

Highland Park Craftsmen

A Weekly Feature for Hobbyists



Jim and Mrs. Thomson put finishing touches on Legion Carnival stand.

No. 4—James A. Thomson

Seeing a hobby bear profitable fruit for a worthwhile cause will be the pleasure this week of James A. Thomson, Legionnaire, Ravinia postmaster and eleven year resident of Highland Park.

Jim is a hobbyist of "the purest ray serene." With a contracting-building background to familiarize himself with woods and other structural materials, he started in some years ago to turn his love for wood working into practical assets in his home.

He has built two handsome cherry end tables, a Chippendale mirror, two tall candlestick stands which Mrs. Thomson uses as fern holders beside the fireplace, a tilt top table, a drop leaf card table based on a design attributed to Thomas Jefferson and several other pieces. All are of walnut. Jim's wood working hobby originated in ship modelling.

Jim designed the family home at 1255 Pleasant avenue, where he lives with his wife and three husky sons, 16, 13 and 7. He did all the brick work and laid all the tile himself.

Any work he does requiring the use of power machinery he takes to the high school workshop, where he has attended the night wood-working classes for adults for some years. All designing, hand work and finishing he does in his own basement.

Jim's latest achievement is the construction of a modern, streamlined, demountable and quickly erectable hot dog stand 12 feet square for the American Legion Carnival which starts tonight in Sunset Park. The stand fulfills a long felt need, and the Legion crowd have been around frequently to watch Jim's progress. The photo shows Jim and Mrs. Thomson putting the finishing touches on just before the stand was taken down to be moved to Sunset Park.

Miss Hazel Rapp has gone west for the summer and will visit friends and relatives in California and Oregon.

Bankers Offer Savings Bonds

The people in the state of Illinois will have every opportunity to purchase the savings bonds which are being offered for the financing of the defense program. This was determined at the meeting of the Council of Administration of the Illinois Bankers Association, at which time it was decided to wholeheartedly put the Illinois Bankers Association in a campaign to assist the banks in an extensive sale of Series E Defense Savings Bonds to investors throughout the state of Illinois.

The Speakers Bureau of the Committee on Education and Public Relations was directed to bring into this particular activity its full and complete resources in order that this message be carried to every part of the state through the radio, public meetings, talks before service clubs and women's organizations.

The council also directed the executive committee to concentrate all the activities of the association to furthering this effort. It authorized Secretary Harry C. Hausman to reorganize the county organizations not only for this activity but to perfect the organization so the banks of Illinois will be in a much better position to give direct action and assistance, with greater effect than has been possible in the past, to the entire defense program.

Walther League Has Summer Program

The first of a series of summer outings planned by the Junior Walther League of the Redeemer Lutheran church, was a beach party held last week at the local beach.

The second event is planned for July 17 and this will be a trip to Riverview Park, Chicago. Two meetings are planned for August, the first of which will be a day at Cedar Lake.

Myrtle Grossman is president of the club and Bob Zaeske, vice-president; Ruth Brandt, secretary, and Marcus Hagen, treasurer.

Deerfield Locals

Mrs. Fern Kellenberger, librarian and Miss Hilda Dirkes, secretary, of the Presbyterian college of Christian education, Chicago, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. William F. Weir, and attended the communion service in the Deerfield Presbyterian church.

Dr. and Mrs. John Weir of Dehra Dun, India, arrived in Deerfield Monday when a firecracker exploded. He will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit on July 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Wiegler of 1310 Telegraph road, Deerfield, have a daughter born Saturday at Victory hospital in Waukegan.

Mrs. Charles Hatch (Luella Knigge) and daughter, Lorraine, of Plainfield, Ill., visited in Deerfield on Friday. Francina Bell, who had been a guest of Lorraine, returned to Deerfield with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Clavey observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday.

The Cub Scouts of pack 1 were entertained last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Tom Kerrihard in Highland Park.

David Inman Jr. and Walter Sticken, latest inductees to leave Deerfield are now stationed with the Mechanized Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Okla. The third young man to leave with them is John Gieske and he has been sent to California.

Mrs. Alice Brand Clark will be hostess to members of the Just Sew club Tuesday afternoon at her home on Deerfield road. Mrs. Clark entertained her Friday evening dinner club last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Hawkins and two children of Flushing, L. I., came Wednesday to be here for the wedding of Mrs. Hawkins' brother, Robert Page Jr., of Deerfield and Miss Shirley Tatge of Mt. Prospect, Ill., on Saturday, July 5, at the Arlington Heights Lutheran church.

Miss Louise Hendrix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Hendrix of Saunders Rd., has gone to Los Angeles to visit her mother's elder brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller. The Millers had been visiting Mr. Miller's mother, Mrs. Louisa Miller, on Saunders Rd., before going west to their home.

Mrs. H. A. Lewenthal (Helen Reichelt) of Phoenix, Ariz., is arriving on July 8 to visit her sisters, Mrs. Carl T. Anderson in Highland Park and Mrs. R. E. Pettis in Deerfield. Wallace Reichelt will come up from Springfield while his sister, Mrs. Lewenthal, is here.

Mrs. Fred Haggie and daughter, Miss Vivian, are driving to Weslaco, Texas, to visit Mrs. Haggie's brother, Lincoln Pettis, next week.

St. Paul's Sodality will hold a Salad Bar and card party on Thursday, July 10, at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's church in Deerfield. Mrs. William Carman of Rosemary terrace is chairman of the party. The public is invited.

Miss Maxine Haggie of Evanston returned home Monday after a several weeks' visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haggie of Osterman ave.

Julius F. Reader has sold

his property in Woodland Park to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stonehouse of Chicago. The Reader family moved to Omaha, Neb., last month. Mr. Stonehouse is with the Reuben H. Donnelly Corp.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wortham, who have been occupying the Leslie Brand house, will move September 1 to the Ralph Hoffman house on Woodland Dr. Captain Hoffman is in service in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baum and two children are spending the 4th of July with Mrs. Baum's mother, Mrs. Julia Flagg, in New Judson, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Holtzman and son, Richard, of Detroit, Mich., are visiting at the E. S. Wortham home on Brand lane over the 4th of July.

John Hamilton of Chicago has purchased the Leslie Brand house on Brand lane.

Mrs. Anna H. Daniels was hostess to members of her bridge club last Monday evening and the club held a linen shower for Mrs. Daniels' daughter, Mrs. Richard Jones, whose marriage took place recently.

Mrs. William Meyer of Forest Ave. was hostess at luncheon and bridge on Wednesday.

Mrs. G. A. Willen will entertain the members of her contract bridge club Thursday next at luncheon at the Briergate clubhouse.

Deerfield Carnival

August 30, 31, Sept. 1

Deerfield is to have a village carnival again this year and the proceeds will help pay off old indebtedness and current bills. Due to the fact that Deerfield is without taverns this year means less revenue for the village. Each year that the village has been benefitted by a carnival, a percentage goes to the fire department for their fund for the new fire equipment.

Trustee Homer Cazel has been appointed general chairman of the carnival. Assisting general chairman Homer Cazel on the executive committee are Raymond Goodman, Clarence Schmidt and Everett F. Nelson. C. J. Turner is treasurer; Chester Wessling, secretary; finance committee, Mayor Victor E. Carlson, chairman, Floyd Stanger, and C. J. Turner; rides, Lyle Fordham; bingo, Clarence Schmidt, William Barrett, Earl Hurt; grounds, William Johnston, chairman, Wm. Barrett, Chester Wolf, and Andrew Morton; registration, Mrs. Conrad Uchtman and Mrs. William Johnston; games, Anthony Mercurio, Andy Morton and others to be appointed later. No dance committee has as yet been appointed. For sports, races and entertainment for children, E. G. Jacobson is chairman. A children's parade will open the carnival on its first day, Saturday, Aug. 30. Bruce Frost is to be electrician and will have charge of the loud speaker; publicity and printing, John A. Benz, chairman, E. F. Nelson, and Marshall Pottenger; grand prize, Clarence Wilson, chairman, Victor Carlson, Dan Hunt; foods, Marshall Pottenger, Ray Nelson, Ambrose Cox and W. K. Hout; beverage booth, William D. Johnston, and Conrad Uchtman.

The tentative dates selected for the carnival are Saturday and Sunday and Labor Day, Aug. 30 and 31, and September 1.