

ELECTRIC RAILROAD

THE YEARS EARNINGS AND A NEW MANAGER

It is stated on authority that seems reliable that Mr. A. W. McLimont, who was chief of the electrical bureau of public service, will be the new manager of the C. & M. R. R.

The earnings of the company were set forth this week in the United States Circuit court in the report of the receiver. The report includes the earnings and expenses of the road for November, 1908, and also during a period between January 28, 1908, and November 30, 1908. In November last the earnings were \$54,857.35, the operating expenses \$42,252.96 and the taxes \$4,083.33, the net income being \$8,535.90. From January 28, 1908, to November 30, 1908, the earnings were \$523,308.42, operating expenses \$372,770.27. The net income was \$109,971.85.

DEATH OF MRS. SPENCER

The death is announced of Mrs. T. H. Spencer at East Orange, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer left Highland Park recently on a visit east. Mrs. Spencer seemed to be in her usual good spirits and for several days was in better health. But she suddenly grew weak and on the 16th instant she died.

Mrs. Spencer was one of the truly christian characters of whom those who knew her best will say: "Let my last days be like her's."

Highland Park News.

Reference to an editorial note shows that special analysis has been made of the milk supplied to the retail dealers. In justice to all concerned the mayor had these tests made and, as we go to press with the final forms of the paper, we learn that the milk supplied by Mrs. McCraren was found up to standard, so that whatever of impurity has occurred with these supplies is not the fault of the parties named.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Muzik, a son.

Miss A. S. Hipwell visited in Highland Park Sunday.

Mr. Theodore Seymore was a Park visitor Sunday.

Mrs. T. E. Pierson, who has been ill, is improving.

Mrs. Emil Rudolph who has been ill is improving.

Mrs. Augustine of North avenue is reported very sick.

Mr. C. G. Phillips has been absent on a business trip to Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bowen arrived Wednesday evening from Colorado. They expect to make their home in Highland Park. Mr. and Mrs. Bowes think Colorado a beautiful country but after all there is no place like home and they are desirous of giving their boys the advantage of our splendid school system.

Miss Amy Holabird spent the week end with friends in Chicago

The Lady Foresters gave a card party last evening in Masonic Hall.

A surprise party was given to Wilhelmina Bell last Friday evening.

Mrs. T. W. Bellhouse left Wednesday for her home in Amherstburg, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Morgan and family are staying at the Moraine for the present.

Mrs. John Oliver is expected home from her trip to California in a few days.

Edward Wrenn entertained a few friends in honor of his birthday on the Lincoln Centenary day.

Mr. W. O. Legtmeyer, President of the Terra Cotta Company, is building a home on Laurel avenue.

Miss Lillian E. Burgess has been in Chicago for a day or two visiting a friend there and promoting her musical study.

Mrs. Frank Woodruff of Cleveland, Ohio, has been the guest of Mrs. Oscar Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill entertain Mr. Harley Ireland of Brazil, Indiana, today.

The North American Union members gave a dancing party at Ravinia Park Thursday.

Baroness Kemmeny left Thursday for Pitsburg for a visit with her sister, Mrs. John Bell.

Mrs. B. A. Fessenden gave a paper at the Rogers Park Woman's Club last Tuesday afternoon.

We are glad to note that Mr. C. A. Pfanstiehl, who was under the weather last week, is out again.

Special services were held at the Christian Science church last Friday in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Seward returned home Sunday from Tampa, Florida, where they have been for five weeks.

Miss Street has returned to Highland Park to dispose of the furniture etc of her recent home on East Laurel avenue.

Rev. M. J. Brady of Wallaceburg, Ontario, is spending the week with his brother, John F. Brady of Sheridan Road.

Miss Towner has leased the new house on Prospect avenue recently built by Mrs. Gray and will take possession immediately.

The North Shore Dramatic Club is considering presenting a vaudeville entertainment for the benefit of the Commercial Club.

The Annual Junior Hop of the Northwestern Military Academy is announced for Monday evening, February 22nd, at the Drill Hall.

Messrs W. H. Baldwin and Eugene Andrews have purchased the vacant property between their homes and will add it to their grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Schaick have purchased the house on Laurel avenue formerly owned by Henry, Street, and will take possession this spring.

The Alumni of the High school are going to present "A Scrap of Paper" at Ravinia Park early in May. The play will be under the direction of Mr. A. R. Williams.

Mr. R. J. Street left last week for Winter Park, Florida. Mrs. Street who has been staying with the G. D. Boulton's in Hendersonville, North Carolina, will join him there.

Superintendent Jesse L. Smith delivered an address before the Indian nature study club at Indianapolis, Saturday evening. His subject was, "Wild Flower Trails". The lecture was most favorably written of in the Sunday issue of the Indianapolis Star.

Invitations are out for the first annual reception and Ball given by Peutalpha Chapter N. 534 order Eastern Star at Evanston, Thursday evening, February 25th. There will be a literary program, cards, dancing and refreshments. Admission fifty cents each.

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When Mr. Hugo Schneider arrived at the Post Office Thursday morning his face was wreathed in smiles. He said the sunshine came into his home on Wednesday morning in the form of a seven and a half pound baby girl. Mr. Schneider has been employed for some time as a clerk in the Post Office and he expects to move his family here from Winnetka in the spring.

The residents of Green Bay Road are complaining at the condition of the walks just north of Elm Place. On neither side of the street is there a continuous side walk. On the west side the old wooden side walk was removed months ago and left without even a cinder path so that in weather such as we have had recently, pedestrians have to wade through mud ankle deep. Surely this ought to be remedied. Why remove the old walk before means is taken to put down the new?

MR. AND MRS. A. W. FLETCHER ENTERTAIN AT THEIR HOME ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

When post-master Fletcher got his thinking cap adjusted as to what he would do to honor the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Lincoln, he decided to give his grandsons Herbert and Archie Bowen a time which they will never forget. The scholars of the eighth grade of the Highland Park Grammar school and several other guests were invited. Those present from the eighth grade were:

ELLEN M. GUINEY, Teacher
James Pierce, Robt. F. Bussey, Robert Warner, Lloyd Bergen, Clarence R. Parliament, Weston Waldo, George A. Hill, Clare Udell, Ruben C. Keller, Lloyd McCaffery, Chas. Hacket, John Erickson, Elmer Gieser, John Gallagher, John Rectenwald, Lloyd Geherty, Howard J. Schumacher, Oscar Maechtle, Howard Kuist, Walter Lamb, Dorothy Larson, Helma Norrten, Theresa Merri-man, Annie Cote, Helen E. Rebling, Enola Garnett, Helen Ewart, Ethel Zimmer, Annie Hart, Marjorie Follansbee, Margarette Berube, Catherine Kecktenwald, Sigrid Hill, Elizabeth Schumacher, Ella Krueger, Eva Shetzley, William Cawley, Fred Gallagher, Archie Bowen. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Parker Jr., Theckla L. Hintz, Forest Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cummings, Herbert Bowen, Beulah Cummings, Ruth Cummings and R. M. Burgess.

All kinds of entertainment was planned for the amusement of the boys and girls. It was valentine season and a valentine post-office was arranged presided over by Miss Hintz. She was a very popular Post mistress and had valentines for every one present, nor were these tokens of the foolish kind but they were Lincoln cards with the best of reading matter. Also each boy and girl received a framed motto with some saying of Lincoln's. Mr. Jesse L. Smith, Superintendent of the Grammar school, received a beautiful framed picture of Lincoln, and each one of the teachers of the eighth grade a picture of Lincoln and his family. Mrs. A. W. Fletcher had charge of the decorations and they were in harmony with the occasion. Pictures of Lincoln and Old Glory found a place in every room in the house and it inspired the patriotic singing which was part of the entertainment.

J. J. Parker Jr., was very enthusiastic in leading the children as they sang the national song of every country. R. M. Burgess kept the audience roaring with laughter with his funny stories of the colored folks.

When the evening was drawing to a close and every one thought the good time was over, they were marched in double quick time to Hecksweiler's restaurant.

Here a banquet of eight courses was spread "fit for a King". One party did so well with this part of the program that he said "he busted a button".

Even the policemen were made happy and were invited in, not to keep order but to take part in the feast. Everyone joined in giving three cheers for Abraham Lincoln and then again for Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fletcher.

If Lincoln were alive today and could have witnessed the scene, no doubt in spite of his age he would have smiled to see how young America reveres his name.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

On Thursday the faculty entertained fifty mothers at the annual Mother's Conference. The subject of the day was "A Parents View of High School Education," and the essayist was Mrs. Gould of Lake Forest. Discussion followed, led by Mrs. C. M. Schaffner and Mrs. Bastin. A social hour concluded the gathering.

On Wednesday the High School basketball team defeated the Evanston Township High School team at our local "gym."

The result of the tournament was a surprise to the local basketball followers. The High School drew the strong Evanston Academy team and lost only by four points.

The debating team has been changed by the addition of Mark Byers of the Junior class. Byers displaces Robert Shields, who was compelled to retire on account of pressure of other forms of school work. The team is working hard and expects to defeat New Trier on April 23rd, though reports from New Trier says their team is of exceptional strength.

As we go to press the Boys Glee Club, under the leadership of Mr. Lyman Prior of the Alumni, are giving their first concert of the season, at the High School assembly hall.

Mr. William Geer of the Alumni, who was formerly a student at Williams College, has left there and entered Cornell University.

By an oversight the name of Mr. Gordon Ray of the freshman class was omitted from the roll of Honor as published in our last issue.

Mr. Melvin D. Sweatland, who graduates this year from the School of Pharmacy of Northwestern University, has accepted a position with his father for next summer.

The second team showed very well in the tournament at Lake Forest, by holding N. M. A. first team to 21-25. Though they lost, the team played hard all through.

Manager Levin has entered the second team in the Evanston tournament, March 5 and 6. We hope to make a good showing.

Griffis has been off the second team for over a week. He has been ill and is too weak to play. Tillman is also laid up.

The second team has had a very successful season so far, winning 9, they have lost four and tied one. They have six more games to play this season.

Last Saturday the second team played Lake Forest seconds, and owing to the usual quarrel over the score, the second team lost out, the score as finally settled upon being 25-27 in Lake Forest's favor. Egbert Spencer played the game of his life holding his man to one basket. He is due much credit.

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THE PROPOSED PARK DISTRICT FOR HIGHLAND PARK.

TO THE EDITOR:— We read with great interest the article in your paper last week in reference to forming a Park District in Highland Park. The project seems to have taken hold of many people who saw the article, and we have heard much surprise expressed that something had not been done long ago in this line by people living in Highland Park. It is greatly to be regretted that when the proposition of creating a Park District in Highland Park was before the people some ten years ago, it was defeated by a very few votes, principally by reason of the lack of interest of the people in the proposition, as shown by the very small vote cast. We understand that the entire vote was about one hundred. Had the District been established at the time that the vote was taken, Highland Park would by this time have had one or two beautiful parks and pleasure grounds on Lake Michigan, down beside the water's edge, for the recreation, comfort and enjoyment of all the Highland Park people.

VOTE ON THE QUESTION.

The matter is to be brought before the people again this spring, and we sincerely hope that it will be thoroughly discussed, so that the proposition, if every feature, may be clearly understood by the voters. If the people vote to establish such a District as indicated in your article last week, the Park District, when established, could take over the control of such streets and parks as the city saw fit to convey to it. Of course, the consent of the property owners along the streets so conveyed should be first obtained. The Park District would then represent the City of Highland Park as to the control of such parks and streets, and could regulate their use, properly care for and keep them in a good and sanitary condition, and at all times see that they are well policed, and the rights of the people protected. The Park District could in many ways, do more for the city, because the act establishing Park Districts confers upon it greater powers than are conveyed upon the municipality.

WHAT IS PROPOSED.

We understand that it is now proposed to create a Park District so that Ravine Drive, when it shall be improved to Lake Michigan, can be turned over to that District for proper care and regulation in the future. Similar Park Districts have already been established in Evanston and Wilmette. Two such districts exist in the City of Evanston, in one of which the city owns the shore rights of Lake Michigan, and in the other it does not. Most of the lake frontage in Evanston, as in Highland Park, was the property of

private owners. There was one strip of ground which the city owned along the lake that could be opened for the use of the general public and made into a park by acquiring land from the lake. This could only be established by creating a Park District, which has been done. In the other Park District in Evanston, inasmuch as the city owned no shore rights, it will be necessary, in all probability, if the land cannot be purchased, to condemn the shore rights for the purpose of creating a park at the water's edge of Lake Michigan, for the benefit of all people.

Wilmette has recently created a Park District for the purpose of improving its lake front for the benefit of all the people. Why should Highland Park remain behind Evanston and Wilmette in securing for its people beautiful parks, washed by the waters of Lake Michigan, when, with a most inconsiderable expense to the taxpayers, such parks can be created by a Park District, under the provisions of the law.

FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.

These parks should be for All the People; not for those whose property overlooks the Lake or who own shore rights. They have the lake constantly before their eyes. We wish a place where all the people who do not live on the Lake may come and enjoy that most beautiful work of nature. The Lake is Highland Park's great attraction. We wish a park where the people west of the railroad tracks, as well as the general public, can sit down and listen to the song of the waves, and feel that they are on their own ground, the ground that belongs to all the people.

Ravine Drive, as platted and dedicated, was used as a driveway for years down to and along the water's edge of Lake Michigan. Some ten years ago it was connected by a road over the sand along the water's edge with Beech street, and it was possible then to drive down one of these two streets and up the other, making a continuous drive, and in so doing, passing along one-eighth of a mile of the shore of Lake Michigan, in front of the property then owned by Mr. Adams.

About that time the property owners abutting Ravine Drive and fronting on the lake, including Mr. Adams, contributed of their own free will, nearly \$15,000.00 of their private funds, for the grading, draining, and improving of Ravine Drive to the lake. Ravine Drive was then called the most beautiful drive on the north shore. There was, however, no one to look after its repair or care for the improvement so made at great cost. In a few years, the lake, by its action, took away the drive on the sand along the shore. There was no piling or piers to protect the roadbed from the washing of the lake. The waters rushing down the ravine and the steep hillsides along the ravine wore away the road and culverts along the roadbed before it reached the lake, and heavy teams hauling gravel and sand cut up and broke to pieces the old roadbed.

To-day, the most beautiful drive along the north shore of ten years ago, is the most disgraceful mudhole on Lake Michigan. It is impossible for a carriage to use it; it is almost impossible for a pedestrian to walk along it to the lake, although gravel and sand are still hauled from time to time, which is accomplished by the use of planks and loose hay thrown in the mudholes and washouts.

No one can find fault with the property owners who have gratuitously spent so much money on Ravine Drive in years past, if to-day, when they are about to be called on to expend other large sums of money for the improvement of that drive, they object to do so unless some guarantee for the protection and future use and enjoyment of the improvement after it is made can be given. This objection may be said to be unanimous on the part of the property owners along Ravine Drive. Practically all of the property owners abutting Ravine Drive from the point where the roadbed descends to the bottom of the ravine leading to the lake, cannot use the drive as a means of access to and egress from their properties. Their properties are wholly inaccessible from that drive. Nor would the property adjoining the old road, if it were now above the water of Lake Michigan, be accessible from that road. All of these properties have access from roads along the hilltops. The roadway in the bottom of the ravine, as to all such property, is practically only an avenue along which the people may travel in going to and from the water's edge of Lake Michigan.

It may justly be said that the improvement of Ravine Drive from the point where the roadbed reaches the bottom of the ravine to the point where it touches the waters of the lake, is practically a public improvement, and should, when once made and paid for by the abutting property owners, be policed and kept in

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