

Looking Backward

at progressive Highland Park through the files of The Press

TWENTY YEARS AGO

July 17, 1919
 Betty Card, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Card, passed away July 12 following a year's illness. . . . C. E. Geary has enlarged his bakery shop and rearranged the interior in a most attractive manner. . . . The marriage of Miss Esther Ruth Groncke of Racine, Wis., and Mr. Ralph Gerken of this city, took place July 9. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heydeck of Chadwick, Ill., announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, July 9. . . . Dr. R. B. Jacks has purchased the Hogan residence in Highland. . . . The John Grants of Glencoe, formerly of this city, are the parents of a son, born July 13. . . . Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Margaret Webster and Louis Miller, which took place Monday evening.

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July 18, 1929
 Archibald Leslie McPherson died Tuesday at Dawson, New Mexico, from the effects of injuries received in an auto accident there Sunday evening as he and his family were driving here from California to re-establish their home in this city. . . . Mr. H. F. Kelley, who has been manager and a member of the H. M. Prior Co. for several years, has taken over complete control of the business. . . . Harry H. Bentley has been awarded first place in the Builders Exposition Contest. . . . Mrs. Wm. Rohr of Lake Forest announces the marriage of her sister, Miss Mary Kilkenny, to Mr. Albert Buscher of Winnetka, July 10. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wolf of Carroll court are the proud parents of a daughter, born Saturday. . . . Mr. and Mrs. William Leyton Harrison announce the marriage of their daughter Frances Virginia to Mr. William Elmer Schultz of Chicago, July 1. . . . Mr. L. N. Berube and daughters left Thursday to visit relatives in Montreal, Canada.

Many Trees Damaged in This Locality

Whoever still believes the cicada—the 17-year locust—is harmless should visit the woods on both sides of Route 42 between Highland Park and Lake Forest.

The recent infestation of the insect in this section has destroyed thousands of oak trees in the wooded plot of several hundred acres.

Brown, withered, drooping leaves that speak of autumn rather than this season when ordinarily the foliage is most luxuriant are mute evidence of the terrible ravages of the cicada.

Although not voracious like the locusts that have virtually eaten the western plains, their destruction is none the less the result of a biological function.

Prof. J. Walter Hudson explained the oak tree plague extends over the entire Northern Illinois area.

The female cicada uses her ovipositor, or egg-depositor, to split twigs on trees in which she lays her eggs. Often there are so many splits in a young branch that the

sap drains out, killing the leaves, twigs, and branch. It takes about a year for a tree to recover from these injuries.

Young Baseball Players Invited to Enroll in Camp

Young baseball players from Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan who are hopeful of playing professional baseball will invade Battle Creek, Mich., July 24. They will have an opportunity to show their ability to St. Louis Cardinal scouts during the Try-Out Camp July 24-29.

Enrollment is free. Players simply report at John W. Bailey Park, Battle Creek, at 9 o'clock Monday morning, July 24 with uniform, shoes and glove, prepared to pay their own expenses while in camp and transportation in case no contract is offered. If players are offered, and sign a contract, all expenses to the camp, including transportation, board and room, will be refunded.

Battle Creek was selected as a central location for the states mentioned, together with the fact that one park operated by the Civic Recreation Department has six baseball diamonds better than most minor and as good as some of the major league parks. In addition, the attention of amateur players has naturally been focused on Battle Creek because it has been the site of the National Amateur Baseball Tournament for the past two years.

Trips through the food plants and to other points of interest will be arranged for players attending the camp.

The camp will be in charge of Robert L. Finch, vice president of the Cardinal minor league clubs; Joe Mathes, former major league infielder; and Wid Matthews, former major league outfielder.

Marriage Regulations for Enlisted Men

"Due to recent changes being brought about in the Army by increases in personnel, transfer of units to other posts, and consolidation efforts, a situation has developed among our married enlisted men," said Brigadier General Karl Truesdell, commanding Fort Sheridan, "which has worked a hardship on them, as well as on their families, causing the War Department to make drastic changes in previous regulations governing their marital status and its official sanction. The new regulations became effective June 30, 1939. However, the interpretation of these regulations has caused some misunderstanding, and I am glad to clarify the situation for men contemplating re-enlisting and those enlisting for the first time, as well as for the public.

"It has been found that due to insufficient quarters for married personnel on Army posts, caused by inadequate housing facilities, many married men authorized quarters

have to live outside the post in a civilian community, at a cost in excess of their rate of pay. Furthermore, when men are transferred from post to post for the good of the service a change in the family income may occur, or lack of housing may exist on the new post, resulting in financial worries, thus lowering the efficiency of the man involved and bringing a hardship on his family.

"This situation has been greatly aggravated recently, due to the influx of additional personnel and concentration of regiments at one post. The War Department has directed, therefore, that only enlisted men of the first three grades, comprising master sergeants, technical sergeants, staff sergeants, and first sergeants, who are in a position to support a family, will be permitted to marry under the new regulation. Upon proof of marriage without permission subsequent to June 30, 1939, of any enlisted man below the first three grades, commanding officers will immediately discharge the man concerned."

The War Department believes that the new regulations will increase the efficiency of the Army, as enlisted personnel with inadequate pay will not be burdened with family responsibilities. In addition, the immediate return to civil life of those who do marry will enable these families at once to begin the establishment of their new home and to work out under favorable conditions the added problems which marriage imposes.

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 1st Lieut., 12th Brigade (ADC),
 Publicity Officer.

Several Positions Available Under Civil Service Exams

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions named below. Applications must be on file in the Commission's office, Washington, D. C., not later than the dates indicated. The first date given applies if applications

are received from states east of Colorado; the second date applies if applications are received from Colorado and states westward.

The closing dates for the first three examinations are July 31 and August 3, 1939.

Senior inspector, \$2,000 a year, inspector, \$2,000 a year (optional branches are ship construction, and engineering materials,) also junior inspector, aircraft, \$1,620 a year. Employment is in the Navy Department, for duty in the field. Applicants for the junior grade must not have passed their 35th, and for the other grades they must not have passed their 53rd birthday.

Farm agent, \$1,800 a year, Indian Field Service, Department of the Interior. Applicants must not have passed their 48th birthday.

Meteorologist, \$3,800 a year, associate meteorologist, \$3,200 a year, and assistant meteorologist, \$2,600 a year, Weather Bureau, Department of Agriculture. Applicants for the assistant grade must not have passed their 45th, and for the other grades they must not have passed their 53rd birthday.

Junior bank examiner, \$2,000 a year, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Certain education or banking experience is required. Applicants must have reached their 23rd but must not have passed their 35th birthday. The closing dates are July 24 and July 27 1939.

Full information may be obtained from R. F. Sieffert, Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office in this city, or from the Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners at any first or second-class post office.

People are sometimes surprised to find that a careless workman or some inexperienced person has substituted an oversize fuse or inserted a penny in the fuse socket of their home. Thus all protection has been removed. To prevent tampering, manufacturers have developed fustats, a new kind of fuse, which also eliminates needless blowing under temporary overloads.

125 Reunions Planned for American Legion Convention Sept. 25-28

With more than 125 reunions planned for the American Legion 1939 National Convention in Chicago, Sept. 25 through 28, North Shore Legionnaires assigned to this important part of the convention program will be particularly active.

Three of the five veterans serving under Major Stanley R. McNeil, reunions committee chairman, are residents of Wilmette and Evanston. They are Ernest Cramer, 1216 Sixteenth street, Wilmette, and Dr. Leonard Munson, 60 Main street, Evanston, both members of Evanston Post No. 42, the American Legion, and William N. Edwards, 422 Greenleaf street, Evanston, a member of Chipilly Post No. 10.

Other members of the reunions committee are Al G. Grant, 8018 Evans avenue, Chicago, a member of the 14th Engineers Veterans Association, and D. E. Benjamin, 4116

West Monroe street, a past commander of Northwestern Post.

All have been active in American Legion and military affairs for many years. Major McNeil, who lives at 112 Columbia avenue, Chicago, is active on the staff of the Adjutant General's Department, Illinois National Guard, and will leave shortly for the annual state encampment of national guard troops at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.

Besides his duties as a member of the reunions committee, Edwards, former squadron commander in the Spruce Production division will attempt to shape his former comrades into a permanent organization, holding its first reunion since Armistice Day, 1918, at the Legion convention.

Grass Stains—To remove grass stains from flannel trousers wrap a piece of clean rag round your finger, moisten it with methylated spirit and rub the stains lightly. Keep changing the rag and finally wash the mark with clear water.

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