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Highland Park To Observe Mid-Winter Value Days, Feb. 10-18

H. S. Students Loan Fund To Benefit By Variety Show

Nearly one hundred parents and teachers will appear in "Stooges Stunts," the variety show being put on by the Highland Park High School Parent Teachers Association Saturday night, February 18, at the High School auditorium.

Mrs. Harry Pier is in charge of "Cheer, cheer the gang was all there," a stunt in which the following parents and teachers will take part: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pertz, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Olendorf, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pohrte, Mr. Geo. Scheunckenflug, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gilroy, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Markell, Mr. and Mrs. David Suttle, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bennett, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pier. This act will be reminiscent of Deerfield Shields High school in its early days.

Mrs. Earl Hyatt of Deerfield is busy rehearsing a group of talented Deerfield parents in a radio skit which she herself has written for the occasion.

A Femal Seminary Drill planned by Mrs. Henry Getz and Mrs. Walter Lilienfeld with the assistance of Miss Mary Thompson of the High School faculty will include Mrs. Waldo Thorsen, Mrs. Walter Durbahn, Mrs. Bert Green, Mrs. Roderiek McPherson, Mrs. Frank Selfridge, Mrs. George Kirkgrasser, Mrs. P. O. E. Johnson, Mrs. Daniel Gutmann, Mrs. Kenneth Moore, Mrs. Carl Rompel, Mrs. Everett Bellei and Mrs. Robert Bryant.

There is rumor that a men's gymnastic team will also perform.

Charlie McCarthy and Mr. Bergen will have some things to say about Highland Park that night and will be impersonated by two well known local residents. Several musical stunts said to be "knock-outs" by those who heard the try-outs last week are among the score of numbers to be on the program. Further mention will be made of them next week.

Tickets are on sale at the Highland Park Parent Teacher Association meeting this Thursday afternoon at the High School and can be secured either at the High School or from any member of the P.T.A. board or the Stunt Committee. There will be no reserved seats and all tickets will be at the same low price. Proceeds from the show will go to the High School Scholarship Fund.

Submit Garbage Collection Plan to City Office Seekers

The Executive Board of the Highland Park League of Women Voters of which Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson is president has approved of a plan drawn up by a special committee regarding the collection of garbage in our city.

This plan will be submitted to candidates for office of mayor and commissioner with the request that they assert their position on this matter and that they state what as officials of the city they would favor doing to improve the present situation.

The plan which the league has adopted as good public policy is as follows:

1. We approve of city collecting because it is (a) more efficient—avoids open wagons and scattering; (b) more economical—avoids duplication of routes; (c) more sanitary—avoids promiscuous private dumping and insists on high standards for householders.

2. We approve of an adequate plant, including an incinerator and dump owned by the city and scientifically managed because: (a) it insures decent public housekeeping by avoiding objectionable smells from undisposed garbage and reduces vermin etc.; (b) it does not lower the value of adjoining property; (c) it is cheaper in the long run; (d) it insures highest health standards.

The League further stated that since it is an organization of women voters it is not prepared to recommend the most scientific nor best method of financing the above plan. It believes that these and other questions present technical problems which must be solved by the commission itself.

P.-T.A. Groups to Present Junior Programs February 9

Wearing the laurels of authoritative critical esteem for giving one of the most charming and lively presentations of Humperdinck's frolicsome opera, "Haensel and Gretel" ever seen in the country, the Junior Programs Opera company will make an appearance at the Highland Park High School auditorium, Thursday afternoon, February 9th, at 3 o'clock, under the auspices of the combined Parent-Teacher associations.

Directed by Saul Lancourt, noted for his work with Chautauqua and Worcester Festival Operas, the "Haensel and Gretel" company being brought here by Junior Programs, Inc. has received the acclaim of audiences and critics throughout the country.

The company features youthful stars of the San Carlo, New York Opera Company, Cleveland, and American Opera companies, and includes, among others, Marion Selece, Cecile Sherman, and Tom Williams.

In their travels about the country, these modern maetefingers have captured the hearts of so many thousands of children, as well as their parents, as to have won a veritable "Pied Piper" reputation.

Said one critic in a mountain town of West Virginia:

"If 'Haensel and Gretel' is any indication of what the children of the country like, we need not concern ourselves with the prospects of cultural life for the coming generation. The sprightliness of Humperdinck's music was played to the hilt by the youthful but thoroughly capable cast. With evident enjoyment in what they were doing, the characters capered about the stage with a spontaneity that captured the large audience from the very beginning. Their voices blended beautifully throughout, and to say that the audience liked it would be putting it mildly. They were delighted with it."

"Altoona was delighted and pleased," commented another guardian of the public taste. "I do want to commend Junior Programs, Inc. for sending such fine people to appear before the public, every one the highest type of manhood and womanhood."

Another described: "The large audience, composed of young people of all ages, sat in concentrated, breathless silence while the adventures of these two irresistible youngsters were brought to it in song. Many times have I sat at performances when the children all around have fidgeted, kicked the seats in front of them, rustled paper bags, chattered and made general nuisances of themselves; and yet, at Saturday morning's opera, there wasn't a sound. Every child was spellbound by real interest and appreciation. . . a pretty definite indication that our children need and like the finer types of entertainment."

The opera "Haensel and Gretel," created by Humperdinck in the spirit of play merely to amuse his sister's children, has come to be a children's classic, ever since it was given its first public production at Weimar, in Germany, in 1893, under the auspices of composer Richard Strauss. So popular did the children's opera immediately become that it was soon given throughout Europe, and two years after its premiere, in 1895, crossed the Atlantic for its first American production at Daly's theatre in New York. Opera lovers will recall its first production by the Metropolitan in 1905, with the celebrated cast that included Homer, Alten, Abernethy and Goritz, and no one who ever heard her will forget the great Shuman-Heinck in the role of the witch in "Haensel and Gretel," a role she assumed many times.

Dr. E. Eustace Hayden to Address Elm Place P.-T.A. February 15th

The Elm Place P.T.A. has planned an interesting meeting for February 15 at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium. Dr. E. Eustace Hayden, professor of Comparative Religion, of the University of Chicago, author of "Quest of the Ages" and "Man's Search for God's Life" will address the meeting.

Also, we will have a representative, an active member, of the Chicago City Manager Plan, who will discuss the need of a City Manager "Enabling Act."

Music will be by Daniel Cobb accompanied by Mrs. Irving Schur.

Press To Present Unbiased Review Of Office Seekers

Highland Park's City Primary will be held Tuesday, February 28. Twenty-one candidates are seeking office, three aspiring for the Mayor's office, 14 for Commissioners and 4 for Police Magistrate. This number will be reduced to two for mayor, eight for commissioners (four to be chosen) and two for police magistrate at the primaries.

In order to acquaint the voters of Highland Park with the men who are seeking the official positions in our city government, the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS will each week present an unbiased review of each candidate. A brief history and the qualifications of the person seeking office will be given. There will be no recommendations or backing of any candidate for office.

In this week's issue the PRESS is presenting the biography of Frank J. Ronan, who is a candidate for Mayor.

Major Frank J. Ronan

Major Frank J. Ronan, who has recently become one of the leading contenders for the mayoralty office in the coming election, has been a resident of Highland Park for more than twenty years. Although genuinely American, having been born in Albany, N. Y., he is proud of his Gaelic ancestry and the fact that the name of Ronan is still one of the best known in County Clare.

His early youth after finishing school was spent in California and the southwest where he spent an adventurous life and took an active part in the development of Oklahoma.

Returning to Chicago he became prominently associated with Swift & Company. When the world war was declared he took leave of absence and enlisted as a private in the officers' training camp, receiving a commission and from there he left for France.

As an officer in an infantry regiment he saw action in the Argonne, with the British in the Somme offensive and later became an instructor in military tactics. He received promotion in rank for valor and merit and holds several decorations including the Verdun medal.

Following the war he was appointed to an important position on the commission established by the United States government to settle war claims where he received invaluable experience in rehabilitation, organization and governmental affairs.

Upon his return to America, Major Ronan returned to Swift & Company and a few years later retired from active business. He has since devoted himself almost entirely to civic and community affairs and was among those who played an important part in the development of the city.

Col. Harry Musham of Chicago Historical Society, Here Feb. 9

On Thursday, February 9, at 2:30 o'clock the North Shore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet in the Assembly Hall of the Highland Park Public Library to hear an illustrated lecture on Lincoln and Washington by Harry Musham, a member of the Chicago Historical society. Tea door following the lecture by Mrs. will be served at the Y.W.C.A. next Rice, Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Gourley. A cordial invitation to attend the lecture is extended to all who are interested in Lincoln and Washington.

CLEAR FIRE PLUGS

Chief Ed, Hoskins of the Highland Park Fire department, is seeking the cooperation of Highland Park citizens in the clearing of snow from fire plugs in all parts of the city. If the snow is not cleared by the citizens it may mean a disastrous fire caused by the loss of time entailed in locating the fire hydrants, and clearing them.

By your cooperation in this matter you may help to avert disaster and possible tragedy. It may be your home, so do not hesitate, act at once.

Barclay Acheson of "The Readers Digest" Speaks Here Tuesday

In order to take part in any drawing room conversation, it is almost essential that one be a reader of the most widely read of all publications, "The Readers Digest," Tuesday, February 7, at 2 o'clock, at the regular monthly meeting of the Highland Park Woman's club, the attractive and thoughtful associate editor of that magazine will give a timely talk on the subject, "We Think."



BARCLAY ACHESON

In spite of the general world confusion and its resultant pessimism, Barclay Acheson, as an editor who has read widely and a deep student of history who had studied much, is a confirmed optimist. While he recognizes the seriousness of the problems of our present decade, he believes that on viewing them in a wider perspective, they show a decided advance in the most debated fields of social justice and national morals. He supports this conclusion by comparing conditions of a century ago with those of today. He concludes that our contemporary problems are not caused by any inadequacy of democratic institutions, but, instead, are the inevitable aftermath of our successful efforts to solve the problems that dominated the thought of the nineteenth century. In discussing the cause of our phenomenal advance as a nation, he attributes much of our success to the free exercise of individual initiative, and the peculiar genius of enlightened minorities for leadership. He has little use for the prophets of gloom or a philosophy of despair. In fact, he is positive that it is our duty to rear our children in a mental climate characterized by hope and courage.

Such a message of cheer from a scholar, a social worker, a traveller, and a business man of wide interests will be welcomed by the many members of the Woman's Club and their guests on February 7.

Merchants Open Town Wide Sale With Dollar Day Feb. 10

Alcyon Theatre to Screen "Angels With Dirty Faces"

There's so much to laugh at, so much to love, so many things to take away and remember in Shirley Temple's new picture "Just Around the Corner," that even the most glowing comment can hardly do justice either to Shirley or to the delightful show. Among those who share in the fun are Charles Farrell, Joan Davis, Bert Lahr and Bill Robinson, who does a new dance routine with Shirley that surpasses any of their others. On the same program which is showing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, we may see Dick Powell and Olivia De Havilland outdoing each other in the pursuit of laughs in the picture "Hard to Get," and which is certainly not hard to take.

On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the Alcyon is presenting that outstanding film called "Angels With Dirty Faces," which features a splendid cast headed by those two well known stars, James Cagney and Pat O'Brien. The film tells the story of two boys, ordinary, dirty-faced kids, who took opposite roads, one to the shadowy realm of the underworld, the other to the priesthood's serene light. We sincerely believe that this is a great picture.

Bob Hope, of radio fame, and the star whose wit crackles like an exposed high-tension wire, will be stirring things up again at the Alcyon where his new romantic comedy, "Thanks for the Memory," featuring Bob along with Shirley Ross, Burns along with Shirley Ross, Charles Butterworth and Otto Kruger, is to be shown as one of the double-feature attractions on next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The other film is "The Buccaneer," one of the screen's masterpieces which features Frederic March and Margot Grahame. Here indeed is thrilling screen entertainment.

Mrs. Alfred Burdick Injured in Fall

Mrs. Alfred S. Burdick, 344 Oakland road, is recuperating in the Highland Park hospital from injuries received in a fall, last Thursday evening, in Ravinia. She was found by Assistant Chief of Police Martin Kopp lying on the ground at the intersection of Roger Williams and St. Johns avenues, while on squad car patrol. He took her to the Highland Park hospital where she was attended by Dr. Roy A. Crossman.

Mrs. Burdick suffered a dislocated knee cap and a broken bone in her ankle. She had just alighted from a train and was bound for home when the accident occurred.

A town-wide sale of attractive values will be offered Highland Park patrons by the Highland Park Merchants, when their Mid-Winter Offering of Value Days opens February 10th. The sale which begins a week from next Friday will continue to the following Saturday.

This gigantic event will be heralded with the usual semi-annual Dollar Day event, which for many years has been looked forward to as the outstanding value sale of the winter season. For many years Highland Park merchants have striven to offer the local buying public the highest quality of merchandise at a substantial saving on these great semi-annual Dollar Days.

In step with the march of progress, Highland Park's progressive merchants have achieved another constructive idea to again offer their patrons great savings.

Following closely the big semi-annual event, "Dollar Days," another feature is being instituted, known as "Phantom Days." Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be known as "Phantom Days." Customers making purchases amounting to twenty-five cents or over will be entitled to register by ticket, giving each buyer an opportunity to win a Wireless Remote Control, adaptable to any radio set. This instrument will be installed absolutely free of charge to the lucky winner.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the local stores will feature "Kid-die's Day." During this event, any child making a purchase of 25 cents or over will be entitled to register. Adults may likewise participate in this event, by signing the name of some child whom they wish to favor with the opportunity of getting a pedigreed "Scotty" dog, another worth while prize offered during this gigantic mid-winter sale.

Merchants, their employees, and newspaper employees and their families will not be eligible to the above prizes.

"All Club Fair" at Y.W.C.A. Offers Varied Attractions

O. come to the "Y" everybody, for fun,
Heigh Ho, come to the Fair!
You'll do things that maybe you never have done,
Heigh Ho, we'll all be there!

Every member of the Mothers' club, the Friendship club, the "B. Y." club, the Pi Deltas and the Emanon League is working on some detail of the ALL Club Fair to be held from 1:30 until midnight Thursday, February 9, at the local "Y" on Laurel avenue. Everyone is doing more than "her bit" to make sure that all who attend the Fair will have a jolly good time, many good laughs and perhaps return home laden with prizes. For many of the games to be enjoyed they will reward the winner or lucky player with attractive and useful prizes.

In charge of the whole affair, under the general leadership of Mrs. C. Eugene Pfister and Miss Robe, are the following: Grace Newmeyer, Katherine Rafferty, Lucille Schiffer, Mrs. Howard and Dorothy Simpson, while the refreshments are in charge of the Emanon League.

Starting the afternoon's entertainment will be a Dessert Bridge, in charge of the Mothers' club, with the following committee: Mrs. Wehmeyer, Mrs. Gronlund, Mrs. Eitner, Mrs. Rosie, Mrs. Weber, Mrs. W. Gerken, Mrs. Alfred Marks and Mrs. Stupple of the Pi Deltas. They will also take charge of the bakery sale at which many goodies can be purchased at low cost.

The evening will be given over to jollity and wholesome good fun. Mrs. Maitland will act as Tea Cup Fortune Teller, and she is skilled in that subtle art. The Friendship club will run the Fishpond where delightful surprises can be hooked for trifling sums. The "BY's" will have charge of a lively Kono game, while a puppet show will be frequently run off which will delight young and old, by the members of the Pi Delta club throughout the evening.



Cecile Sherman portrays the part of Gretel in the Junior programs, Inc. production of Haensel & Gretel to be given by the combined P.T.A. at Highland Park High school auditorium, Thursday afternoon, February 9th at 8 p.m.

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