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Comments

With the old City hall property disposed of and with no additional wild rumors in regard to the location of the new incinerator to contend with, the City Council moved through Monday evening's session with little of moment to interrupt the even tenor of its way. By the size of the number of visitors on hand it soon became apparent that the citizens of the community were more interested in the progress made by St. Nicholas in his journey from the North Pole than in the trials and tribulations of the city's officials. Even the council, itself, who raced through their meeting in record time, showed signs of impatience to get the thing over with and get about their Christmas shopping. Then, too, a natural let-down from the two previous meetings, when the incinerator problem and the sale of the old City hall property were up for rather intense discussion, was more or less inevitable.

Following the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting by City Clerk Musser, Mayor Ronan called for reports from the Commissioners. No reports were proffered with the exception of one by Commissioner Swanson. Mr. Swanson stated that the new Deerfield Ave. bridge light was in place and from all reports was a decided improvement over the old one. He also said that the improvement made to increase parking facilities on Sheridan road, north of the post office was already bearing fruit. The removal of the parkway at this point has allowed parking places for 32 more cars.

In this report, Commissioner Swanson recommended the moving of the taxi cab stand on Central Ave. back to its old location on St. Johns Ave. He indicated that as head of the department of streets he had received innumerable complaints concerning the activity of cabs at the present location of their stand. The others members of the council, while sympathetic with any suggestion that would improve existing conditions, were of the opinion that nothing constructive could be gained by returning the stand to its old location. It was pointed out that St. Johns Ave. was crowded enough as it is without adding to its already overtaxed load of motor vehicles. Chief of Police Moroney when asked his opinion about the proposed change stated that he viewed the taxicabs and their stand problem as a necessary evil. The "U" turns made by the cabs from the south side of Central to the north side, which was the cause of many complaints, was in his opinion necessary to allow the drivers to keep their relative positions in line for fares. A suggestion was made that the cabs be made to circle the block in place of making a "U" turn, but here again Chief Moroney pointed out that such a move would be a detriment in the promotion of safety. This procedure, he added, would jeopardize the safety of pedestrians on four corners and the intervening streets rather than the one spot involved in a "U" turn. He stated that to date there has been no accidents at the stand's present location and that he would not strongly advise making a change at this time. Mayor Ronan ended the discussion on this particular problem by stating the council would let the matter rest until a more feasible plan was presented.

Commissioner Swanson suggested that some sort of a weight limit be placed on trucks crossing the bridges on Clavey road and West Park Ave. Heavy trucks, he said, were using these two thoroughfares as short

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Dumaresq Spencer Post Meets Tonight

The next regular meeting to the Dumaresq Spencer Post of the American Legion will be held in the Legion hall Thursday, Dec. 21. The Legion's own Santa Claus, Henry Hansen, will be on hand. All members are urged to attend for a special election.

John Peters, chairman of the bonus party held at the Labor Temple December 15, wishes to thank all those who helped to make this a very successful event.

Chairman, Edwin L. Gilroy advises that the annual Children's Christmas party will be held at the Elm Place school auditorium Friday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m. Some two hundred and fifty children have been invited to be the guests of the party which is sponsored by the Community Chest, Social Service, Women's clubs, Legion Auxiliary and the Legion.

Cantata by Bethany Choir Sunday Morning

The choir of the Bethany Evangelical church, under the direction of Mrs. L. R. Hawley will present its annual Christmas cantata on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock worship service. They will present Nevin's Incarnation and Adoration, with special arrangements by Mrs. Hawley. A cordial invitation is extended all who are not worshipping elsewhere to share in this special Christmas music. The following program will be carried out:

- Prelude—Mrs. Miles Dressler
- Processional Hymn
- Invocation in Unison, followed by Choral Adoration
- Baptismal Service
- Reading of the Scriptures
- Hymn
- Prayer
- Choral Response
- Offertory
- Presentation
- Cantata
- Chorus—"O Come all ye faithful"
- Alto Solo—"Behold a Virgin shall conceive"
- Mrs. Miles Dressler
- Ladies Chorus—"In Reverent Awe and State"
- Soprano Solo—"Sleep Holy Child," and Chorus
- Men's Chorus—"The sweeping through the arch of night"
- Chorus—"Softly the star light"
- Soprano Solo—"Lo the Angel of the Lord"
- Miss Margaret Moldaner
- Chorus—"Glory to God in the Highest"
- Alto Solo and Chorus—"Hushed at length the gracious song"
- Chorus—"Christian awake and greet the happy morn"
- Prayer
- Recessional
- Benediction
- Choral Blessing
- Postlude.

"Four Feathers" All Technicolor Film on Alcyon Screen

Honest-to-goodness thrills and highly emotional drama are in store for Alcyon patrons when they witness the comedy-drama "Made For Each Other" showing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Carole Lombard, looking more beautiful and arresting than ever, plays a straight dramatic role stirring and brilliantly. James Stewart as co-star makes this picture an occasion that is not to be missed by the discriminating film-goer.

The merry romantic adventures of a madcap heiress who runs out on her fortune and into a roving reporter who's out to get her story but comes back with her heart, are gaily depicted in "There Goes My Heart," in which Fredric March and Virginia Bruce romp into the Alcyon theater for Sunday only, this week. Certainly no more spectacular and brilliant offering than "Four Feathers" has yet been presented by Alexander Korda, for it dramatizes a stirring story of heroism against authentic desert backgrounds superbly photographed in brilliant Technicolor. Outstanding performances are turned in by John Clements as the hero who redeems himself, by June Duprez and Ralph Richardson who is still remembered for his fine work in "The Citadel."

Robert Shepard Is Killed Instantly in Auto Crash Saturday

Robert Shepard, 37, of 860 Taylor avenue, was killed instantly and his companion, Donald Bocox, 29, of 1606 Belvidere street, Waukegan, suffered a fracture of the third vertebra in his neck, when their car crashed into a utilities pole in Lake Forest and overturned Saturday night.

The two were driving north on Waukegan road when Shepard lost control of his car while negotiating a curve at Teter's Bend, just inside the Lake Forest city limits. The auto crashed off the pavement, snapped off a telephone pole and stopped with its wheels in the air.

Bocox is said to be in satisfactory condition at Alice Home hospital where he was taken after the accident.

Shepard, thrown from his auto, was found dead 65 feet from the demolished vehicle. Bocox was found walking in his stocking feet in a dazed condition along the road near the wreck.

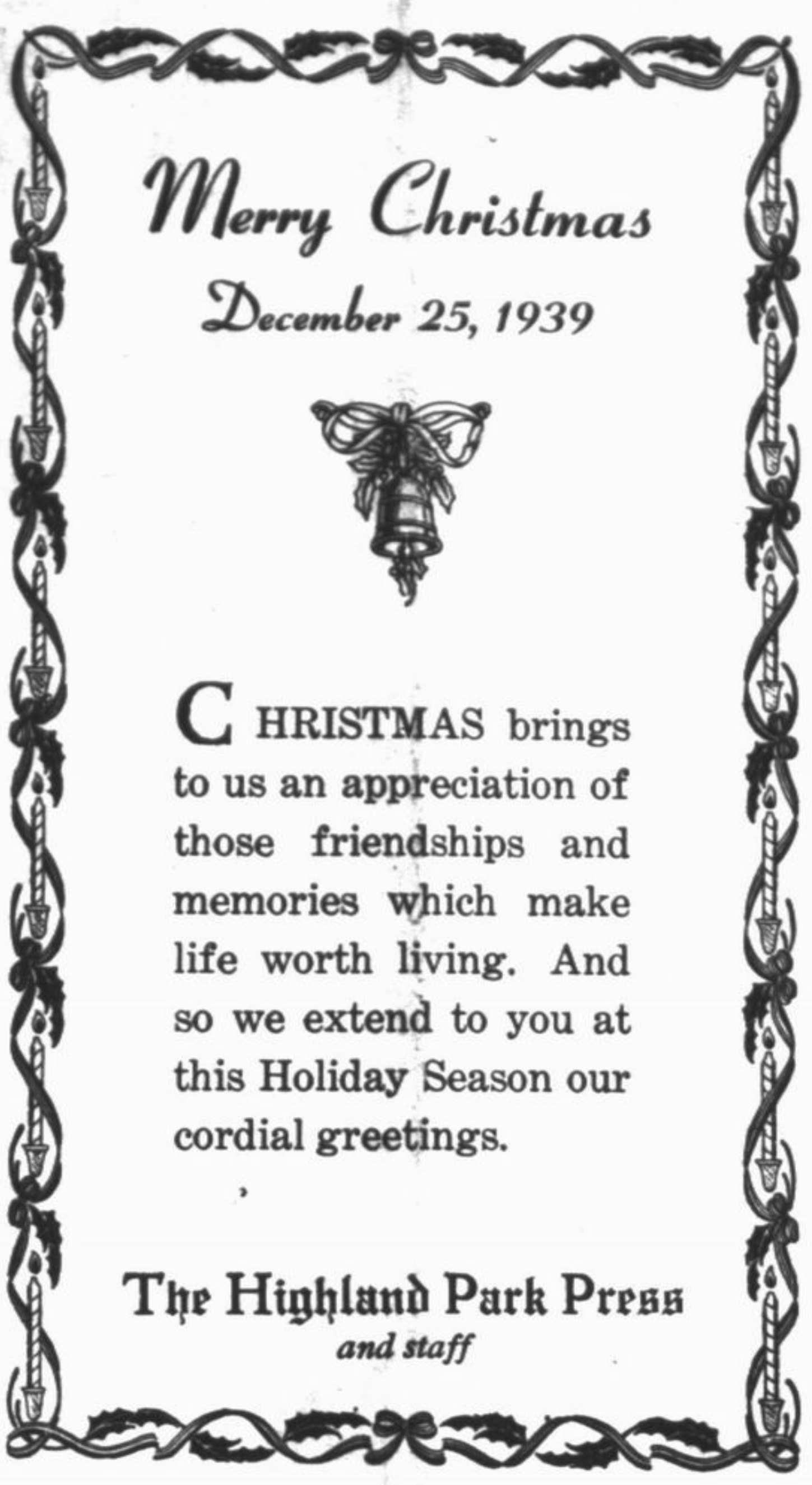
An inquest was continued indefinitely pending the recovery of Bocox.

Shepard's body was shipped from Seguin and Logan funeral home to Biggsville, Ill., where funeral services were held Tuesday.

Mr. Shepard, who was employed by the Antes Sign company, is survived by a wife, Evelyn, and two children by a former marriage.

Postpone Meetings of Red Cross on Friday, January 5

The Highland Park unit of the American Red Cross voted at its last meeting not to meet again until the first Friday in January. On the fifth of January all-day meetings will start again at Trinity Church parish. Hours from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Coffee will be served.



Merry Christmas

December 25, 1939

CHRISTMAS brings to us an appreciation of those friendships and memories which make life worth living. And so we extend to you at this Holiday Season our cordial greetings.

The Highland Park Press
and staff

Benefit Movie To Aid Food Problem Of Local Needy

At this season managers of movie theatres cooperate with welfare agencies in meeting the food problem of local families in need of aid.

Highland Park citizens are generous—they also believe in system. Through the offices of the township supervisor and the Highland Park Social Service (both are in one building and cooperate in their work), no worthy family in Deerfield township need be hungry or cold.

At this season of the year many individual families respond to the Christmas spirit and share their bounty with those less fortunate and send a Christmas basket. These should "clear" through the Highland Park Social Service and avoid duplication and insure Christmas cheer for many families.

Because the Christmas season is amply cared for and because it is followed by the coldest and hardest three months of the year, our benefit movie so generously sponsored by Mr. William Pearl, owner of the Alcyon theatre, is planned to provide an emergency store room for those border-line cases who wait until no other course is open but to ask for aid—then prior to the establishment of eligibility for township aid, the Highland Park Social Service can give from this store and every child or adult who attends this benefit matinee will have contributed to this cause.

Picture—"The Spirit of Culver," featuring Jackie Cooper and Freddie Bartholomew.

Admission—Non-Perishable Food stuff—no money required. This will be stored by the Highland Park Social Service and distributed by them where needed.

Presbyterian Church Holds Carol Singing Service, Sunday

Next Sunday, December 24, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon the Presbyterian church will have an informal carol singing service. This will be practically the same type of service that was so greatly enjoyed by everybody on Christmas day last year. It is a service given over largely to singing the traditional carols of the Christmas season.

As this is the last service before the present pulpit will be removed for the installation of the Bard Memorial Chancel, there will be a very brief Service of Remembrance.

Local Elementary Schools Institute Health Program

For sometime the elementary schools of Highland Park, including both Districts 107 and 108, have been studying ways and means of improving their school health program. These schools at all times try to help children acquire and maintain healthy bodies. This is done through constant attention to a healthy school environment, through a well-rounded physical education program, and through the work of the school nurses.

However, the work of the teachers and of the school nurses has often been handicapped through lack of information concerning the health of the children. There has been no plan of securing adequate physical examinations by physicians, and no plan whereby the schools could receive reports from physicians in those cases where an annual examination is considered family routine.

In working out a plan an effort has been made to keep in line with the best thought and practice of the more forward looking schools of the country. The unqualified approval and cooperation of the local physicians has been secured. Both elementary school districts are carrying on this program together. Letters explaining the plan went to all parents last week. Briefly the plan is as follows:

Each school child should have a complete physical examination by family physician. The physician will report the results to the school. The report of the physician will be transferred to the child's permanent cumulative health record card, which will follow him through school. Immunization to small-pox by vaccination and to diphtheria by administration of toxin-antitoxin is urged. Frequent and regular check-up by the family dentist is strongly recommended.

Parents who cannot afford to have the family physician make this examination or who have no family physician should get in touch with the school nurses. They will be glad to help parents make arrangements for the examination.

Children whose parents object to such examinations on religious grounds will be excused upon receipt of written request from the parents.

The schools feel that this is a definite forward step in improving the work of the Highland Park public schools. The success of the program depends largely upon the support and cooperation it receives

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Community Chorus Christmas Concert to Be Held Dec. 27

All music lovers are invited to attend the Christmas concert to be given by the Highland Park Community Chorus at the Woman's Club auditorium, corner of Sheridan road and Elm place, Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 8:15 p.m.

The program is as follows:
Director—Professor Louis O. Palmer
Accompanist—Miss Helen Taylor
Cantata—"When the Christ Child Came"

Chorus
Solo—"I know a Lovely Garden"—D'Hardlot
Kenneth C. Bennett

Quartette—"Morning Star"
"Silent Night"

Solo—"Cantique de Noel"—Adam

Cantata—"Child Jesus"—Clokey
Chorus

Cantata Soloists—Mrs. F. J. Spalding, Miss Margarette Moldaner, Miss Dorothy Westbay, Daniel Cobb, Jr., Frank Ronan, Jr.

Quartette—Mrs. Fred Okey, Mrs. George J. Hinn, K. C. Bennett, William Howard.

Personal of Chorus:
Soprano—Mrs. F. D. Austin, Mrs. aGrfield Canright, Mrs. E. A. Jenkins, Mrs. Fred Okey, Mrs. William Pearce, Mrs. Louisa Schummel, Mrs. Harid Simpson, Miss Edna Brooks, Miss Frances Drabert, Miss Margarette Moldaner, Miss Elizabeth Morris, Mrs. Grace Ritsenthaler, Miss Dorothy Westbay.

Alto—Mrs. George J. Hinn, Mrs. William Howard, Mrs. F. J. Spalding, Mrs. Edward Wallace, Miss Jeannette Best, Miss Cyrena Longstreth, Miss Irene Slenrth, Tenor—Kenneth C. Bennett, Walter Meierhoff, William Pearce, Frank Ronan, Jr., Jack Venema.

Base—Daniel Cobb, Jr., Garfield Canright, William Howard, T. H. Morris.

There will be no admission charge. Children must be accompanied by adults.

Christmas Vesper to Be Held Sunday

"When the Star Shown," a pageant, will be presented by the people and children of the Bethany Evangelical Sunday school Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The program is under the direction of Mrs. O. K. Wessling, Mrs. Warren Hintz, Mrs. Grant Benson and Miss Helen Hill. The pageant closes with an appeal to the audience to present their White gifts for the Children's Home at Flat Rock. A cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends of the parish. The following characters will participate:

Mrs. Goodheart—Joan Letson.
Carolyn—Donna Mae Siemsen.
Amy—Elsie Braye.
Bobby—Danny Davitt.
David—Allen Stratford.
Maggie, a Maid—Mary Montgomery.

Anna—Audrey Wessling.
Benjamin—Billy Kreh.
Claudia—Valerie Vetter.
Daniel—Gordon Anderson.
Deborah—Joyce Norkett.
Little Sister—Shirley Noerenberg.
Two Angels—Meryl Olson and Janice Wilson.

Madama—Betty Lou Benson.
Groups from the Junior, Primary and Beginners Depts. of the S.S. Junior choir.

Ingram Rasmussen at H.P. Hospital; Condition Is Good

The condition of Ingram Rasmussen, proprietor of Rasmussen shoe store, who sustained a cracked vertebra in an automobile accident at Skokie Blvd. and Onwentsia road, Lake Forest, a week ago, was reported good at Highland Park hospital where he was brought Tuesday, and will remain for some weeks. Mr. Rasmussen was taken to Alice Home hospital in Lake Forest following the accident but was removed to Highland Park hospital early this week.

Rasmussen and James Reedy, 374 Bloom street, were riding in a car driven by H. K. Van Guilder, 828 S. St. Johns avenue, when a truck forced them to swerve off the road near Lake Forest. Neither Reedy or Van Guilder was hurt.

Unusual Accident For Target Pilot

Here's Highwood's entry in any unusual accident contest. Yesterday an army airplane engaged in towing sleeve targets for anti-aircraft practice at Fort Sheridan lost its target.

The 1,000-foot chain attaching the silk bag to the plane no longer was taut and fell to the ground, apparently unbeknownst to the pilot.

As the craft flew over the North Shore line tracks, near the Socony-Vacuum oil tanks on Waukegan avenue the end of the chain touched a "high-wire."

A terrific flash accompanied by a whirring roar resulted as the wire was shorted. The pilot thus became aware of the accident and landed. Inasmuch as the wire was not a trolley one, traffic on the North Shore was not delayed.

Churches To Hold Special Services Sunday--Monday

"We hear the Christmas Angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel!"

As is customary with all Christian denominations, the churches of Highland Park will celebrate the birth of Christ with appropriate services Sunday, (the day before Christmas) and Christmas Day.

If you are a newcomer to Highland Park and are not affiliated with any church here, yet would like to partake in a Christmas service, an invitation is extended by these various denominations to visit one or as many church services as you may desire.

Following are the programs to be presented in the various churches this coming week-end.

Trinity Episcopal Church
Christmas Eve (Sunday) 7:30 p.m. Plain celebrations of the Holy Communion (in the chapel).
4:00 p.m. The Church school service of lights and presentation of the Avent offering. The Girl's choir will sing.

11 p.m. The Midnight Eucharist. The Parish choir will sing. Bishop McElwaine of Evanston will assist the Rev. Christoph Keller at communion.

Monday: (Christmas Day) 10:30 a.m. The Boy's and Men's choir will sing.

Presbyterian Church
The Junior and Young People's departments will present a Christmas program in the Assembly room at 9:30 a.m. At 10 o'clock the Juniors will return to their departments where Mrs. Earl Gsell will tell a Christmas story and the boys and girls will conclude with their Christmas party. The Primary children have planned a special Christmas program at 11 o'clock. The morning worship will be held at 11 o'clock with lovely music by the choir and quartet. Dr. Sherwin will preach. An informal carol singing service will be held at the church at 5 o'clock.

New North Shore Orchestra Makes Its Debut Tuesday

A new North Shore orchestra, "The Friends of Music," composed of leading amateur musicians, made its informal debut Tuesday evening at the Winnetka Community House. Playing for an invited group of friends in Christmas music, and joined by the North Shore Choral society and finally by the audience itself in Christmas carols, the 25 instrumentalists declared their intention of offering North Shore players a rallying point which corresponds to the Chicago Businessmen's Orchestra for Chicago amateurs, or the North Shore Choral society for singers.

The program included a Christmas Symphony by Schiassi, written for Christmas of the year 1724, and a Handel Concerto in which solo parts were taken by Natalie Parker and Robert Gibson, violins and Adrian Verbruggen, cello. The Choral society, under the direction of Madi Bacon, sang "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place," from Brahms' Requiem, and both groups joined in a Bach Cantata, "Great Lord and David's Son."

Kurt Herbert Adler of the Chicago Civic Opera is conductor of the new group. Adler was, prior to the Hitler regime, an opera conductor in Prague and various German cities. His debut at the Chicago opera, in Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel," was hailed last week with delight by Chicago critics. He is only 34 years old, and there seems every indication that his exile from Nazi Germany marks the advent of a first class talent to Chicago musical circles.

The first formal appearance of the "Friends of Music" is planned for a festival concert on February ninth at the Winnetka Community House. Several organizations will join in this concert, and the orchestra will again unite with the North Shore Choral society in a Bach cantata, "Sleepers Wake!", in addition to separate appearances. The first year of the orchestra is being devoted to the development of the string section, using only players of wind instruments who are capable of holding up their end in comparison with good violinists, violas, cellos and basses. The number will be limited in order to promote coherence in playing.

Highland Park has contributed several members to the newly founded group. Alfred Pfanstiel,

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