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## "Family Service" Is New Name of Social Service

Family Service of Highland Park is the new title for Highland Park Social Service. This was voted at the annual meeting, Monday, Jan. 27, by the board of directors. This is in keeping with the function of the agency—that of service. It identifies the agency with other "Family Service" agencies throughout the country.

The following is from the annual report given by Mrs. Marian G. Fisher, executive secretary: "This has been another year of growth for the Highland Park Social Service. I feel much has been gained and that the future holds wide horizons for increased service to the community. We wish to develop, first and foremost, a real counseling service and interpret this to the community. Secondly, ways and means for helping to educate for family living, and third, a comprehensive approach to the needs of the community.

The services given by the voluntary agency deal with problems such as parent-child relationships, marital difficulties, various services for children, services for the aged, budgeting and management. Good counseling means helping people to help themselves. Each person has strengths and forces which can be discovered and brought out. This means diagnosis and then treatment of the disrupting troubles. Dr. Irene Joselyn and Dr. Henry Millett have been assisting on a consultation and treatment basis.

Mr. Frank J. Hertel, general director of the national organization, states, "Our conviction is that secure families are our best guarantee to eventual social stability." Education for good, stable family life seems tremendously important.

Nationally, it is found, family trouble is on the increase because of the emphasis on individual freedom, the relaxation of traditional social restraints and the struggle toward social and economic evolutionary change. The family agency serves Highland Park people regardless of creed, nationality or race. We must continually work toward more skillfully meeting people's problems in our community.

Following this report, Mrs. Charles Mason, the retiring president, introduced Judge Minard E. (Continued on page 6)

## Planned Parenthood Assn. Organizes Local Com.

The aims and methods of the Planned Parenthood association, a national organization, were presented at a meeting and tea at the home of Mrs. Richard Keibon on N. Linden avenue, Jan. 23.

The purposes of the association were presented by Mrs. Rankin McKinnon, executive director of the newly formed association in the Chicago area, assisted by Mrs. Stewart Boal of Winnetka, chairman of the women's division of the national drive for funds in this area.

The fund drive will be held in February and this meeting was held to publicize the aims and needs of the association and to organize a Highland Park committee.

According to Mrs. McKinnon, the funds will be used, 1, for research on the spacing of children, and on discovering why some parents are not able to have children. (Continued on page 6)

## Legion Holds Dinner Meeting; Burns Mortgage

Instead of the regular meeting of the American Legion post 145, a dinner was held last Thursday at the Legion hall to honor the visiting state commander, William P. Kleuskens, and to burn the mortgage on the Legion property.

Also present were Douglas Gettschell, senior vice commander; George A. Bowen, 10th district commander; William Dowden, 10th district senior vice commander; Fred Schustedt, 10th district junior vice commander; Joseph Nemnich, past 10th district commander; 10th district sergeant-at-arms Matt Porter, and Chef de Guerre Charles Prieze.

## Local Young Women Concerned About Girls Of Other Lands

"Through the Round the World Reconstruction fund campaign," says Mrs. Mary Macfadden, executive director of the Highland Park YWCA, "our young women are working and planning for women of other lands who find themselves alone amid strange surroundings, facing problems of housing, recreation, employment and vocational training."

Not a Relief Campaign Mrs. Macfadden emphasized the fact that this is not a relief campaign. "Rather," she said, "it is a self-help program, designed to help the women of the world meet their problems of war adjustment."

"The working girls overseas do not complain. But they have asked for help in vocational training, and in education for citizenship, so that they may improve their means of self-support and their standard of living. Our young women are finding it a privilege to have the opportunity to share their own citizenship skills and broader knowledge."

## War Time Propaganda Bewildering to Youth

"Bewildered youth, who in the cause of Allied victory, were taught to use lies, deceit and thievery as weapons of the underground, find themselves unqualified both spiritually and educationally to face the post war world. Suppression of learning was a method of waging war, and knowledge for women was particularly frowned upon by the aggressors. In their time of need it is no wonder that young women everywhere should turn for guidance to their sisters in the United States, and in turning to this country it is also natural that they should look especially to the YWCA, which, in the words of Secretary of State George C. Marshall, 'has already done so much to assist women to improve their position and opportunities.'"

## Start Work of Reconstruction

The YWCA has rendered a great service to industrial workers, career women and college (Continued on page 5)

## Scottish Teacher Gives Impressions on American Living

Addressing a meeting of the Green Bay Road school PTA on Jan. 23, Miss Irene Cruikshank gave her impressions of life in Highland Park as compared with that in Edinburgh, Scotland, her home.

Miss Cruikshank, now teaching at Elm Place school, expressed her enthusiasm for America. She characterized Highland Parkers as community-spirited, and their children as frank, outgoing and self-confident.

Telling of rationing and shortages still prevalent in Scotland, Miss Cruikshank described her delight at the abundance in American stores.

Women have a much greater opportunity for advancement here than in Scotland, Miss Cruikshank said.

At the close of her talk, she showed slides of various lovely scenes near her home.

## Art and Hobby Workshop Meets Wednesdays At Center

The recently formed Art and Hobby workshop is now meeting regularly at Community center every Wednesday from 9:15 until about noon. Miss Ella Rasmussen is instructor. The workshop is sponsored by the playground and recreation board and still has room for a few more applicants. Further information can be had by phoning Community center, H. P. 2442.

## Sacred Heart Guild To Meet February 5

There will be a meeting of the Sacred Heart guild of St. James church, Highwood, at the church on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Mrs. Philip Paquet is president of the organization.

This group will attend communion at the 7:30 mass on Sunday. On Saturday an Italian priest will be in the confessional.

## WELL DONE

After 24 years of faithful and conscientious service to the city of Highland Park, Commissioner Lyle Gourley is retiring from the political scene.

Although we agree that he has earned a rest, it is with regret that we shall no longer have the advantage of his wise and unbiased counsel in the direction of municipal affairs. His understanding of local problems, his clear judgment and his unflinching courtesy in the discharge of his duties, have earned him the respect and affection of all who have come into contact with him.

No doubt the place he leaves vacant will be suitably filled. His successor will have an unusually high standard set for him if he hopes to be as good a commissioner and as good a citizen as Lyle Gourley.

## Highland Park Boy Awarded Medal For Heroism

J. Michael Farrell, 16, of 319 Vine avenue, has been officially recognized by the Carnegie Hero commission for heroism on last July 4 with a bronze medal and citation.

Last July 4 when Farrell, with his younger brother, Patrick, was standing on the Vine avenue beach he heard cries for help and made out that a man and a woman were in difficulty in the lake. Stripping to his shorts, Farrell plunged into the water and swam to the rescue. After considerable difficulty he succeeded in towing them to shore, calling for help when he neared land. An air mattress was brought, which greatly expedited the rescue. The pair rescued were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Knowlton, of Chicago. Mr. Knowlton was at one time a life guard.

Formerly a boy scout, Farrell had done some life saving work, and is a member of the high school swimming team. A junior, he plans to study medicine at Cornell university.

## Women's League to Discuss State Govt.

The Evening group of the Highland Park League of Women Voters will discuss the topic, "How Can We Get Better Government in Illinois?" at its February 4th meeting. As residents of the state of Illinois, members should be particularly interested in this discussion.

One of the most important items to be considered in this matter of better government for Illinois is the constitutional framework within which the state government operates. Another major topic is the problem of the status of municipal governments. These and other problems will be discussed.

The meeting will be held in the Historical room of the library at 7:45.

## Green Bay Rd. School PTA Will Hold Card Party February 6

Mrs. George Scheuchpflug and Mrs. Raymond Lange, heads of activities committees of Green Bay Road school PTA, have planned a gay evening for parents, teachers and friends of the school on Thursday, February 6, at 8:00 p.m.

Arrangements have been made for all types of card games. Each table will be provided with Valentine tally cards, and there will be individual table prizes. Several door prizes will also be given.

This meeting is to be all play and no business. At the end of the meeting, refreshments will be served.

## THE MARCH OF DIMES

Highland Parkers will have no chance to contribute to a more worthy cause than the March of Dimes, the solicitation for funds to aid the victims of polio, now being conducted.

Anyone who has had any experience with this cause, who has seen one of his own succumb to or emerge with a handicap from polio, knows of the pressing need for the aid provided by the National Foundation. Further—anyone who has ever needed that help will never again pass by a collection can without dropping something in it to aid the cause.

There are many types of causes, worthy in themselves, which are nevertheless so hedged about with red tape that those who need the help must wait, stand in line, fill out numerous forms, and answer a seemingly endless list of questions before aid, if any, is granted.

Not so with this organization. All it wants to know is, "Has your child contracted polio?" If the answer, unfortunately, is "yes," their basic instruction is "send the bills to us." They also tell parents to spare no expense in obtaining necessary treatment, to call in any aid that is needed—and to forward the bills.

This organization exists solely to help the unfortunate victims of one of our worst scourges. They need and deserve all the help we can give them.

## "Fun" May Be Fatal; Snowball Throwing May Be a Menace

Members of the Highland Park police force wish to call the attention of the public to the serious menace of snowball throwing.

Children are apt to be thoughtless. It is the duty of parents to warn them of the possible harmful consequences of what they may consider harmless fun.

Only last week 12-year-old Gerry Wilkinson of Kimball road was struck by a car when she started to cross the street in order to escape being pelted with snowballs. A passing driver, suddenly noticing the little girl starting to cross her path, stepped on the brake, causing the car to swerve and turn completely around, in the meantime hitting the little girl, who was rushed to the hospital, where stitches were taken in her face and she was treated for a broken collarbone and various bruises. Jerry is again attending school, handicapped by having to carry her arm in a sling.

Recently, the window of a parked car was broken by a thrown snowball. A woman reported that a snowball thrown through her lowered window struck her in the face. The dullest imagination can figure what might have been the result had the car, in either case, been moving. A driver, startled by a hurled snowball would involuntarily dodge, causing the car to swerve, with possible grave results. Snowball throwing is a definite hazard to traffic.

Children often do not realize the harm that may result from so-called innocent fun. It is the duty of parents to instruct them in this matter. A city ordinance provides for a fine from \$3 to \$25 for throwing snowballs, exclusive of a more serious penalty for serious results.

## H. Park Camera Club To Meet February 12 At Com. Center

Highland Park Camera club, a newly organized club sponsored by the playground and recreation board for all adults interested in photography, will hold its next meeting Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. in the Community center. Members are asked to bring some pictures they have taken. These pictures will be commented upon during the meeting.

At the organization meeting held Jan. 22, the club was given its name and members also voted to adopt the by-laws of the old Highland Park Camera club, which disbanded during the war. Meetings, which are always open to interested adults, will be held at the Community center the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Percy H. Prior Jr. will be temporary chairman for the February meetings.

## To Vote on Bond Issue For Recreation Buildings

By GEO. SCHEUCHENPFLUG  
Director of Recreation and Playground Board

(Editor's note. The following is the first of several informative articles to appear in this paper which have been written to help Highland Park citizens understand the recreation problems of their city.)

On Feb. 25, Highland Park residents will be asked to go to the polls to vote on a \$200,000 bond issue to cover the purchase of additional land and the construction of a new recreation center building for their city. How they vote will decide whether or not Highland Park will have a new, well equipped community center, or if it will have to get along with its present inadequate, remodelled facilities.

The Playground and Recreation board, after a thorough study of present crowded conditions, of future growth, and of an adequate program, recommended to the city council in February, 1946, that a new community center be built for the city of Highland Park.

Highland Park's great need of a community center was felt as far back as 1918, when Fred Silber, a public spirited resident, was quoted in The Press as suggesting a community house be built "as a fitting memorial to our war heroes."

Also at this time, a group of citizens banded together as "Community Service of Highland Park" for the purpose of developing and furthering community recreation for Highland Park. Frank L. Cheney served as president of this organization.

During the regime of Mayor Samuel Hastings an attempt was (Continued on page 6)

## Highland Park Boxers To Tangle With Libertyville Boys Club

Highland Park boy boxers are set to invade Libertyville tomorrow (Friday) night where they will take on the strong Libertyville Boys' club in a non-conference match. Sixteen all star bouts are scheduled at the Libertyville high school gym starting at 8 p.m. A large contingent of Highland Park backers will be on hand to cheer their team to victory.

Highland Park was originally scheduled to box Mundelein at Libertyville tomorrow night, but at Libertyville's request the two teams exchanged dates of their matches with Highland Park. On Feb. 8, the Mundelein team will face Highland Park in the Highland Park high school gym. Libertyville's conference match with Highland Park will be set for a later date, giving the fans an extra show for the season.

The following matches have been scheduled for tomorrow night:

(Libertyville names first.)  
William Smith vs. Danny Seitz.  
Steve Bolander vs. John Deag.  
Dick Staples vs. Dick Roberts.  
Larry Ray vs. Jim Troy.  
Tommy Garvin vs. Jimmy Carlson.

Jack Kelly vs. Tom Brown  
Frank Barringer vs. Merrill Ferker.

Bobby Gregory vs. Clifford Boose.  
Jimmy Sullivan vs. Bob Winkler.

Barry Hagerty vs. Buddy Bock.  
Pete Bennes vs. Chuck Schramm.

Truman Sturtevant vs. Dominic Turki.  
Jimmy Stahl vs. Vincent Cimballo.

Larry Kelly vs. Frank Humphreys.  
Bobby Matthews vs. Don Riddle.  
Billy Weidner vs. Jimmy Weber.

H. P. Legion Auxiliary To Initiate New Members; Enjoy Scenic Movies

The Highland Park American Legion auxiliary will hold a business meeting and initiation of new members on Thursday evening, Feb. 6, in the Legion hall at 8:00. Mrs. Edwin Gilroy, president, will be in charge.

Following the meeting colored movies of scenic spots in America will be shown and refreshments served.

## Parent Teachers Assn. Announces Dates of Next Paper Drive

Revenue from the paper drives is a constant and helpful source of income for Highland Park schools, reports the Parent-Teachers' association, which sponsors the drives. Each month proceeds from sales are placed where they can best serve the needs of each school. At West Ridge school, 25 per cent is placed in the ice skating fund and 75 per cent used for visual education.

## Continued Support Needed

School officials are anxious to have the continued support of residents of the school districts, the PTA stated. At Green Bay school, where paper receipts have dropped recently, the children wrote a skit on paper salvage. Flyers announcing the drive were carried by the children to all homes in the district. Paper receipts for that district almost doubled, as a result.

The drives start the first Monday of each month. Paper and magazines should be tied in bundles or packed in cartons and placed on the curb the day before the pick-up, regardless of weather conditions.

## February Schedules

Elm Place school area — Monday, Feb. 3.

Lincoln — Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Ravinia — Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Braeside — Thursday, Feb. 6.

West Ridge — Friday, Feb. 7 (in the forenoon); Green Bay, Friday, Feb. 7 (afternoon).

If the collection truck misses your contribution, call Suburban Waste Paper Co., H. P. 1256.

## Results of January Collections

Elm Place school .....\$20.50

Lincoln school ..... 7.75

Braeside school ..... 21.75

Ravinia school ..... 23.00

Green Bay school ..... 14.75

Ridge school ..... 6.00

## Infant Meets Death In Sunday Tragedy

Sympathy of the entire community is extended to the family of Robert Bennett III, 14 Brittany road, because of one of those unaccountable tragedies in which their infant daughter, Barbara, met instant death on Sunday.

Little Barbara, 18 months old, had been placed on the porch of their home and cautioned not to leave it while her father got the car out of the garage. After backing for about 20 feet, his attention was distracted, and by the time he resumed backing, the little girl had toddled out directly in the path of the car. Instant death resulted from skull fracture.

The child is survived by her parents and a brother, Robert IV, 3 1/2 years old; her paternal grandparents, the Robert Bennetts, Jr., of Highland Park, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wolheiser of Hubbard Woods.

Private services were held on Tuesday.

## Veterans of Foreign Wars Change Address And Time of Meeting

The address of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been changed from Elks hall to Witten hall, on Central avenue.

The time of meeting is also changed from the first and third Thursdays to the second and fourth Wednesdays.

The first meeting of each month will be a business meeting; as usual, and the second meeting each month will be a social meeting, as before.

The first meeting in February will be on February 12 at 8 p.m. The second will be on Feb. 26, with band, dancing and general entertainment. It will serve as a housewarming and a get-together.

## KIWANIANS TO HEAR ADDRESS ON LINCOLN

At a dinner meeting of the Kiwanis club on Friday evening, Feb. 3, at Sunset Valley, members will hear an address by Louis A. Bowman, assistant trust officer of the Central National bank of Chicago, who will speak on "Lincoln's Greatest Address." He comes to the club under the sponsorship of Gordon Humphreys.