

Deeps and Shallows

Holiday Season Opens In Los Angeles

This town of Los Angeles—Whoo—I'll have to make a new start. If the Chamber of Commerce ever got hold of that, I might be given my walking papers. Just now the weather here is too nice for me to want to go back and shovel snow, so I will begin again.

This CITY of Los Angeles is spread over a huge territory. It embraces several cities like Hollywood, Westwood and Sherman Oaks, for instance, and many others. To go downtown to do shopping is next to impossible, because there is no place to park the car. Some of the filling stations downtown will now wash your car while you go shopping. Of course you have to pay for the job. Twice we had to go down town. Once we could not get into a filling station nearer than seven blocks from our destination. We had to take a taxi to the store and later another taxi back to the filling station.

But during this past year several of the down town stores have built large establishments on the outskirts of the city, with plenty of parking space.

Santa Claus put in his appearance this year on Hallowe'en. That is the earliest he has ever come to these parts. The business men make much ado about Christmas. The weather is far from Christmas. The Annual Christmas Parade took place the night before Thanksgiving as usual. Great crowds turn out to see it. The streets were decorated and Hollywood Boulevard put on its Christmas dress. There are streamers

crossing the street every fifty feet. On them are strung large silver stars, evergreen wreaths trimmed with tinsel and red holly berries. In the center is a picture of a smiling Santa Claus. Each lamp post has its own Christmas tree, flashily decorated and lit. It is a beautiful sight, especially at night, that is, if there isn't a low fog.

The parade always has plenty of bands, each led by a pretty girl who walks ahead of the band master. These majorettes wear beautiful uniforms, all a glitter with spangles and colorful beads. Each carries a baton. The way she manipulates it is really something to behold. Each girl handles hers a different way. She may throw it under her knee and catch it after a step or two, or she may throw it up and walk a few steps and catch it as easily as if had been hanging there for a week waiting for her. Of course there is a steady applause all along the line of march. Seems to me these girls would have their heads turned. Even the police salute them.

Speaking of police, I wonder where they all come from. And still more men are being trained all the time, to say nothing about the plain clothes men and the F. B. I.

The movie actors are always in the Parade. Some ride in flower bedecked autos and bow to right and left as the spectators applaud. Others are in floats that tell Christmas stories. The Sheriff's posse is on horseback and dolled up in the most "splendiferous" style possible and their horses, saddles and reins shining with silver ornamentations, make quite a show. The horses are beautiful,

many do clever tricks enroute and all dance to the music.

There are also beautiful floats advertising something Christmasy, but the last float is the star of the parade and is put on by Otto Olesen the electrician of Los Angeles. Personally I think he is a wizard as well as a magician. He has a most creative mind. Of course his float carries Santa Claus. Every year he has something entirely different. Last year he had SNOW falling on his float all through the parade and it goes a full mile. This float will appear every evening from Hallowe'en to Christmas Eve inclusive. There is always a crowd out to see it.

We are lucky. We view the parade from the Doctor's office and have to park the car about five blocks away. There are always through streets left, clear for ambulances and the fire departments to go through in a hurry.

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Dramatic Reading To Highlight Winters' Program

A dramatic reading by Gail Groves of Evanston will be one of the features of an interesting program planned by the North Shore Creative Writers for their last pre-holiday meeting on December 18th, in Highland Park.

The program will be preceded by the regular weekly workshop and a luncheon. Special guests of the day will be Mrs. Ruth McGibney of Lake Forest, former workshop leader, and Edith Lovejoy Pierce.

Mrs. Pierce, one of the founders of the group, is well known for her poetry. Her latest collection of poems was published recently under the title of "Therefore Choose Life." She is also the author of "In This Our Day," an earlier book of verse.

After a Christmas recess the North Shore Creative Writers will resume their weekly meetings on Thursday, January 8th.

Blackhawk Society Plans Holiday Formal For Monday, December 22

The Blackhawk Society of the Children of the American Revolution has chosen Monday, December 22, as the date of its annual holiday formal dance to be held at the Ravinia Village house from 9 to 12 p.m.

Jimmie Riever and his orchestra will furnish music for dancing. Proceeds from the dance will be given to charity. The dance is the annual project of the senior group of which Robert Weddell is the president.

Tickets may be obtained from Nancy Waggett, Robert Weddell, Charlotte Leaming, Jessie Hadley and Dick Patton. Formal dress for the boys is optional.

Krasberg Re-Elected Head Of Men's Garden Club

At the meeting of the Men's Garden Club held last week in the Community center, Bruce Krasberg was re-elected president of the organization. Over 120 members and their wives attended the meeting, at which other officers were elected as follows:

Tom Browning—1st vice president; Bert Leech, 2nd vice president; Robert Leopold, treasurer; Frank Miller, director for one year; Morton G. Schamberg, Stanley Grace, Warren Peterson, Jesse Strauss, Bowen Stair and William Riddle, directors for a two-year period.

Dr. Margery Carlson of Northwestern university, speaker at the meeting, chose as her subject: "Plant Hunting in El Salvador."

Ravinia Garden Club Presents Book To Library

A copy of the book, "Directory of Arboretums and Botanical Gardens," has been presented to the Highland Park library by the Ravinia Garden club. This volume contains information that will be of great interest to all garden-minded people in their travels in this and other countries.

Woman's Club To Present Mrs. Graham Marks In 'Your Voice and You'

Voice culture and speech improvement through a series of simple exercises and readings will be included among the numerous suggestions to be offered by Mrs. Graham Marks, when she presents before the Highland Park Woman's Club at 10:15 a.m., Tuesday, December 16, her educational lecture titled "Your Voice and You."

Mrs. Marks is well known to Highland Parkers, having directed numerous productions of the Highland Park Community Players. She is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Speech and has taught voice and dramatic training in north shore suburban schools for a number of years.

Mrs. Marks' appearance before the Woman's Club membership was arranged through Mrs. William Gooch, chairman of the drama study group.

The afternoon program of the Club will feature Cora Blatch Baker who will discuss the origin of many of our Christmas customs. Dating back to paganism some of the ancient customs that we now use in our Christmas celebrations have been given new and Christian symbolisms. Tracing their history and inspiration back through many lands is entertainingly accomplished by Mrs. Baker in her "story of Christmas customs."

A special Highland Park High School chorus, under the direction of Chester Kyle, will sing Christmas carols and lead in community singing. The chorus will consist of Betty Lou Batt, Jean Molluquast, Louise Mercham, Eleanor Zagala, Dorothy Froehlich, Peggy Pagenkopf, Patte Porter, Ann Thompson, Lillian Lang, Janet Bridges, Judy Stern, Jean Troxel, Pat Engstrom, Kathy Laing, Alan Loeb, Lenora Parenti, Lawrence Berube, Frank Casorio, George Johnson, Victor Lubke, Don Piper, Pal Santi, John Sears, Derry Budge, Walter Chaffee, Bill Dodson, Mike Gilroy, James Heap, Ed Nichols, Roy Richardson and James Rose.

The choral program will include five selections:

- 1—Deck The Halls
- 2—Here We Go a Wassailing
- 3—A Nordic Carol
- 4—Silent Night
- 5—We Wish You A Merry Christmas.

Campbell Chapter Installs New Officers

Over 500 persons witnessed the installation of the officers of Campbell Chapter Order of the Eastern Star on December 3rd, by officers from the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

A special committee has been appointed to secure funds for the general cancer fund. Also we are helping to maintain two homes; one in Rockford, for aged members, and one in Macon, a hospital to care for sick and disabled members.

The State of Illinois has over 150,000 members and over 800 active Chapters.

On December 17th, at 7:30 P.M. in the Masonic Temple, Campbell Chapter will hold its first regular meeting of the new year with newly elected and appointed officers presiding. Following the meeting there will be a school of instruction and also a Christmas grab bag, followed by the usual refreshments and social hour. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Cub Scout Activities

Cub Scout Pack 84 will meet Monday evening, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community center. Each den will present toys that have been repaired and repainted by the Cub Scouts as gifts for less fortunate children.

Each Cub Scout will bring a 10 or 15 cent present for the Christmas grab bag. Entertainment will consist of two skits presented by Dens 2 and 4.

All parents of Cub Scout Pack 84 are invited to attend and enjoy this Christmas meeting with their children.

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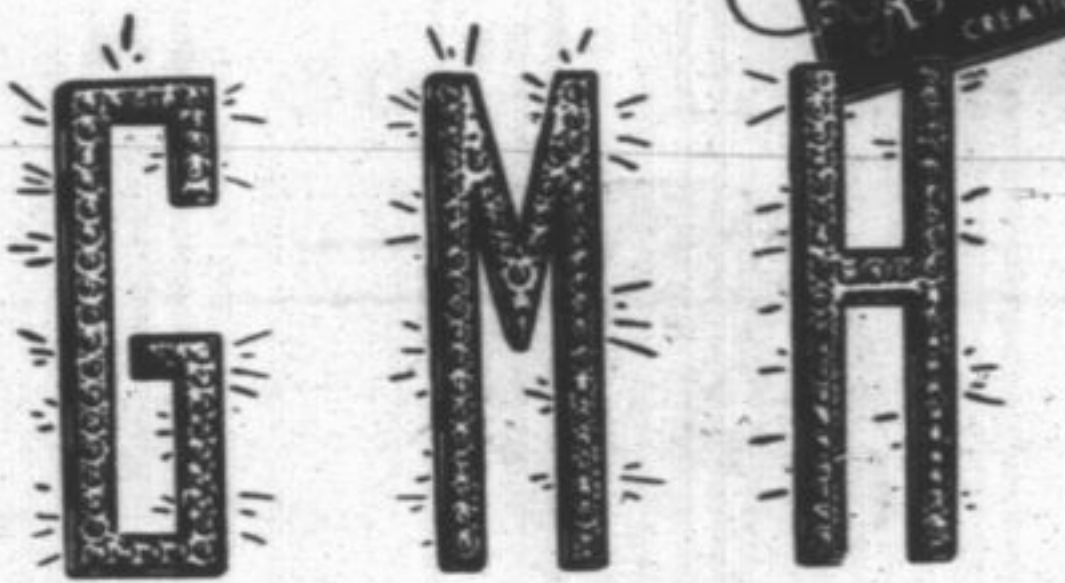
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