has not forgotten how to laugh and play. Prices will be low, and a lot of fun is promised for a small expenditure of money. Further details will be published from week to week, but all the townspeople are asked to save some time during Thursday, February 9, to visit the "Y" All Club Fair.

## S. W. Connelly Is Author of Prize Letter on Democracy

Stanley W. Connelly, 139 Pleasant avenue, Highland Park, was one of the ten authors of prize winning letters on "Making a Better Democracy," a contest recently sponsored by The Christian Science Monitor. His letter was as follows:

"Under a democracy one may publicly criticize the government—safely. Individual freedom of thought and action then, is the essence of democracy, and until its citizens understand and treasure this freedom, democracy cannot be bettered. The basis of this understanding is education. Not formal education—no—a more difficult kind of education is needed, the kind that helps a man distinguish truth from error, intrinsic goodness from evil. At school our children rather than being indoctrinated must be taught to think. The search begun in school years must be continued far beyond; must never stop. The results? Propaganda will dwindle as truth gives us immunity to it, individual rights will be held yet more sacred, "the greatest good for the greatest number" will be more nearly our objective, democracy will come into its own."

World events have brought democracy and dictatorships so conclusively to grips within the past year that The Christian Science Monitor devoted its entire Magazine to a reappraisal and re-examination of free government last Wednesday.

Popular interest in this venture is shown by the fact that nearly 2,000 persons contributed through letters sent in reply to the Monitor's question, "What is most needed to make a better democracy?"

## Troop 30 Presents Scout Stunts Show Tuesday, Jan. 31st

The Highland Park Rotarian troop, troop 30, Boy Scouts of America, will present "Scout Stunts," Tuesday evening, January 31, at 8 o'clock at the Elm Place school auditorium.

"Scout Stunts" will consist of numerous stunts and scoutcraft demonstrations, as well as color movies of the 1938 Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan session. This film will prove as interesting to non-scouts and scouties as to the scouts themselves.

"Scout Stunts" is not limited to just parents of the troop members, but to everyone interested in scouting. Assistant Scoutmaster Harry Skidmore has chosen skits of both a serious and comedy nature, giving the program variety and "your money's worth in laughs."

Tickets can be purchased from any member of Troop 30 or at Gsell's drug store. Parents of troop members or their friends wishing a number of tickets can receive same by calling Scoutmaster M. Warner Turritt, Highland Park 4194.

## Ice Carnival for Braeside Children

The Sports committee of the Parent-Teachers Civic Association of Braeside is making plans for an ice carnival for the children of the Braeside school on Tuesday afternoon, January 24, at 3:15. If weather conditions necessitate the postponement of "A Night in St. Moritz" (the adult party scheduled for Monday night, January 23rd), to Wednesday evening, the children's carnival will be postponed to Thursday afternoon, January 26.

The children's carnival will include speed races, hockey, ice games, figure skating exhibitions, prizes and 5c refreshments. Costumes are optional but costume prizes will be awarded.

There will be no admission charge, and parents, as well as children, are invited.

## Local Resident Shares in Estate

The will of the late Walter G. Pietsch of Evanston, who died Dec. 14, has been admitted to probate in Chicago. It disposes of an estate estimated at \$40,000 to his three children, one of whom is W. Randolph Pietsch, 5 S. St. Johns avenue, in this city.

His personal effects are given to his three children. The residue of the estate is divided one-third each to his daughter May and son Richard and one-third is put in trust with the income going to Randolph Pietsch for life. After his death this part is to be divided among the grandchildren.

## Renslow Sherer Is Reelected Head Of Community Service

Renlow P. Sherer was again elected president of Community Service of Highland Park, at a meeting of the organization Monday, January 16. The other officers who also were re-elected are: Vice Presidents J. B. Garnett and F. J. Ronan; Treasurer R. L. Erskine; and Secretary George Schenckmuff.

Additional directors who were elected at this meeting are: Art Olson, H. A. Zischke, K. G. Anderson, P. E. Cole, W. B. Ewer, Mrs. B. K. Goodman, R. W. Flinn, A. H. Swanson, C. Wampler, C. H. Witt, C. G. Wright, Mrs. T. R. Wyles.

Members of the board whose terms expire next year are: F. J. Zipoy, Mrs. Chas. Rubens, R. Taussig, Miss A. Everett, E. L. Gilroy, Harry Kelley, Albert Larson, Mrs. Thos. Marks, Mrs. E. T. R. Murfey, Mrs. F. C. Noerenberg, Mrs. O. L. Oleen, R. H. Price, A. T. Shiler, John Udell and J. B. Garnett.

Community Service of Highland Park is a corporation formed to further and carry on Community Recreation for Highland Park. It is very much interested in the proposed Recreation Center.

## Alexander Mooney Passes On, Jan. 13

Alexander John Mooney, 331 McDaniels avenue, died Friday at the Alexian Brothers hospital, Oshkosh, Wis., following a long illness. Funeral services were held Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock at St. James church, Highwood, with burial in St. Mary's cemetery.

A member of one of the pioneer families in this vicinity, Mr. Mooney was born Sept. 23, 1888, in this city, where he had spent his entire life. He was a graduate of the Lincoln and Deerfield Shields high schools of this city.

He is survived by two sisters, Miss Mary E. Mooney, Mrs. J. D. Garrity and two brothers, Thomas and Joseph Mooney, all of this city.

## Pleads Guilty To Leaving Accident

Mrs. Mabel Farmer of Highland Park pleaded guilty to an information charging her with leaving the scene of an accident in this city last Sept. 24 and petitioned for probation. A hearing on the petition was set for Saturday before Judge Perry L. Persons.

A similarity of names has caused considerable confusion and no end of embarrassment for Mrs. Richard Farmer of Bannockburn, whose given name is Jean. She is in no way connected with the Mrs. Farmer, who at the time of this accident was a resident of Deerfield, it is reported.

The Mrs. Farmer involved was driving her automobile at Deerfield and S. Ridge roads in Highland Park when she struck a bicycle ridden by Alma Galterio, 17. The girl suffered minor injuries. Restitution is being made for damage and medical costs for Miss Galterio.

## Girls Basketball Team Plays Jan. 21

On Saturday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. the Ermine Cleaner Girls basketball team will play a return game with the Arlington Heights girls team at the Oak Terrace school. This is the first game in the Evening American series.

On Friday, February 20, at 9 p.m. the Ermine Cleaners basketball team will play the Emerson Y.M.C.A. at the Emerson Y.M.C.A. in Evanston.

## Funeral Today For Mrs. L. Hellenberg

Mrs. Louise Hellenberg, aged 60, 154 S. First street died Tuesday morning at her home following a brief illness. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in Graceland cemetery.

Mrs. Hellenberg is survived by two sons, William and Henry, and a daughter, Mrs. Karl Kuhlman of Chicago.

## New Sound Equipment at Alcyon Theatre

The Alcyon theatre has just completed the installation of a new sound equipment which is the best that can be had. For richness of tone it is far superior to anything previously put on the market.

## President Appel Reports Good Year At Local Bank

The stockholders' meeting of the First National Bank of this city occurred on January 10th. The stock was well represented. President Appel's report indicated a prosperous year. His report carried a note of optimism, except with regard to placing bank funds at living rates. In commenting upon business generally, Mr. Appel said:

"In the nation, business has been hesitating, confidence lacking, taxes mounting, security market slow in recovering, railroad situation discouraging, employment disappointing. The improvement and clearing up of this situation is not only hoped for confidently, but expected generally during the year ahead. People are tired of depressions and recessions."

Deposits increased almost one-half million dollars. The net returns for the year are most gratifying, the best since the big depression. Depositors in the Savings department received an interest, \$20,778.63. Referring to stockholders double-liability, Mr. Appel says:

"Since the proposed amendment to the State Constitution failed in its adoption at the recent election, I think we ought to be congratulated upon having brought about single-handed, the conversion into a National Banking Association, which relieves our stockholders absolutely from a double-liability."

We quote from his closing remarks: "If the results for the year, indicated by the foregoing exhibits and comments are deserving of a measure of credit, it is my desire that the said credit shall be participated in by my associate officers, by an enthusiastic Official Board, and by a faithful corps of employees."

The following directors were re-elected:

J. M. Appel, S. M. Hastings, F. A. Watkins, C. F. Grant, T. L. Osborn, M. R. Mayor, J. B. Garnett.

The stockholders' meeting was supplemented on Thursday, January 12, by a meeting of the Official Board, at which meeting all the officers were re-elected. A dividend was declared of 60c per share, amounting to \$6,000. This dividend was paid to 145 stockholders, who no doubt, were happy to receive their checks yesterday morning.

## H. S. Swim Team Defeats Waukegan

Coach Mark Panther's Highland Park high school varsity swimming team turned in a decisive 47-19 victory over Waukegan in the local pool Thursday.

Hugh Reading, Bob Templeton, Bill Peters, and Fred Musser opened the meet with a fast win in the 100 yd. relay. Other first place winners were Jim Lyons in the 40 yd free style; Captain Art Pier in the back stroke; Fred Musser in the 100 yd. free style; and Pier, Bill Bangs and Lyons in the medley relay.

Keith Shay was first in the diving contest and Alphon Schroeeder, a team-mate, took second.

The fresh-soph teams fought to a 33-33 tie. Fred Bangs, Gene Detmer, Phil Stokes and Jack Baaches scored a victory in the opening relay while Bill Olenford and Tim Sterrels took first in the back-stroke and diving events.

Morton will close the home swimming season in the Highland Park pool tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 4 p.m.

## REPORT FIRST ROBIN

Each year the PRESS publishes the name of the person in Highland Park who sees the first robin, harbinger (shall we say) of spring. But this year, due to perhaps modesty, the first robin which was seen January 7th, was not reported, the reason being that "ye editor" didn't like to take the credit away from the contributors.

However, yesterday morning, Fred Moon, assistant postmaster at the Highland Park office, called to report having seen the first robin in his yard last Sunday morning.

We'll admit that it really is early to report the appearance of robins, for after all winter has just barely gotten under way. However, we will accept Mr. Moon's call and give him full credit for having seen the first robin.

## Only Two File For City Primaries; Jan. 24th, Last Day

Tuesday, January 24, is the deadline for candidates seeking official offices in the Highland Park city election, to file their petitions for the primaries, which will be held February 28.

Slight interest has been manifested so far in the approaching election. Only two candidates have filed petitions, although there are six offices to be filled.

Joseph H. Taylor, 32 Beverly place, who is at present a member of the City Council, will seek reelection to the Council. William C. Heinrichs, 986 N. Green Bay road, commander of Dumarsq Spencer Post of the American Legion, has also filed petition for a place on the City Council.

Although there has been no definite statement to the effect that the present city officials will seek another term, it is the consensus of opinion that Mayor Dooley and Commissioners Brown, Greenslade and Gourley will petition for a place on the election ballot, as their co-workers Commissioner Taylor has already done. Police Magistrate Charles Buhl will not seek another term, as he is no longer a resident of Highland Park.

During the past four years, the city government has run so smoothly that the need for a change in administration seems unnecessary. Unless some change transpires during the next few days (the period for filing) there will be little contention at the primaries next month.

The city election will be held Tuesday, April 18.

## Mildred Valentine to Read "Our Town" for Drama Group

The Drama Committee in the Fine Arts department of the Highland Park Woman's Club, of which Mrs. B. F. Reimig is chairman, is offering a special treat to the entire club membership on Tuesday, January 24, at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Mildred Valentine, a reader well known along the North Shore for her charming personality and ability to interpret literature, will give a reading, with interesting comments, of the prize winning play of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." This play will open soon in Chicago, after a very long and successful run in New York where it was acclaimed one of the outstanding plays of the past few seasons. Its universal appeal, homeliness of character and action, its simplicity of thought and depth of philosophy, coupled with a wistful pathos make it a play long remembered when once heard. Mrs. Valentine reads it so convincingly that one experiences the same thrills and deep satisfaction that one has in seeing it acted.

This reading is free to members of the club, and non-members will be welcome upon payment of the small guest fee.

## H. P. Music Club to Meet Next Wednesday

The Highland Park Music Club will meet at the home of Mrs. John Favill, 181 Belle avenue, on Wednesday afternoon, January 25. Helen Abbott Byfield, soprano, Miriam Snyder Englehard, cellist, and Margaret Fars Wilson, accompanist, will give the following program:

Sonata E minor Op. 25 — Brahms  
Mrs. Englehard  
The Dove (Kestis) — Ronald  
In Memoriam — Ronald  
The Husks (Walter de la Mare) — Bliss  
Sonnet from the Fortunate (Browning)  
Castel Nuovo-Tedesco  
Journey's End: A Dialogue — Brookes  
Parody: "Hey Diddle Diddle" — Hughes  
Mrs. Byfield

Arioso — Bach  
Hungarian Rhapsody — Poppner  
Mrs. Englehard

La Petite Lingere (Breton Folk Song) — Hore  
arranged by — Hore  
Lolita ("Mozart") — Hahn  
L'River (Rondeau de Th. Banville) — Koehlin  
La Flute Enchantee (Sheherazade-Tristan Klugor — Ravel  
Scandille (Th. Gautier) — DeFalla  
Mrs. Byfield

## Rasmussens Hold Big Savings Event

Rasmussen Shoe Shop, 389 Central avenue, are announcing drastic reductions in the last three days of their shoe sale featuring the Red Cross shoes, nationally known brand.

The management is anxious that their patrons take advantage of this money saving event which will continue Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Beginning next Monday all Red Cross shoes will be sold at their former prices.

## Highland Park Is County Leader In Home Building

Although the yearly reports for Highland Park building showed a spectacular decline during the past year, Highland Park led Lake county municipalities in home building during 1938 with a value of \$757,826, according to a recent survey of the Greenbaum Investment company of Chicago.

Seventy-three new residences were reported during the year which far outdistanced Lake Forest, which saw the construction of 13 new homes with a value of \$337,108.

In Waukegan there was a total of 29 new homes with a value of \$148,856, followed by Libertyville's seven homes worth \$65,470 and Lake Bluff's six worth \$30,705.

Lake Forest, however, led in the total amount of all construction in the county last month with a reported value of \$96,556. Highland Park was second with \$91,900, followed by Waukegan with \$20,585; Lake Bluff, \$6,900; Barrington, \$4,800; Libertyville, \$1,900.

Building commissioners, according to the survey, all comment that prospects for 1939 look bright—"the best in years." They point to the fact that the last half of 1938 consistently showed gains over 1937 with the greatest improvement in December.

Last year the construction of homes in the entire Chicago suburban area accounted for \$17,566,000 of the entire amount of building activity, which was \$32,075,000.

## Alcyon Presents Technicolor Film "Men With Wings"

A gay blithesome comedy is "Brother Rat," the screen play which the Alcyon is presenting on Friday and Saturday. A "behind-the-scenes" revelation of life in one of the country's oldest military schools, "Brother Rat" combines the spirit of youth and romance with the color and dash of Virginia Military Institute's cadet corps, and emerges as one of the screen's best. Winsome Wayne Morris and Priscilla Lane carry off the lead roles and with the rest of the cast combine to make the film version every bit the success the original stage play was.

No effort has been spared to make "Men With Wings" a milestone in the history of screen drama. Against the surging background of the period between the flight of the Wright Brothers in 1903 and the present day of round-the-world jaunts, the picture tells a thrilling and heart-stirring story of three young people interested in aviation. The performances turned in by the three leading players, Fred MacMurray, Ray Milland and Louise Campbell, bring out all the power and human drama of the story. Technicolor has never been better suited to a film than this one.

On the Double-Feature program for next Wednesday and Thursday two good features will be shown. A search for love on wheels, family life in a trailer going across the country, and comic contortions galore arising from experiments in matchmaking by Freddie Bartholomew and Judy Garland furnish hilarity and romance in the fast-moving film "Listen, Darling." Mary Astor, Alan Hale and Walter Pidgeon are the experimented-with lovers. And, of course, Judy does some singing which you will love. The second film on the program is "Torchy Gets Her Man" featuring Glenda Farrell and Barton MacLane.

## H. Edwards Rouffs To Address Local Rotary Club Monday

H. Edwards Rouffs of Chicago will be the guest speaker at the Highland Park Rotary club on Monday, Jan. 23. His subject will be "Mapping Out a Career."

Mr. Rouffs has been retained by many large corporations as a personal and industrial relations advisor which includes Inland Steel company, Firestone Tire and Rubber company, Diamond T. Motor Car company, American Asphalt company and many others. In addition to this he has counseled hundreds of young men and women as to what their life work should be and the studies they should take up to qualify for a life of happiness and usefulness.

The program will be in charge of J. B. Garnett, the president of the club.