

The elves remained in their cornfield, the gremlins on the golf courses, and the gnomes evidently kept close to their haunts in the slough, for the new year of 1949 arrived in Prospect Heights with little noise or mischief making. It was quite a contrast to the 35-mile an hour wind, and rain storm, with gusts of 50 and 60 miles per hour, which turned the village into an icy fairland when 1948 arrived just one year ago.

While 1948 was a stormy year in many ways, hitting its camel humps during April and August, a delightful fall, plus the retirement of disturbing influences resulted in an interesting upswing curve in October. With the upswing came close community cooperation, a very successful Halloween party and dance and a most successful PTA bazaar.

In reviewing the Herald columns of Prospect Heights news during 1948 one finds the prediction that the fire house would be built, the Community church would campaign for funds to build a new church, that 75 to 100 new homes would be built during the year, and that a new wing would be added to our drive-in-shopping center. Some of the predictions came true and the others probably would have, had it not been a hectic year in the building industry.

1948 in review
During the month of January the volunteer firemen established their school of instruction which resulted in its membership increasing their knowledge in fire prevention and efficiency in fire fighting. During the year just ended the firemen earned an excellent reputation. Those who called upon the firemen for aid have praised the volunteers for their speedy answer and excellent work in extinguishing fires.

January also saw the issuance of a new map of Prospect Heights which showed 350 homes, of which 12 were under construction. If the PHIA issued another map as of January 1, 1949 it would show 369 homes, of which 16 are under construction and naturally unoccupied.

During the same month the Lions club initiated its blood bank campaign and the PHIA

vice president of the Arlington Heights Woman's club. The St. James Women held their annual spring party. The kindergarten class held its graduation exercises. And, the Community church launched its successful building fund drive.

June saw the closing of public schools. The Choral society gave its annual concert, the most successful in its history. Hugh Kibbie was named as principal of the Prospect Heights school. The slough was given a DDT bath through the courtesy of the Lions club. The Strawberry Festival was held at the schoolhouse. The Vacation school again had a successful period. Byron E. Larson, the insurance man, was elected to the presidency of Lions club. Miss Lorraine Dean, an accomplished pianist, joined the Choral group as its accompanist. And, Mrs. Jack Reinsma appeared before the Board of Education to promote a School Beautification program which the board adopted at its August 24 meeting.

Closing of the public dumps late in July placed the community's garbage service in jeopardy. The PHIA Health committee immediately acted in order to secure continued service. Within a week confusion was eliminated and a good garbage service secured without the loss of a single week's pick up.

In August the PHIA held its annual flower and garden show and inaugurated a Yard Beautiful campaign. The Nursery school plan was adopted with the school set to open in October. Then came the Firemen's Carnival with its beautiful gladiolus show.

Schools opened in September with music being added to the local school curriculum and Mrs. Virginia Heverly as instructor. The Nursery school group presented a Fashion Show, in its campaign for funds.

In October the Prospect Heights school adopted its junior high program including athletic training, shop classes for boys with domestic science, economics and home management for girls. Mrs. C. E. White joined the school faculty as domestic science instructor. The Bible church

successful PTA bazaar. The Lions club presented the Board of Education with its check for \$1000 for the blacktopping project in the School Beautification program. The year ended with the annual Christmas celebration with the PHIA providing carol music daily by loudspeakers, the Volunteer Firemen sponsoring the lighting contest, the Lions handling the Santa Claus features and the Community church children's choir presenting another of its inspiring Candlelight services.

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Prospector's Gleanings

This is it, January 1949, the beginning of a new year with 365 days of opportunities.

January, the first month of the year was held sacred to Janus by the Romans. It was adopted as the first month of the year as far back as 251 B. C., but it was not until the 18th century that Janus was universally adopted by European nations.

January was named originally for Janus, one of the divinities of ancient Rome, the only divinity having no equivalent in the Grecian mythology. Janus presided over the commencement of every undertaking and was usually represented with two heads, one to look backward and the other to look forward.

New Year's day falls on January 1 because of the arrangements made by Julius Caesar but the Julian calendar needed astronomical correction so the Gregorian calendar placed January 1 on the January 13 of Julius Caesar. In early medieval times, most Christian people in Europe regarded March 25 as New Year's day. In England the year started with December 25. This custom continued, in spite of the Georgian calendar, until 1753.

In their ancient culture the Jews had two New Year's days, civil and ecclesiastical, the former falling anywhere between September 6 and October 5, with the latter coming with the spring equinox. The ancient Egyptians began the new year with the

Sunday morning, January 9, is old newspaper pickup day in Prospect Heights.

The newspaper drive will begin shortly after 10:00 a. m. with Scouts and Cubbers making the curb pickup.

Residents are urged to tie their old newspapers securely and to place same at the curb prior to the collection hour.

The old newspaper drive is sponsored by the Boy Scout and Cub Scout committees. All funds secured from the sale of old paper goes directly to the operating fund of the local troops.

The identity of many of these pranksters are known to many residents. This means that these boys' and girls' names are being carelessly brought into conversations. Such gossip is damaging, but if they had not brought themselves into the picture through their unbecoming activities, their names need not be tossed about so carelessly.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Shlomon Davajon tendered a going away party Monday evening, December 27, at their home to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. James, of Evanston, who are leaving for California and Hawaii. Mrs. Sheridan T. Winter assisted Mrs. Davajon in decorating for the party. Hawaiian garlands were used as favors, table centerpiece was pineapple filled with fruit salad with Hawaiian dolls at each place. Participating in the festivities were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koshaba, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nimrod, and Mr. and Mrs. John LaZaar, all of Chicago.

Mrs. Robert George will be hostess to the women of the St. John's Evening Guild at their January 20th meeting which is to be held at the church at 8:00 p. m.

Mrs. Frank Hendren left on New Year's Day for Dallas, Texas to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Clara Wright, who passed away on Thursday, December 30. She expects to return

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This week we tip our toppers to Mrs. Marion D. Warwick, prominent civic worker, youth enthusiast, secretary and member of the Prospect Heights Board of Education.

The Edward E. Warwicks came to Prospect Heights early in the spring of 1942 and immediately took an interest in community affairs and more particularly in school matters. In September, Mrs. Warwick became chairman of the PTA Hospitality committee. In the following spring she was named treasurer, and in 1944 was elected to the presidency of the Prospect Heights PTA.

Under Mrs. Warwick's leadership the Girl Scout activity which was inaugurated in 1940 by the PTA only to falter during the early war years, was revived and again placed in motion. Following its revival Mrs. Warwick then lent her support and directed the pre-school kindergarten activity which had its beginning at the Community church, sponsored by the PTA, in 1945.

In the spring school elections of 1947 Mrs. Warwick was named as a candidate for membership on the Prospect Heights Board of Education. Hundreds of citizens voted and although Mrs. Warwick was defeated by one vote, the board at its next regu-

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