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## Dancer Will Entertain At Woman's Club March 19

Miss Sybil Shearer, winner of the 1942 dance award, will be the attraction at the Highland Park Woman's club on the afternoon of March 19. Mrs. Leonard Keaster, president of the club, will preside at the business meeting at two o'clock, and Mrs. Benedict K. Goodman, program chairman, will introduce Miss Shearer to her audience.

Miss Shearer made her New York solo debut in October, 1941, at Carnegie Chamber Music hall. Her appearance there created a great deal of interest, as for several seasons she was a prominent member of the Humphrey-Weidman company, and for the two previous seasons had been appearing with Agnes DeMille.

She has since won enthusiastic acclaim from discriminating audiences in New York, Chicago, Milwaukee, and elsewhere.

After her appearance at Kaufman auditorium in New York in December of 1942, John Martin of the New York Times wrote of her performance: "Technically she is miraculous; her body does things that are incredible, not only in conception but in execution. Nothing, however, is without inner compulsion. Movement, indeed, seems to possess her. Her hands are particularly fluent, and she uses them more than any other dancer one can recall. Her concentration is enormous, so that stillness itself becomes a form of dynamic containment which she employs with a great deal of command."

This is the first time in several years that the club has presented this type of program, and members may well expect an afternoon of absorbing entertainment.

Hostesses at this meeting will be Mesdames Thomas H. Gail, George L. Boveroux, Erastus R. Phelps and Raymond W. Flinn.

## Sergeant K. Bishop Of Marine Corps at Waukegan March 21

A representative of the U. S. Marine corps recruiting service will be at the Waukegan post office building Thursday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Men in this area between the ages of 17 and 25 who have had no previous military experience and veterans of other branches of America's armed forces up to 32 years of age are invited to visit the recruiting sergeant for detailed information regarding the advantages the Marine corps has to offer. Ex-marines may also learn of the benefits they will receive if they re-enlist within 90 days after their discharge. For a limited time only, the Marine corps is accepting enlistments of men for duty specifically with aviation units. These men receive training for duty as crewmen, maintenance men, communications men, or as pilots. The period of enlistment in the Marines is for two, three or four years.

## Lions Hear Talk On Modern Ireland By Irish Consul

At their Thursday luncheon-meeting this week, members of the Lions club had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Garth Healy, consul of Ireland, who is staying, for the present, in Chicago.

His talk was on the timely and interesting subject of "Modern Ireland."

At the last meeting, Mr. Zipoy of the American Legion commended the club for their work in connection with the city Honor Roll, and presented them with a flag to be used on special occasions. Members of the Lions club have given much of their time and thought to the construction and maintenance of this Honor Roll, situated on N. First St.

## Kiwanians To Hear Talk By Noted Psychologist

Dr. Stanley B. Niles, president of Iowa Wesleyan college, at Mt. Pleasant, Ia., will be the speaker at the meeting of Kiwanis club next Monday night, March 18, at Sunset valley club house. His subject: "A Million Fears."

Dr. Niles, who, by the way, is a Kiwanian, was recently loaned to the Men's Fellowship club for their last meeting.

## Parents, Teachers and City Officials to Combine Traffic Safety Efforts

"How can we teach specific safety habits without inviting some children to do the very thing against which we are trying to warn them?"

In the March issue of the "Safety Beacon," published by the school and college division of the National Safety council, the following appears in a symposium on the above question.

"The assurance of a positive safety program depends, in the main, upon the ability of the school administrator, staff, city officials, children and parents to co-ordinate their efforts in making the program functional. There must be a mutual understanding of the aims of the program and, then there must be definite techniques developed to put the program into operation. The use of the school assembly program, the school bulletin, classroom units of instruction, and newspaper and magazine articles will help in building the proper mind set toward safety."

—Stanley W. McKee, principal, Lincoln school, Highland Park.

## Deadline for City Vehicle Licenses To Be April 1

Chief Rex Andrews, of the local police force, reports that the deadline for city vehicle licenses has been set for April 1.

This time has been extended for the convenience of the citizens of Highland Park, since the month of March is also income tax month.

Chief Andrews also reports that the matter of parking cars on parkways will receive close attention from the city force.

There are several reasons for this measure. Cars parked on parkways obscure the vision of drivers, thus menacing public safety. Cars parked this way also cut and tear the parkways. In enforcing the rules the city force is co-operating with the street department as well as the city safety council.

## Presbyterian Women To Hold All-Day Meeting March 18

The all-day meeting of the Woman's association of the Highland Park Presbyterian church will be held on Monday, March 18, at the church.

The program for the day is as follows:

10:00 a.m. Sewing and hospital dressings.

12:00 noon. Chancel service. Mrs. Richard Bell will conduct.

12:30 p.m. Luncheon.

2:00 p.m. Annual meeting.

Mrs. Stunkel's group is in charge of the food sale, and Mrs. Bartel's group is in charge of the luncheon.

The spring rummage sale will be held April 18. All contributions will be gladly received.

## Veterans of Foreign Wars Are Planning a Membership Drive

Members of the Highland Park Memorial post, No. 4737, are planning a membership drive. One feature will include several window displays of trophies brought in by members of the VFW. Members having such trophies should bring them to the fire station, 60 N. Green Bay.

At the next meeting, March 21, there will be nomination and election for all offices of the post. Members are urged to be present, as it is an important occasion.

## Col. Robt. Wienecke To Tell Rotarians Of Overseas Experiences

On Monday, March 18, at 12:15 at the Sunset Valley club house, Dr. Donald Rossiter will introduce his former chief of staff, Col. Robt. Wienecke, of the 82nd Airborne division, who was active in all the campaigns starting with Sicily.

Col. Wienecke is a former Northwestern graduate and football player. He will speak on the highlights of his overseas experiences.

## Prophet With Honor—George Scheuchenpflug: Mr. "X" to You

It is said that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country. Behold the exception that proves the rule — Mr. X, Director of Recreation at the Highland Park Community Center. For this man of simple tastes and habits has suddenly sprung into prominence, not only at home, but also over a coast-to-coast hook-up.

Last Sunday evening, while listening to an 11 o'clock broadcast over WMAQ, Mr. X was amazed to hear the announcer switch from world affairs to — "Over in little old Highland Park is a Mr. X — a man who can't pronounce his own name" — or words to that effect; and so on and on for a 10-minute spiel.

Now this is, of course, gross exaggeration. Mr. Sch — er — Mr. X has always been able to pronounce his own name — even spell it, since his sixth year in school; as well as the rest of it, which is, by the way, George Leopold Augustus Octavius Wilhelm Scheuchenpflug. Of Austrian origin, we believe.

Nevertheless, his name has always proved one of Mr. X's major problems. In early life it was simple; merely "George" sufficed. In later school life he became known, for some reason, as "Kid Hackenschmidt." In his school-teaching days pupils were instructed to call him "Mr. George." Still later, with a hopeless shrug, business associates resorted to "Mr. XYZ." This eventually simmered down to "Mr. X" — and stuck.

The recent flare-up of publicity really had its origin a year ago when a Chicago reporter, who came to our fair city to write up the remarkable "toothpick tower" fashioned by young Peter Ohlwein and exhibited at the Hobby Show, was introduced to "Mr. X." She blinked, then twinkled. "How interesting!" she chortled. "I believe I shall write you up." Recently she did just that, and the Associated Press, ever greedy for good human interest stories, caught right on.

Last Sunday evening's broadcast ended with: "Perhaps some of you listeners can help Mr. X to solve this problem of a name. What are your suggestions? Write them to Mr. X, himself." (The postman is not going to like this, Mr. X!)

The name "X" has certain arresting qualities. For instance, at a convention one time, when our friend was remaining unobtrusively in the background, an acquaintance, arriving upon the scene, demanded loudly: "Where's Mr. X?" He's supposed to be here... Oh, there you are, X! From then on our friend entered the limelight as — you've guessed it — Mr. X!

Embarrassing to a man of his bashful tendencies — for contrary to the base insinuations of some newspapers, our friend is definitely no wolf! — have been some of his encounters with that stern guardian of the inner sanctum — the office girl. Misled by his ruddy and jovial countenance, some fresh thing is apt to demand, upon his announcing himself as Mr. X, "Are you kidding, Mister?" Most disconcerting — awkward to go into.

Once at a Rotary club dinner in Denver, the master of ceremonies had a terrific struggle with the name Scheuchenpflug — and came out defeated. "Mr. Sch - Sch - Sch —" he stuttered. Then, all red and bothered, he asked: "Is this gentleman in the room?"

Our friend stood up. "I am," he stated. Then, kindly: "In my home town I am known as 'Mr. X.'" The crowd applauded lustily, and everyone insisted upon shaking his hand.

Athletics and physical education have always been Mr. X's line. In 1928 when, together with a man named "Ray," he had charge of recreation at Rochdale Inn, Mich., authorities capitalized upon the combination, advertising them as "X-Ray."

At one time Mr. X attracted public notice through giving first aid and life saving exhibitions. In this capacity he reached some 500,000 people. In four years, exclusively, he won the Lockwood cup for teaching the largest number of junior life savers in the country, among Chicago Boy Scouts. A season of 10 weeks would yield an average of 300 junior life savers. In these camps, accommodating 1000 boys at one time, he turned out 99% of his pupils as successful swimmers, averaging 3 to 4

## Legion and Scouts Join in Search for Missing Child

Monday night, at 11 o'clock, 2-year-old Denis, son of Dr. and Mrs. Conley, 261 Laurel, was warm and safe in his home after 5 hours of wandering in the dark through a strange neighborhood.

When Denis, 2½, didn't come in from play with his brothers, aged 3 and 5, his mother thought little of it, for a short time before she had seen him playing on the veranda. But when she called him, he was nowhere to be found. After searching the immediate neighborhood, she called Police Chief Andrews, and immediately squad cars were scouring the vicinity.

Becoming alarmed, Chief Andrews called for volunteers. About 35 Boy Scouts with their leaders joined the search.

When by 8:30 no clew had been found, Chief Andrews appealed for aid from the air raid wardens and asked Comdr. Zipoy to call in Legionnaires, and by 9:30 about 80 Legionnaires and as many Scouts, as well as people from other organizations and private citizens reported to the city hall to organize a systematic search.

At 11 p.m. the missing child was found by Arne Makela, a member of a group headed by Ken Margeon, at Belle avenue, asleep on the sidewalk. He was rushed to his father, waiting at the police station, and from there he was whisked by his father and Chief Andrews to his home. Not by so much as a sniffle does he show himself to be the worse for his experience.

It is a significant fact that two years of air warden training greatly expedited the search. The group had been trained for emergencies — and they met this one with flying colors.

Especially worthy of commendation are leaders of different groups: Edward Moroney, Harry Skidmore, Miller Schreiner, Saylor Shoenefelt, Leslie McCaffrey, Frank Zipoy, Ray Hayes, Harry Aiston, DeWitt Manasse, Wm. Bangs, Van Kirk, Hank Mrazek, and Harry Eichler.

It was noted that not one called upon refused nor hesitated to come from his home — some from their beds — to join an all-night search, if necessary. And the success of their efforts reflects credit on the whole town.

## Deerfield Township Republican Women Meet with President

The board of the Deerfield Township Republican Women's club met on Monday, March 11, at the home of the president, Mrs. Wm. Winters.

Letters received from Republican candidates for offices in the April primary were read by Mrs. Horace Vaile, chairman of the candidates committee. A file index was formed from the filled-in questionnaires returned by the candidates and each club member will receive a prospectus prepared on the background and qualifications of the candidates.

Mrs. Roswell Swazey reported on the work of the precinct committee and the completed list of precinct captains will be announced later.

A reminder that dues are now payable was made by the treasurer, Miss Grace Gregori, 19 Britany road.

The membership chairman, Mrs. Frank Randolph, announced an encouraging number of new members. With the revived interest in the Republican party, all Republican women living in Highland Park are invited to join the club.

thousand during a summer.

We have a growing feeling that these are but a very few of the interesting facts which could be told about our Mr. X, with his powerful physique and his bland, blue gaze. But, as we said before, Mr. X is a modest man — and we respect his reticences.

"Kids are a lot smarter these days than they used to be," he muses. His daughter, Doris, for instance, although for convenience she signs her school papers "Doris X," can also spell "Scheuchenpflug." Robert, who is younger, cannot, alas, manage it quite yet. "You are very good-natured about all this fun people have with your name," Mr. X has been told. "Why not?" he asks, philosophically. "What would it get me to be otherwise?"

## Fine Progress Made In Red Cross Fund Drive

### RECREATION BOARD NOTES

#### FREE THROW TOURNAMENT

There have been some questions raised about the grammar school free throw tournament. Here are some answers. Any boys or girls in the 5th, 6th or 7th grades can compete. It may be done indoors or outdoors. The winners will compete in a citywide tournament during the Easter holidays. Each contestant will be allowed 25 tries at the basket. The trials will be held during the basketball clinic time sponsored by the Playground board. See your gym teacher if you are interested.

#### TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT STARTS APRIL 1

The citywide table tennis tournament starts play on Monday, Apr. 1. There will be two classes: Class I for high school age and Class II for grammar school age. Prizes will be awarded the winners. Playing of games will be at the Community center if you want to compete.

#### WANT MEMBERS FOR ADULT CAMERA CLUB

Summer will soon be here. It is getting easier to get film and paper for amateur photography and Highland Park ought to have a Camera club. If sufficient men and women want such a club, Community center will arrange to get one started. Call or write to the Community Center, Mr. "X" at 2442.

Recreation board calls for suggestions. Have you Mr. and Mrs. Highland Park, any suggestions or ideas that would improve the summer playground program for this coming Summer? If you have, the recreation board, care of the Community center, will welcome them. Now is the time to make suggestions.

## Mother Meets Death By Asphyxiation

Monday afternoon, Mrs. James Llewellyn, 26, was found unconscious from gas fumes in the kitchen of her home at 231 Evolution, Highland. The Highland Park inhalator squad, summoned by the Highland police department, failed to revive her. Mrs. Llewellyn had been suffering from severe headaches and depression. She is survived by her husband, of the U. S. navy, stationed at Ft. Lakes, and two sons, William, 5, and Dennis, three weeks old.

## Parents Express Gratitude For Help in Finding Child

To the police department, the Boy Scouts, the Legionnaires, and other organizations and individuals who joined in the city-wide search for their son Monday evening, Dr. and Mrs. Conley wish to express publicly their deep gratitude. "Never," says Mrs. Conley, "have I experienced anything finer than the spirit shown by these friends."

A mere "Thank You," she feels, expresses but poorly their feelings of gratefulness.

## No. Suburban Philatelic To Hold Stamp Auction At March 19 Meeting

At the next meeting of the No. Suburban Philatelic society, Tuesday, March 19, at 8 p.m., at the local Community center, a stamp donation collection will be auctioned off.

The following meeting will be held April 2.

## Philatheans to Meet At Church Tuesday, March 19th

The Philathea class of the Bethany Evangelical church will meet in the Dubs room of the church on Tuesday, March 19, at 8 p.m. Hostesses will be Mesdames Mae Meierhoff, Ora Fritsch, Ruth Kightly and Miss Ella Wessling.

## Mothers Guild of Immaculate Conception School Meet Wednesday

The Mothers guild of the Immaculate Conception school will hold an afternoon meeting at the school, Wednesday, March 20, at 3:15. Mrs. Thomas P. Clark, chairman, will preside.

The Red Cross fund campaign for Highland Park entered its second last week last Friday with house-to-house solicitors making an attempt to see every household and contributor before March 15.

A complete list of block workers in the campaign will be published next week, according to Chairman Lester Ball.

"The organization has been functioning well under the district chairmen and already results of this effort are being felt in the form of solid contributions to this year's campaign," said Mr. Ball.

Attention was directed to the fine record Highland Park has maintained in exceeding its quota on all previous Red Cross fund drives and members of all committees expressed the hope and expectation that this record would still be intact at the end of this year's campaign.

From fighting men outside this country comes the appeal that contributions this year be maintained for the support of Red Cross in standing by the side of fighting men who are still scattered all over the world. Many reports of men who have seen service at home and abroad indicate that the work of Red Cross is frequently vital to the well being of members of the armed forces who are still compelled to be stationed far from the comforts of home.

Those who have not been called on to make a contribution may do so by mailing their checks to the American Red Cross, 521 Central, Highland Park.

## Precautions Submitted My Civic Safety Groups Committee

Last year no less than 96,000 Americans lost their lives through accidents in the home, traffic, farm, and factory — a total equivalent to six full divisions of infantrymen.

In case of emergency: Do you know the location of water, gas and electric shut-off and do you check their operation at least once each year?

Do you have a first-aid kit approved by your doctor or the American Red Cross? Do you keep the supplies replenished?

Do you know elementary first-aid procedure?

Do you know which is the quickest exit in case of fire?

Do you know how to telephone the fire department?

These hazards should be checked in all rooms where stoves, furnaces or other heating devices are used.

Are stoves located away from windows to avoid setting fire to curtains?

Are stove and furnace pipes and flues inspected and cleaned regularly?

Are gas burners adjusted properly and are they free from leaks?

Are the hot water heater and all small gas room heaters equipped with vent pipes or flues to carry gases of combustion outside the house?

Are the flames of gas burners protected from drafts? Is wood-work within 18 inches of furnace, stove or heaters protected by an insulating shield?

Are non-flammable cleaners provided for use on stoves?

Do you keep all burnable materials well away from heating devices?

Do you open the flue damper on the furnace, and on the wood or coal stoves, before retiring?

Do you have a rule against using kerosene to start fires?

The above is sponsored by the Civic Groups Safety committee and the Highland Park Traffic commission.

## Field Supervisor at Grays Lake Mar. 22

Mr. V. Lateer, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan office, will be at the production credit office in Grayslake, Ill., from 2 to 4 p.m. on March 22, to accept applications from farmers for loans to produce crops or to purchase feed for livestock. Farmers needing financing for crop production or feed should arrange to meet Mr. Lateer at this time.