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Wondering Special to the Highland Park Press

HIGHLAND PARK:-

He was just a little bird tiny, all-white canary.

He was always singing always gayly jumping around his red cage; always, it seemed, seeing the brighter, pleasant side of life.

His world was one of song. He chirped away and when Mother switched on the vacuum cleaner, he would try to outsing the horrible, machine-made noise.

And he usually did.

GREETED US . . .

When we took the cover off his home in the morning, he would greet us with a chirp and a songa song which seemed to say:

"Good morning. I slept well. Did you? I hope this wil be a happy day ute, asking: for you. I feel like singing."

And then he'd begin. All day long he'd sing. Sometimes, itseemed he'd swing his notes. At other ly jump from bar to bar, up and looked away and left the room. down the scale, making beautiful, melodious sounds. You felt good 'all over when you heard him sing-

PLEASED WITH LIFE

You thought this old world can't be so grim if this little fellow - with his limited horizon locked in a cage among four comparatiyely gay walls - could be so happy, so pleased with his life, his from this happy singer who saw home, his world,

and he'd answer back - quickly, killers, dictators? . . . politely, correctly, pleasantly . . .

dishes in the breakfast nook, the around our home ... 'cause we miss room he, "Tibbett," considered his the cheerful songs of that little

WITHOUT A SONG

"Tibbett isn't singing this morning," Mother said.

"No," I answered, glancing up at Tib's home.

Then I saw what had happened, brown eyes were knowing and questioning.

"What's wrong," she said anxi-

"Mother, Tib is dead," I ex claimed, wishing I could have ut tered those fatal words more deftly and with more understanding.

"ARE YOU SURE?" . . .

Mother was touched. Tears clouded her bright eyes. She left the room only to return in a min-

"Are you sure he's dead? Are

"Yes, Mother."

Quickly she went to her cuptimes he'd work on a song as if board where she keeps old papers he was composing a symphony for and boxes. Back she came with a birds. His shrill voice would light- box - the size of Tib. Then she

> Trying to be gentle, I clumsily wrapped his cold body in tissue paper and laid the singer to rest inthe box.

HARD TO EXPLAIN . . .

And I wondered.

I wondered how that Man up there in the bright blue yonder 320 Maple. On Jan. 6 he will rejustified this death.

Why had He snuffed the life Ark. only the gay and the good? And Mother would often talk to him why does He keep alive haters,

And so Tib has gone . . . and life Mother and I were wiping the stumbles on . . . but not as happily Knight, 411 Lake. fellow . . .

qualifications have been determined he will go to the proper army air forces training command station to begin his actual air crew training.

With assistant Secretary of the gates." Navy Ralph H. Bard as principal

speaker at the ceremony, two widely celebrated in the various Highland Parkers were commis- countries of the world as New sioned ensigns of the U. S. Naval Year's day. How old this custom Reserve in New York City Dec. is we shall probably never know 14. David D. Worth, grandson of but we have proof that three thous-Mrs. Fred D. Silber, of Chicago, and years before Christ the Babyand Frank W. McDonald, son of lonians celebrated "The Zalmuk," Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. McDonald, a New Year's festival which lasted Sr., 802 S. Sheridan, were among for eleven merry days. the 1023 men receiving commissions.

Cpl. Ralph S. Higggins, who has completed his training as gunner on a B-24 bomber at Gowen Field, Ida., was home for a week recently, reporting to a base at Topeka, I looked at Mother whose soft, Kans., last Wednesday. On Christmas day a large family party was with joyous people. given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Higgins, 693 Central, at an aunt, and two cousins from

> by some young friends. Cpl. Higgins is 20 years old and a graduate of the June, 1944, graduating class.

Missouri were present. On Tues-

day another party was given him

geon, spent a part of their 10-day ionally one also finds the old cus-George Clark, Sr., 643 Vine. They houses at midnight, to let out the left on Wednesday for Detroit, spirit of the old year and to invite Mich., to visit the parents of Mrs. Clark, the former Anne Spurgeon, after which they will return to New London, Conn., where the Coast Guard academy.

Flight Officer William "Bill" training school at Harlingen, Tex., to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman R. Pomper, port to the air field at Stuttgart,

Pvt. Robt. Knight, who is receivis spending the holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs. Francis

Lincoln PTA to Present Talk by Mr. Mac F. Cahal

"Health, Fads and Fallacies" is the topic of Mr. Cahal's talk at FEATURE FORUM AT the first meeting of the new year FRIENDSHIP CLUB MEET

officer and general counsel of the American College of radiology Pvt. Robert A. Bartlett, 20, a which is the national association of

Mr. Cahal talks in a light, interunscrupulousness of "quacks" and some of the fads and fallacies of food and health of which the average American is victim.

Merchants' and housewives are warned to be particularly careful about cashing checks for strangers he left to report to Washington, man 1/c. He is 26 years old. His during the holidays. According to brother, Howard, 22, steamfitter Chief Kopp, nearly 1,000,000 checks are mailed daily by the government, and about 8,000,000 go each month to dependents of men in service. These checks are sometimes stolen from hall and porch mail boxes, endorsements forged and the checks cashed at the expense of un-alert retailers.

YWCA CALENDAR

Nursery school opens. Wednesday, Jan. 3 8:15 p.m. Business meeting

6:15 p.m. Friendship club dinner meeting.

Saturday, Jan. 6 9:00 p.m.

Highland Park Library

"This is the year that for you Beyond tomorrow's mystical

Perhaps no other holiday is so

Although the New Year has not always begun on the first of January, it has usually been associated with merrymaking and festivities.

In France New Year's day is the and theaters and cafes are filled

From Scotland comes the old custom of the wassail bowl, and which his grandmother two uncles, the old-time tradition of "firstfooters," finds throngs of people on the Scottish streets at midnight each carrying a box of cakes or other goodies, so as to insure his host a bountiful year, should he be the first to enter his house. "Burning out the old year" was observed in England by building Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. George Clark, huge bonfires to which everybody LINCOLN SCHOOL POSITION with their small son, George Spur- contributed a bit of fuel. Occasleave at the home of Mr. and Mrs. tom of opening up the doors of the the spirit of the new year to en-

In China New Year's day is a day of friendship, a day in which lieutenant is an instructor in the they not only pay their social debts, but their financial debts as well. Every house must be swept and cleaned, every person dressed Pomper is home from the B-24 in holiday clothes, and furnished with preserved fruits or ornamental packages of tea to give to

In some parts of our own South, New Year's day is also a day for friendship, a day to exchange calls and to renew acquaintances. Great preparations are made for these reing radio training at Ft. Dix, N.J., ceptions, and the home is an "open house" for those who wish to enter.

A new year is about to begin. It will bring joy, it will bring sorrow to every one of us. No matter what it brings, however, let us give it our best. And so, Happy New Year to all!

A dinner meeting of the Friendship club was held at the Y.W.C.A. Mr. Mac Cahal is a lawyer who on Thursday evening, Jan. 4, at by a forum on the subject, "The Returning Veteran and We People at Home." Mrs. Theodore Fischer the forum. Assistants were Mrs. J. O. Clarke, Mrs. Warren Danley, Miss Laura Cross, ler and Mrs. Danaver.

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Public Service Company Awarded Victory Plaque

For its outstanding record in the encouraging of victory gardens and home food preservation during the 1944 season, the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois has been awarded the 1944 Victory Garden plaque, highest honor of the National Victory Garden insti-

The awarding of the plaque, which was based on number of company and home gardens, size of company plots, acreage, pounds of food grown, cost of operation, promotional and advertising support, will take place at the Blackstone hotel in Chicago on Jan. 11 important day of the year, when when Lester J. Norris, chairman of wooden shoes are placed on the the institute will present the hearth, when gifts are exchanged, award to Britton I. Budd, company

More than 2,000 company employes - approximately one-half of the entire personnel - planted and harvested victory gardens on company plots, neighborhood vacant lots and in back yards under the company's 1944 garden program which was directed by Arthur F. Senior.

GEORGE EKDAHL RESIGNS

George Ekdahl, physical education director at Lincoln school, has resigned his position there to accept a post in Lake Forest school and community recreation. He will be succeeded by Vincent Viezbecke, B.S., of Virginia, Minn., who will assume his new duties in Dist. 108 on Jan. 3.

Mr. Viezbecke has for 10 years been associated with the Virginia schools as instructor of physical education. He received his training at the universities of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS

Fred Schalabowski, 301/2 Clay Ct., pleted a course in torpedo instruc- day, Jan. 3. Tea will be served Highwood, who was sworn into the tion at the same base. He is 18 at 2:45. AAF last June, has left to begin | years old.

his training at Keesler Field, Miss. in China, with a demolition unit. October. He is also a veteran of the invasions of North Africa, Sicily and

238 Central, Highwood.

Pvt. Matt Klemp, of the Signal Frank Moran, son of the How- Warn Retailers Against D. C.

mission last week at Pensacola, ent based in Australia. Fla. A graduate of the local high, school, and for two years a student | Paratrooper Clifford Robinson, at Northwestern, he has completed local high school graduate, and 18 months of flight training. He former resident of this town, is is 21 and his parents are Mr. and spending a holiday leave with his Mrs. Fred Okey, 1021 N. St. Johns. mother, Mrs. Mary Robinson, of

awarded to Pfc. Douglas Francis, Wm. Kelly, 257 N. Second. He is Tuesday, Jan. 2son of Mrs. Hilda Francis, 47 St. stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala. Johns Ave., of the U. S. army.

in March, 1942, and has been sta- Kortman, USMC, with his mother, tioned in New Guinea since May. Mrs. Joseph Kortman of North-He arrived home in time for the brook. Pfc. Kortman, veteran of Thursday, Jan. 4-Christmas holidays.

the Pacific theater since June, campaigns, was awarded the Presiaboard an LSV, was engaged in the | dential Unit citation for action at invasion of Leyte.

and Mrs. Daniel Hunt, 1055 Fair Miss., Pvt. David M. Suttle, Jr., Oaks, Deerfield, is stationed at the son of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Sut-Lake Charles, La., airport, where tle, 807 Lincoln Ave., is now being he is a member of the Third examined by the AAF training Bomber squadron. He is 22, a command station medical and psygraduate of the local high school chological unit to determine his and a former student at Lake For- qualifications as a pre-aviation caest college. A COLUGE

Musser, 529 Oakwood, is Frank completion of the processing he is Musser, Seaman 1/c, USN. A grad-undergoing at Keesler Field.

Roland Schlabowski, son of Mrs. | at Great Lakes. He has since com- of Lincoln school PTA, Wednes-

Ens. Fred Musser, 23, a brother, has been associated with the medi- 6:15. The dinner was followed Cadet Schlabowski, 18, has one is now stationed in New Guinea cal profession in an administrabrother and his father in the Navy, with a beach jumper unit. An alum- tive capacity for 12 years. Forboth of whom enlisted in the serv- nus of Iowa State, he received his merly an executive officer for a ice on Pearl Harbor day. Jerry, commission at Notre Dame uni- state medical association, Mr. Caboatswain 2/c, now 20, is stationed | versity and has been overseas since | hal has, since 1937, been executive | led

Salerno, and has since been sta- member of the 1942 graduating medical specialists in x-ray and ra- Miss Clara Nord, Miss Aileen Memtioned at points in India. His class, is stationed with the 6th dium. wife, the former Delores Carani, Army in the European area, and lives with her baby daughter at is a member of the gallant 399th esting and entertaining manner infantry regiment which made and in his speech will discuss the The father, Fred Schlabowski, such a fine record in France. The 3/c petty officer, is serving aboard son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barta transport in the Pacific. He was lett, 1016 Oak, he studied one year formerly stationed in the Caribbe- at Purdue before entering the army specialist training program.

Service corps, who has been sta- ard Morans, 719 S. St. Johns, for Forgers and Thieves Christmas holidays with his par- transferred from an LST boat in ents, Mr. and Mrs. Klemp, 310 N. the European area to office work Ridge. At the end of his furlough in England with the rank of yeo-2/c, USN, has been at sea in the A. William "Bill" Okey, NAF, Pacific for two years, and Richard, was awarded his wings and com- 19, fireman 1/c, USN, is at pres-

Northbrook. They were dinner A medical discharge has been guests, last week, of Mr. and Mrs.

Also guests of the Kellys was Pfc. Francis entered the service another of her nephews, Pfc. Paul 30 months in the Pacific area, A brother, Richard, m/m, 3/c, in where he took part in three major

Daniel Hunt, Jr., son of Mr. Having arrived at Keesler Field,

Flying officer training as a pi-Spending a holiday leave with lot, bombardier or navigator will be his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. given Pvt. Suttle upon successful

uate of the June graduating class, The period of his stay here will Musser entered the navy soon after, receiving his basic training military training, and when his

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