

Christmas Party At H. P. Woman's Club

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joined in 1900, and has been very active in the club all of these years. She has held the chairmanship of the Finance and Civics committees, has had charge of the rummage sale for many years and been recording secretary for seven years.

It is amusing to recall that, in 1899 when Mrs. Laura Dayton Fessenden brought together fifty women of Highland Park and proposed what soon became an active woman's club, the men folk of the town scoffed at and often impeded the progress of the club on the grounds that it was not a woman's place to be active in community affairs. This objection by the men took one form in the raising of the rent on a building that the founders particularly liked as a home in which to install their new organization. Mr. Henry Sampson came to their rescue by donating a small cottage with heat, this being an important item to the young club's limited budget. Dues were \$1.00 per year with no initiation fee while dreaming and planning of the permanent home it would have some day. The plans were made but it was 23 years before the auditorium part of the present building was constructed. At one time plans incorporated the scheme to have a lovely home on a third floor for the teachers of Highland Park who at that time faced a serious problem of obtaining satisfactory living accommodations. This plan was later dropped and the building was finished as it now stands.

Hostesses for this most interesting and unusual Christmas program will be Mrs. Ralph C. Archer, Mrs. Clarence Bassler, Mrs. E. E. Burwell, Mrs. George Dana and Mrs. R. F. Davis while those presiding at the tea tables will be Mrs. John S. Van Bergen, Mrs. John Brigham, Mrs. Elmer Frytag and Mrs. C. Eugene Pfister.

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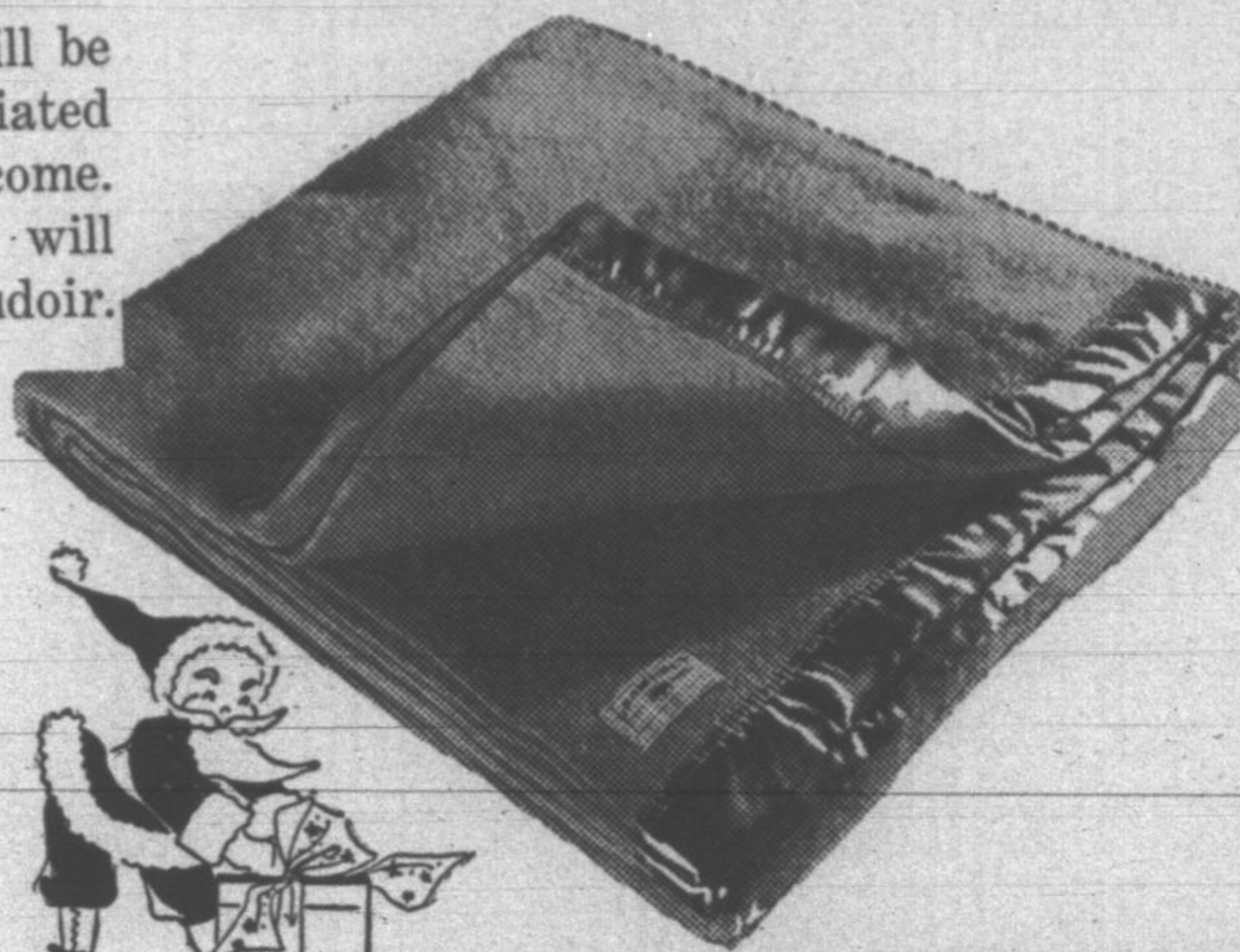
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