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Local Methodist Groups Unite Under New Name

At a meeting held just before the holidays the members of the Highland Park and Highwood Methodist churches completed the necessary legal proceedings for unification of the two churches. During September they had informally voted to merge and have been operating as a single unit since that time. The December meeting was held under the leadership of Dr. Weldon E. Bradburn, superintendent of the Chicago Northern district of the Methodist Church's Rock River annual conference and the Reverend William G. Overend, pastor of the local churches. A list of merger resolutions were adopted and a complete new slate of officers elected.

The main item in the list of resolutions had to do with the passing of the deeds and titles of both the Highwood and Highland Park churches to a single board of trustees. In another resolution the members agreed to continue to use the Highland Park building until the board of church location of the Rock River conference has time to thoroughly study the local situation and recommend to the local members which building is to be the final church home. When this process is completed, the local board of trustees will then set to dispose of one building. Members of this new board of trustees are: J. D. Bench, W. E. Coke, Ragnar Fredrickson, Jacob Goldstead, Ruben Olson and Raymond Susni.

Following the election Dr. Bradburn spoke briefly of the progress of the nation wide Crusade for Christ movement. He pointed out that the Chicago Northern district has received well over 1300 new members during the crusade and said he was certain that the Methodists will easily achieve their national goal of one million new members.

War Vets and Guests to Hear Lawrence Gruber

One of Chicago's outstanding labor leaders will discuss labor legislation now pending in the new Congress at the first 1947 meeting of the North Shore chapter, American Veterans committee, to be held Jan. 15 at 8 p. m. in the Winnetka Community house.

The speaker is Lawrence Gruber, president of the Photo Engravers union, No. 5, who for many years has been in the forefront of the educational movement among unions and who is noted for his activities which helped smash racketeering in Chicago unions.

Extend Finance Drive For Highwood Scouts

Due to the slow returns because of the Christmas and New Year holidays the 1946-47 finance drive for the Highwood Boy Scouts has been carried into the new year. Highwood residents are asked to mail liberal donations to Otto F. Fisher, Waukegan and Webster, Highwood, Ill.

Scouting cannot continue its good work of building future citizens of boys without the help of each and every one of us, according to Otto F. Fisher, Paul J. Muzik and J. E. Engquist, local men in charge of the current drive.

MOTHERS CLUB BRIDGE PARTY TUESDAY, JAN. 14

The Mothers club will hold a bridge party at the YWCA on Jan. 14, at 7:30. Door prizes and special prizes will be given. Call H. P. 675 for reservations.

Women Voters Discuss State Constitution at January Meeting

"How Can We Get Better Government in Illinois?" will be the theme for discussion at the various group meetings of the League of Women Voters, Wednesday, Jan. 15.

The League's workshop on government and its operation with Mrs. David Joseph as chairman has been studying the history and make-up of the Illinois State Constitution. The discussions will be based on the studies of this group, according to Mrs. Joseph. "The League favors a call for a constitutional convention at the convening of this legislature," Mrs. Joseph said. "Our present constitution, adopted in 1870, when the state was largely rural, is rigid in its resistance to change. We believe that constitutional reform will create more responsive and responsible government in Illinois."

The meetings will be held from 1:30 until 3 p. m. in homes assigned as meeting places for the various groups and are open to anyone wishing to attend. Those interested are asked to call Mrs. George Carr, H. P. 1022.

Chamber to Hear Speaker On Economic Trends

"What's Ahead in 1947?" will be the subject of Mr. Bruce E. Gray, staff executive of the Illinois Federation of Retail associations, when he addresses the monthly dinner meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce this coming Tuesday evening at the Sunset Valley club.

Mr. Gray, a veteran of World War II, holds a master's degree from the University of Illinois and spent 12 years in the retail business, afterward supervising vocational education for retail stores until joining the staff of the Illinois Federation of Retail associations where he is principally engaged in holding conferences and working with retailers in the smaller communities of the state.

Chamber members will hear Mr. Gray discuss what appear to be the economic trends in the country and their effect on small retail business in 1947; legislative proposals in the State Assembly and in Congress as they relate to retailing; changes in merchandise; new consumer attitudes and a forecast of retail and manufacturers' adjustments for the coming year.

Kiwanians Install Officers January 6

Officers were installed at the Kiwanis club last Monday night, which was also ladies' night, by J. Carl Arens of Highland Park, who is the new lieutenant governor of Division 17. Officers installed were Harold N. Finch, head of the music department of Highland Park high school, president, and Arnold Peterson of the Peterson Heating and Plumbing company, Ravinia, vice-president. Officers whose terms are as yet unexpired are Walter M. Lillie, CPA, working in Chicago, secretary, and Harold J. Beik, insurance broker of Highland Park, treasurer.

Speaker of the evening was Prof. Louis A. Keller, of the economics department at Lake Forest college, who used as a theme, "The Russians Are People."

On Monday, Jan. 16, the speakers will be representatives of the National Grain and Yeast corporation of Belleville, N. J., S. C. Liets, vice-president and Lionel Tobin, technical advisor of the corporation, who will tell about the manufacture of yeast.

LIONS CLUB HEARS DR. LOUIS W. SHERWIN

Dr. Louis W. Sherwin, minister of the Presbyterian church, was the speaker today at the luncheon meeting of the Lions club at Highland House.

The holiday party of the club has been postponed until February, when it will take the form of a Valentine party, to be held the 15th at Elks hall. Reservations should be placed soon.

Winners in H. P. City-wide Ice Races

Highland Park's Citywide ice races were held last Sunday, Jan. 5, at Sunset park. The meet was jointly sponsored by the Park board, the school ice ponds and the Playground and Recreation board. The weather was perfect for the meet and some three hundred persons witnessed the affair.

The meet was for Highland Park boys and girls and winners were (in 1st to 5th place order):

Boys 7 year old 75 yard straightaway — Pat Barker, Teddy Murray, Jim Shanahan.

Girls 7 year old 75 yard straightaway — Susan Shelton, Sandra Heins, Anne Tighe, Kathie Maxwell, Cynthia Parks.

Boys 8 year old 75 yd. straightaway — Jerry Postalek, John Guentz, Bill Cox, Pete Riddle, Tod Powers.

Girls 8 year old 75 yd. straightaway — Kitty Biggert, Catherine Parker, Prudence Keogh.

Boys 9 year old 100 yd. straightaway — Dick Barney, Bob Engdahl, John Dean, Earl May, Ken Quanz.

Girls 9 year old 100 yd. straightaway — Julie Patton, Babs Jacobs, June Leuer, Susan Murray, Elspeth Maxwell.

Boys 10 year old one lap of rink — Bill Riddle, Billy Rosenbaum, Karl Sale, Denny O'Brien, Clem Bartoli.

Girls 10 year old one lap of rink — Mary Biggert, Debby Keogh, Peggy Day, Mary Ann Klein.

Boys 11 year old one lap of rink — Danny Seitz, Buddy Bock, David Freeman, Bobby Irons, Jeff Finlay.

Girls 11 year old one lap of rink — Carol Menke, Susan Stuenkel, Winona Bell, Jean Ann Krueger, Meta Schwartz.

Boys 12 year old two laps of rink — Barry Sturgis, Ronnie Jacobs, Jim Engdahl, Phil Hardacre, Larry Pagenkopf.

Girls 12 year old two laps of rink — Mary Jardine, Joan Cederborg, Jean Powers, Jane Dixon, Carol Curotte.

Boys 13 year old two laps of rink—Joseph Alford, Donald May, Willy Lubis, Happy Hartin, George Freeman.

Girls 13 year old two laps of rink—Jessie Hadley, Pat Floyd, Ann Morrissey, Dot Shelton.

Boys 14 & 15 year old two laps of rink — Bud Glader, Victor Johanson, Hugh Riddle.

Girls 14 & 15 year old two laps of rink — Mary Selfridge.

Boys 16 and over two laps of rink—Roger Shelton.

Boys grade school relay one lap — Lincoln school—Donald May, Joseph Alford, Geo. Freeman, Barry Sturgis; Immaculate Conception — Paul Day, Hap Martin, Bob Manfredini.

Girls grade school relay one lap —Lincoln school — Mary Jardine, Ann Morrissey, Jessie Hadley, Pat Floyd.

Medals were awarded to first three place winners and ribbons to 4th and 5th place winners. Relay winners received medals, second place ribbons.

Teen Agers Plan Dance Jan. 10 at Center

An open house and dance will be sponsored by the Highland Park Teen Age club in Cokes Me Inn, Community Center, on Friday, Jan. 10, starting at 8 p. m., according to Bill Gerhardt, president of the Teen Agers. Roger Morrison's orchestra will play. Boys and girls of high school age are invited.

The semi-formal given by the club Dec. 27 was attended by 200 of the North Shore's younger set. In addition to dancing, the guests participated in a quiz conducted by Dick Eubanks, master of ceremonies. Winners were Caroline Pasquesi, Pat Lane, "Pal" Santi, John Hill and Dave Gerhardt.

Three Thousand Scouts in North Shore Area Council

Scout membership of the North Shore council, Boy Scouts of America, reached the three thousand mark at the close of 1946. For the twentieth consecutive year, since the organization of the North Shore Area council in 1926, the council closed the year with an increase in boy membership.

The three thousand scouts are classified as follows: cub scouts, 1332; boy scouts, 1561, and senior scouts, 107. In addition to the boys, 668 adults are registered in various capacities, making membership of boys and men totaling 3668, the largest in the history of the council.

Police Chief Appeals For Careful Driving

Police Chief Andrews today appealed for increased care in driving during the hazardous months of January and February when winter's twin traffic trouble makers, Less Visibility and Poor Traction, spell double trouble for motorists.

Research by the National Safety Council shows that 65 per cent of all traffic accidents in several snow belt states last winter took place on snow and ice. Even in the southern states, with no severe cold, but occasional periods of snow and ice, the death rate for winter months was nearly 25 per cent higher than in summer months.

"Drivers can guard against the dangers of reduced visibility and inadequate traction by giving their cars the best of care and by operating them in the safest manner," the chief declared.

Winter care includes the use of anti-skid chains for snow or ice and maintaining windshield wipers, defrosters and lights in proper condition. Safe operation means driving at reduced speeds and keeping an alert lookout for both expected and improper actions of fellow drivers, pedestrians and children who may be engaged in wintertime sports.

Chief Andrews advised adherence to the following safe winter driving rules, recommended by the National Safety Council's committee on winter driving hazards:

1. Adjust speed to conditions. Be especially careful at intersections, on curves and bridges, and in school zones. Bridge floors may be ice-coated even when paved approach is comparatively clear.
2. Make wise use of chains. Stopping distances without chains are lengthened 3 to 11 times on snow or ice. Anti-skid chains reduce braking distance on snow or ice 50 per cent, get you up and down slippery hills and prevent getting stuck.
3. Keep your brakes equalized. Check brakes periodically. Forget the fallacy that letting air out of your tires will prevent skidding. Tire chains are the most practical help.
4. Maintain adequate vision. Make sure your windshield wipers and defrosters are in good order. Don't forget the rear window when you brush off freshly fallen snow. You must see a hazard to avoid it.
5. See that your lights are O. K. Winter hours of darkness are long. Sometimes you need lower beam headlights even in "daylight" if the atmosphere is foggy or snowy. Always be assured that you can stop your car within the distance illuminated by headlights.
6. Avoid sudden starts, stops, and directional changes. Start slowly, and in second gear on ice if without chains. Stop gradually applying brakes lightly on-off-on to point of impending skid. Keep well behind the car ahead.
7. Beware carbon monoxide. Open garage doors before starting engine. Avoid running motor of stationary vehicle to keep warm. Fresh air is the best means of fighting this gas.
8. Keep posted on road and weather conditions. Watch for predictions in your newspaper, listen for special warnings over your radio station.

YWCA CALENDAR

- Friday, Jan. 10—7:30 p. m. Duplicate bridge.
- Saturday, Jan. 11—8:00 p. m. Saturday Evening club.
- Tuesday, Jan. 14—10 a. m. Board meeting. 7:30 p. m. Mothers club bridge party.
- Wednesday, Jan. 15—Kaper Kadettes trip to Ice Revue. Leave H. P. at 7:15.
- Thursday, Jan. 16—10 a. m. Creative Writers. 6:30 p. m. Friendship club dinner. 7:30 p. m. Painting class.

Redeemer Sermon Topics

Redeemer Lutheran church members will hear a series of sermons on the coming six Sundays on "Great Teachings of the Church." The topic for the coming Sunday will be on "The Bible." The following subjects will be considered "Law," "Gospel," "Sacraments," "Prayer" and "The Church." The Rev. H. K. Platzer will deliver the sermons.

Robert F. Walker Urged To Seek Mayor's Job

Report of Highland Pk. Fire Dept. for 1946

Number of fires, losses, insurance involved, apparatus, etc., for Highland Park during 1946.

William J. Hennig is chief of the local fire department and Joseph Boylan, assistant chief.

There are two fire stations with 14 firemen employed.

Two 750 gal. pumpers and one city service and chief's car with two-way radio comprise the equipment.

Telephone and generator and Bell system are installed in all firemen's homes.

There were 68 fires reported with loss or \$1.00 or more.

327 no loss fires (grass, prairie, rubbish, burned out chimneys, etc.). There were two false alarms.

There were seven first aid calls where there was no fire.

Miscellaneous calls, rescues, release of locked in people, etc., numbered nine.

There were two out of town calls for assistance.

Per capita fire loss, \$10.78.

Loss per fire, \$415.98.

Total value of property involved in fires, \$3,585,415.

Total fire loss, \$172,631.50.

Total insurance thereon, \$2,581,900.

Twelfth Night Ceremony Observed at Waukegan

The annual Twelfth Night ceremony was observed in Waukegan last Monday night. At the reception held in the Congregational church, various outstanding citizens of Lake county were honored, and among them were Mayor Frank Wallin and Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Teese of Waukegan, Brig. Gen. W. H. Wilbur of Highland Park, John T. McCutcheon of Lake Forest and Philip Maxwell of Chicago.

Hailed as outstanding representative each of his particular field of sport were Bob Feller, Otto Graham and Livingston Osborn.

Each personage was serenaded by a chorus, Brig. Gen. Wilbur being honored by singers from the Highland Park high school and Mr. McCutcheon by a group from Lake Forest college.

Following the demonstration at Powell park, during which thousands of Yuletide trees went up in a blaze of glory, a reception for about 200 people was held at the home of Dr. Geo. B. Callahan of Waukegan.

Badminton Clubs Accept Registrations for 2nd Term

The three adult badminton clubs sponsored by Highland Park Playground and Recreation board at Lincoln, Ravinia and Braeside schools are now winding up their first term and are accepting registrations for the second 12-week term to begin the week of Jan. 20.

Men and women wishing to enroll should report to the instructor of their community club. Classes meet at 7:30 p. m. at Braeside on Tuesdays; Ravinia on Wednesdays, and Lincoln on Thursdays. Instructors are Harry Kubalek, at Braeside; Dudley Dewey at Ravinia and Vincent Viezbicke at Lincoln. Classes are of two hours duration. A small registration fee is charged, and badminton birds can be obtained from the class instructor.

BROWNIE TROOP ORGANIZED

The third grade of the Immaculate Conception school organized a Brownie troop, No. 17, at their first meeting. Their mothers were their guests. Mrs. Alt of girl scout headquarters, introduced the Brownie program to them.

At the following meeting, the children made cotton Santa Clauses for decorations for the Christmas trees at Downey hospital. The next meeting will be a Christmas party in the school lunch room, and the last meeting will be a toboggan party.

Mrs. T. Morren and Mrs. S. Sikorski are co-leaders of this group, which meets each Tuesday.

Sixty representative men and women from all sections of the city attended a meeting last Tuesday in the Library auditorium to discuss candidates for mayor of Highland Park. Robert F. Walker, Cary avenue, a resident of the city for twenty-five years, was enthusiastically endorsed, and 54 signatures obtained for his petition for candidacy filed the following day with the city clerk.

With final date for filing, Jan. 21, less than two weeks away, Renslow P. Sherer, who acted as chairman, pointed out that prompt and full discussion was necessary, and the available candidates were carefully considered.

Tom Wyles, Jerome P. Bowes, Lew Sinclair, Leo J. Sheridan, Harold McLain and others urged the support of Robert Walker, Sherer, after praising the present administration, and particularly Mayor Garnett's stewardship, quoted Mr. Garnett as desiring to be relieved of his office at the expiration of his term, and believing Walker a worthy candidate for the office. The name of Franklyn Chaffee was proposed by Elmer Clavey Jr. Petitions were then circulated and Mr. Walker secured virtually unanimous endorsement.

Mr. Walker was then sent for, and he formally accepted the candidacy, and thanked the group for their support, saying that he had the time and desire to serve, if elected, and that he had no commitments to any group or individual, and pledged that, if elected, he would base his judgment on any question presented on what was best for the city and the citizens as a whole.

Mr. Walker was born in Springfield, Ill., in 1883, and came to Chicago as a young man. Married, he has two children, R. F. Walker, Jr., and Mrs. Jackson Wilcox.

Mr. Walker retired two years ago from the well-known advertising firm of Foote, Cone and Belding, and has been active in community affairs. He served on the ration board until recently, was interested in USO, is secretary of Exmoor club and a member of the Highland Park Presbyterian church.

Order of the Arrow Elects Officers for 1947

At the annual dinner and meeting of the Ma-ka-jaw-lodge of the Order of the Arrow, held last Thursday at the Winnetka Community house, the following were elected as officers for the year 1947: James Noonan of troop 11, Wilmette, chief of the lodge; vice-chief, George Christensen, of troop 4, Wilmette; medicine man, Albert Buckmaster of troop 324, Highland Park; secretary, Roy Kroeschell of troop 2, Wilmette; treasurer, Kenneth H. Margeson of troop 30, Highland Park.

Approximately 125 members attended the annual dinner. Scouts were in attendance from Libertyville, Deerfield, Northbrook, Glenview, Wilmette, Glencoe, Winnetka, Highland Park and Highwood.

Many old-time campers from old camp friendships were renewed.

Redeemer Men's Bowling Team

The Redeemer Lutheran Men's bowling team under the captaincy of Robert Bousson will compete against the team from Trinity Lutheran church, Glencoe, on Sunday at 3 p. m. in Highland Park at the Ten-pin bowling alleys (2nd floor). Mr. Bousson also announces that three teams of bowlers have been formed to compete in the Lutheran bowling tournament opening at the end of the month.

Legion to Elect New Trustee Tonight

American Legion post No. 145 will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, at the Legion hall. There will be election of one trustee to fill the vacancy of Jerry Leaming, who has been elected to the office of junior vice-commander. The trustee will be elected for the balance of the three-year term.