

Let's Take a Look

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Honeymoon Apartment or Dreams Do Come True!

Well, Folks, the conductor of this column is a happy man this week. Why? We got an apartment—and it's a beauty, too! You commuters no doubt have passed the new units just west of the North Shore and Northwestern stations in Braeside. Well, that's our new home—after we're married. And when will we leave bachelorhood? Pretty soon. Yes, pretty soon.

LUCK . . . AND SOME FINE MEN . . .

You hear a lot of talk nowadays about how hard it is for vets to get homes; apartments; just any place to live. And it's true, most of it. But there are exceptions. And ours is one of those. We were just lucky, that's all. Perhaps because our bride-to-be and the writer were born on the 13th of the month. Perhaps because we had such fine men working with us. Anyway, we got the apartment—and without any "under-the-table" payments some skeptics predicted. It was, and is, a clean, square deal.

THANK YOU, MESSRS LYONS AND JOHNSTON . . .

We wholeheartedly want to give our special thanks to Mr. Richard C. Johnston, Sr., able, likeable President of The Northwestern Co. and our first landlord, and Mr. Ed E. Lyons, competent, personable Wallace & Orth (Evanston) real estate man. With their sincere help and, we're certain, our best interests at heart, Messrs Lyons and Johnston assigned this beautiful apartment to us. When ground was broken for these units, we were there. From the beginning our name was on the list. So, to us soon-to-be-marrieds, it's wonderful—a brand new apartment, decorated as we want it to be, ready to move into as soon as we're married. What a break! "WHAT'S IT LIKE?" Many Highland Parkers have taken considerable interest in this handsome, 16 unit Braeside dwelling. "What's it like inside?" we've been asked many, many times. Well, first of all, it has five rooms—a large living room with bay window; a bright, medium-

sized dining room; a delightful, excellently-equipped kitchen (we're expecting some tasty meals, Pat!); a study where this column will be written as we ease out of the first quarter of '48; a nice bathroom with shower—hooray!; and a cozy bedroom that's really cheerful. And each apartment has its own heating unit, too!

APPRECIATIVE, THANKFUL . . .

And that's it—neat, compact, tastefully decorated, efficiently laid out. It's "a dream apartment for newlyweds," someone said. And we surely agree with 'em. You couldn't find two, happier, more appreciative young folks than we are. Yes Folks, we've much to be thankful for—and you're certainly right if you think we're giving thanks to That Man up in the bright blue yonder who directs this life of ours. We had several other matters we wanted to discuss with you this week, but we're so excited about our new home that it's uppermost in our thoughts. So, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Olson, thanks for letting us write about our "Honeymoon Apartment." Yep, dreams do come true!

Intermediate Hockey Team To Play Lake Forest Team Saturday

The boys intermediate hockey team will play the Lake Forest team at Sunset Park on Saturday, January 31st, at 10:00 a.m. Two weeks ago this team was defeated 1 to 0 by the Lake Forest team and the local boys are out to even the score. Boys hockey teams wishing to book hockey games should register at the Community Center (H.P. 2442).

Maternity Center Membership Reaches Half-Way Mark

The halfway mark in the Chicago Maternity Center membership enrollment was reached on Friday (January 30). Committee workers met at the home of Mrs. Philip D. Armour, Jr., in Chicago, to make reports on the progress made since the opening of the drive on January 15. With two more weeks before the Maternity Center membership drive comes to a close, the 200 committee workers under the chairmanship of Mrs. Henry B. Clow Jr., expect to redouble their efforts to top their goal of 1,000 new members. Mrs. Hugh Riddle and Mrs. J. Maurice Maxwell are co-chairmen of the Highland Park team.

Campbell Chapter Meets Feb. 4

Campbell Chapter will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. A pot luck supper for members and their families will precede the meeting.

Family Service Meeting Held January 26

The 17th annual meeting of Family Service of Highland Park was held Monday, January 26th, at eight o'clock, Highland Park Community Center. Dr. Douglas Boyd was reelected Vice President and Mr. Edgar L. Vinyard was reelected treasurer. The following were elected to the Directors at Large: Mrs. Herman Anspach, Mrs. George Carr, E. B. Carter, John Cortesi, Mrs. Craig Davidson, Joseph Garnett, Mrs. Orray Knight, Rev. Alvin Kniker, Edward M. Knox, Mrs. David Lasser, Mrs. J. M. Maxwell, Stanley McKee, Mrs. Emerson Mead, Mrs. Bowen Stair, Dr. Irwin Wallis.

Mrs. Harry Pier, President, was given approval of the following members to serve on the Board for 1948: Mrs. Harry M. Pier, Dr. Douglas Boyd, Mrs. Wetherton Cherry, Edgar L. Vinyard, Mrs. Carol Summers, E. A. Menke, Mrs. Orray Knight, Stanley McKee, Rev. Alvin Kniker, Richard J. Loewenthal, Joseph Garnett and Robert F. Walker.

It was voted to amend the by-laws. The objects of Family Service were restated as follows: "To foster the development of wholesome living, particularly by offering of casework counseling; to stimulate and promote such social thinking and action in the community as will improve economic and social conditions for all."

The membership of the corporation from now on will be: "All contributors to the Highland Park Community Chest and contributors of either moneys or services to the Family Service of Highland Park." The Directors At Large are now known as the Advisory Council.

Mrs. Mina Kuyper, the psychiatric counselor, who has been with the agency on part-time basis since last August, told about some of the intensive counseling now being offered by the agency. During the year, families or individuals asked for help on the following problems: complicated family relationships, individual personality adjustment, planning for substitute care of children, old age, physical or mental illness, underemployment and management, education and vocational readjustment, recreation and housing.

The statistics show that a relatively few children under 13 were referred with personality problems, while there were 23 adolescents or adults. It is much better to clear up problems in childhood and when this happens the agency feels preventive work is being done.

Mrs. Marian G. Fisher, Executive Secretary, stated the agency's activities have expanded. During 1947, there were 154 families known; whereas, in 1946 there were 111. Many requests for service are being made by individuals in territories outside of Highland Park, and service has been given. This matter is being studied by the Board. Family Service is now acting as the social service department of the Highland Park Hospital, as it is understandable for a city of this size that free and part-pay care should be arranged

when it is found necessary. The agency has used the resources offered by the State Division of Rehabilitation Service. Vocational training has been arranged and major dental work and dentures have been secured. Camp is still part of the Family Service program. Last summer arrangements were made for ten children to go to camp. This is a very beneficial, satisfying group experience which the children greatly enjoy.

There have been volunteers who have been helping: Mrs. A. J. Weiss, Mrs. Theodore Osborn and Mrs. Donald Nichols. The Board is very grateful for these volunteers. They have rendered services valuable to the community.

A family service agency has always, as part of its program, the community and its needs. Education for family living is being emphasized throughout the country. Last year, we planned with the YWCA certain discussion series directed by the Association For Family Living. This year, at the instigation of Family Service, representative people of the community met and decided to ask the Illinois Society For Mental Hygiene to sponsor a series of three lectures by Dr. David Slight entitled, "Successful Living". Mrs. Charles Mason, the general chairman; Mrs. Harry Pier, in charge of the tickets; Mrs. Orray Knight, in charge of publicity; and Mrs. Carol Summers, who arranged for the series to be at Lincoln School; along with a faithful corps of women from PTA's, churches, and clubs selling tickets did an excellent job. Mostly it was felt the content of the lectures was informative and given in an interesting manner. It doesn't seem possible that any listener will soon forget the diagram of the conflict between the ego and the super ego, or conscience, and the influence and pressure outside the individual. Also, the manner and importance of developing a mature personality. It is felt the lectures helped break down the lack of understanding and helped in the acceptance of psychiatric help to normal people. The Illinois Society For Mental Hygiene wrote, "All of us at the office were extremely happy about

the lecture series, which we consider, perhaps, our most successful one."

Family Service aims to continue to raise standards, provide skilled casework service and share in recognizing the unmet needs of the community. We believe in education for family living and should like to work further with other organizations in making this important in community planning.

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