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Needs of Local Young People Discussed At Forum March 16

A trained vocational advisor, weekend activities, more evening classes, athletic tournaments, drama groups, club rooms for sports and dances, recreational facilities for young married couples with low incomes, local sports teams—these are some of the needs of the young people of Highland Park as brought out by the seven speakers in the forum held at the annual meeting of the Y.W.C.A., March 16 in the Assembly room.

The two outstanding needs of local youth are:

Miss Minnie Buzard, principal of the high school, are: (1) an experienced vocational advisor with whom students and high school graduates could discuss their problems in finding work and more especially work to which they are fitted, and (2) a definite program of recreational entertainment and a headquarters for it. Seventy-five answers to a questionnaire recently sent out by the high school to young high school graduates listed 53 different "wants" for a young peoples' program.

That the adult education classes here answer a need was brought out by A. N. Thurston, director of Adult Education, who stated that between 200 and 250 people between 18 and 25 years of age are enrolled in classes. They include high school graduates who want to continue studying, those who are employed but wish to improve themselves, or prepare for a change of occupation, and those who want to develop hobbies.

"Basket ball is the most popular sport in the United States, yet there is no single basket ball team in Highland Park except the high school team. There are good basket-ball players in town, but they play on teams from other towns," stated Mr. George Schuechenflug, program director of Community Service. This town needs youth clubs boys clubs, tournaments, basketball and soft ball teams, and opportunities for co-recreation as well as a headquarters for all such activities.

"A great deal is done for young people in our schools. They are taught to dance, play games, and to make friends. But between graduation from high school and the age of 25 they go into a vacuum—they are looking for a group and a means of expression," he continued. "Suggestion for an ideal set up include a lounge library, a game room, a 'dry night club,' a drama group with skilled leadership, and a community committee composed of young people, who knew what was wanted, and older people who could help work out plans."

Mrs. Raymond Flinn, executive secretary of Social Service, told of another group needing help; the young marrieds from 20 to 28 who are handicapped by low wages, and lack of recreational facilities. She advocated community help for these desires, which she believes would make for happier marriages.

The boys and girls of today are pretty fine, in the opinion of Ed Moroney, chief of police. Only two local boys are in state institutions, and they are behaving well there. He emphasized the needs of young people in this town, and stated that most problems begin in the homes which do not recognize these problems. He feels that it is up to the town to provide facilities for recreation and education. "The quicker we start to work out a real program for young people here, the better the town will be," he concluded.

The Rev. H. F. Siemsen of the Bethany Evangelical church spoke of the need of religion in helping young people and the importance of the example set by grown-ups. He feels that the church has a definite program in helping to find a solution for youth-problems.

Mrs. Eugene Pfister, speaking as a member of the Y. W. C. A. Board as well as a mother of a young person, summed up the evidence presented by the speakers and expressed a hope and assurance that a good deal of constructive thinking and planning can not help but come of such clear and open discussion.

about by honest reactions and sincere desires to fill the needs of the youth of the community. The programs, ideas, ideals as well as funds must be pooled and co-ordinated and then redistricted. The Community Chest is significant and demonstrates the idea and efficiency of combined resources. The program for the needs of young people is of necessity a co-operative thing," concluded Mrs. Pfister.

Mrs. E. T. R. Murley introduced the speakers and conducted the question period following the talks. Mrs. Theodore Fischer, president of the Y.W.C.A. was in charge of the brief annual business meeting. Community singing was led by Mr. X, with Mrs. Clifton Hawes accompanying on the piano.

Auxiliary Members Attend Conference In Chicago Mar. 16

Thursday March 16, four representatives from Dumaresq Spencer Auxiliary attended the Annual Patriotic Conference on National Defense and Americanism, which was held in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Sherman in Chicago. This conference was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois. Mrs. George Cassidy, Dept. National Defense Chairman, and Mrs. John Shimkus, Dept. Americanism Chairman, presiding.

With a few well chosen words, Mrs. George Hackenkamp, Dept. President, greeted the audience, and introduced the representatives from patriotic organizations.

After the Processional of Colors, the flags, representing the units throughout Ill., were placed where their gorgeous colors stood out against the black velvet hangings, which formed a background, making a beautiful setting for the afternoon session.

Speakers for the afternoon were introduced in turn, and each had an interesting subject, and delivered it in a most convincing manner. Speakers and their subjects were as follows:

- Greetings—Mrs. T. K. Rinaker, National Vice Pres., Central Div. American Legion Aux.
- Address—Major L. N. Bittinger, Senior Vice Commander, The American Legion, Dept. of Ill. (Major Bittinger attended the North Western Military Academy, which, until its destruction by fire, several years ago, was located on St. Johns Ave., in Highland Park, Ill., he was also a friend of the late Dumaresq Spencer, for whom the Legion Post was named.)
- "Arming for Peace"—Mrs. Byron Miller, National Chairman of National Defense, A. L. Auxiliary.
- "Boys State"—Mr. Robert Clement, 1938 Boys State Governor.
- "The Army"—"One element of National Defense"—Lieutenant Colonel A. B. Hamblen, Assistant Chief of Staff for Military Intelligence.
- "Our Navy"—Lieutenant Colonel A. B. Miller, U. S. Marine Corps.
- "World Events"—Mr. William D. Saltiel, prominent Chicago attorney.
- "Value of High School R.O.T.C."—Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Stephan Van Clay, R.O.T.C. Fenger High School.
- Address—Professor John Haramy, Indiana Central College, Ind.
- "What Adequate National Defense Means to American Youth"—Miss Betty Jane Bridges, Mercy High School.

Staff of Deerfield School Participates in Extension Course

The teachers of the Deerfield Grammar school this semester are participating in an Extension Course in "Problems of Elementary Education." The course is being given by Northwestern university, and is under the guidance of Dr. E. T. McSwain, associate professor of education. It is the purpose of this field work to help the elementary schools to understand their problems and to deal with them in accordance with the best thinking in Elementary Education.

This course has drawn teachers from the North Shore communities of Deerfield, Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Glenoco, and Northbrook. Through the work of the course, teachers from each of these communities are coming together and exchange experiences and ideas and how to deal with problems.

This extension work from Northwestern is given the members of the Deerfield Grammar school staff as additional college credit. In some cases members are finishing the work on a Bachelor's degree and in other cases they are taking advanced work.

The extension course has made a special attempt to relate the course to the immediate problems of the communities on the North Shore. It is felt that this course will be of distinct value to Deerfield in that it will give the staff of the school a wide opportunity to work on common problems with neighboring schools.

Lions Club To See Film of Activities At Meeting Today

Dr. Irving Schur, is in charge of the program to be presented today at the regular meeting of the Lions club which is being held at noon at Hill's tea room. He will show movies of the activities of the local Lions Club and neighboring clubs, taken over a period of ten years. The pictures promise to be intensely interesting.

At last week's meeting District Governor John Rieta delivered an interesting message to the club when he served as guest of honor.

Last Wednesday evening, many of the members enjoyed a stag party and it was generally agreed that an excellent time was had.

Two Women Hurt In Auto Collision

Tuesday afternoon about 3:15 p. m. two persons were injured when a car driven by Mrs. C. G. Merrifield, 1054 Cherokee street, Wilmette, was struck by a car driven by Mrs. G. Hanna of Deerfield avenue as she was making a "U" turn off Central avenue at St. Johns avenue.

Mrs. O. W. Beckwith, 62, of the Wayside Inn, Libertyville, sustained neck injuries and Mrs. Stern, 69, of 1573 Ridge avenue, Evanston, suffered knee injuries. Both were riding with Mrs. Hanna, as was Mrs. T. C. Todd, 70, of Chicago, who escaped injury.

Former Illinois Professor Dies Here

Dr. L. Harrison Mettler, 75, died Monday in the Highland Park hospital. Living at 1119 Sheridan rd., Hubbard Woods, he was a former professor of neurology at the University of Illinois college of medicine. He was formerly attending neurologist at the Cook county hospital and Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home and hospital. He was the author of articles on mental and nervous diseases. His widow, Mrs. Minnie Mettler, and two daughters survive.

Deerfield Stagers Repeat "Candlelight" Apr. 1 in Waukegan

"Candle Light," the rollicking Wodehouse comedy which was presented by the Stagers in Deerfield on February 17, will be repeated with the same cast in the auditorium of the Waukegan Township High school on April 1.

The Stagers feel very fortunate

for two reasons in being able to repeat the production. First, because those people who missed the Deerfield performance because of flu or for other reasons will now have an opportunity to see it. Secondly, because this engagement is the first out-of-town one the group has had and it indicates a growing reputation outside the immediate vicinity of Deerfield.

The plot of the play concerns a valet, played by Aubrey Gould, who has completely submerged his personality in serving his master, the very modern Prince, played by Jack Covington. He is more than at sea when through a comic mix-up he finds himself playing the Prince, with his master serving him.

His main trouble is in making "any real progress" with Marie, portrayed by Mary Jane Galloway, who pays him "a visit—in a nice way, of course." There is more trouble when other interruptions occur, in the persons of an outraged former friend of the Prince's, played by Helen Giss, a furious and suspicious husband, Allan Tennis, and a garrulous waiter, Philip Tennis. The cast is rounded out by a Baroness, Lois Clark, who winds things up at the end, and a chauffeur, Robert Laudau.

The Waukegan performance will be sponsored by the Junior Organization.

will rise at 8 p.m. and tickets may be obtained from Mrs. William Galloway, Mrs. Vernon Giss, or at the door.

Two Soldiers Held To Grand Jury For Wrecking Stolen Car

Two Fort Sheridan privates are in the county jail at Waukegan, facing grand jury action on a charge of automobile larceny.

The soldiers, Joseph Petreasukas and Ross F. Knephield, both of Chicago, were ordered imprisoned in lieu of a \$5,000 bond each after a preliminary hearing before Police Magistrate Joseph Ariano in Highland Monday.

Petreasukas has been in custody since early Friday when Highland Park police found him injured in a wrecked car at Green Bay road and Vine avenue. Investigation disclosed the car had been stolen from Fidel Ghini in front of his tavern at 256 Railway avenue, Highwood.

Witnesses said another soldier had fled from the scene after the accident. Petreasukas explained that the "soldier" was a cab driver who had given him a ride.

Skeptical Highwood police questioned him continually for 24 hours. Sunday night he admitted that his companion was Knephield. The latter was apprehended at Fort Sheridan. Monday both signed confessions.

Drinking heavily, the privates were taken to a tavern in Chicago. In front of a tavern was a new sedan. The keys were in it. Petreasukas climbed in the driver's seat and they drove away.

A mile south on Green Bay road he lost control of the car when he ricocheted off a curb to avoid striking a taxicab. The sedan struck a light pole, knocking Petreasukas unconscious.

Knephield, uninjured, slid out of the door and walked south on Green Bay road. Ducking behind a nearby building he pondered a minute and then decided to walk back to the scene to learn if his companion had been hurt.

A crowd around the wrecked automobile caused the soldier to change his mind. Via alleys, he reached the Highland Park station of the North Shore line, where he caught a train for Fort Sheridan.

Chicago Woman Found Wandering Here; Returned Home

Mrs. M. Lepecki, 50 years of age, 4513 Sunnyside avenue, Chicago, was picked up in Highland Park at 6:15 o'clock yesterday morning by the local police. She had been missing from her home in Chicago since 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. She was turned over to her son Edmund, with whom she lived.

Young Republican Club Meets March 24


The Highland Park Young Republican club will meet Friday evening, March 24th in the Sher-Park building. An interesting program is planned followed by refreshments.

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