

"First by Merit" in Barrington and Near-by Communities.

## Merchants Report Business Volume Is Showing Gain

### Christmas Sales Running Ahead of Last Year's Volume

The height of Christmas shopping activity will be reached this week and continue through next week according to a concentration expressed by merchants who report a steadily increasing volume of business. The predictions, the 1934 Christmas business will surpass that of 1932 or 1933. The sale of expensive items of merchandise is not so heavy, but a larger number of persons are buying inexpensive gift merchandise, shopping reports. Although the present season has no earmarks of boom, it is encouraging due to the fact that it is definitely better than last year's season. Shoppers are finding a pleasing assortment of gifts at reasonable prices and are taking advantage of the opportunities.

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## Park Avenue Cost Totals \$3582.43, Paid by Gas Tax

The Park Avenue paving project has been completed at a cost of \$3,582.43 according to a report made at the village board meeting Monday night by Carter Jenkins, assistant engineer in charge of the work. Of this amount, \$170 will be paid by the village, the gas tax fund falls a little short of covering all the costs. Mr. Jenkins commended the village board, describing it as a fine piece of work. Many changes in plans and the cold weather account for the increase of cost over what was anticipated, he said. The board voted to pay out the amount of the gas tax fund payment of the bills of the paving project. Following is a list of the separate items making up the total: Paving and supervision \$1,072.35; Excavating costs \$221.93; Cement and concrete \$1,520.34; Gravel, fuel, and misc. \$698.71. Total \$3,582.43. The street will be opened a second time, the last one to be on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

## Nine Race Horses, Bare, Destroyed by Fire Near Palatine

Nine race horses were destroyed Monday night by a large fire which burned to the ground on the farm of William Hennings, now known as Kelly's place, on this side of Palatine on the west highway at 5:30 Saturday morning. The cause of the fire was unknown and by the time firemen discovered it was too late to do anything but two horses, estimated to have been made of

## Here Is a Suggestion for an Ideal Christmas Gift at Reduced Cost

Puzzled as to what to give for Christmas? Then a subscription to The Review offers an economical gift and set one of the most desirable. If you have relatives away or a son or daughter at college, friends moved away from Barrington, there could be no gift that would be more appreciated than The Review. For 52 weeks it will be received by the one for whom you subscribe! It will be a constant reminder of your thoughtfulness and will keep the recipient informed of activities in and around Barrington. Owing to the special subscription offer which includes a 20 per cent discount this month, the regular price of \$2.50 is reduced to \$2 per year, plus 4 cents on account of sales tax.

## Edwin S. Plagge Dies in Chicago; Local Relatives Attend Funeral Rites

Edwin S. Plagge, cousin of Walter Plagge of Barrington, succumbed to a sudden heart attack at his home, 1620 Estes avenue, Chicago, Saturday. He had been in good health until stricken, it was reported. He was 67 years old. Funeral services were held at a Chicago chapel Tuesday afternoon and burial took place in Memorial cemetery. Local relatives who attended the rites were Walter, Reuben and Newton Plagge and George Hansen, N.O. Plagge served as a pallbearer.

## Diamond Jubilee of Baptist Church Building Sunday

### 85 Invitations Issued to Local Citizens of 75 Years or Older

Eighty-five invitations have been issued to citizens of Barrington 75 years of age or older, asking them to be honor guests Sunday afternoon when members of the Baptist congregation celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the present church edifice. Plans for the diamond jubilee include talks by several of the popular "old-timers" and a social hour. It will be held at the church from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday. Mrs. Emily Gannon, who is in her ninety-first year, will be among the guests and Mrs. Alfred Edwards, who is 90 years old, will speak.

Charles Hawley who has lived in Barrington township and in the village for more than 85 years will describe some of the changes that have taken place and John Plagge who has lived in Barrington for more than sixty years will add some interesting facts. Mrs. Sarah Page who as a small child played on the lumber when the church was being built will tell her story. Mrs. W. E. Dike will describe a Christmas program given in the church 74 years ago and Mrs. Carrie Kendall will play again some of the songs she played as organist in the Sunday school in its early history. H. J. Lageschulte will compare church attendance 76 years ago with that of today. Mrs. J. E. Nightingale will tell something of the music in the early church. Tea will be served at the conclusion of the program.

## Woman's Club to Have Annual Christmas Party at Catlow Wednesday

Christmas music, readings, and bringing of gifts for the Little Wanderers nursery will be highlights of the Barrington Woman's club annual Christmas party to be held at the Catlow theatre Wednesday. Mrs. Olive Dobson will sing several numbers and Chester Claff will play the organ. Other details of the program are being kept as a surprise by Mrs. Robert Work, chairman of the affair. A lighted Christmas tree will furnish the setting and presents for the children will be placed under its wide branches.

## Lions Committee Abandons Plan of Christmas Trees

### Large, Growing Spruce May Be Planted in Railroad Park

The project of decorating the downtown section of Barrington with small lighted Christmas trees erected in the flag pole sockets along both sides of the streets has been abandoned, Roy Willmering, general chairman of the Lions club committee in charge of the project, announced Thursday evening. The decision was reached by the committee following a complete survey of the entire business section.

More than 40 business places contributed \$2.50 each to a fund to pay for the following items: small trees, pipe extensions to elevate the trees two feet above the sidewalks, a large growing spruce to be planted in Railroad park, and labor expense involved in erecting the small trees and planting the large one. The cooperation of at least 75 business firms was needed to make the plan an unqualified success, it was decided.

The committee has not given up the plan of buying a large tree to be planted in the park prior to Thursday night, a suitable spruce which would be purchased with the available funds had not been located. If the committee members can find a good 20 or 25 foot tree for sale at a figure they believe is reasonable, they will buy it and arrange for setting it up near the west end of the park. The original plan called for planting the tree in the triangle near the flag pole, but soil condition plus presence of the pole convinced the committee that this place is unsuitable. As soon as the matter of a large tree is settled, the committee members will retrace their steps through the business district re-fundings the collections in part or whole.

## Mrs. Emma Hasinbiller Dies Suddenly Monday at Home of Daughter

Mrs. Emma Hasinbiller died suddenly Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Coffman, Monday morning after having been ill just one week. At her bedside were her six sons and daughters, Otis W. of Kansas City, Mrs. Fred Rapaport of Chicago, Elmer of Chicago, Mrs. L. Grung of Chicago, Mrs. Philip Leonard and Mrs. Coffman of Barrington. Pneumonia and complications caused Mrs. Hasinbiller's death. She had been in poor health a week before, active and alert in spite of her 76 years. She was born at Pana, Ill. Oct. 29, 1858 and had spent a great part of her life there. She lived in Chicago about 25 years before her past five or six years had made her home with her daughters. Her husband and one daughter preceded her in death. In addition to the six children, she is survived by nine grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Sippel and Mrs. Orville Seamon of Pana. Funeral services were held at a Chicago chapel Wednesday afternoon with Rev. Milton S. Freeman, former pastor of Barrington Methodist church, officiating.

## Garden Club Will Plan Landscaping for Railroad Park

Members of the village board will meet with a Barrington Garden club committee to plan new landscaping of Railroad park, the small strip of land between Park avenue and the railroad driveway. Bushes will be moved and new plants probably will be laid out for greater convenience to pedestrians crossing the park. The board had planned to install steps from the park to the street at a point about opposite the end of the Grunau barber shop, with a path from the foot of the steps to the railroad platform. If a new plan of landscaping is accepted, the location of the steps may be changed. Permission to plant a municipal Christmas tree in the small triangular plot bordered by Park avenue and Main and Cook streets, was granted. A lighted Christmas tree will furnish the setting and presents for the children will be placed under its wide branches.

## Legion, Auxiliary to Have New Hall in Groff Building

Legionnaires will move into new club rooms in the Groff building the latter part of December so that their first meeting in January, a joint session with the Auxiliary, may be held in the larger place, it was decided Thursday evening. The new Legion hall is to be in the Groff building on Park avenue, above the King store. For the past year, it had been on Station street.

M. H. Schreiber and Arthur Martens attended a state school commanders and adjutants at Bloomington Saturday and Sunday. In addition to schools of instruction, there were inspiring talks by national officers and a fine banquet, Commander Schreiber said.

Projects of various district groups were among the items discussed. The Barrington post will have charge of trimming the village Christmas tree and distributing candy to local children Christmas eve again this year. Officers of the Legion Auxiliary are busy sewing doll clothes for dolls which boy scouts are mending for poor children of the community. Several hundred toys were collected in a canvass of the village last week and all will be put in order, painted, repaired, and cleaned by the scouts. Any excess of toys will be shipped to orphanages. As formerly, members of the Auxiliary will meet at Legion hall for evening programs each month and all joint sessions with the Legion will be held there. Afternoon meetings of the Auxiliary are frequently held at private homes.

## Union Christmas Service Includes Cantata by Pupils

### 105 Members of Junior High Glee Clubs to Sing Sunday Night

"The King of Christmas," a cantata by Holton will be the main feature of a union service of Barrington churches to be held in the high school gymnasium Sunday evening. Three combined junior high school glee clubs of 105 voices, under the direction of Miss Esther Strauss, will take part. The cantata will begin at 8 p. m. and is open to the public. Baptist, Methodist, St. Paul and Salem ministers are dispensing with evening services Sunday to permit members of their congregations to attend.

Soprano solos will be sung by Polly Ann Brooke and Sylvia Ost and a contralto solo by Elizabeth Wolhausen. Barbara Colberg, Norma Lee Magill, Frieda Kohrert, Elizabeth Wolhausen and Norrine Sasse will sing a special number. Accompanists are Ellen Sears and Carole Langdale. The program will include songs.

## Weekly Calendar

- Friday, Dec. 14
- 8 p. m. Boy Scout Court of Honor school auditorium.
- 8 p. m. Altru, home of F. C. Fleming.
- 8 p. m. American Legion Auxiliary, home of Mrs. Arnold Kohrert.
- Saturday, Dec. 15
- 2 p. m. Story Hour, public library.
- 2 p. m. Anniversary Celebration, Baptist church.
- 8 p. m. Community union service and cantata, school auditorium.
- Sunday, Dec. 16
- 3:30 p. m. Christmas Song service, Methodist church.
- Monday, Dec. 17
- 6:30 p. m. Lions club, Green-gard grill.
- Wednesday, Dec. 19
- 8 p. m. Barrington Woman's club, lobby of Catlow theatre.
- 8 p. m. Mothers' club, home of Mrs. Howard Brinitinger.
- 8 p. m. Royal Neighbors.
- Thursday, Dec. 20
- 8 p. m. Gleaner's class, Brook-therood, St. Paul church.
- 8 p. m. I.O.O.F.

## Village Refuses to Pay Sales Tax as Separate Item

### Board Decides Taxes Cannot Be Paid From Tax Receipts

The village should not pay sales tax charges from tax funds and will not hereafter do so, the board of trustees decided at the regular meeting Monday night. This action came up after a bill for \$355 plus 2 per cent on account of occupational sales tax had been presented by the American Well Works.

Trustee Schroeder expressed his opinion that to pay taxes from tax receipts is illegal. He refused to allow the village officers to pay the occupational sales tax charges on all purchases it makes. The motion passed. It was a matter of coincidence for the board to take this stand on the day the attorney general ruled that to show the sales tax charge separately is legal. Heretofore the Horner administration has done everything in its power to persuade retailers of tangible personal property to add the amount of the tax inside their charges rather than on top. Throughout Illinois, outside of Chicago, merchants have generally refused to do this on the grounds that it would be literally deceiving in the eyes of the public. The majority of large retail stores in Chicago have abided by the wishes of the governor and have added the tax inside the sale price on merchandise rather than on top as a separate item.

As a result of the attorney general's ruling, Chicago stores adopted the "separate item" plan Wednesday. Shoppers in Chicago are not really affected by the charge as a separate item because they have been paying it a covering up item ever since the occupational sales tax went into effect. Along the same line, the village of Barrington will not save any money by its decision to refuse to pay the tax except on utility bills which already have been tendered the village clerk. Supply houses and other retail firms selling to the village will hereafter raise their prices to cover the 2 per cent item and not show the tax separately.

## 13-Course Dinner to Be Served to Colored CCC Workers Xmas Day

A thirteen-course Christmas dinner will be served to 189 colored men stationed at the CCC camp in Deer Grove forest preserve, according to the officers in charge. There were 250 men when the camp started last fall but the number has dwindled and unless local residents complain to their congressmen, a contingent of 189 colored men will be brought to the camp the first of the year. It is probable that a large number of the men now at camp will ask permission to return to their homes, in which case the number will be cut 50 per cent according to present plans. Officers at the camp are white men but the rest are colored.

## "Avoid Fire Hazard; Check Tree Lights," Fire Chief Warns

"Check your Christmas tree wiring so that there are no shorts or exposed wires that may cause fires," I. E. Landwehr, local fire chief, warned Barrington residents in a timely statement to a Review reporter Thursday. "Since candles have gone out of fashion, there is little danger of fire from Christmas tree lights if adults are careful to check the entire system annually," he said. "In purchasing new equipment it is wise to see that bulbs, wires, fuses, plugs and sockets bear the label of fire underwriters laboratories and are absolutely safe." Rooms should not be decorated with inflammable materials when it is possible to get noncombustible ones which are equally as effective, he added.

In discussing toys that might possibly start fires in local homes, he suggested the parents instruct their children in the use of all electrical playthings, then watch the youngsters to be sure they are handling the toys properly.

## Ideal Weather Brings Out Devotees of Winter Sports for First Time

Ideal weather for skating, coasting and skiing brought out devotees of winter sports in large numbers this week. For the first time this season, local residents had an opportunity to enjoy their favorite outdoor recreations against a winter background.

They coasted down snow-covered village streets, adult numbers almost equalling that of children. Summit street was closed to traffic Saturday upon order of the village board and will be available for safe coasting as long as the weather permits such sport.

Skaters made use of the lagoons at North Side park, the park board having announced that it would be open to skaters all season. The creek had been dammed last spring, forming a small pond that is now in good condition for skating. Amateur skiers have been seen on hills around the village for their first efforts this week but members of the Cary Ski club made use of the first snow for some real take-outs from Cary slide Sunday.

## Christmas Tales to Be Narrated at Library Saturday

### "Story Hour" to Be Devoted to Xmas Customs in Other Lands

Christmas in other lands will be the theme of story hour at the public library from now until Christmas according to Miss Olive Dobson, local librarian, who has just completed a surprise program for the next two weeks. Story hour will begin at the usual time, 1:30 p. m. each Saturday. New additions to the public library include "National Geographic" for the magazine table, 17 new books for adults and juveniles and 25 primers and first and second readers.

The latter will be especially interesting to boys and girls who are just learning to read, according to Miss Dobson. All are beautifully illustrated with colored pictures. Primers: A Brief First Primer—White-Hanborn; Facts and Story Readers—first steps—Suzallo; First and Story Readers (primer)—Suzallo; Boys and Girls at Work and Play—White-Hanborn; Betty June and Her Friends—Ellingwood; Boys and Girls at School—White-Hanborn; Tatties (story—a dog)—Young; Cinder the Cat—Huber.

First and Second Readers: The Fact and Story Readers, book two—Suzallo; Stories of Animals and Other Stories—White, Hanborn; Skags the Milk Horse—Huber; Facts and Story Readers, book one—Suzallo. Third Readers and up: Fact and Story Readers—Suzallo; Our Birds and Their Nestlings—Walker; Merry Tales—Skinner; White Pattern—Angelo Patrl; Rambles in Europe—Peattie; Fift Famous Stories Retold—Baldwin; Antoine of Oregon—Otis; Our Little Friends of Eskimo Land—Carpenter; Tozo the Woodchuck—Brown and Butterfield; Our Little Friends of the Arabian Desert—Carpenter; Happy Tales for Story Time—Skinner; Stories of Shepherd Life (Social Science Reader)—Burns; The Museum Comes to Life—Cormack and Alexander.

Juvenile: Chronicles of Avonlea—Montgomery; Memoirs of a London Doll—Hunt; House at Pooh Corner—Milne; Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch—Wiggin. For Adults—Fiction: The Jasmine Farm—Elizabeth; When Willow Leaves—Ellith Boleau; Plowing on Sunday—Sterling North; The Folks—Ruth Seeley; Candy—Alexander; Fish—Woolf.

Non-fiction: Retreat from Glory—Lockhart; My Own Story—Marie Dressler; Romance of Archaeology—Magorian; A Head in the Clouds—Fitzgerald; Progress—Dunyan; Man From Glenagary—Connor; Emma Lou her Book and Heart—Martin; Twenty Years After—Dumas.

## Local Stores to Stay Open Every Night Next Week

### Extra Sales People Employed to Serve Holiday Shoppers

Local stores, gaily decorated with green, red and tinsel will be lighted and ready to serve Barrington shoppers every evening next week according to the consensus of reports from local managers. Window displays this year are stressing practical gifts for adults—additions to wardrobes, accessories for homes, etc.—but the gifts for children are similar to those of former years, dolls, toy sets, streamline linens, carpenter outfits, skates, sleds and wagons. Tinsel lattice work beautifies some window backgrounds, others are gay with lighted trees or Christmas bells. Extra persons have been employed to serve the holiday trade.

Among the gift suggestions which may be purchased locally are dainty cosmetic kits, lingerie, perfume, jewelry, pyrex ware, china, bathrobes, house slippers, stationery, hose, watches, linoleum floor coverings, clocks, trays, skis, skates, automobile accessories, radios, lamps, electric appliances, clothing, flowers, candy, books, Christmas cookies, fruits, and even permanent waves.

## Local School Curriculum Is Praised by F. Goodier, State Supervisor, Monday

Floyd Goodier, supervisor of elementary schools from the office of the state superintendent of schools, visited Barrington public school Monday and was favorably impressed by the local organization, it was reported. After visiting local classrooms, he gave a short talk to the high school assembly Monday afternoon, stressing the importance of education in this changing world. Mr. Goodier was especially impressed by the amount of work being done in the space available at Barrington, he said. Supt. E. S. Smith and then complimented the local school curriculum. This curriculum is worked out by a committee of local teachers and is changed quite frequently to meet new conditions, while most small schools follow a fixed plan gained from some large school.

## Methodist Church to Present Annual Christmas Concert

The choir of Barrington Methodist church, under the direction of Mrs. William Dotterer, will give their annual program of Christmas music at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16. Donald Titterton will be at the piano. The following numbers will be presented: Prelude. A Christmas Carol (the congregation singing). "Sing, O Heavens," B. Tours. Prayer. "How Beautiful," J. Stainer. "Be Here the Way," arr. by M. J. Luvans. Scripture reading. "Noel," F. Krake. Offertory. "Beautiful Saviour," arr. by M. Christiansen. "O Candle Was There and No Fire," L. Lehmann. "O Bethlehem," arr. by Dickenson. A Christmas carol (choir and congregation).

"O God in the Highest," G. B. Pergolesi. "Sanctus," C. G. Pergolesi. "Hallelujah Chorus," G. F. Handel. Benediction.

## Only Ten Shopping Days Until Xmas! Mail Packages Now

Christmas has a way of creeping up on the unprepared but local mail packages are ready to serve last-minute shoppers, consisting with selections and wrappings so that gifts to be mailed will still reach their destinations in time. The post office will be open to receive mail packages until 8 p. m. daily. It will be closed Christmas Day with no deliveries other than special delivery parcels and letters.