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FINNISH RELIEF FUND!
Mayor Ronan has been placed in charge of the collection of funds for Finnish Relief in the Highland Park area. However, he requests that all donations to this fund be made out to the "Finnish Relief Fund" and sent to the First National Bank of Highland Park where they will be turned over to the proper agencies.

With the holidays a thing of past record the City Council returned to its regular Monday evening meeting schedule with renewed zest. All members were present and accounted for when Mayor Ronan officially called the session to order. The audience was neither unduly large nor interrogating which lends credence to the theory that the City Fathers are standing in pretty well with their constituents. When there isn't some group or other to storm the portals of the council room of a Monday evening you may rest assured things are running pretty smoothly.

The first order of procedure following the reading and approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting was the reading of a letter by City Clerk Musser from the Chamber of Commerce congratulating the city on the Sheridan road and Central avenue street improvements. This letter was followed by a second epistle in which the Highland Park Social Service committee thanked the city for its eight years tenancy of quarters in the old City Hall building. The Social Service committee informed the city that it was vacating its space in the building by January 15 and that it wished to take this opportunity of expressing its appreciation for the many courtesies extended it by the municipality.

Commissioner Sharp opened his report by strongly urging that every resident in Highland Park that was delinquent in the payment of his water bill, reimburse the city at the earliest possible moment. Mr. Sharp stated that the city stood to lose some ten percent of its revenue from the sale of water to Highwood, due to that community building its own plant and that the local water department would be further handicapped if unpaid water bills were allowed to run beyond a reasonable length of time. Commissioner Sharp decried the laxity in the past that permitted the running up of unpaid water bills to an almost unbelievable amount. He cited the case of one family who had a bill against it for \$140. Mr. Sharp strongly urged the collection of water bills before they reached the point—as in the above case—where payment for all practical purposes, was impossible.

Commissioner Swanson stated that he had received a complaint from a resident of the Braeside area in which a request was made for the installation and repair of a sidewalk extending from Sheridan road along County Line road to the railroad tracks. The council instructed the city attorney to contact the property owners over whose property this route progressed to see what could be done about remedying the situation.

Commissioner Swanson urged that something be done to prevent contractors and home owners from wantonly breaking up the city's curbs to suit their own whims. He stated that he stopped one party in the act of breaking a curb without a permit in south Ravinia last week. As a remedy, city officials are working on a specific ordinance which calls for a permit to be purchased at a nominal fee. Under this ordinance all breaking of curbs is done according to the city's specifications. Mr. Swanson pointed out that Glencoe had such an ordinance in effect and that it not only provided the city with an additional source of revenue but that it completely did away with hap-hazard curb breaking.

Commissioner Swanson obtained the approval of the council on a plan setting the vehicle tax deadline for March 1. Sometime in February notices will be sent out stating that all automobile owners not paying their vehicle tax by that date will be subject to fine.

The taxicab problem arose again to haunt the council when Commissioner Swanson stated he was receiving more and more complaints about overloading of the taxi stand and constant shuttling of the cabs back and forth from their office to the stand. He stated that he counted 11 cabs at the stand on one occasion when the city ordinance only allowed three for each of the two companies. Mr. Swanson was requested by the council to further

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Wonders of America Ends Dr. Watson's Travel Series Jan. 16

The fifth and last of Dr. Dudley Crafts Watson's travel symphonies at the Highland Park High School Auditorium will be presented at 8:15 Tuesday evening, January 16. Dr. Watson begins with the Wonder City, New York, and its glittering World's Fair. His motion pictures of the Fair's Fountains of light and fire and of New York's Gay White Way are unsurpassed.

Flying westward, Dr. Watson stops at Pittsburgh, Columbus, Cincinnati, Chicago, Highland Park, Lincoln, and Tulsa. Contrasting the dust bowl with the fabulous corn belt, the vast wheat fields, and the cattle ranges, he takes his audience to the Black Hills, the Sioux Indian reservations, Yellowstone and Glacier Park.

The Columbia River with Grand Coulee and Bonneville Dams marks the way through the majestic Cascades to the Pacific coast. Mt. Ranier with the Forest Empire and a thrilling forest fire, and finally San Francisco with its new bridges and the beautiful Golden Gate Exposition, bring this colorful lecture of the abundant life, art and scenery of America to its close.

Dr. Watson presents this symphony by means of hand colored slides, koda-chrome stills, and movies, and a veritable concert of American music.

Record 11 Deaths Due to Accidents During Year Past

Eleven deaths attributed to accident were recorded in Highland Park during the year 1939. Of these only three were caused by auto accidents, while the balance were due to monoxide poisoning, trains, burns, suffocation, suicide, and drowning. Of the 336 accidents reported, 216 of these occurred in daylight while 120 took place at night time. This rather refutes the statement that most accidents occur at night time. There were 101 accidents at intersections, 236 between intersections and 39 single accidents.

Eighty-eight persons were injured in accidents with 73 hospital cases and 15 examined at doctors' offices. Of this number 82 were adults and 16 children. The accidents were classified as follows: 8 between auto and train; 9 between auto and pedestrian; 7 between bicycle and auto; 5, auto and motorcycle; 1 train and pedestrian; 6, auto and R.R. gates; and 16 miscellaneous accidents.

Ninety-two persons suffered dog bites, while 7 were victims of hit and run drivers, 21 of drunken drivers, and 1 attempted suicide. The above record could not be termed very unfavorable for a community as large as this, but it is hoped that during the coming year, casualties and accidents may be reported at a much lower figure.

Monthly Meeting Of Infant Welfare Society, January 22

The monthly meeting of the Highland Park-Ravinia Center of the Infant Welfare society will be held on Monday, Jan. 22, at ten o'clock, at the home of Mrs. E. L. Andrews, 234 Laurel avenue.

The annual meeting of the Infant Welfare society will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 31st, at the Stevens hotel. The morning session will be devoted to the Center and Station reports and will be followed by luncheon and some brief talks by members of the board of directors.

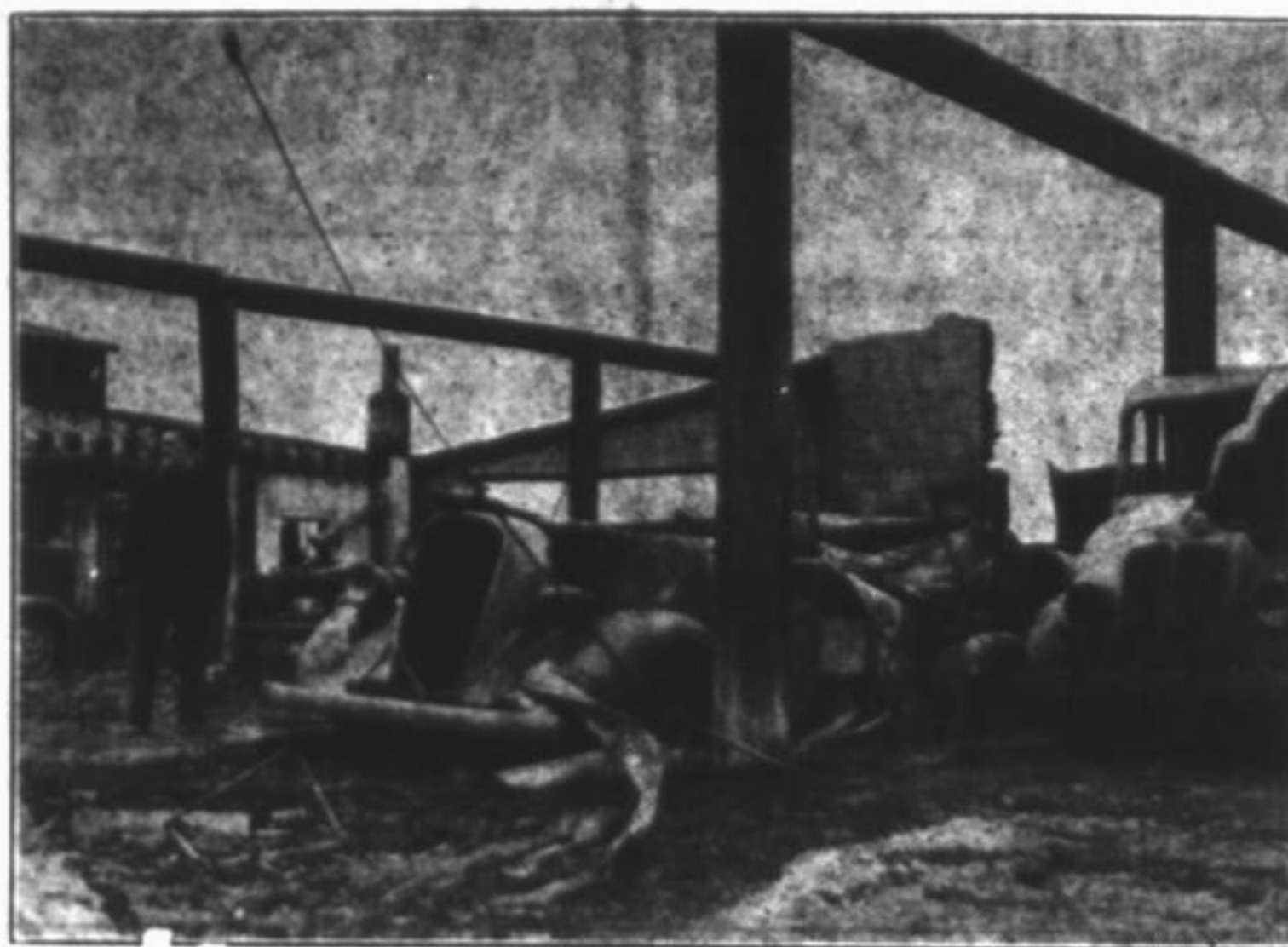
Announce Lecture on Christian Science

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Highland Park, announces a free lecture on "Christian Science" by Thomas E. Hurley, C.S.B., of Louisville, Ky., to be given Friday evening, January 12, at 8 o'clock in Elm Place school auditorium. Mr. Hurley is a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

Ravinia Woman's Club Announces Date For Dinner Dance

Those who have been impatiently looking forward to the mid-winter dinner-dance of the Ravinia Woman's club will be interested in learning that the date of the dance has been set ahead a week. Mrs. Fred E. Law, chairman of the club's social committee, has announced that to avoid having the event fall within the Lenten period, the dance will be held on the third instead of the tenth of February.

Milk Trucks and Garage Destroyed



The above picture taken Monday morning shows to a small degree the destruction caused by the fire early that morning in the building owned by the E. A. Meyer Construction Company on West Park avenue. Full details will be found in accompanying story.

\$35,000 Fire Destroys Garage And 20 Milk Trucks, Monday

Adult Education Classes Report Large Enrollment

The second term of the Highland Park Adult Education classes started on Monday evening, January 8. Enrollment in nearly all the classes offered was heavy enough to insure the continuance of the courses throughout the term. Registrations have closed in the Monday evening Badminton class. However, anyone wishing to enroll in Badminton can register for the classes being offered on Wednesday evening.

The class in woodwork is filled. Opportunity for late registrations will be offered on Monday, January 15, and Wednesday, January 17. All persons intending to enroll should take advantage of this because it is quite necessary to enter our course by next week at the latest if a person really wants to gain any benefits in the various subjects.

It seems quite evident that the new course in English Literature under Miss Elizabeth Bredin is to be one of our most popular offerings. Any persons intending to enroll in this class should plan to attend next Monday evening.

Registrations are still open in Cooking, Sewing, Metal Work, Drawing, and Painting, Mechanical Drawing, Leatherwork and Book-binding, Business English, Book-keeping, Typing and Advanced Short-hand, Photography and Archery.

Deanna Durbin in "First Love" Next Week at Alcyon

The Alcyon theatre is presenting a double-feature program for tonight and Friday with Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer appearing in an unusual story "When Tomorrow Comes." This attraction provides a rich field for the acting genius of Miss Dunne and Mr. Boyer. On the same evenings Zorina, the famous dancer, and Eddie Albert appear in that outstanding hit "On Your Toes."

For Saturday only the Alcyon will be screening a double-feature program with two good films on the bill. "The Dead End Kids on Dress Parade" is a light, gay picture showing them enjoying life as model group of American youths at a military academy—bringing forth fun galore for their fans. Bing Crosby, Joan Blondell and Baby Sandy are featured in "East Side of Heaven," which brings you song hits, romance and plenty of comedy.

Miracles do happen, even in this day and age. Latest miracle to pass is Deanna Durbin's new picture, "First Love," at the Alcyon on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. In the cast with her are Robert Stack, Eugene Pallette and Leatrice Joy. Place this film on your "must see" list.

Three Local Women Serve on Grand Jury

Mrs. Carroll Binder was appointed Forewoman of a special Federal grand jury for January by Federal Judge Charles Woodward. Also serving on the grand jury are Mrs. Philip Ringer and Mrs. Monroe Ottenheimer.

Six women and 17 men were sworn in. They are to continue the investigation of gamblers' incomes and to handle routine cases. All three Highland Park women are active in the League of Women Voters.

Highwood Firemen Hold Dance Feb. 3

The tenth annual dance of the Highwood Fire department will be held Saturday evening, Feb. 3, at Oak Terrace school. Music will be furnished by "Red" Edwards Sweet Swingsters. Prizes consisting of a 32 piece set of dishes and a chrome plated smoking stand will be awarded during the evening.

The Philathea class of the Bethany Evangelical church will meet next Tuesday evening, January 16, at the home of Mrs. Ruth Siemen. Following the meeting a white elephant sale will be held.

Infant Passes On
The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert K. Hardacre, 1019 Marion avenue, who was born Dec. 30, died Monday morning at the Highland Park hospital.

Gasoline Explosion Believed Cause; Firemen Hurt

Highland Park firemen battled for over four hours early Monday morning in a fire which gutted the E. A. Meyer Construction company garage, 2259 W. Park avenue, and destroyed twenty milk trucks housed therein. The total damage is estimated at about \$35,000.

The alarm was turned in at 12:45 a.m. by two maintenance men of the Hawthorne-Melody Farms Dairy company, whose trucks were housed in the garage, and who were preparing the trucks for their morning deliveries. It is believed that the fire was caused by the explosion of a five gallon can of gasoline, placed too near a coal heater.

Highwood and Lake Forest departments were called to the assistance of Highland Park's complete equipment, and fought for several hours in an effort to control the blaze.

Three Highland Park firemen, who were injured in the fire, were given treatment and have resumed their duties. Ray Botker received a scalp gash when a brick wall fell. Ray Sneeden suffered a rib injury and Paul Marty was cut on the head.

In spite of the loss of their trucks Hawthorne-Melody Farms were able to make regular deliveries Monday morning, and only five service complaints were recorded, which are about equal to a normal day's business. By calling their drivers in other communities and getting them to begin their day's work an hour or two earlier and with trucks borrowed from garages and other places of business, the dairy maintained their service without interruption.

Twelve of the thirty-two trucks in the garage were saved by the company's maintenance men, who were on duty. Among the twenty vehicles destroyed were three new trucks, two of which had made two or three trips, while the third one had just been delivered the day previous.

The vehicles were parked so closely in the 150 foot by 75 foot structure that further salvage was impossible. Intermitent explosions when the fire reached the gas tanks, imperiled workers and fireman.

When it was realized that the prospects of saving the garage were gone, the firemen put forth every effort to save two adjacent buildings occupied by the E. A. Meyer Construction company.

Fire Chief E. C. Hoskins of the local force, said this was one of the worst fires the city has witnessed in a decade. He estimated the damage at around \$36,000, although no definite figures have yet been arrived at.

According to a representative of the E. A. Meyer Construction company, the \$10,000 building which was destroyed by fire was partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Hoyer, manager of the Hawthorne-Melody Farms Dairy, of Highland Park, estimated their loss including trucks and other equipment at around \$25,000. They are covered by insurance.

The fire was a most spectacular one, attracting hundreds of motorists along the Skokie highway and delaying trucks from both directions. Many residents whose homes were some distance from the fire were awakened by the bright light shining through their bedroom windows. It was probably one of the most disastrous and picturesque fires that Highland Park has witnessed since the fire which destroyed the Evans building which housed the Garnett dry goods store, some fifteen years ago.

More than a year ago Cuneo, head of a printing firm, bought up a number of independent dairies, including the Melody Farms of Lake Forest and formed the Hawthorne-Melody Farms Dairy Co. The dairy is located on Skokie road at the intersection of Clavey road.

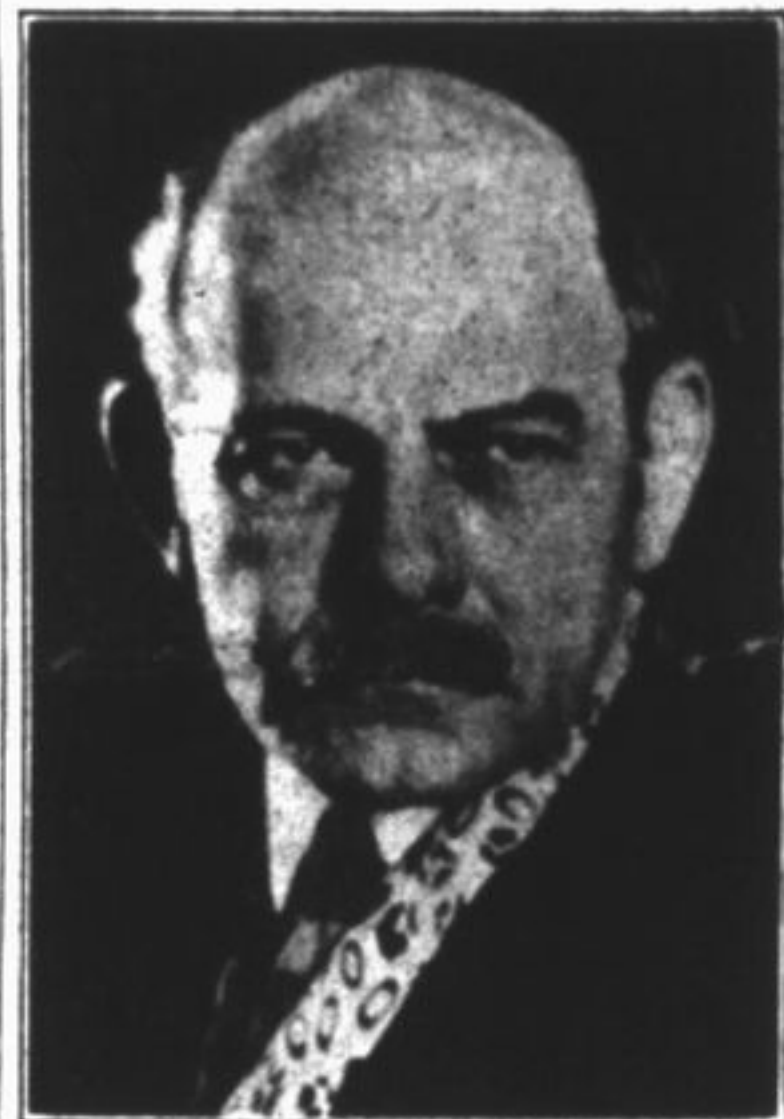
Mr. Cuneo owns the Samuel J. Insull estate on Milwaukee avenue near Libertyville which he uses as a country estate.

Change in Train Service Announced

Effective Mon., Jan. 15, No. 434 daily ex Sunday for Chicago will leave Highland Park 2:29 p.m. instead of 2:41 p.m.; arrive Evanston 2:58 p.m. making convenient connection with The 400 for the Twin Cities. For complete information see Ticket Agent.

Gutzon Borglum Noted Sculptor At Woman's Club

At two o'clock on January 16th the first meeting of the Highland Park Woman's club for 1940 will be held and Mrs. David Sanders, chairman of the program committee will



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introduce the distinguished speaker of the afternoon. This speaker is a man outstanding among sculptors, painters, authors and lecturers, Gutzon Borglum.

Mr. Borglum is, of course, known to everyone through his remarkable work on the national memorial now being carved in the granite of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota. We in the Chicago area have long been familiar with his equestrian statue of Sheridan which is in the city, and among some of his fine work is the marble head of Lincoln in the Rotunda of the Capitol in Washington and a bronze group, the Mares of Diomedes in the Metropolitan Museum.

Although Mr. Borglum has not been content to be a studio artist but has thrown himself actively into the public and political life of his time, his talk before the Woman's club is to be on "Great Stone Faces" and will present a remarkable opportunity to hear an interesting and authoritative discussion of sculpture. At the conclusion of the program tea will be served in the lounge of the club. Mrs. Earl Fritsch, Mrs. Lyle Maley, Mrs. Walter Meierhoff and Mrs. A. E. Wolters will pour.

The Collector's Study Group will meet also on January 16 that ten in the morning to hear Charles Tasker talk on "Old English Lustre." He will discuss the origin of lustre, its development through silver lustre, silver resist, pink and Sunderland and copper lustre, and will exhibit a wide array of pieces, exemplifying the different types. Many of these will be rarities, seldom seen outside of museums. As is customary with the lectures sponsored by this group anyone who are interested in the subject of Mr. Tasker's discussion may attend this meeting for a nominal fee. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

Young Republicans Club Meets Friday

A meeting of the Young Republican Club of Highland Park will be held this Friday, the 12th, in their clubroom in the Sher-Park building. Election of officers will be the main business of the evening.

Move Offices From Old City Hall To New Locations

The three offices formerly housed in the Old City Hall building are moving this week to new locations, due to the fact that the building was recently sold to Community Services, Inc., for a Community House. The remodeling of this building is to begin as soon as completely vacated.

Highland Park Social Service, W. W. Steele, township supervisor, and the Highland Park Community Chest all maintained offices at this location, as well as the W.P.A. Sewing project.

After January 10, the office of Highland Park Social Service will be suite 3 in the Hawkins Bldg., 47 S. St. Johns avenue. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p. m. only. Afternoon appointments can be made when necessary.

The office of W. W. Steele, township supervisor, and the W.P.A. sewing project on which 24 women and two men are employed, have moved to 630 N. Green Bay road, the store formerly occupied by the Meja School of Dance. This location is not definite, however.

The Highland Park Community Chest is still operating at the old location but will probably move early next week to their office at 4 N. Second street. This is the same office maintained during the recent campaign for funds.

Kiwanis Club to Install Officers Next Monday Night

Monday evening at 6 p.m. the Kiwanis club of Highland Park-Ravinia will install their officers for this year. The new officers are Dr. L. F. Bushnell, president; Paul Branch, vice-president; George Harrison, treasurer, and Dr. Douglas Boyd, secretary. Dr. Frank Tramm is the immediate past president. Heading the list of guests will be Mr. Walter Ingram of Kiwanis International and Mr. Franklin Kester, Lieutenant Governor of this Kiwanis district. Guests are also expected from other North Shore towns.

At a very informal meeting last Monday evening Mr. James M. Kennedy of 1232 Sunnyside lane, Highland Park, gave a short but exceedingly interesting talk about the U.S. Gypsum company of which he is statistician. Plans were also made for the installation meeting Monday, and for further meetings.

Iredale's Furniture Store to Move to Evanston Location

Early in February, Iredale Furniture store will move from its present location at 374 Central avenue to Evanston, where they will be located at 1723 Benson avenue, just north of Marshall Field's Evanston store.

Iredale's are remodeling the first three floors of their Evanston store to make way for the furniture store, which has made such rapid strides that the change became necessary to better facilitate the handling of increased business.

The Highland Park building will be used for storage and furniture moving as well as the sale of used furniture. Mr. Ivan D. Wendell will be in charge in Highland Park. Percy Prior will manage the new Evanston store.