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"THE SPORTSLIGHT"



By Will Schlichting

On December 28 the Highland Park high varsity cagers will go to Hinsdale, Ill. for the First Annual Christmas Tournament to be held in the host school's new gymnasium. The local team will play the Hinsdale "Red Devils" in the first round, the game starting at 7 p.m. and if they should emerge victorious they will return on Friday, Dec. 29 to tangle with the winner of the Downers Grove and Crystal Lake game at 7:15 p.m. If the boys play good enough ball they could well play in the semi-finals at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, December 30 against one of the following schools: York of Elmhurst, Evanston, Elgin and Wheaton. The finals will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday with the consolation game starting at 7 p.m.

According to a story released by the High School Journalism class and written by Phil Douglas, the Highland Park high school, for the first time since 1941, is offering to its students bus rides to all but one out of town basketball games in which their teams are participating this year. Trips will be made to Waukegan, Evanston and Niles for a round trip fee of 50 cents and to Oak Park and Proviso for 75 cents for the round trip. In order to keep this bus service going a minimum of 50 students must go, or the transportation will be cancelled, with the money paid in refunded. All tickets will be in the form of a receipt, and they must be purchased at least 5 days before the game for which they are to be used. The cheerleaders are taking charge of this project and they hope that many Highland Park high school students will take advantage of the opportunity of backing their teams at all games, both here at home and those played on foreign floors.

There you are kids! The busses are available, now it's up to you to really show the boys on the basketball teams that you appreciate the hard practice and rigid training they are going through in order to try to bring basketball at Highland Park High out of the dumps.

The varsity swimmers defeated Proviso high's team by a 49-26 score last Thursday afternoon with Schwartz, Zimmermann, Kessler, Kraft and Brown scoring individual first places and the 120 yard medley relay team of Kessler, Schwartz and Kraft along with the 160 yard free style team of Kuhn, Rosenthal, Zimmerman and Keare also snagging a first place spot. On December 20 the local mermen took on Thornton but no

scores were available at press time on this meet. The next contest for the boys will be at Waukegan on January 11.

Tom Wood of the Journalism department at the High School informs us that the frosh-soph swimmers defeated Proviso on December 14 by a 58-8 score in a contest which found the Blue and White mermen capturing all of the first place positions. A new record in the 120 yard medley relay was set by the team of Bob Stanwood, Allan Rubenstein and Fred Harris. The time was 1:10.5 which clipped 2 seconds off the old mark of 1:12.5 which was set last year by Highland Park frosh-soph swimmers. Fred Harris, Allan Rubenstein, Bob Stanwood, Woody Hansmann, John Gould and Danny Seitz won first place honors for the local team. Both relay teams also won first places, with the free-style relay team composed of Paul Day, Pete Husting, Dick Keim and Bill Davidow. The frosh-soph now have won four and lost none.

The varsity cagers finally broke into the win column in the Suburban league as they toppled Oak Park 38-35 last Friday night with George and Hall doing most of the scoring for the Blue and getting 14 and 13 point respectively. Schramm, Rogan, Ponsi and Dreschell also did some scoring for the winners. The taste of victory, however, was short lived as the boys went to Morton and absorbed a 64-37 beating at the hands of the powerful Mustangs, who are rated as one of the top two teams in the state today. Ponsi was high scorer for the Blue and White with 13 points and Dreschell picked up 8 with Hall, Schramm, Rogan and George also scoring.

The frosh-soph also split over the week end losing a 41 to 32 contest to Oak Park and then coming back on Saturday night to beat Morton by a 44-42 score in an overtime contest.

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Christmas Decorations

The flocked or "snowed" Christmas trees and evergreen boughs one sees in the flower shops have been flame proofed. The flame-proofing material goes into the simulated white snow when sprayed on the tree trunk and branches, and this year there are new colors—pink, lavender and even an exotic black flocking that contrasts beautifully with golden Christmas tree balls tied to the branches. For centerpieces, mantel decorations and television tops, the tips and sprays of pine boughs, spruce, cedar and hemlock are also brilliantly covered with the same flocking, drifting realistically to the cones and ribbons and other accessories in the Christmas piece.

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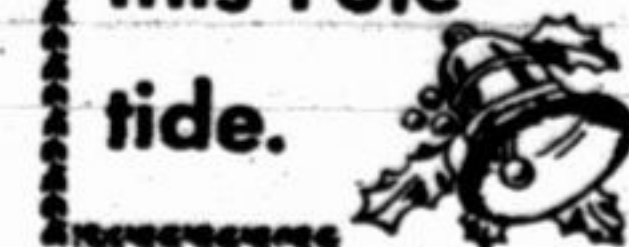
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