

LIBRARY NOTES

Now that winter is actually here our thoughts naturally turn to the many sports which make life so interesting during this season of the year. To aid you in your athletic pursuits the Highland Park Library has a fine collection of books on winter sports arranged in a special display for your convenience.

Probably the most popular of all winter sports is ice skating. Whether you are a beginner or an expert figure skater the Library has just the book for you. "The Art of Skating" by Irving Brokaw con-

tains practical instructions by diagrams and action photographs of skating fundamentals as well as more advanced figures, while Sonja Henie's book, "Wings on My Feet," although interesting to the beginner, was especially written for the person who is ready to undertake some really fancy skating.

Skiing is another favorite sport and on this subject too, the Library has many interesting and helpful books. There is Frank Harper's "Skiing for the Millions" in which he tells of the origin of the sport as well as some of the fundamental steps and turns which must be mastered before a person may be termed a proficient skier. "The Complete Ski Runner" by Arnold Lunn, past president of the Ski Club of Great Britain, is just what the name of the book implies—a complete guide to skiing, even including some information on the equipment which is needed for the sport.

On the other hand, if you are not a warm-blooded creature and prefer to take your exercise within reasonable proximity of a furnace, there are a number of indoor winter sports, such as basketball, boxing, fencing and handball, in which you may take part. Some books on these activities included in the Library's collection are: "Boxing" by D. C. Hutchison, "Fundamental Handball" by Bernath E. Phillips, and James G. Bliss' "Basketball."

"Anna Lucasta" Chock-Full of Comedy At Civic Theatre, Chicago

Audiences witnessing "Anna Lucasta," which John Wildberg is bringing for a return, by popular demand, limited engagement at the Civic Theatre, Chicago, on Thursday evening, December 25, will be treated to a play of which the American stage can be mighty proud. This phenomenally successful production is now in its fourth year of regaling audiences throughout the country; it is the longest running comedy-drama of its kind in the annals of the American theatre; it established a Broadway record by ringing up the curtain 1000 times; it played here previously for 42 solid weeks; and the English company is currently being received with thunderous applause at His Majesty's Theatre in London.

The play, by Philip Jordan, is chock-full of comedy and dramatic impact. The story of the redemp-

tion of the wayward Anna, as enacted in front of the footlights is spiced with startling candor, salted with lusty humor and distinguished by convincing realism. It is mirthful and pungent and is played to the hilt by a contingent of brilliant performers.

The role of Anna, the daughter who has been banished from home by her father because of a moral slip and who has become a part-time street walker along the Brooklyn, N. Y., waterfront, is played admirably by the vivacious and attractive Isabelle Cooley; Warren Coleman, is seen once again regaling the audiences as "Frank" the domineering, conniving son-in-law; Duke Williams, as Rudolph the boy from Alabama; Frank Wilson, as the mistrusting Papa Lucasta; Laura Bowman, as the sympathetic mother; Rosette Le Noire, as the wise-cracking sister; Claire Jay, as the "lady of the evening" with the Brooklyn accent; Ralf Coleman, as Eddie the owner of the Chambers; Roy Allen, as the brother; Wilbur Fiske, as the philosophical bartender; Wealeen Foster, as the good sister-in-law; Lance Taylor, as Anna's sailor boy friend; Sidney Poiter, as Lester, and Merritt Smith as the cop on the beat. All make their definite contributions to the success of this much talked about and cheered miraculous comedy-drama.

"Anna Lucasta" is staged in noteworthy manner. Its two rapidly-alternating sets are very realistic and strike the right note.

To sum up. The play is a night's entertainment that shouldn't be missed for the world.

YWCA Fetes Downey Veterans

The Christmas program and dinner for 35 veterans from Downey Hospital which was held at the Y.W.C.A. on Sunday afternoon, was a great success and enjoyed by all who came.

Mrs. Edward Sherry, accompanist and a trio including Mrs. Velma Sonderman, Mrs. Ann Wessling, and Mrs. Jane Kelly opened the program with a group of Christmas songs. Next, Agnes Daly presented three of her pupils in a group of dances.

Mari Santi, accompanied by Mrs. Irving Schur delighted the men with her songs. Louis Garino and his accordion quintette composed of Edward Albright, Robert Sonderman, Gene Tagliapietra, Joe Carlson and Robert Moore, played with great enthusiasm and spirit.

A large group of Girl Scouts led by the Girl Scout Director, Mrs. Wetherston Cherry, in their red capes and pointed caps stood around the Christmas tree and sang Christmas Carols. Santa Claus arrived and gave out one pound boxes of candy to each of the men. The men were then divided into groups and escorted by members of the churches to the afternoon programs at Bethany Evangelical, Trinity Episcopal, and the Highland Park Presbyterian Churches. Afterward the men returned to the Y and were served a delicious baked beans dinner which was sponsored by the three churches.

The men were delighted with the afternoon and those who helped were more than repaid by having such an opportunity to make these "forgotten men" so happy.

Highland Park Boys' Boxing Club News

The Highland Park Boys' Boxing Club edged out their first victory of the season over the Highwood Community Center Boxing Club last Friday evening in one of the fastest and most furious bouts of the 10th District American Legion Conference witnessed on the North Shore.

The Highland Park Boys' Boxing Club are now preparing for the invasion of the Lake Forest Young Men's Club battlers who are the only team that tied Highland Park. The local boys are out to win this match to keep their record up to 100%. A capacity crowd is expected to witness the Lake Forest—Highland Park bouts of the American Legion Conference which will be held at the Highland Park High School gym on Friday, January 2nd, at 8:00 p.m. Illinois State and A.A.U. boxing officials are slated to officiate, with "Jabber" Young, one of the Golden Glove official referees, acting as the third man in the ring.

Ed Creamer and Livingston Osborne, both of the Illinois State Athletic Commission are being listed as Judges with Frank Maestro of the Chicago Tribune Sports Staff and Clair Kelly of the Chi-

cago Herald American Sports Staff acting as guest Judges. Holland Engle of WGN will act as announcer and Howard Copp, Supt. of Recreation, as timekeeper. Dr. Risjord and Dr. West will be the attending physicians. Fifteen all star bouts are slated on the card. Back the Boy's Boxing Club with your attendance.

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