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Fantasy, Fun And Magic, Fill Woman's Club Party Program

A touch of magic will furnish excitement and fun when Bob Lotz, magician, presents his fantasy, "Snow White Christmas," to young guests and members of the Highland Park Woman's club at 2 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 21.

"Snow White's Christmas" is built around the old fairy tale, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Mr. Lotz invites children in the audience to don his dwarf costumes and masks and come to the stage where they prepare Christmas gifts for little Snow White. When the gifts are completed, the Wicked Old Witch snatches them away, and then, to the complete astonishment of all, Mr. Lotz recovers the toys, and the afternoon ends happily for Snow White, the dwarfs and the audience, who all celebrate their joy by partaking of Christmas goodies around the decorated Christmas tree.

This Christmas novelty has been arranged by Mrs. B. F. Reinking, chairman of the drama committee of the fine arts department. Mrs. Irving Schur, a club member and well known musician, will supply the musical background.

Mrs. Aaron S. Bauer, Mrs. R. U. Baughman, Mrs. George L. Boveroux and Mrs. Hoyt L. Roush will be hostesses at the door. Mrs. Edson R. Rice, Mrs. James T. Moffitt, Mrs. Walter E. Durbin and Mrs. John Crompton will preside at the tea tables.

Date of High School Annual Winter Concert Sunday, January 16

The new date for the Highland Park high school winter concert, recently postponed because of illness, is Sunday, Jan. 16.

Annual Community Carol At U.S.O.

For the fourth season Highland Park children and their families will sing their community carols together next Sunday evening, Dec. 19. This year, as last year, the carol singing will be shared with the servicemen at the U. S. O. It will be held at 6:15 p. m. around the U. S. O. Christmas tree instead of the children's tree on the corner of Laurel and St. Johns avenue. This event is sponsored annually by the Coordinating council.

Paul Mallory, choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal church, is in charge of the carolling and the Trinity choir will help lend volume to the singing. The Girl Scouts will attend in their red Christmas hoods and capes. Since Santa Claus will pay his annual visit, all Highland Park children are especially urged to come. The carol-singing has been scheduled to meet the convenience of those attending the white gift services at the churches Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. James Stannard Baker and Mrs. Theodore Osborne, members of the executive board of the Coordinating council, are in charge of arrangements.

Vesper Service At Bethany Church

The spirit of Christmas will prevail in the vesper service to be held in the church parlors of the Bethany Evangelical church, Laurel and McGovern, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, at 4:30 o'clock. It will be the occasion when children and young people of the Sunday school will present a program honoring the Christ Child.

A pageant, "Everywhere Christmas," by Marjorie Smith will be presented under the direction of Dorothy Moldner Grady, assisted by Mesdames Zenko and Brumer. The primary department program will be in charge of Mrs. George Bray and her helpers.

At the conclusion of the afternoon the children will bring their practical gifts for children of the Flat Rock orphanage, and adults will bring their cash white gifts. The public is welcome.

Traditional Christmas Candle Lighted At USO Salvation Army

The huge Christmas candle which has become identified with the holiday season at the USO-SALVATION ARMY at Highwood is again in evidence.

This candle has burned steadily throughout the Christmas season for eight years, during six of which it has been in the possession of Maj. Ira Fitzpatrick, Director of the Club. Each year the melted red wax accumulates to form a base for the added candle, so that the structure, from tip to base, now measures about four feet, exciting considerable interest among the guests of the unit.

Two Programs At Redeemer Church For Christmas

The Sunday school of the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran church is dividing its Christmas program; the smaller children presenting their Christmas contribution on Christmas eve at 7:30 p. m. in the church as a part of Christmas eve worship.

The older children have prepared a play as part of their program for presentation of Sunday, Dec. 26, at 4 p. m. in the Assembly hall.

The congregation will have two special holiday services; that of Christmas day, Dec. 25, at 8 a. m., and that of New Year's eve, Dec. 31, at 8 p. m. The New Year's eve service will be devoted to celebration of the Lord's Supper. Confessional service will precede it at 7:45 p. m.

Word Received From Gordon Siljestrom In Jap Prison Camp

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Siljestrom, 266 N. St. Johns Ave., received word last week from their son Gordon, now interned in the Philippine Military prison camp No. 3.

Gordon, gunner's mate 3/c, was taken prisoner at Corregidor while serving USS Tanager, a minesweeper.

The message was brief, but added up to: "Treatment fair. Morale poor." Although he has not been receiving mail, it is hoped that letters and packages will reach him by Christmas.

The Siljestroms have two other sons in the service—Lt. Donald, a bombardier in the army air corps, now stationed overseas and James, newly finished with his training at Pensacola, Air Corps.

McDonough Relected New President of Chamber of Commerce

F. J. McDonough was relected president of the Chamber of Commerce at the meeting held Tuesday evening at Sunset Valley clubhouse.

Other officers elected were: Paul C. Behanna, vice-president; R. L. Erskine, Karl B. Hansen, Marvin Lawrence, A. H. Rehorst, K. J. Robinson and E. T. Skidmore, directors.

One hundred persons attended the meeting, at which members of the high school football team were honored guests. Coach Dave Floyd introduced members of the team and gave sidelights on each player's history.

The film of the Northwestern-Great Lakes football game, which was won by Great Lakes, 13 to 0, was presented.

Week's Dead Line

All material for next week's publication must be in this office by Tuesday noon of next week, as the paper will be issued a day earlier, on account of Christmas holiday Saturday.

Local Grammar Schools Present Christmas Programs

The Highland Park schools this week will hold Christmas programs prior to the closing on Friday, Dec. 17. Each school holds its own Christmas program with the program planned by the teachers of that school.

The Braeside program was held on Wednesday night, Dec. 15, at 8 o'clock. The Ravinia carol sing will be held on Thursday night, Dec. 16, at 7:30; the Lincoln school program on Friday afternoon, Dec. 17, at 1:30, and the West Ridge program, Friday night, Dec. 17, at 8 o'clock.

The children will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays on Friday, Dec. 17. Schools will reopen after the holidays on Monday, Jan. 3.

The following are the programs by schools:

Braeside School

Carol Singing.....Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Play: Why the Chimes Rang.....Sixth Grade
Drama.....Bob Godfrey
Tuesdays.....Philip Schwimmer
Little Brother.....Charles Thompson
Old Woman.....Jeanne Englebrecht
And the Winner Is.....Barbara
Clementy Ann Davidson, Jean Weiss
and Peggy Graham

Ravinia School

The Ravinia school Christmas celebration began last Friday afternoon when the assembly was the dramatization of Kate Douglas Wiggin's "Birds Christmas Carol" by members of the dramatic elective.

The program was packed and sent by the members of the drama elective committee of the Ravinia Women's club.

Thursday evening, Dec. 16, the parents and children from grades four through eight will meet in the Village Center for their annual Community carol singing and tableaux.

Friday morning at 10:30, the primary grades will have their Christmas exercises, and Friday afternoon members of the eighth grade will present in assembly their dramatization of the "Christmas Carol."

The Thursday evening program follows:
Sing Noel.....Girls' Chorus
What a Song in the Air.....Antiphonal
Tableau-Medieval English Scene
Judith.....Bill Sawyer, Alice Strapp,
Tommy Pinkerton, Hugh Reddy, David Baum, Carolyn Baird, Debbie Binder,
Suzanne Keane, Janet Loewenthal, Barbara Michaels
Bear's Head Carol.....Boys' Chorus
Deck the Halls.....School Chorus
The Christmas Carol.....School Chorus
Mary's Lament.....Alvin Baum, Henry Miller, Mitsel Meyerhoff, Carole Spachner, Bob Smith, Valerie Bloomstein,
Nancy Lundgren, Fred Livingston,
Philip Dorrough, Sue Straus, Holly Stair,
Louise Hedlund, Zana Willison, Joy Reiner

Lincoln School

Children of the school will participate in an assembly and present the play, "Why the Chimes Rang." On Thursday, every child of the school will sing Christmas carols and see colored slides depicting the Nativity.

On Friday, the play, "Why the Chimes Rang," will be presented under the direction of Miss Helen Boyce.

The cast includes:
Halger, a peasant boy.....Mickey Le Goff
Steen, his younger brother.....Mike Athanas
Bertel, their younger brother.....Larry Vetter
An old woman.....Barbara Fredrickson
A wealthy old lady.....Marjorie Dean
A lord.....Bill Rhett
A courier.....Jane Swinea
A scholar.....David Owen
The king.....Bill Hineshaw
An angel.....Ramona May
Chorus

West Ridge School

Christmas as observed in various homes will be depicted at West Ridge school as follows:

The Cratchit home, taken from Dickens' "Christmas Carol":
Bob Cratchit.....Alan Bieleman
Mrs. Cratchit.....Mary Ann Hodge
Belinda.....Carol Altman
Tiny Tim.....John Gould
Martha.....Nancy McFarland
Peter.....Russell Clark
Other children.....Judy Rose, Harry Duffield
Scrooge.....Jack Close
Announcer.....Jane Farry

The Young Home, taken from "The Gift of the Magi"

Mr. Young.....Bill Smith
Mrs. Young.....Mertha Book
Lansbury.....Barbara Wagner
Announcer.....Joanne Wieder

The Moore Home, taken from Christmas: "The Night Before Christmas"

Father.....Jim Clavey
Mother.....Flora Hodge
Wagholer.....Wayne Wagner
Susan.....Susan Fox
Santa Claus.....Bob Altman
Reader.....Barbara Flynn

Free Brown Points Given In Exchange For Cooking Fats

Chester Bowles, administrator, Office of Price Administration, asks every patriotic American wife and mother to read this statement.

"One of our country's most urgent wartime needs is behind this new plan"—says Mr. Bowles—"two brown ration points free when you turn in a pound of used fat to your butcher, or one red point for one-half pound. They may be spent for meat, cheese, butter or any other food bought with brown ration stamps.

"Wars are fought with gunpowder. Gunpowder is made from glycerine. Glycerine can only be made from fats.

"Behind those few words lies one of your country's most serious needs. Fats used to be imported in huge quantities from the islands of the Far East, now in enemy hands.

"To make the mountains of ammunition we must have, the government wants the used fats you can save in your kitchen. It wants them also for medicines, synthetic rubber and other battlefield needs.

"These are the facts as they have been pointed out to OPA by the War Food Administration, the agency that is charged with building up our national fat supply. And the facts have led to this new plan of free ration points for used fat.

"This is not a premium on patriotism—or merely a spur on your conscience. It is a way of bringing home to all women the urgent need of that gunpowder—and of the kitchen fats to make it.

"Moreover, it seems only just to return points to the housewife for this service, because fats are scarce and cost ration stamps to obtain.

"Your butcher has been informed of this ruling which went into effect December 13, 1943."

League Women Voters Hear School Problems

Our local schools are inferior to those of neighboring communities and also cities throughout the country which are comparable to Highland Park, four Highland Park educators told members of the League of Women Voters on December 8.

The cause of our schools' inadequacies is that there is too little money available to them, and the only remedy is an increase in taxes.

The symposium on education was arranged by Mrs. Leonard Reiser, chairman of the department of government and education, and her co-chairman, Mrs. David Joseph. Mrs. Philip Ringer presided and introduced the speakers in Mrs. Reiser's absence. The speakers were: Dr. Harold Spear, principal of the Highland Park high school, Dr. R. H. Price, superintendent of schools in District 107, Stanley McKee, principal of Lincoln school, and Arthur Swanson, member of the school board of District 107.

Money Spent

Mr. Price told league members that District 107 and 108 spend \$160 per year per child, whereas other nearby communities spend from \$45 to \$80 a year more per child. Our tax dollars are divided thusly for education, by 75 per cent for instruction; 15 per cent for school operations; 5 per cent for general control; 6 per cent for maintenance. This is a higher per cent for instruction than most schools pay, yet, "because something drastic has been done about finances, we lost 12 teachers last year out of 35," declared Mr. Price. He outlined the specific needs of our schools as follows: 1) A more adequate program of child guidance. Our teachers need expert medical and psychiatric help. 2) A special type of education for handicapped children. 3) A more adequate physical education program. 4) An improved art program. 5) An improved manual arts program. 6) A home arts program. 7) An improved musical program. 8) Buildings and ground repair, such as more gymnasium space, better playgrounds and grounds beautification.

Public Asked for Skates for USO

Send old skates to the Highland Park U.S.O. Any resident of Highland Park having ice skates of any size or type can add to the happiness of service men or women by loaning or giving them to the U.S.O. Many skating parties are planned for the winter if skates are available.

Only Deadline on Mailing Packages Is for Overseas

The Highland Park post office will be open this Saturday afternoon until 6 p. m. for the mailing of parcels, the purchase of stamps, money orders and U. S. war savings bonds.

The local post office will also be open for the mailing of parcels from 1 to 5 Sunday afternoon and next week every evening until 8 p. m.

It is expected by Postmaster Daniel Cobb that the mailing of gift parcels and Christmas greeting cards will be heavier than ever. Patrons are urged to seal their Christmas cards this year and mail them first class, since instructions have been received to handle 1/2c unsealed cards as circular matter.

Engage Extra Help

Extra help has been put on to give prompt window service; and army trucks from Fort Sheridan will facilitate in rapid delivery of gift parcels.

There is no deadline for the mailing of Christmas parcels, except to soldiers overseas. Parcels not over 5 lbs. in weight and 36 inches overall dimensions can still be mailed to soldiers overseas, if a specific request has been received.

The limit on parcels within the country is 70 lbs. and 100 inches. First class parcels not exceeding 8 oz. can be mailed overseas without request to soldiers; no request is needed from sailors or marines.

Vital War Effort Impeded By Waste Paper Shortage

Ship Overseas

That the waste paper situation is becoming more critical every day is emphasized in a telegram sent to the War Production board by the River Raisin Paper company of Monroe, Mich., and released by Mrs. Nathan Corwith Jr., salvage chairman.

War Production board officials are distributing copies of it to all towns in the area, as the plight of this one company is typical of paper companies all over the country.

Figures revealed by Donald M. Nelson, WPB chairman, in a letter to newspaper publishers, show that the 6 million ton waste paper collection of the past year must be boosted 3 1/3 per cent, to 8 million tons, if the shortage is to be overcome.

Money Spent

Millions of paperboard containers carrying food, ammunition, blood plasma and medical supplies are being shipped overseas weekly to American and Allied sources," Nelson wrote the publishers. "Waste paper is one of the chief raw materials from which these containers are made."

And until more waste paper is collected, production is being sabotaged just as effectively as if it were platted by enemy agents, according to WPB and Salvage officials.

"Our current paper inventory is less than 100 tons," states the paper company's telegram, "and our daily consumption is approximately 350 tons. We have lost three and one half days' production during the past two weeks, due to the shortage of waste paper."

"We have had one machine shut down since yesterday noon, and are shutting down all machines tonight until we receive adequate supplies. We are making fibre shipping containers for food, drugs, shells, projectiles and many other war necessities."

"Most people in Highland Park have been cooperating with the 'paper salvage,'" says Mrs. Corwith, "but everyone will have to do a little better, starting now."

White Gift Service At Presbyterian Church On Sunday

In keeping with a custom of long standing, the White Gift service at the Presbyterian church will be held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, at 5 o'clock. The form of the service, which has been developed through the years, holds to the simplicity of the Christmas story.

In the darkened sanctuary, the program is opened with traditional carolers who, carrying their lights, walk about the church rousing the old carols which are associated with Christmas. Following this there is the reading of the Christmas story, all in the words of the Scripture, with the scenes enacted in tableau form and all accompanied by Christmas music sung by the choir of the church.

The various parts are taken by church members. The Scripture is read by Dr. Louis W. Sherwin, minister of the church, and the musical program is in charge of Helen Abbott Byfield, the director of music.

Following this presentation, the children of the church school bring their White Gifts and place them about the manger, at the same time the congregation is given an opportunity to share in the offering. The gifts and the offerings are dedicated to neighborhood houses in Chicago, Laird house and Association house.

Teacher Collects Airplane Prints

A collection of colored prints of modern military aircraft is being compiled by Harry Pertz of the Highland Park high school faculty.

The collection consists of such planes as the Fortress, Liberator, Marauder, Havoc, Avenger, Mitchell, Lightning, Hudson, Lancaster, Baltimore and Corsair.

Moraine Plans Dance For New Year's Eve

Dining and dancing will be featured on New Year's eve at the Hotel Moraine-on-the-Lake. Music will be provided by Eddie Shaw and his 10-piece orchestra. There will be entertainment and favors.

Reservations may be made by calling H. P. 4444.

Night Classes for Overseas Soldiers

Night classes offering high school credit have been arranged for soldiers in Anchorage, Alaska, through the cooperation of U.S.O. the army and the local high school according to word received here today from William E. Leigh, director of the U.S.O. overseas division.