

The Sportslight

By Will Schlichting

The year nineteen hundred and fifty may well be a "red letter" one for sports at the Highland Park high school as far as basketball is concerned.

Why?

Well, folks, we received news from Hinsdale high school at Hinsdale, Illinois, members of the West Suburban conference, that the Little Giant varsity cagers are entered in the First Annual Christmas tournament to be sponsored by that school.

Hinsdale will be host to 16 outstanding Illinois high school basketball teams December 28, 29 and 30, 1950. Every effort is being made to make this the outstanding holiday tournament in the Middle West. The tournament will be staged in the beautiful new school gymnasium which can seat approximately 4,500 people.

Highland Park fans are guaranteed a minimum of 500 tickets to each session in which the local team is a participant. . . . Outstanding teams such as Evanston, Riverside-Brookfield, Proviso of Maywood, Galesburg, East Aurora, Wheaton, Argo, Maine, Crystal Lake, Elgin, York of Elmhurst, Naperville, and Downers Grove are entered. . . . The tournament will run three days with 8 games on Thursday, 4 games on Friday and 4 on Saturday. . . . The Boosters' Club of Hinsdale will assist the Host School in many special tournament activities.

Here is just what the doctor ordered for Highland Park and it may well lead to better things at the local school, especially to help build up the school spirit which is so greatly lacking. . . . It is the first tournament of this kind that Highland Park has ever entered.

The Blue and White will play 16 games next year plus the games they can get in at the Hinsdale and State tournaments.

With basketball out of the picture for another year we can now turn our attention to the universal game of baseball. Coach George Grover has had his prospective members of the 1950 Little Giant nine working out for the past two weeks. With a little luck, and barring the possibility of the boys being a bit on the overconfident side, the Blue and White could make a fairly good showing this year with the following boys trying to win a starting berth on the squad:



Coach Grover

Pitchers
James Bench (S), Bob Fiochi (S*), Ronald Shepherd (S), Donald Booth (S), Bob Cassidy (S), Bill George (S), Nello Picchiotti (J), John Brieden (S), Art Dreschel (J) and Ed Moore (J).

Catchers
Rolly Zagnoli (S*), George Freeman (J) and George Glader (S).

Infielders
Louis Grimmeison (S), Sam McMaster (S*), Bob Castellari (J), Leon Blumberg (S), Larry Dean (S*), Geno Bagatti (S*), Jerry Walz (J) and Skip Schwartz (S).

Outfielders
Harold Visoky (S), Henry Tuttle (S*), Bruno Ponsi (J), Fred Schweiger (S) and Harry Duffield (S).

Managers
Dave Wulfsohn, Alan Gidwitz and Ernest Rabattini.
(S)—Senior; (J)—Junior and (S*)—letterman.

North Shore Boys To Attend Jamboree

The Boy Scouts of America will hold its Second National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, June 30th to July 6th. Over 40,000 Scouts from the United States will attend and also a foreign delegation of 1200 Scouts.

Scouts from Highland Park District who have signed up for this event are as follows:

John Crowell and Geoffery Ceperly from Troop 30.

John Sheridan and Robert Moroney from Troop 36.

E. Scott Vails, David Maxon, and Kenneth Pierce from Troop 32A.

The youngsters proved too much for the "old men" in the varsity faculty basketball game last Friday night at the Highland Park high school gym (?). . . . A team composed of seniors from this year's varsity: Booth, Fiochi, Coleman, Zagnoli and Phillips, barely won out over the faculty

who came out to the "war" with Messrs. Carlson, Morrison, Danakas, Henderson, Panther, Zeske, Elliott, Grover, McLaughlin and Kyle. . . . After the game Mr. Henderson stated "this is absolutely my last game, I am retiring to my farm in Podunk Center, Alaska." . . . We hate to see him leave as there will be no one now to show the fans the correct art of fouling and not letting the official see the infraction of the rules. . . . The officiating in this game was by far the best seen on the local court this season, thanks to Mr. Einbecker. . . . Also on the evening's program was a so called basketball game between some "clowns" and the Junior members of the varsity. No score could possibly have been kept on this one. . . . Performing in a tumbling exhibition under the direction of Mr. Kindig, were: Mike Azzone, George Bock, Joe Kleaver, Jerry Jordan, Morton Moss, Loyd Mullins, Ralph Wanger, Phil Watrous, Norm Culver and Russ Whitney. . . . Most Moss, Phil Watrous along with Russ Whitney also gave an exhibition on the trampoline. . . . It was a nice evening of entertainment and all those who ventured out had an enjoyable time.

Eleven members of the Lake Forest college basketball team will receive letters, according to head Coach Walter Lemm. . . . The Foresters completed the most successful season in ten years at games played, and finished in third place in the Little Nine conference. . . . Of the eleven receiving their letters, Lake Forest loses only two at June graduations.

Did you read the latest edition of Time? There is a good story on "Squeaky" Melchiorre in it.

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Championship Changes; Grover's Champions Lose

Rallying in the last two quarters to overcome a twelve point deficit, Mr. Panther's intramural basketball team, led by Jim Bench, Geno Bagotti, Louis Grimmeison, and Bob Cassidy, downed Mr. Grover's previously unbeaten intramural team.

Panther's session team started the third quarter on the short end of a 20 to 10 score, but soon came from behind to tie the score at 22 all. Mr. Grover's session, led by Larry Dean and Skippy Schwartz, managed to tie the score several times, but finally came out on the short end of a 29 to 27 score.

H. P.'s Track Team Improves In New-Trier Practice Meet

By Bill Kiddle

Although no score was kept, Highland Park's up-and-coming cindermen held their own against Maine and New Trier in a practice triangular meet held at the latter's school last Saturday.

In the first event, the pole vault, Phil Watrous and Pete Kallas teamed up to tie down first and second places for the varsity. Phil won the event with a vault of 10 ft. 6 in. In the frosh-soph division the same event, freshman Don Nordmark went 8 ft. to win.

Highland Park's mastery continued in the high jump as Phil Dorough and "Big" Bob George tied for first in their respective divisions. Other bright spots of the day for the frosh-soph were the individual wins of Reno Signorio in the 50 yd. dash, Walt Benson in the shot, and the victory of the 4-lap relay team.

These victories, plus a near win of the varsity's 8-lap relay team, and the general all-around improvement of times and distances of both squads, prompted Coach Panther to say "This meet, like the rest of the meets in the indoor season, will be an opportunity for Highland Park to practice and become prepared for the outdoor season. With these boys already out for track, plus the yet untapped track material around high school, principally sprinters and field event men, Highland Park could have a real upsurge in track."

Varsity Nips Faculty In Benefit Basketball Game Friday Night

By Bill Kiddle

The basketball season came to a belated end last Friday night at Highland Park High with the playing of the annual Varsity-Faculty basketball game.

The varsity beat the faculty 34 to 23, but neither the score nor the victory was important. What was important was the fact that the full house at H.P.H.S. gym had a good time and that the proceeds from their donations will make the printing of the "Little Giant" year book possible.

Thanks should be extended to Messrs Carlson, Morrison, Panther, Henderson, McLaughlin, Danakas, Elliot, Zeske, Grover and Kyle for their help in making the game a great success.

Plan Spring Concert At Local High School

Featuring the Band and Chorus, the first of two spring concerts will be presented at the Highland Park high school on Sunday, April 2.

Among the selections to be played by the band are several written especially for symphonic bands. Examples of these are "Trauersinfonie," by Wagner, and "Suite for Military Band," by Gustav Holst.

A suite of eight songs, the Lincoln Lyrics, by George McKay, portraying the life of Abraham Lincoln will be sung by members of the chorus.

North Shore Scouts To Hold Swimming Meet

The North Shore Area Council Boy Scouts' Swimming Meet will be held at New Trier High School Natatorium Saturday, March 18 at 2 P. M.

There will be racing events for all age group from 11 to 18. The events will include the 50 yard crawl, the 50 yard breast, 50 yard back, 75 yard medley, 100 yard relay races. Mr. Robert Doepel will award the trophy to the winning Troop. Attractive individual medals will be given out to the winner in each age group. Mr. David Robertson, Swimming Coach at New Trier High School, will be in charge of all arrangements for the Swimming Meet. Parents and other friends of Scouting are invited to attend.

H. S. Students Plan For Council Election

In order to choose the members of next year's Student Council executive board, there will be an election in the near future. The people nominated for these offices will be introduced to the school in an assembly which will precede the election.

Nominations were made last Monday by the sophomore and junior sessions. From these, the student council executive board, the deans, and Mr. Wolters will choose twenty juniors and ten sophomores. Members of the respective classes will then vote for eight juniors and four sophomores.

To hold office on the executive board, a student must have a C average without any D's or E's in any subject.

High School Problems

ARTICLE IX

By Mrs. Mason Smith

The Physical Education building on the west side of the inner court, in back of the Library end of Shield's Hall receives our attention this week.

This was built in 1915, the same time the East Building was constructed, and even by standards of that day, it was a poorly conceived structure functionally. The swimming pool, and most of the locker and shower rooms were put on the first floor, the girls' gym on the second floor, the boys on the third, making trotting up and down stairs necessary for both students and instructors for each class.

The gymnasiums are both too small for our present use and are used to capacity both during and after school, for the regular and intra-mural program. A wrestling room for the boys was made out of the balcony overlooking the girls' gym, with a tumbling and corrective gym room for both boys and girls below it. These are both small and poorly ventilated. There is a wooden running track, felt covered on a balcony above the boys' gym floor. The covering is so worn as to be dangerous and must be replaced if the track is to be continued in use. The whole room needs repair and paint.

None of the three floors were built large enough to take spectators, and when small bleachers are put around the basketball courts there is constant danger for the players—so much so that during the time we were not in the Suburban League, Evanston refused to play in our gym on that basis. They are forced to do so while we are a member of the Suburban League.

The area of the pool room is so small it is a shock to see it. Not more than 100 people can crowd around its edge and even in so doing, we are winking at a state sanitation regulation that forbids spectators on the deck of the pool. Our best divers cannot dive in our pool, (Russell Whitney this year) and must go anywhere they can get in, for their practice. The pool is only 24 x 60 ft while the standard size is 35 by 75 ft.

A new filtration system was installed for the pool this year. The steam from the showers and moisture from the pool rises in the walls, keeping the plaster in the rooms above constantly moist and crumbly. The roof of this building must also be repaired and much subsequent work done inside on the walls.

The nurse's quarters are between the second and third floors, too high to take serious cases to the facilities there.

Again this building lacks storage space for janitorial supplies and for equipment for the department. The locker and shower space is very inadequate.

There is a state law requiring 200 minutes of gym work a week per pupil. Our Physical Education Department has juggled and balanced in every way possible to meet the requirement, but are able to do so only with the Freshman boys and girls and the Senior boys. Practically every other high school in this area now has or is about to have facilities adequate to meet this requirement.

The rest of our children get an average of three 25-minute periods a week (time out for dressing and undressing and going up and down stairs and showers from a 40 minute period) because there are not enough exercise areas available. We frequently have 40 in a class in basketball playing on a floor space less than the size of one standard court.

In fact our whole program is dictated not by what the students need, but by what we can give them with our present restricted facilities.

Our Intra-mural program and our Athletic Field will receive our attention next week, followed by our ideas for the future. We will welcome your interest and your ideas toward the improvement of our High School plant.

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Plan All-School Election At Local High School

In order to select leaders of next year's classes, clubs, and organizations at the Highland Park high school, an all-school election will be held sometime in April.

All of the nominations are to be made sometime this month, and the printing of the ballots will follow.

The details of the election are being handled by Dee Cabonargi and Don Piper, of the Student Council executive board.

Navy's Win Climaxes Girls' Basketball Season

To put a thrilling end to the girls' basketball season, the "Navy" team came out on the long end of a 23-22 score in their game with the "Army" team.

Leading 23 to 18 as they went into the fourth quarter, the Navy just managed to win.

Members of the Navy team were Joanne Felbel (captain), Judy Cohen, Thayer Forbes, Peggy King, Dora Ladurini, Frances Manfredini, Pearl Pearce, Connie Miller, and Evelyn Wehrmeyer. Playing for the Army were Winona Kuehn (captain) Joan Graham, Lynn Elliott, Donna Growney, Catherine Jennings, Barbara Scott, Barbara Simon, and Mary Selbridge.

Boy Scouts To Try Out First Aid

On March 31st over 450 Scouts from 48 Troops in the North Shore Area Council are expected to participate in the Annual Council First Aid Meet to be held at

North Shore Schools Participate In CARE Book Program

North Shore public schools are participating in the collection of books for the North Shore CARE Book Sale which will take place Monday, March 27, from noon to 9 p.m. in the Edgar A. Stevens store in Evanston.

The schools are Elm Place, Highland Park High School, Lincoln, Green Bay, and Ravinia. In Glencoe, all of the public schools are cooperating in this book collection. Cartons, donated by the Iredale Storage Company, have been placed in these schools, for the books.

Collection boxes are also in the Winnetka Village Hall, the Winnetka Library, the Glencoe Library, and the Highland Park Library. In Evanston, books may be taken to Mrs. Robert Stanton's home, 9323 Drake Avenue. Books donated for the North Shore CARE Book Sale will be collected on Saturday, March 25.

Proceeds from the North Shore CARE Book Sale will go to the CARE-UNESCO Book Program to send new scientific and technical books overseas. Mrs. Arthur H. Richland, of Glencoe, is general chairman of the Book Sale.

Glencoe Naval Air Station beginning at 8 P.M. sharp.

Mr. Carnahan and other members of the American Red Cross Staff will direct the activities of this Meet. Troops will enter First Aid Teams of 8 members each. Attractive rating badges will be presented to each Scout participating in the Meet.

VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE—1950 HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL

- Saturday, April 1—Zion-Benton vs. Highland Park, here, two games.
- Tuesday, April 4—Northbrook vs. Highland Park, here.
- Thursday, April 6—Northbrook vs. Highland Park, here.
- Tuesday, April 11—Niles vs. Highland Park, here.
- Saturday, April 15—Leyden vs. Highland Park, here. Two games.
- Tuesday, April 18—New Trier vs. Highland Park, here.
- Tuesday, April 25—Evanston vs. Highland Park, here.
- Saturday, April 29—Proviso vs. Highland Park, here. Two games.
- Tuesday, May 2—Waukegan vs. Highland Park, here.
- Saturday, May 6—Morton vs. Highland Park, here. Two games.
- Tuesday, May 9—New Trier vs. Highland Park, here.
- Saturday, May 13—Oak Park vs. Highland Park, here.
- Tuesday, May 16—Evanston vs. Highland Park, here.
- Tuesday, May 23—Waukegan vs. Highland Park, here.

TRACK SCHEDULE FOR 1950 INDOOR

- Saturday, March 18 at Oak Park. Quadrangular with Oak Park, New Trier, Highland Park and Schurz.
- Thursday, March 23—Maine Township, there.
- Saturday, April 1—Oak Park Relays.

OUTDOOR SEASON

- Saturday, April 22—Lake Shore Quadrangular with New Trier, Waukegan, Evanston and Highland Park at Highland Park.
- Tuesday, April 25—Niles, here.
- Saturday, April 29—Wheaton, there.
- Tuesday, May 2—Maine Township, there.
- Thursday, May 4—Frosh-Soph Triangular with Waukegan, New Trier and Highland Park at New Trier.
- Saturday, May 6—Mooseheart Relays, there.
- Tuesday, May 9—Frosh-Soph Invitational at Evanston.
- Saturday, May 13—District meet at Evanston.
- Tuesday, May 16—Waukegan, there.
- Friday and Saturday, May 19-20—State meet at University of Illinois.
- Tuesday, May 23—Lake County meet at Lake Forest.

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