

Inklings from Neighboring Towns

More than 275 Girl Reserve secretaries representing Y.W.C.A. organizations from all over the United States gathered at Ferry Hall for national conference which opened on Friday, December 29, and closed on Friday, January 5.

Seventeen women from the board and staff of the national Y.W.C.A. in New York came to Lake Forest to furnish leadership for the conference.

Charging that the village of Mundelein has commingled special assessment bond funds with its general village funds, and has failed to make pro rata payments on such bonds, Esther Holznapel, a bond holder, Thursday started suit in circuit court to force the village to make payments on \$6,872.26 in principal and interest due her on bonds with a face value of \$9,400.

Village Manager Herbert L. Woolhiser of Winnetka was authorized by the village council on Tuesday night to enter into a lease with the owners of a 10-foot strip of land giving access to the municipal parking lot at Tower road and the railway lines.

Defying the cold wintry winds of New Year's day, Miss Mary Jane Switzer of Lake Zurich, held a crowd of close to 1,000 people spellbound, while she went for a swim in Bangs lake on Monday afternoon.

In order for Mary Jane to carry out her announced plans to go into the lake on New Year's day, it was necessary for workmen to cut a ten-foot hole in the thick ice now covering the lake. At the scheduled hour, the former Wauconda high school student, appearing as calm and collected as though it were an August day, dipped her foot into the water to try the temperature. She immediately jumped in and remained for about ten minutes. Swimming about, she playfully threw out chunks of ice that were floating about.

When the exhibition was ended Mary Jane quietly remarked that she would not go in again this winter, but would repeat her daring defiance of the weather next January first.

Sponsored by the Glencoe Park board and Playground committee, the annual skating carnival will be held at the north rink, Green Bay road and Dennis lane, Friday evening, January 26.

Following a 30 minute program of races for the children, starting at 7:30, members of the Figure Skating Club of Chicago will give another of their popular exhibitions.

"Bring on King Winter and let him blow his icy breath over Skokie lagoons lying south of Tower road to Willow road, freezing them so towns-people of Evanston, Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Glencoe, and residents of Cook county may partake in good old-fashioned skating," he pleaded.

To provide comfort along with pleasure, Commissioner Erickson, chairman of the Recreation committee, caused to be built, by the Forest Preserve district, a temporary warming shelter close to the large parking space at Skokie boulevard and Tower road. The frame building, 20 by 30 feet, containing a stove and benches, will be removed in Spring.

From an official report just completed for the Village board by Chief of Police Cloyd C. McGuire, it is learned that during 1939 Wilmette had no fatal accident, automobile or otherwise.

This fact places the village in line for the award of the National Safety commission for towns of its population class, but does not necessarily assure it.

New officers of the Lake Forest Kiwanis club will be formally inducted into office at a joint installa-

tion ceremony with the Waukegan and Highland Park-Ravinia Kiwanis clubs Monday, January 8, at the Glen Flora Country club, Waukegan. The Lake Forest club will be "host club" on this occasion.

John J. Spellman, Shields Township assessor, is the new president of the Kiwanians, replacing J. Russell Heitman, who served in 1939.

Chicago Rabbi to Occupy Glencoe Pulpit Sunday

Dr. W. Gunther Plaut, assistant Rabbi at Washington Boulevard Temple, Chicago, will occupy the pulpit of the North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, on Sunday morning, January 14, during the absence of Rabbi Charles E. Shulman, who has again been called upon by the National Conference of Christians and Jews to undertake a tour of Universities, this time in the far west and along the Pacific coast.

Dr. Plaut is a recent distinguished graduate of the Hebrew Union College. His scholarship was manifested recently in a new discovery regarding the history of the Jews in the United States.

Dr. Plaut's theme, "Who Can Best Prophesy?" is an attempt to analyze the new decade. Those who contemplate the years immediately ahead will be interested in his discussion of the portentous events of our time.

Services at the North Shore Congregation Israel are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and visitors are always cordially welcome. The Temple is located at the corner of Lincoln and Vernon avenue, Glencoe.

Christmas Mail Is Possible Barometer Of Prosperity Trend

That Christmas mail figures are a possible barometer of the prosperity trend may be deduced from figures just issued by D. R. Hickok, manager of mail and express traffic of the Chicago & North Western. According to Mr. Hickok the North Western handled in the period from Dec. 12 to Dec 24 inclusive, the peak of holiday mailing, 417,741 sacks of mail, showing an increase of 4.5 percent over the same period in 1938 when 399,738 sacks were handled out of the North Western terminal.

To show how Christmas mail follows closely general conditions Mr. Hickok cited figures for 1933, the nadir of the '30s. During the Christmas rush of that year only 112,000 sacks of mail were handled. In the week of 1936 a gradual upturn in conditions was reflected in

a great upsurge of mail, 538,169 sacks having been handled out of the terminal in the Christmas period. The following year, 1937, it fell again to 355,164 sacks.

A force of 200 men was required in the North Western terminal during the recent holiday mail rush to handle the work, while every mail car available was pressed into service.

On Dec. 12, when the peak week began, North Western handled out of its Chicago terminal 21,347 sacks; this increased day by day until Dec. 21 when the figure hit 48,365 sacks, highest for the period; on Dec. 24, the day preceding Christmas, it dropped to 11,475 sacks.

Mr. Hickok also revealed the interesting fact that the railroads handle mail by the foot for Uncle Sam instead of by the pound as generally believed. In other words the North Western dispatched from its Chicago terminal during the Christmas rush period 23,514 feet of mail. Mail is handled in units of space six feet high, three feet wide. A foot of mail is the number of sacks occupying one lineal foot six feet high. In a unit of space there are 51 sacks, or 17 to a foot. The total number of sacks is obtained by multiplying the total by 17.

High School Loses Two Games Friday To Oak Park Teams

Both Highland Park high school basketball teams lost to Oak Park last Friday night on the locals floor. Jones with 7 points was high scorer for the local frosh-soph team, but his squad lost 18 to 12.

The first two quarters of the varsity game was an even battle, the score being deadlocked at 12 all when the half-time whistle blew. Shortly after play was resumed in the second half Oak Park took the lead and went on to win by the score of 28 to 20. Evanston high school is sending two teams to Highland Park tomorrow night (Friday) to play the Highland Park High school squads two more suburban league games.

Ahem...

This story is told of a resident of west Deerfield... he was having a heap of trouble with monster rats causing havoc in his chicken yard... so he sagaciously hooked a rubber hose onto the exhaust pipe of his car and planted it in the rat hole... and he netted a flock of dead chickens the next day.

Seen... Ted Pasquesi taking the history of patients at Cook County hospital... he's in University of Illinois medical school... Lee Peterson, 6 feet 1 inch and weighing 170 pounds, has a starting role as center with the Bradley Tech basketball team... it's history repeating itself... Chuck Orsborn, also of Highland Park, performed with the same club for three years... graduating last spring... the Braves licked everything in the country for two successive years... practically.

And there was the fellow... who refused, at the bequest of his wife, to go to a Saturday funeral... he said business came before pleasure.

There's talk about showers now... for petite Peggy Kerr... whose beloved is an optometrist at La Crosse, Wis... she and Alice Marks, by the way, do well at paraphrasing popular songs...

The superlative A. No. 1 de luxe cutup is Marion Larson... at a recent New Years party, where everyone was to dress like a person under four or over 80 years of age, she came in her pajamas... yep, she still wears them with the feet in, like all kiddies...

Pet peeves: loud-mouthed persons at the movies, who notice that Dorothy Lamour didn't close her eyes when she kissed John Howard... who comment on the hero's silk pajamas... and remind him, as he climbs in bed, to wind the alarm clock... phooie...

Miss Rosa Harold was a guest on last Thursday and Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Duff of Highland Park... Albert I. Ar-

enberg has executed a design for a combined globe and panel for a lighting fixture... Carl Pfanstiel has to his credit a vibratory element, as announced in a recent list of patents issued to inventors...

Stanley Nelson of Lake Forest high is a director of the Lake Forest Kiwanis club... At this writing the Highland Park junior hockey team is supposed to engage the Waukegan junior puckmen at the local rink today... Mike Mioti of Ravinia works in a delicatessen... and has fun with his Ford bus.

The Central Tire Co. of Highland Park was defeated in ten pins by the Budweiser girls of Waukegan... their total was 2343... R. Greenslade, F. Lawrence, F. Gieser,

T. Peters, and A. Krohn bowled for this city.

Danielle Darrioux is perfection in a French movie, "Katia," at the World Playhouse on the Boulevard... "Dust Be My Destiny" had a flaw... shout for glee... there was no film in John Garfield's camera... so he could shoot pictures fast.

Seen: at the Art Institute... no, not alone... Katharine Weinberg... last Saturday... Charlie Block is in the coffee business, or did you know.

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