

Deeps and Shallows



December, and The Spirit of Christmas

Good old December stands alone
In a category quite his own;
A venerable, kindly soul,
Emerging from the cold North Pole,
A lively spirit in him dwells,
Expressed in joy and jingle bells.
In holly, bright against the snow,
In evergreen and mistletoe;
A month beloved in many lands
For the Spirit of Christmas, for which he stands.

But a spirit has no great appeal,
(It's something you can only feel),
And a gesture to material laws
Comes in the form of Santa Claus,
So little tots will have no doubt
Just what Christmas is all about;
They must see and hear, as well as feel,
To make the Christmas Spirit real.

Santa teaches joy of giving . . .
Of warm good will, and gracious living;
And he makes many trips, each year,
To find what he can see and hear;
He takes each tot upon his knee
And listens to each urgent plea,
And notes the things which must be had
To make the little fellow glad.

But if, some time, he seems to fail,
And you watch every truck and mail,
And still don't get what you expected,
Don't cry, or pout, or be dejected;
Maybe you asked for something you

Would find all wrong, and harmful, too;
Let's picture why you may have missed
Your wish, when Santa scanned his list . . .

They say that Santa has a wife,
His dearest pal—his joy in life:
He takes that list home to his missus—
A sweet old soul, all pats and kisses,
With silver specs astride her nose,
And cheeks as pink as a soft old rose;
She reads each note with greatest care,
Making check marks, here and there,
And to her spouse, in accents mild,
She speaks: "Now look, this precious child
Is full of laughter, fun and vim,—
But this toy might be wrong for him;
And don't you think it would be cute
To give the lamb a substitute?"

Old Santa, with his eyes a-light,
Says: "Dearest dear, you are so right;
I really don't know what I'd do
If it were not, my pet, for you.
Yes, Christmas would be pretty 'n grim
If things should turn out wrong for him;
And great enjoyment often lies
In the simple element of surprise."

So . . . if what you ordered in your stocking
Is missing, and you find it shocking,
Don't start the day out with a frown,
Or think that Santa's let you down;
Don't fuss or cry or even pout,
For, soon or later, you'll find out
That Santa does the best he can—
And Santa is a wise old man.

Ah, yes, December's loved, because
He's all tied in with Santa Claus.

—R.B.O.

Local Women Voters Support Aid To Europe

The strength of the League of Women Voters will be behind the enactment of a stop-gap aid program to Europe as well as the entire European Recovery program. The League will also advocate that tax reduction be postponed until strong inflationary pressures have slackened. These decisions were made yesterday by the national board of the League at its week-long session in Washington, and announced by Miss Anna Lord Strauss, president.

"The League board was of the belief that available facts indicate that the United States can furnish a considerable program of reconstruction aid to Europe without injuring its own economy," Miss Strauss said. "We believe that such a program is the only constructive way to prevent European collapse. We realize it is no panacea, but think it offers valid hope of restoring stability. Adequate funds to do the job must be voted, however, if the program is to be one of recovery and not just relief."

The Federal government expenditures must be restricted to help meet the cost of such a program

Change Date of Rudolf Serkin Concert

The Community Concerts Association of Highland Park announces that the Rudolf Serkin concert, originally scheduled for March 3, has now been changed to Monday, March 1.

Following is the schedule of the remaining concerts to be given at the Highland Park High School:

- Erica Morini—violinist—Friday, December 5.
- George London—baritone—Monday, January 19.
- Rudolf Serkin—pianist—Monday, March 1.
- Minneapolis Symphony—Wednesday, March 31.

for Europe, it was agreed by the League board. It also reasoned that when inflationary dangers are passed is the time to reduce taxes.

Miss Strauss said that the administration of European recovery program was discussed and that the Board agreed that the program be administered by a new agency, with a single head, directly responsible to the Secretary of State, and which would use the facilities of existing agencies of government.

Mrs. Clifford Makelim New President of Junior Welfare Group

The Juniors of Infant Welfare held their final meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Lineberry, 1706 Summit, on Monday, November 24. Business of the day included the election of officers by a white ballot following the report of the nominating committee presented by Mrs. C. W. Smith, its chairman.

Mrs. Clifford Makelim took over the presidency of the group from Mrs. David T. Welch. She will be assisted by the following new officers: Mrs. Henry Schroeder, first vice president; Mrs. R. R. Baughman, second vice-president in charge of sewing; Mrs. Gordon Buchanan Jr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lineberry, sewing co-chairman; Mrs. David T. Welch, third vice-president; Mrs. John Wilbor; recording secretary; Mrs. Phillip Sparling, corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. V. McDavitt, treasurer; Mrs. Theodore Rehn, publicity chairman; Mrs. Edward Loewenhart, co-chairman; Mrs. George Harrison, publicity advisor; Mrs. Wm. Werninger, station; Mrs. Russel H. Johnson, co-chairman, Mrs. John Kies, thrift shop; Mrs. F. O. Dicus, co-chairman; Mrs. Warner Smoot, luncheon; Mrs. Robert Wilson, meetings; Mrs. Paul Trent, membership; Mrs. Ted Connelly, telephone, and Mrs. Charles E. Close, point chairman.

Assisting Mrs. Lineberry for the all-day meeting were Mrs. Melvin Barker, Mrs. Brewster Towne, Mrs. Pierre Martineau and Mrs. Marvin Anthony.

Ravinia Woman's Club Plans Gala Yule Season

Novel Christmas decorations for use in the home will be revealed to members and guests of the Ravinia Woman's Club by Mrs. Irwin Burger and Mrs. William Kelly at the regular club meeting to be held Wednesday, December tenth at two o'clock.

These two members of the Woodstock Garden Club have made a hobby of home decorations which demonstrate both talent and originality. Their unique ideas and practical suggestions have gained for them, widespread popularity.

Mrs. Arthur R. Schramm and her house committee will make use of the Christmas theme in setting the tables for the tea which will follow the program. Mrs. W. J. Hodge, Mrs. Melvin Barker, and Mrs. Gordon Buchanan, Jr., will have charge of the arrangements.

On Saturday night, December twenty-seventh, the young people of the community will dance to the music of Fletcher Butler and his orchestra. Mrs. J. A. Nelson, chairman of the Holly Hop committee, is completing plans for this party.

Wednesday evening, December thirty-first, the Ravinia Woman's Club will again sponsor a New Years Eve Dance for members and their friends. Mrs. Bruce Krasberg, chairman of the social committee, has announced that Bob Adair will play for dancing from ten until three and that a buffet supper will be served at midnight.

Welfare Intermediate Group Makes 1948 Nominations

The Intermediate Group of Infant Welfare met Monday, November 24th at the home of Mrs. Ralph A. Trieschmann, 200 Central Street.

At this regular meeting Mrs. G. W. Ross, Jr., chairman of the nominating committee, presented to the members the committees nominations of officers for the coming year. Assisting Mrs. Ross were Mesdames Charles Brandriff, Stanley Clague, Ellsworth Mills, and Charles Beltz. Their selections were unanimously approved and are:

President, Mrs. John B. Martineau Vice-president, Mrs. L. L. J. Howe Secretary, Mrs. Albert Bingham Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Keogh Station, Mrs. Charles Bates Sewing, Mrs. Byron K. Perreault

Woman's Association Changes Date Of Meeting

Members of the Woman's Association of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church are reminded of the change in the December meeting, which will be held at the church on December 8th.

The program for the day will open with the annual business meeting at 11 o'clock. Mrs. B. F. Reinking's group will be in charge of the food sale, and Mrs. Eric Molke's group will serve the luncheon at 12:30 o'clock. An unusual Christmas program has been planned for the afternoon beginning at 1:45 in keeping with the spirit of the holiday season.

An invitation is extended to the women of the community to attend the Bible Study Class, conducted by Mrs. Arthur Tylee at the Highland Park Public Library on December 11th and December 18th from 2 to 3 p.m.

Blackhawk Society Plans Dance For December 22; Meets To Pack Toys

The senior group of the Blackhawk society, Children of the American Revolution, will hold a meeting at the home of the president, Robert Weddell, 431 So. Sheridan road, on Sunday, December 7th from 3 to 5. The group will discuss plans for their annual formal dance on December 22 at Ravinia Village House.

The junior group will also have a meeting at the home of Mrs. Sidney Fritsch, 144 Ravine court, on Saturday, December 6, from 2:30 to 4:30. They are asked to bring children's clothing and Christmas toys, which they will pack for the Kate Duncan Smith mountain school at Grant, Alabama. This is just one of the mountain schools owned and operated by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Emblem Club Thrills To Christmas Spirit

After all business is finished at the December 10 meeting of the Emblem club, at 8 p.m. in the Elks hall, the annual Christmas party will be held. Each member is reminded to bring a 50c gift for the exchange bag.

It was voted at the last meeting to provide a Christmas offering for some needy family. Mrs. Carl Arens and her committee are in charge of this project.

The regular monthly meeting of the board will be held on Monday, December 8, at 8 p.m. in the lodge hall.

RADIO ANNOUNCER'S DAUGHTER

Little Marcia Lynn, weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces, was born to the James R. Sumbler, 2124 Ashland avenue, Ravinia, on November 12, at the Wesley Memorial hospital, Chicago. Mr. Sumbler is a radio announcer over WAIT, known as Jim Gray.

All four grandparents, the Henry C. Crysler and the James Sumbler, Sr., live in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

Highland Park Hospital Auxiliary To Meet Dec. 10

The Auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital will meet on Wednesday, December 10, in the Parish Hall of Trinity church.

Luncheon will be served and members are urged to come and spend as much of the day as possible in the making of surgical dressings.

Attends Conference At Milwaukee

John Cervi, of Cervi-Harley-Davidson Sales, 552 Waukegan avenue, Highwood, attended the November 24-26 Dealers' Conference at Milwaukee, at which time "what's new in motorcycles" was revealed by the unveiling of a single-cylinder model "125."

Luncheon, Mrs. Woodward Burgert, Publicity, Mrs. J. Franklin Bickmore

Phillip Rennick Wins Fellowship At Lawrence College

Four high school seniors have won full-tuition fellowships of \$450 each to Lawrence college next fall. Among the three ranking highest in a competitive examination held on the campus November 15 was Phillip Rennick, 530 Forest Ave., Highland Park, Ill.

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