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SHINING CHILD FACES

Last Saturday night, in front of the Community Center, were more happy kids than it has been this writer's pleasure to see for many a long day. They were there to watch the lighting of the Christmas trees, and to see and hear Santa Claus. Such shining faith! Such anticipation! And such satisfaction to those who helped to bring that happy look to so many faces! Today, a happy face is not a frequent sight, here or elsewhere. Too much preoccupation. Too much worry. Too many problems. But not among those kids! No sir! Nothing in this wide world was more important than to see good old Santa, even for a moment. And . . . perhaps those youngsters HAVE something.

WITH YOUR NAME ON IT

One of the reasons we enjoy opening Christmas gifts is, we know that gift was chosen just for us. The giver took time to select something he thought we would enjoy. He wrote a nice card, and tucked it in with his nicely wrapped remembrance. We all love it, no matter what the gift may be. Keep that in mind. There are children here who have had to face, at a tender age, more than their share of grief. They've seen their homes destroyed by death or dissension and are now either in institutions or living perhaps with relatives who themselves are none too well off. What will the well-known "Christmas spirit" be to these children . . . really that, or an aching void that comes to all who feel neglected? What a splendid, shining example of the Christmas spirit it would be if you and you and I made it our business to ask Mrs. Flinn at the Social Service for the description of just one child to add to our shopping lists. Pick a boy or girl, learn his age, grade in school, and something of his likes and dislikes. (All this information is available from Mrs. Flinn or here at the office of The Highland Park PRESS.) Then choose, ever so thoughtfully, some gift, large or small. Take that gift home, write a folksy greeting on a card, addressed to Bill or Tim or Mary Jane, wrap the parcel as carefully as though it were for your own child. Feel assured that when that personally chosen, personally wrapped Christmas remembrance reaches the child for whom you intend it, there will be one more happy kid in town Christmas morning, and one less miserable heart. We commend to the attention of readers the editorial signed by Mrs. Flinn in the next column (right); she will have some phone calls from it, and we expect some ourselves. Her office number is 4000; ours is 557. Call up and get a Child's name, for a Child's sake.

SERVING YOU AND ME

Never has it been more apparent that we here in Highland Park are fortunate. Among other things, our own stores, within five minutes' ride of any home in town, are able to provide almost anything we may have on our Christmas shopping lists. We don't have to face the exhausting task of "shopping in town." Our own town does nicely, thank you, as a buying source. We shop in comfort, run less chance of contracting some sort of illness, get what we want with economy of effort, and get home promptly. We save time, money, effort. Fortunate folks, we, because we live in Highland Park. BUY AT HOME, say we!

SPANK THOSE KIDS

We suggest to every sane adult in town that whenever a boy or girl is caught taking bulbs off the Christmas trees that line our streets, that kid should be turned up and tanned. These beautiful trees give pleasure to all, and when some heedless child takes out a tree bulb and drops it on the walk just to hear it pop, we say he should be taken to task in no uncertain way. This particularly applies to the Friday night crowd.

DANGEROUS VANDALISM

The theft of gas tank caps from parked cars has begun. Whatever the reason the thief may have, the result is DANGER. An uncapped tank splashes gasoline, which perhaps flows to the gutter, and strikes a tossed cigaret. What would happen is painfully apparent. Possible destruction of property is bad, but the actual danger of automobile riders being seriously injured by fire is infinitely worse. You who have been stealing these car caps . . . let them alone, or awaken some morning to the knowledge you have been personally responsible for serious injury inflicted by the fire your theft caused.

DECEMBER

Well! Folks; I've just been a-thinkin'
And wonderin' 'bout whether or not
If it's us or the months that are passin'
And leavin' the other forgot.
It 'pears from the way I've been ciph-
pherin'
Wherever I quit or begin
That it don't stop our spirit of wantin'
To see old December ag'in.

I 'spec' with us all the main reason
Is because of some memory dear
Of somethin' that happened back yon-
der
'Round about this time of year
And we'd all maybe take lots of plea-
sure
In havin' some things like before
But to know that we can't journey
backward
Makes us want old December once
more

When we kind-a start longin' and
wishin'
For the meetin' of friends once ag'in
That used to come often to our house
And visit just like they wuz kin
It 'pears that the month of December
Comes 'bout as near fillin' the bill
For the ones of us yet that are livin'.
As anything most ever will.

It's really just kind-a surprisin'
How things come and go pretty fast
Especially the ones we're enjoyin'
And hopin' forever to last
But you know after all we must figger
That it always takes two to make one
Of anything worth our rememberin'
Or December would ever be gone.

I don't know of anything nicer
Than fixin' and trimmin' aroun'
A gettin' all set for the children
That will soon be arrivin' in town
It's more like my notion of heavin'
Than any I've ever set on.
Then the first thing you know we're
all cryin'

With December they've come and are
gone.

But to cheer older hearts with the
young ones
We need but to look in the east
To behold that our joys should be
many
And our sorrows forever the least.
The same light that gleamed o'er the
cradle
Of the One Who is ever our Guide
Still twinkles to always remind us
December brings back our Yule-tide.

JENNIE McDONNELL, Deerfield

Santa Claus Speaks In Highland Park



Hundreds of Highland Park children turned out with their parents last Saturday afternoon to witness the ceremony incident to light the Christmas trees in Highland Park. The highlight of the program was the personal appearance of Santa Claus, shown in the above photo as he was addressing the crowd over the microphone.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

An Editorial by
Mrs. Raymond Flinn

Do you sit before a gayly decorated tree on Christmas morning opening a package done up with pretty ribbons and tissue paper which was sent just for you? Do you get a thrill because someone thought of you and wanted to give you something that you particularly wanted? There are several boys and girls in this community beyond the age of looking for Santa Claus, but who still have a longing for Christmas and for a gift wrapped especially for them with maybe a pair of socks, that fit, a sweater, gloves or some other article as useful. Could we help you plan to make somebody's Christmas a merry one? Do not forget that the need for Christmas Cheer is greatest in the midst of wealth and affluence where there are widows, old people and young people broadly living without any luxuries and hardly the necessities, and with only a few knowings of their lack.

We could tell you of ten orphan, or half-orphan girls whose hearts could be made very happy by receiving a Christmas box containing many small and useful articles, such as soap, toothbrush, hairbrush, hand lotion, powder, nail file, sachet, needles, thread, bobbin pins, nail polish, novels, pins or beads, etc. These girls whose only clothes are hand-me-downs would love a new blouse, some new socks, pajamas, a pair of knit pants, skirt, etc. Perhaps a bridge club would like to fill a box with small articles or give a piece of clothing.

How about a pair of warm mittens, a good cap, a shirt, a slipover sweater, trousers, socks, or even a pair of shoes for one of our boys? And these done up in Christmas wrappings with a card giving the boy's name.

There are also a few old men and women living alone who could be made happy with gifts given in special thought of them.

Maybe you would like to give some movie tickets for some of these older children during the Christmas Holidays. Or how would you like to entertain a group of two or three girls for a luncheon and a movie? These girls very seldom have an opportunity for any entertainment.

Baskets will also be welcome because, while people have the absolute necessities, many families have a budget for food that is only big enough to keep the wolf from the door.

There are many definite and special things that could be done for needy Highland Park people.

Names and descriptions of children deserving of your Christmas attention may be obtained from Mrs. Flinn at the Social Service Office or from the Highland Park Press office.

Lincoln School District Smoker Set for Dec. 11

Breaking all precedent the Lincoln School Committee for Ice Skating makes the headlines by announcing a FREE Smoker and Get-together to be held at the Lincoln School Auditorium at 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 11.

The committee in charge of the affair has arranged a bang-up program that bids fair to bring out the 'Standing Room Only' sign for the first time this season. The piece de resistance will be a film showing the highlights of the 1941 Northwestern University football season. Shots of the much discussed Northwestern-Minnesota game feature this film. A commentator in the person of a member of the Northwestern University Football coaching staff will be on hand to explain various plays as depicted on the screen.

Master of ceremonies at the gathering and chairman of the program committee will be Corporation Counsel Phil McKenna, one of the Lincoln School district's most gifted orators. Alain St. Cyr is co-chairman. The smoker has been arranged as a gesture of thanks by the Skating Committee for the cooperation the residents of the district have given it in the work of preparation for the coming skating season. The skating ground

Community Chest Extends Drive To Raise Quota

Xmas Mailing

Because of emergency transportation conditions, post office patrons are urged to mail Christmas parcels and greetings even earlier than usual this year.

The local post office will be open until 8 o'clock P.M. the next three Saturdays; also, the next three Sundays, one window will be open from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

Moreover, starting next week, one window will remain open from 8 to 5 in the evening, to provide additional facilities for the purchase of stamps and the mailing of gift parcels.

Defense stamps may also be bought from the clerk on duty. Albums for saving Defense Stamps are free. They come in denominations of 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1.00 and \$5.00. The albums are so arranged that when full they may be exchanged at the post office for Defense Bonds, which bear 2.5% interest, maturity (face) value in 10 years. Both the Defense stamps and Defense bonds make ideal Christmas presents this year.

Signed:
Daniel S. Cobb, P.O.M.

High School Team Guests of C of C

The monthly dinner-meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, planned for this coming Tuesday evening at The Open House Tea Room, has been designated as "Football Night."

Arrangements are completed to have Coach Dave Floyd and members of the High School varsity football team, which so recently completed a most successful season, as guests for dinner and to view motion pictures of both the High School Homecoming game and also those of all Northwestern University's games this year.

In these latter pictures, many of the nation's greatest grid stars will be shown in action and there will be scenes of all the scoring plays by both Northwestern and the opposing teams.

Kenneth L. "Tug" Wilson, very noted Athletic Director at Northwestern University, will be present at this meeting. Following his talk, he will answer questions asked by the members.

Christmas Bingo Party to Be Given By Legion

Commander Harry E. Eichler of the Dumaresq Spencer Post of the American Legion in Highland Park announces that extensive plans are being made to accommodate between 400 and 500 people at the annual Legion Christmas cash bonus and bingo party to be conducted by the Post Saturday evening, December 13th, at the Masonic Temple Building, 21 No. Sheridan Road in Highland Park.

Arrangements have been made to use the entire third floor of the building for the evening and there will be a continuous program in several places.

The first part of the evening will be devoted to bingo, with fifty or more suitable prizes. Immediately following there will be several acts of entertainment and the awarding of cash bonus prizes as well as the ten or more door prizes. During the evening opportunities will be afforded to win turkeys, baskets of holiday delicacies and other prizes.

Refreshments will be served and the remainder of the evening will be devoted to games and dancing. There will be a Christmas tree, good music

The Community Chest committee today mailed letters to chest subscribers, asking for help in raising \$2,025 to make up Highland Park's quota of \$50,000. The chest drive has been going since October, and will continue until January 1 if necessary. In the seven years of the Chest's existence, not once has Highland Park failed to reach its goal. The committee met last week and decided to extend the date so as to not have Highland Park fall down on its support to the thirteen agencies which it supports, partially.

Following is the letter written by the committee to subscribers:

Dear Fellow Citizens:
The annual campaign for funds for the Highland Park Community Chest, whose goal this year is \$50,000 has been progressing since early October. Those who have conducted the drive this year feel that the community, as well as the donors should know the present status of the campaign as this year, in spite of the general increased business activity and a larger number of volunteer workers, the campaign committee have found it more difficult to raise the funds required.

So far workers have solicited 97% of the total number of prospects available. 2,912 people have subscribed \$47,975 or 96.2% of our goal. If the same amount is realized as last year from the few remaining prospects to be covered, an additional \$1,000 will be subscribed. This total will still leave the drive \$1,925 short of its goal which is disturbing in view of the fact that nationwide reports on full Community Chest Campaigns completed to date (183) show an average rate of increase of 6.4% over last year's subscriptions.

The Campaign Committee, therefore, will carry on their efforts to reach the \$50,000 goal. To those individuals who have not given this year, to those who have reduced their gifts or those who could generously increase their contribution, this letter is a personal appeal. Certainly all citizens of Highland Park, whether they be specifically identified with the Chest or work it makes possible, will want—if no other reason than civic pride—the drive to be successful as those in comparable communities.

Not once in the Chest's seven years of existence have we failed to reach our goal. We do not believe that Highland Park citizens will let it happen this year.

Any help in this emergency will be gratefully received, not only by the Chest but by the thirteen agencies who are the recipients of the funds over the year.

Sincerely yours,
J. B. Garnett,
President
Horace E. Valle
General Campaign Chairman
E. C. George
Special Gifts Chairman

Ravinia-Braeside Singers to Give Madrigals



The forty young ladies comprising the Ravinia Braeside Singers are busy rehearsing for their Christmas song program at the Ravinia Village House Sunday, December 7. The above picture was obtained during rehearsal last week. (Story on page 8)