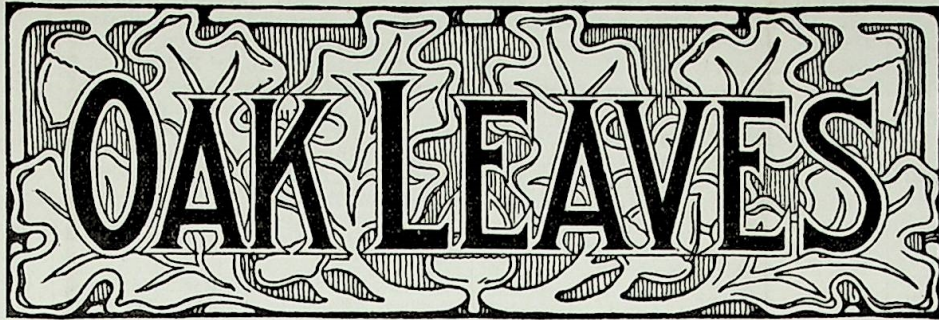


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### CHRISTMAS CLUBS PREPARE TO GIVE OUT 1932 CHECKS

#### Village Banks Have Almost \$200,000 Ready for Farsighted Citizens

Christmas money will soon be paid out by banks here on Christmas savings accounts.

In spite of the fact that many who began saving in 1931 for Christmas of 1932 had to draw upon this account for more practical purposes during the year, there is nearly \$200,000 now on deposit subject to the order of Christmas savers in five different banks. The average account is \$50 for about 3,700 depositors.

Banks report Christmas savings accounts as follows:

Oak Park Trust & Sav.	\$75,000
Avenue State	40,000
Prairie State	12,000
River Forest State	9,500
Suburban Trust & Sav.	50,000

Four hundred and forty million dollars will be distributed to about ten and one-half million members of the Christmas club by more than seven thousand banking institutions and organizations within the next two weeks, according to an estimate

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### Contract for Post Office Is Awarded to Largura Company

The contract for Oak Park post office to be built at the southwest corner of Lake and Kenilworth has been let to the Largura Construction company of Gary, Ind., at its bid of \$349,500 for limestone walls. This is disappointing to Charles Ward Seabury, chairman, and the citizens' committee which had held hopes that dolomite (resembling marble) could be used. Lack of funds prevented, as the bid on the marble walls was \$10,000 above the amount available in the appropriation.

The Largura company had not qualified at the hour of going to press, so far as could be learned, but it is considered likely that the necessary bonds will be filed and the work started.

A construction engineer is being sent to Oak Park from the office of the supervising architect at Washington and this is believed to be an indication that long delays are about to end and work actually start.

Postmaster McAllister and Messrs. White and Weber, the architects, reported that they had received no official notification in regard to the time when work is to start. The first steps will be wrecking the three old frame residence buildings on the property.

### THANKSGIVING SERVICES AT PILGRIM

Thanksgiving will be observed quietly in the villages this year. Virtually all the churches are planning special programs for Sunday and all are cooperating in the union services to be conducted at 10:30 o'clock on Thursday morning at Pilgrim Congregational church under auspices of the Oak Park-River Forest Minister's union.

Family gatherings throughout the community are being planned and many reunions of friends and kinsmen will feature the day. Because Thanksgiving is widely observed as a day of rest and quiet, no formal programs, save the one mentioned above, have been announced.

All business houses and offices will be closed for the day and the schools will close on Wednesday evening not to reopen until Monday morning.

Everyone is invited to attend the union service on Thursday morning. Officials of the minister's union, as is their custom, will donate all proceeds of the free-will offering that morning to the Family Welfare association.

The program for the union service follows:

- Prelude
- Doxology: The people uniting.
- Invocation: Rev. R. M. Deskins, Oak Park Christian.
- Hymn of Praise: "America."
- Scripture Reading: Rev. Wilmer J. Johnston, North-Pilgrim Congregational churches.
- The President's Proclamation: Rev. W. H. Hill, Harvard Congregational.
- A Hymn
- Prayer: Rev. J. W. G. Ward, First Presbyterian.

Choir Response  
Presentation of Offering: Rev. Harold Stanley Stewart, First Baptist.  
Offertory: (Note: Entire offering goes to Family Welfare association).  
An Anthem  
The Sermon: Rev. Charles R. Goff, Euclid Avenue Methodist.  
Benediction: Rev. Carlisle L. Hubbard, First Methodist.



REV. CHARLES R. GOFF  
Mr. Goff, who is pastor of Euclid Avenue Methodist church, and president of the Oak Park-River Forest Minister's union, will preach at union services on Thanksgiving morning.

### Appoint Chairman for Fund Campaign in Oak Park; First Meeting

Joseph A. Coyner of 501 Fair Oaks has accepted the chairmanship for the emergency welfare fund campaign in Oak Park, it was announced this week by Paul E. Zimmerman of Oak Park, vice chairman for District 4 of the suburban division of the emergency welfare fund of Cook county.

Mr. Coyner, who is a well-known and civic spirited citizen of Oak Park, is vice president of the Cathedral Shelter of Chicago and has been active in the speakers' bureau

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Elementary school pupils of Oak Park and River Forest and Oak Park high students will be dismissed from classes on Wednesday evening and not return to them until Monday morning in keeping with the school's custom of allowing a two-day recess for Thanksgiving observance.

### LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY DINNER TUESDAY

Interest in the fifth annual men's community dinner for Oak Park, River Forest and neighboring villages, to be given at Second Presbyterian church, under auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, on Tuesday evening, is calling forth as much interest as in former years. A large attendance is already assured. Co-operating churches have been allocated places in proportion to their membership.

Women of Second Presbyterian church, Ridgeland and Washington, have agreed to serve as hostesses of this year's dinner. The dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock.

Dr. W. A. Hemingway of China, who died last week, was the guest speaker at the first of these dinners, in First Methodist Episcopal church more than four years ago. Appropriate reference will be made to his great work. Dr. Brewer Eddy, this year's guest speaker, is one of the secretaries of the board of missions

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### COST OF GAS MAY BE CUT 25 PER CENT AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

#### Chicago Case Gives Suburbs Hope That Expense of Cook- ing May Be Reduced

That a reduction in gas rates by 25 per cent may be a sort of Christmas present for people of Oak Park and River Forest is the hope of President McFeely and other officials.

At a meeting of representatives of all municipalities of the metropolitan district outside of Chicago at the Palmer house on Tuesday, the hope of such a reduction burned brightly, according to T. R. Leth, comptroller, who represented Oak Park at the conference.

"The Chicago petition for a reduction in gas rates will be decided about November 28 by the state commerce commission," said Mr. Leth. "It was decided by the municipal representatives to await this Chicago decision and not go to the expense of arranging evidence of the same kind and on the same matters as that submitted by Chicago. It was the opinion of those present that the decision in the Chicago case would be for a 25 per cent cut and also effect suburban rates."

Rates for gas in Oak Park and River Forest are higher than in Chicago and if a 25 per cent reduction is ordered for this community rates here will still be higher than in the city.

Evidence submitted to the commission to prove that rates should be reduced to consumers included that collected in a survey of Texas natural gas fields and pipe line costs. At present gas consumed here is said to be a mixture of natural and artificial gases which produces a hotter fire than either would alone. This, the company claims, reduces the cost of heat.

Evidence was also submitted to prove that a reduction of 25 per cent in cost of gas to consumers

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#### NOTICE

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday Oak Leaves will go to press one day early next week. Want ads will be accepted for classification until 5 for the too-late-to-classify columns until 7 o'clock that evening. The editorial office will be open until 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening. All departments will be closed Thanksgiving day except the Service bureau, which will remain open as usual from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m.

News for next week's Oak Leaves should be submitted if possible on Monday or Tuesday.

## Daughters of Veterans Take Part in Program Honoring All Soldiers

Emma Little Morton Tent, No. 80, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, met Friday at the G.A.R. hall. Mrs. Guy Gundaker, president, presided during the business meeting. Plans were made to entertain the state inspector, Mrs. M. Hoeft, from Bloomington, at a luncheon before the next meeting, which will be inspection, when the records of the secretary and treasurer and the general work of the officers will be graded.

The program commemorating the George Washington bicentennial was purposely delayed until this meeting, as many members were out of town during the fall. Mrs. Victor Brouillett, patriotic instructor, presented a program, devoting a small part to Armistice and Navy days.

Five veterans of the Civil War, Commander Ferry, L. A. Simmons, Ivory Pike, M. H. Stokesberry and Comrade Poutre, who is Mrs. Brouilletts' father, were introduced with

the colors, and the song, "Welcome, Comrades." Each responded and Mr. Pike, in a brief address, paid tribute to Washington, comparing him to the great generals and leaders of the world, in more recent years.

Mrs. Guy Gundaker, president, gave an address of welcome, and presented Miss Hazel Riley, past national president, representing the national, and Mrs. Emma Cadieux, past state president, representing the state. Mrs. Brouillett, after a few remarks explaining the purpose of the meeting, read President Hoover's bicentennial proclamation, and the orders from the national president of the organization that a fitting program should be given during the year.

The invocation, "A National Prayer," was given by Mrs. M. N. MacDonald. Other features of the program were:

Song, "Yankee Doodle," by Mrs. W. D. Sandel, dressed in Colonial costume. "Yankee Doodle" was sung by the troops when Cornwallis, after the battle of Yorktown, surrendered his sword to Washington.

A sketch, "The Eyes of Our Flag," was given by Mrs. Louis McCall, assisted by Mrs. Charles F. Kannenberg as Betsy Ross. Mrs. Sandel then sang, "My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair," and the "Second Minuet." This was followed by singing the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the salute to the flag, after all faced the east and paid tribute to the sacred memory of World War heroes. This part of the program closed by singing "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

Pupils from the Bossert School of the Danse, gave a program of Tap and Minuet dances.

Military Tap dance, by Kathryn Churchill, Carolyn Addie, Ruth Hazen and Jean Robbins, dressed in military blue satin, silver trimming, blue caps, and very short pants braided with silver braid.

Trickey Trix, a bare toe dance by seven-year-old Jacqueline Adams, dressed in fairy silk veiling.

Minuet, by Kathryn Churchill and Carolyn Adams, one in male attire of the colonial period, the other in a long full skirt of many colors.

### Pre-nuptial Hostess

Miss Helen Louise Miller of 116 Washington boulevard entertained at a pre-nuptial dinner party at home on Saturday evening for Miss Caroline Rice of LaGrange and Miss Cecile Gilroy of Beverly Hills and their fiancés. There were twelve guests. Both of Miss Miller's friends will be married during November.

# Oak Park Woman Remarks About Her Thanksgiving Dinner—

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## Musician, Magician at Borrowed Time Club Meeting; New Members

The singing of the Borrowed Time club double quartet, led by Organist Leyland, during the social hour before the opening of the meeting is a decided success. The meeting was called to order last week by President Reeps. Chaplain Beeby offered prayer with special reference to Armistice day. Two candidates, Mrs. Nettie French and W. P. Currier were accepted and in a short address by the president were initiated and became members.

President Reeps informed the sages he had a special treat for them, as he had been fortunate in obtaining the services of a talented singer, also a well-known magician. The president first introduced John Rankel, baritone and voice teacher, of the faculty of De Paul University, and the Mendelssohn Conservatory of Music, Chicago. Mr. Rankel sang the following numbers: "Invictus" (Huhn), "I've Got a Sixpense" (Whitney), "The Green-Eyed Dragon" (Charles), the two latter by request, "Until" (Sanderson) and in response to a rousing encore sang that old favorite, "In an Old-fashioned Town" (Squires).

Mrs. Leontine Grego, an Oak Park pianist, accompanied the singer.

The President then introduced Col. Harry McEvoy, magician, who demonstrated in a remarkable way what can be done by sleight of hand. He did two difficult tricks, the getting out of a sealed mail bag, and the severing of a length of muslin and piecing it together again. A standing vote of thanks was accorded the entertainers for their programs.

Jacob A. Cost, as ever, made his remarks on Current Events, both interesting and educational.

The next meeting of the club will take place at 2 at First Presbyterian church, 931 Lake, on Wednesday. All elderly people are invited to attend.

### Mrs. Ellen S. Belden Dead; Well Known in Oak Park

Mrs. Henry T. Paulson of 936 North Harvey, has returned from the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Ellen Scranton Belden, on November 6, at Elmira, New York, and in the chapel at Greenwood cemetery, New York City where interment took place November 7. Mrs. Belden had previously made long visits with Mrs. Paulson in Oak Park. She died at the home of another daughter, Dr. Mary Belden, professor in Elmira college. Mrs. Belden, however, had always kept her home in Oberlin, Ohio.

Mrs. Belden had a large circle of friends throught this and various foreign countries because of her life as a missionary in Constantinople and Bulgaria until ill health of her husband compelled their return home. For many years following that she was director of the International Missionary union, also at one time state president for Ohio of the non-partisan W.C.T.U., as a leader of mission study classes for Oberlin college students, and in numerous other religious and civic activities. Mrs. Belden's ancestors projected and developed the early iron, coal and railroad interests of northern New Jersey and Pennsylvania, founding the city of Scranton, Pa., which bears her family name, and one serving as first president of the Lackawana railroad.

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