

# Let's Take a Look

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## Our Library Needs Our Help

I was honored the other night when I was appointed chairman of the publicity committee for the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library.

It will be the duty of my committee — Reuben D. Cahn, Mrs. Arthur Raff and Mrs. Earl Wallis — to tell you Highland Parkers about this new group, recently formed, with the sincere desire to put our library among the leaders.

### NEED SUPPORT . . .

Frankly, our library needs money.

Not much. But enough to meet increasing maintenance costs.

And enough to buy new books. We know that if you Highland Parkers see the need, you will be ready to help and to give.

You knew Highland Park needs new fire-fighting equipment. And by your recent vote, you okayed the purchase of this equipment.

Now our library needs our aid as much as the fire department.

### BEARS ADDED EXPENSES . . .

Like every other institution, family, or individual, the library has had to bear added expenditures.

Oddly enough, during 1932-1933 (depression years), the library received \$18,178.84 for its support.

This year, when there are 16,500 people living in Highland Park—and nearly everyone is using the library far more than he used to—only \$16,713.77 is available.

This, of course, cannot go on if we want a modern, efficient library.

### LESS TO SPEND NOW . . .

It's strange indeed that nowadays, with higher costs, more wear and tear, more library users, we have less to spend than we had in leaner years.

Surely something must be done. And here is where the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library step in.

According to an intensive survey, the income required for superior library service in a town like ours is \$2 per capita, per year, or about \$33,000.

### PERMISSIBLE TO INCREASE RATE

A law which existed until a few years ago, ruled that a public library will receive .0012 of the assessed valuation of property.

Now, thank goodness, it is permissible to raise this small rate to .0015 — if you Highland Parkers vote for this small increase.

We feel certain you will vote affirmatively when the time comes.

All of you are aware of the incalculable value of a modern library.

### PROBLEM IS MORE IMMEDIATE . . .

But, despite this proposed increase, the library's situation is still acute.

Until the library can obtain the income it requires and deserves from taxes, money is urgently needed for:

1. Building maintenance.
2. Increased utility and insurance rates.
3. Rebinding. (It used to cost 45 cents to bind a book; it costs 99 cents now!)
4. Caretaker's salary.
5. Salary increases for deserving librarians. (Like school teachers, librarians are underpaid.)

### LIBRARY FRIENDS, HELPERS . . .

Now the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library plan to raise the money to sustain the library until it receives adequate tax support.

(Incidentally, our library had less money with which to buy books for all its departments in 1946 than was spent at one of the local school book fairs in two and one half days!)

### EACH HOME TO BE VISITED . . .

Likeable James T. MacMurchy, chairman of the membership committee, and his assistants, Richard E. Kuhns, Renslow P. Sherer and William W. White, together with block captains and helpers, will visit every home in Highland Park soon.

These civic leaders will talk with you Highland Parkers and explain to you the needs of our library.

They will invite you to become active members of the library by joining the Friends.

Those who join — and it's assumed that every person in town wants to help our library — will be entitled to an excellent musical appreciation program; discussion groups on great books; lectures by prominent speakers.

### YOU'LL BENEFIT . . .

You and your family will benefit if you become a contributing member of our library.

Greet those folks who call on you with a yes, and with a check that will help our library.

## Mrs. V. G. Kirk Heads Humanitarian Movement

Mrs. Van Gorder Kirk, 203 Prospect avenue, has accepted the Highland Park chairmanship of the women's division, Chicago area, in the campaign now being conducted by the U.S. Committee for the Care of European Children, according to an announcement by Clifton Utley, general chairman, from campaign headquarters at Room 700, 100 W. Monroe St.

"Under the inspiring leadership of Mrs. Kirk, residents of Highland Park, long noted for their humanitarianism, will have an opportunity to play a major role in helping the War Orphans Appeal achieve its goal of \$800,000 needed to bring homeless children from Europe to a new life in America," said Utley.

Marshall Field is the national president of the U. S. committee, under whose auspices more than 700 war orphans already have been brought to this country. Present plans to bring approximately 1200 of these pathetic youngsters to new homes in America during 1947 depend upon the response of the public to the War Orphans Appeal.

## Family Album Night at Ravinia School Friday

The family album will fly open and from its pages will step the demure young ladies and gallant gentlemen of the Gay Nineties on Friday night at the Ravinia school as the Ravinia Woman's club presents its "Ravinia Revue."

Authentic costumes and properties of the period have been collected for the characters of the six skits arranged by the arts committee of the club under Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Wyatt Jacobs.

The songs of the Gay Nineties will be featured by a barber shop quartet and the Floradora girls. One may encounter Daisy and her boy-friend on their bicycle built for two.

Members of the club and their husbands are encouraged to wear costumes of the period if they like. Food will be served following the revue.

The script was written by a committee including Mesdames J. M. Watkins, A. C. Heimerdinger, Wyatt Jacobs, J. C. Ewell, E. F. Kapalka and G. R. Parks. Chairman of the costumes committee is Mrs. Theodore L. Osborn, and of the properties, Mrs. E. B. Elmore. Music will be furnished by Mrs. George Straub at the piano.

## "King of the Golden River" at Elm Place

The Cole Marionettes are coming to Elm Place school on Wednesday, March 26, at 3:45 pm. They will present "The King of the Golden River" in the auditorium. Mr. Shulstad is in charge of the ticket sale.

The colorful costumes, Alpine scenery, and sound effects make this an entertaining play. The last scene is one that will be remembered. The valley is changed from an apparent desert into a beautiful farm land, while the river flows like a stream of gold.

Over 300 performances of this popular play have been given. The play was in production over a year. The Coles write or adapt their own plays and build and produce the shows.

## Dedicate Vassar "Gray Book" to Miss Blanding

Looking for an original way to honor Miss Sarah Gibson Blanding, the committee in charge of the party for her at the Casino club, April 1, decided to dedicate a new kind of book to her — a permanent record of the Chicago Vassar club.

Present plans are to call it the "Gray Book," since gray is a Vassar color. Mrs. Ronald Chinnock has been appointed editor and her committee is hard at work getting together material which will include a history of the club that promises to be very colorful — it will go back to the days when the local Vassar club was "the Vassar Alumni Association of Chicago and the West" — and the "West" included all the territory to the Pacific ocean. In those days loyal alumnae came to the annual meetings from as far away as Omaha.

The list of those to be included is not yet compiled and members of the committee are hoping that local alumnae will volunteer information about titles and achievements. The editor, Mrs. Chinnock, will probably find herself in the Who's Who division, since authors are certain to be included and she has had many of her stories for her own youngsters published.

Members of the committee are Mrs. Arthur Welton, Mrs. Theodore Diller, Mrs. Geddes Carrington, chairman of the party for Miss Blanding, Mrs. Edward H. Kellogg, Miss Pearl Anne Wiebolt, Mrs. Robert Foote, Mrs. Eric Lambart, Mrs. Peter Brandness, and the president of the Chicago Vassar club, Mrs. Robert H. Morse, Jr. On Monday, March 17, Mrs. Chinnock gave a luncheon at the University club for her committee.

## Initiate for National Honor Society Mar. 28

The initiation for the National Honor society will take place on March 28 in a special assembly at Highland Park high school. The students chosen for the society will be notified some time within the next week.

It is hoped that Harold Schimmelpfeng, Don Block, Ying Jones, Jim Peterson, and Barbara Bailey, as alumni, will be able to participate in the ceremony.

The initiation is a very impressive one, and each initiate will receive a membership pin as a gift from the Girls and Boys clubs. Each initiate will hold a lighted torch, which is the symbol of the National Honor society.

The students are elected to the society on the basis of seven semesters achievement in scholarship, character, service, and leadership.

The results of the student and faculty balloting as to leadership and service of the seventy-nine students in the upper third of their class, as well as students' character ratings, have been turned over to the faculty committee. This committee will make the final decision as to who is initiated into the society.

This committee consists of: Mr. Wolters, principal; Miss Rink and Mr. Stewart, deans; Miss Blaul and Mr. Burwell, vocational advisers; and Miss Morgan and Mr. Hanson, Girls and Boys club advisers.

## High School Student In Pepsi Cola Contest

Placing among the top twelve students in the state, Jerry Darby, H.P.H.S., student, has a chance to win one of the scholarships offered to students winning the Pepsi Cola tests, according to a letter received by Mr. Wolters.

The winners, two in each state, will receive a scholarship to a college of their choice and the ten runners-up will receive awards of \$50 each.

The final announcement of winners will be made April 10. The scholarships are being awarded by the Pepsi Cola company.

## YWCA CALENDAR

- Saturday, March 22— Saturday Evening club dance at 8 pm.
- Wednesday, March 26 — Discussion group number 5 at 8 pm.
- Thursday, March 27— Creative Writers group, 10 am. Painting class, 7:30 pm.

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## Crossroads of Nation Presented at Elm Place

All of the children of Miss Cruickshank's, Miss Fallstad's and Mrs. Fields' fourth grades and Mrs. Winslow's combined fourth and fifth grade gave a program at the regular assembly of the school on Friday, March 7th.

Enjoying the event were all the students, teachers of grades five through eight, and many parents.

It was presented again March 10 for the primary departments of both Elm Place and Green Bay Road schools.

The social studies curriculum of the fourth grade was the core of the project. The children showed a remarkable degree of understanding of the world in which we live.

Using a six foot cardboard "globe" they demonstrated their knowledge of the zones of the earth and the position and size of North America, the United States, and Illinois, in the western hemisphere.

The object of this procedure was to point out graphically that although Illinois is a large state it is really only a small part of the total surface of the earth.

Also, it was here made clear that the natural waterways had been a big factor in making Illinois the "crossroads" of a nation.

Then, by narration woven through skits, Indian tom-toms, and pioneer dancing, the glorious history of Illinois was unfolded. The audience was carried back to the days before the coming of

the white man, and brought up to date with a present-day state fair as the grand finale. A "train" laden with the rich produce of Illinois was moved across the stage.

At this point, an enlarged map of Illinois was used to locate major cities and other points of interest.

The performance ended on the note that today science has made neighbors of all the peoples of the earth. It emphasized that this good way of life, so painstakingly created by our forefathers, can be kept only if children are kind to all the people they meet each day, and thereby grow up to be good world citizens.

## Green Bay School Sale Offers Unusual Merchandise

Parents and friends of Green Bay Road school have ransacked their homes and brought in a wide variety of interesting and unusual merchandise to be offered at bargain prices during the school's annual rummage sale on March 26 and 27.

Items now being assembled in the teachers' room include clothing, shoes, rubbers, galoshes, household equipment and jewelry.

The sale will be held in the teachers' room of Green Bay Road school from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm on March 26 and 27.

PTA members in charge of the sale are inviting the public to make selections from the great assortments of real values.

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