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all others in the community. Funds available for all expenditures are fixed by law and the money that could be spent during the year was known, therefore all expenses were considered as a whole.

The salary schedule of teachers, already in force, was further improved in several details and every teacher is on schedule this year and they will be next year. The average teacher salary last year was \$2200, and this year has been \$2300. The average increase from 1941 through the past year has exceeded 30 per cent. Next year the average compensation will be \$2600.

Also of importance, the conditions under which the teachers worked were largely improved. More teaching aids were made available, teachers' quarters were redecorated. All class sizes, except kindergarten, have been reduced to conform with desirable limits. A speech correctionist has been added at State expense.

A permanent health program has been installed to guard against epidemic and undue illness; an additional nurse employed at Green Bay, and both nurse rooms and equipment have been enlarged.

Constant study has been made of the educational program for the purpose of keeping the system up-to-date currently and for the long range view.

All these ideas in turn determine the physical plant. Extensive surveys have been made to plot a course of action. First, an appraisal was made to determine values, depreciation and the basis of an insurance program. We found that the most pressing problems were heating and heat control, adequate lighting, conformance with the State laws on physical education, safety of children crossing Sheridan road to Morgan playground, and the accumulated maintenance work.

Meantime, a new lunch room was built at Elm Place, some extra painting was done, a football field and baseball diamond were completed at Morgan playground, and several types of experimental lights installed.

After experience and careful examination, we decided upon the minimum work that was necessary to complete at the earliest moment. The boilers at Elm Place are old, expensive to operate and potential breakdown is imminent: We find that two new boilers can replace the present three and give quicker heat and lower cost. The installation plans are to provide a tunnel for undercover passage between all buildings.

At Green Bay and Elm Place the skylights have proven unsatisfactory. The heat loss during most of the year is large. Rooms are drafty. Temperature control, both within a room and between rooms common to the same children, is variable. Proper lighting cannot be arranged in rooms with skylights.

The use of Morgan playground is increasing constantly. For just ordinary precaution a tunnel under Sheridan road is a vital need.

The State law provides that upper grade girls be given physical education. The present gym affords but a small amount of such instruction even for the boys. We find that the space above the present gym can be made into a boys' gym and the existing gym turned over to the girls.

The necessary improvements detailed above can all be achieved for \$100,000. Your board has called for a referendum on a bond issue of \$100,000 at an interest rate of not to exceed 1 1/2 per cent to provide the funds for this vital work.

Present bonds outstanding of \$60,000 will be retired in 1948. We propose the retirement of the new issue in 1949-52, at \$25,000 per year as against the present annual retirement of \$30,000 in 1947 and 1948.

It seems probable that the inflationary trend will continue and consequently costs of salaries, supplies and maintenance will rise further. Cash receipts come a year after the levy and the school district needs the protection of an educational rate to cover these possible increases and other desirable changes in the educational program. The possibility of increasing revenue to the allowable rate of \$1.125 is being put up to the voters at the April 13 election for decision. This will make possible in the year following next to have additional educational funds available where necessary.

Your school district continues to be financially sound and with high financial integrity through next year. We believe the proposals for the bond issue and the increase in rate for education are in line with advancing costs and educational ideas.

We hope that you feel our school is constantly progressing, that efforts are being made continuously

Catholic Women Observe Annual Day of Prayer

The North Shore Catholic Women's league, together with members of the Sanctuary guild of Sts. Faith, Hope and Charity church, will have their annual day of prayer April 16, at Marie Immaculata convent, 1041 Ridge road, Wilmette.

Rev. Eugene F. Mangold, S.J., assistant principal and disciplinarian at Loyola university, Chicago, will conduct the various services, opening with celebration of the mass at 9 a.m. and closing with the benediction at 3 p.m.

Mrs. John E. McCaffrey of Highland Park, chairman of arrangements, urges all members to attend and participate in the spiritual benefits to be derived from a day of prayer and teaching. Reservations can be made with Mrs. McCaffrey and Mrs. Wm. P. Crowley, Highland Park.

T. B. Association Mobile Unit in Highland Park-Deerfield Vicinity

The Lake County Tuberculosis association brought its newly purchased mobile x-ray unit to the vicinity of Highland Park and Deerfield March 19-21. It was to be seen parked on the grounds of the Highland Park high school and the Highland Park hospital.

Positive reactors from the Deerfield grade school, Bannockburn, Deerfield, Oak Terrace and St. James schools, Highwood, were brought to the unit while parked at the Highland Park high school, and accepted x-rays at the time as the high school. Through the cooperation of Miss Marjorie Ibsen, superintendent of the Highland Park hospital, with the Lake County Tuberculosis association, the staff and the maintenance employees of the hospital received x-rays. 274 7-rays were taken in Highland Park.

X-rays were offered to the faculty and employees of each school. Reports will be mailed to patients and family doctor when physician is given. The association asks patience in waiting for these reports.

The association extends its appreciation to the many people in the vicinity of Highland Park and Deerfield who have helped so generously in making this work possible.

Gray Ladies Teach Crafts to Veterans

Old toothbrush handles, bits of yarn, cowhorns from the stockyards, coconut shells, peach pits, and chicken bones may sound like junk to many people, but the patients at U. S. naval hospital, Gt. Lakes, and at Ft. Sheridan station hospital are finding many surprising uses for them. Under the guidance of Red Cross gray ladies the men are learning to make bracelets out of toothbrush handles; shoe horns and belt buckles from the cowhorns; salad bowls from the coconut shells. They now carve monkey faces out of the peach pits, and string them for necklaces for their wives or sweethearts. And one boy has even fashioned a unique sailing vessel from the breast bone of a chicken and some brown paper that is the envy of all his pals.

For the Easter parade some of the more ambitious patients are fashioning hats, making buttons and belts, jewelry, and handbags for their proud wives and daughters.

So popular is this craftwork that the Red Cross gray ladies who are serving at local military hospitals need more help to meet the many requests of the GI's in the wards and shops who want "to make something." These women are especially appealing to former Red Cross gray ladies to return to the corps, and help in this vital work.

Mrs. J. V. Fort, 2523 Hartley avenue, Evanston, will interview North Shore women interested in volunteering for gray lady work on Wednesday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Evanston Red Cross headquarters, 615 Davis St. Call her today, and volunteer your services.

to provide the maximum of opportunity for the children. We believe that business and property values will be favorably affected through the improvements we desire to make.

The members of your board have been unanimous in their conclusions during the year. We believe that sort of teamwork is helpful to all.

Respectfully submitted, ARTHUR H. SWANSON, President

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CORN ON THE COLUMN

By ALEX MacPHERSON

Influenced and inspired by the beautiful Spring weather of the past few days, this 79-inch correspondent satisfies his poetic urge by writing the following verse. Any similarity between this lyrical lunacy and actual poetry is purely coincidental. A. MCP.

AROUND THE SENIOR CIRCUIT

"Phooey" and jeers greet the agonized ears Of Phibies in the park called Shibe; In Boston, the Brave must suffer the rave That comes from the Beantown fan's jibe.

In big old New York, on the Polo grounds work Those mighty ones called men of Ott; But when Giants meet the Eb-bets Field fleet Of bums — things do really get hot.

Smoke gets in your eyes when you search for those guys, The Pirates, amid steels and leads; They'll soon entrain thither by the Ohio River, With Crosley's big Rhinelanders Reds.

A breeze on the face — gum all over the place— Means the Cubs are aftied in Chicago; And the stop furthest west being Sam's Red Birds' nest, With Durante, we'll say "Umbri-ago!"

Ed's note: We had always supposed Spring-inspired poetry to be more on the sentimental side... eh, Alex?

SUGGESTION TO HOLLYWOOD

Instead of fretting over the numerous sports events which may draw would-be customers away from their silver screen, Hollywood film producers should wise up during these days of the new golden era of sports by bringing theatrical scene to the screen. Not just in newsreels and selected shorts should they do so, but on a full scale of several feature length productions each year.

For one example of the past, consider that crowd-pleasing 1941 sports biography, "Knut Rockne, All-American." There was a genuine box-office hit. It earned the approval of athletic enthusiasts the nation over. Then followed "Harmon of Michigan" and "Smith of Minnesota," both dealing with football; and "Campus Confessions," starring Hank Luisetti, a hardwood hero in real life, who became a basketball star in "reel" life.

Three other pictures dealt with the lives of sporting immortals, by title "The Galloping Ghost," "The Iron Major" and "Pride of the Yankees." Some celluloid stories involved boxing and baseball backgrounds but employed fictional characters in lieu of famous athletes who were standouts at the sport featured in the cinema play.

GOOD SHOOTING

All told, for greater box-office appeal Mr. Hollywood Producer could profitably use the exploits of kins and queens of the world sports as excellent "shooting material."

GIRL SCOUT NOTES

The third grade Brownies of Elm Place school held a "hush party" for their mothers on Monday, Apr. 8. The Brownies gave a play and as a special feature, and as a surprise for their mothers, provided refreshments. Leaders who assisted the girls were: Mrs. Henry Millett, Mrs. Gordon Buchanan Jr., Mrs. J. H. Lundstrom and Mrs. Doxie.

On Wednesday, April 10, at 9:45 in the Community center, the leaders meeting will be held. At this time definite plans and arrangements will be made for the Spring festival. Mrs. Hamilton Winton and Mrs. Wyatt Jacobs are in charge.

Wednesday, April 17, the monthly Council meeting will be held at the Girl Scout office with Mrs. J. M. Watkins Jr., presiding.

April 8 and 9 are the dates for the Great Lakes regional committee meeting to be held at the La Salle hotel in Chicago. Mrs. Borden-Powell, who is head of the world association of Girl Guides and Scouts, will speak on April 9. Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse, national director, will have as her subject, "Estimating the Value of Girl Scouting in the Community."

Mrs. J. M. Watkins Jr., commissioner, and Mrs. E. E. Alt Jr., executive secretary of the local Girl Scouts, are attending.

Aged Resident Succumbs To Sudden Attack

Mrs. Keziah Elliott, aged 90 years and seven months, passed away on Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Bell, 522 Lincoln, following a sudden attack ten days before. Until that time her health had been of the best.

For 25 years a resident of Highland Park, she was born in England, where she married the late Joseph Abel Bell; and it was in England that her daughter Lillie passed away at the age of two.

Five other children survive: Mrs. G. A. Norrien, Mr. Harry Elliott and Mrs. A. L. Bell of Highland Park; Mr. Homer Elliott of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Willard Richie of Des Plaines; also a sister, Mrs. H. Ison, of Green Lake, Wis., and five grandchildren.

Funeral rites and interment took place in Green Lake, Wis., on Tuesday.

Veterans' Hospitals Request Services of Fishermen

The Red arts and skills corps sent out an appeal today for expert fly tyers to teach their skills to the hospitalized servicemen and veterans at Hines Veterans and U. S. Naval hospitals. Men who can give daytime hours to this recreational project are especially welcomed, but even the fellow who can give only evening hours can serve at the U. S. Naval hospital between 6 and 8:30 p.m.

Applicants are urged to volunteer for this service now by contacting the Chicago chapter, Red Cross headquarters at 529 S. Wabash, or phone Wabash 7850.

funds can be obtained at an interest rate of one per cent or lower. In addition, the Board recommends that the tax rate be increased slightly so that working funds will be available to meet higher costs of maintenance and to allow the Board to carry out their bonus plan for teachers. The proposed improvements are very conservative and at the same time adequate. District 107 is in a fortunate position because their outstanding indebtedness is very low and will be completely liquidated within the next few years.

The tremendous and unprecedented vote of confidence given the Board in last year's election is indicative of the increased interest and confidence in the Board's activities. To insure the continuation of this program of such tremendous importance to the community, the residents of District 107 are urged to register their opinions next Saturday at the voting booths at Elm Place school.

New Courses Offered Freshmen Next Year

Four exploratory courses, consisting of drafting, woodwork, electrical work, and auto mechanics, are being offered to freshmen next year by the industrial arts department.

Nine weeks will be spent on each subject and it will take a year to complete the course. In these basic consumer education subjects the students will become acquainted with various shops, tools, materials, and machines in each shop. The objectives will be to give basic tool training, consumer education, and prepare the student for leisure time activities. The advanced industrial arts courses will remain the same for next year.

Beginning next year, students will be required to have two years of industrial arts before they will be admitted to the trades courses. Freshmen and sophomores, consequently, will not be allowed to take the trades courses.

All trades students will take two years of academic work before taking trades courses in order to make it possible for them to meet minimum college requirements.

Pinochle Tournament Takes Spotlight at USO Thursday

A pinochle tournament will be held tonight (Thursday) at the Highland Park USO, with prizes for both women and servicemen winners. Juke box dancing and refreshments will follow.

Last Monday night Mrs. Lucy Smith gave her customary instruction in square dancing, and Miss Mildred Walther, in charge of the victrola, favored with "Your Favorite Record." Cake and coffee followed.

Tuesday night a duplicate bridge tournament was staged, fol-

lowed by a juke box dance and refreshments. On Wednesday, the 344th army band played for dancing. There was also a floor show, GSO girls acting as hostesses.

Games, Friday night, will precede juke box dancing and refreshments. Saturday afternoon Mrs. Truax will serve the regular Saturday afternoon coffee from 4 to 6, and Saturday over night sleeping will be followed by Sunday breakfast.

Funeral Rites Tuesday For Elsie Samuelson Peers

The funeral services of Elsie S. Peers, wife of F. C. Peers, were held Tuesday evening at the Kelley chapel under the direction of the Rev. Lester H. Laubenstein. Interment was at the Mooney cemetery the following morning.

Mrs. Peers, who was employed as a secretary in Chicago, died as a result of being hit by a Chicago and North Western train last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Peers, who were married four years ago, had just received plans from an architect for the construction of a house in the 500 block on Laurel avenue.

Survivors are her husband, F. C. Peers; her father, Eloy Samuelson, and her brother, Richard Samuelson.

Rites in Deerfield For Mrs. James Duffy

Funeral rites were held on Monday at the Catholic church in Deerfield for Mrs. James Duffy, 61, who succumbed to a sudden attack in Waukegan on Thursday of last week, where she and her husband had lived since last November.

The Duffys lived in Highland Park for fifteen years, at which time Mr. Duffy served as civilian employee at Ft. Sheridan. Later he became postmaster at Deerfield.

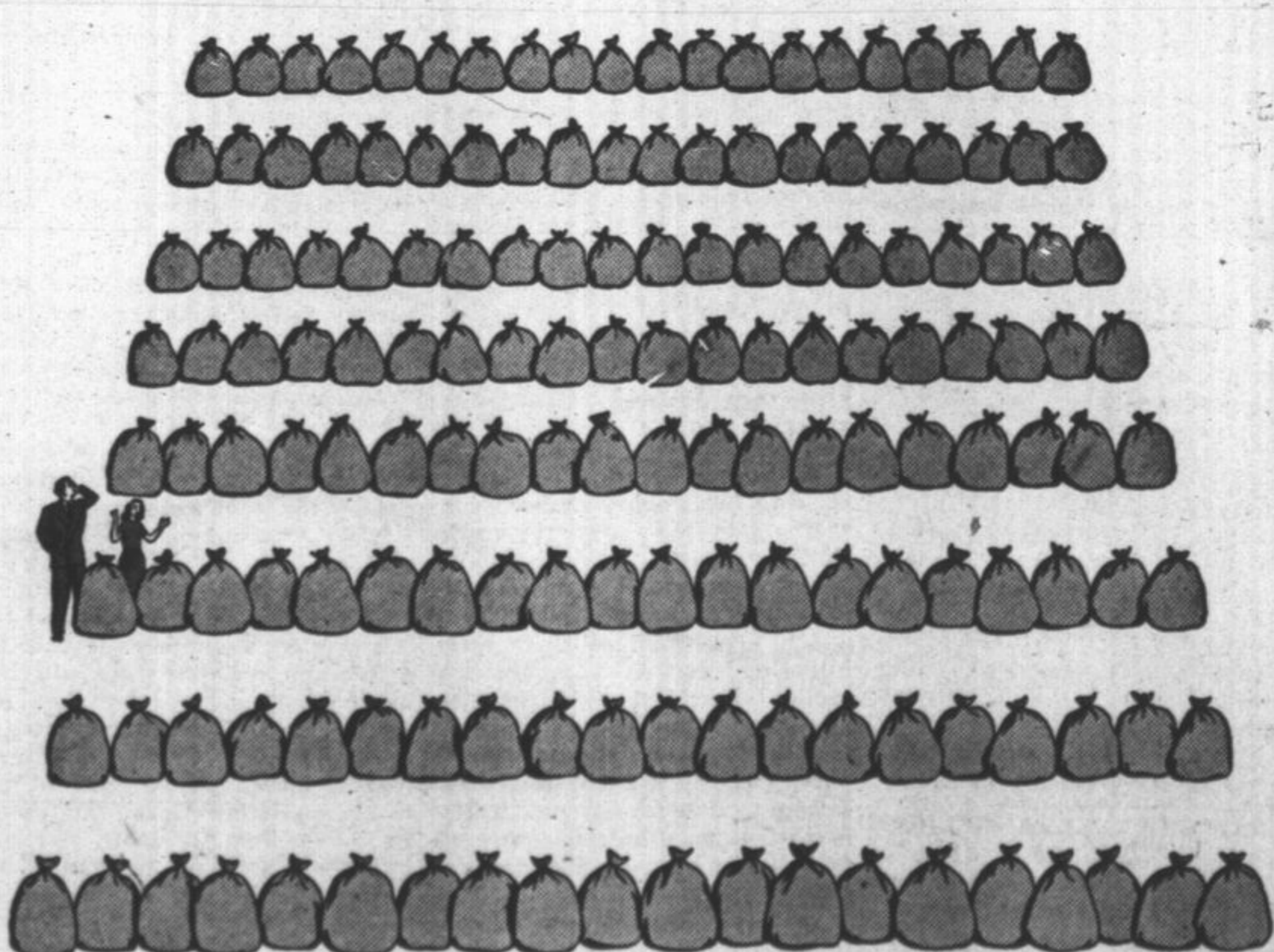
Also surviving are two sons: Richard, of Chicago, and Peter, now in service.

Senior Girl Scouts Plan Hike in May

The Highland Park senior girl scouts, who met Monday at the home of Mrs. Roy Nereim, 247 Central, to enjoy motion pictures of Alaska, plan an overnight hike to take place some time in May.

Passion Play Opens To Near-Capacity Crowd

A near-capacity crowd witnessed the opening performance of the Zion Passion Play, Sunday, many traveling from Chicago, Joliet, Gary, Milwaukee and other places to witness the performance, which was pronounced by Elder Jabes Taylor, director and writer, to be one of the best opening performances since the inception of the play.



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