

Glencoe News.

Alden Crankshaw has recovered from a week's illness.

The taxes in Glencoe are higher this year than ever before.

Has the Village of Glencoe a political boss? Let's investigate.

S. H. Balbourn, of Chicago, transacted business in Glencoe on Monday.

Mesdames Marc W. Darling and Frank Darling entertain informally Saturday for Mrs. Riggs.

Evidently there are two or three survivors of the "Old People's Party" still living in Glencoe.

Mr. C. S. Shaw has rented the Messenger residence on Lincoln avenue and will move into it in a few weeks.

Mr. Oscar J. West possesses all of those solid and estimable qualities which make the most useful citizen and best friend.

Miss Eva Aimer, of Chicago, spent Saturday and Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mort Saunders, Sheridan Road.

Mr. Charles T. Killen is a man of true worth and sterling integrity and is justly regarded as one of Glencoe's valued citizens.

Mrs. Ida Messenger and niece, Miss Buda Shutts, Sheridan Road, expect to leave soon for a visit of some length in Tennessee.

Mr. Gordon A. Ramsay, lawyer, is a man of excellent qualities, is brainy, reliable and always steadfast to friends and to the line of duty.

Dr. and Mrs. Marc Darling have rented an apartment in the Ziesing building and are preparing to occupy it on the first of May. The Manse will be rented.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin N. Clark, Longwood avenue, have returned from the south where they have been spending the winter for the benefit of Mrs. Clark's health.

What does a "candy man" know about filtering beds, septic tanks and such. Better stick to the candy business Walter its sweeter even than being President.

Wm. Herbert Johnson, lawyer, is a man of sterling qualities of head and heart, loyal to friends, true to principles and faithful to his word, hence his friends and admirers are legion.

In the annual report of Village expenditures, no mention is made of guns purchased. Some one says the judge loaned the guns—which judge? What guns?—Oh well, that was last summer—forget it.

Mrs. W. S. Crosby, whose Wagnerian lecture-recitals have been features of the winter calendar will give "Parsifal" on Sunday, April 4th at 3 p. m. at Crosbycroft. A large number of people are expected to attend.

The annual meeting and luncheon of the Congregational Guild will be held next Wednesday, April 7th, in the church parlor. The church members as well as the members of the Guild are urged to be present. There will be no charge for the luncheon.

The Calumet High school won the girls basketball championship of northern Illinois last week by defeating New Trier High five, 20 to 19, at the Calumet gymnasium. The New Trier line-up contains two Glencoe girls, the Misses Becker and Barrow who play left guard and left forward respectively.

If it can be shown that Glencoe really got any "easy money" out of the Automobile war last summer and it isn't all wasted for attorney's fees etc, or fighting in the courts, use some of it to fix the dump on beach foot of Hazel avenue. This territory pays the heaviest taxes for village support and should have some returns.

Suburban residents who do business in Chicago, may obtain books to read at the Chicago Public Library, free. Some years ago Glencoe established by vote a Public Library Board to raise money by taxation, which it proceeded immediately to do, and it now has some two thousand dollars to loan to bankers to draw interest on. Keep the money circulating, but do not spend it all in one place—start another library club—for men?

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sargent are in Boloxi, Mississippi. Mr. Sargent's mother is somewhat improved since her trip south and enjoying the sunshine flowers and birds, in her wheel chair. It is said she may not again be able to walk even with aid of crutches. The family feel grateful that her life has been spared and there are so many willing hands to make her comfortable.

E. Percy Maywood, proposes to put in some filtering beds and septic tanks on his beach next to MacLeish property as an "object lesson." Glencoe already has an object lesson in filtering beds and septic tanks at Hazel avenue beach. It is injuring valuable property polluting drinking water and destroying a public pleasure park—turn the sewers to the Skokie and drainage canal. Why are we taxed for sanitary district.

The young ladies of the Diligent Dozen met at the home of Mrs. Will V. Schnur, Park avenue, Tuesday. After the regular work was finished a luncheon was served. The club go en masse to Evanston, Monday the fifth to be guests of the Children's Home and Aid Society, at the monthly luncheon served by the ladies of the Board. The next meeting of the Club will be held with Miss Newhall, Central avenue.

Mr. C. M. Parish announces he is no longer connected with the North Shore Fuel Co. He also announces his new home is being completed as originally planned, and it is to be a substantial improvement and not entitled to the opposition heaped upon him by the agents of the "Brown Estate" in whose subdivision he is building. It was reported a couple weeks ago, he must run the risk of losing his job, if he did not yield to the wishes of others, temporarily in power and holding the Big Stick—it has come to pass.

Next Tuesday Glencoe will vote for five councilmen and a president—there are only six candidates for the Council—Messrs Walker, Woolley, Killen, Sayles, Fox and Behrens—three of these men will have the power to appoint a Village Attorney. Satisfy yourself in advance whom you will select to represent your wishes in the Council when this choice is made. The village attorney is an important paid official and is really the "whole works" in village affairs—more than you would think.

Do the people of Glencoe want a repetition of these expenditures another season? Listen—

Nineteen warrants were drawn against the Village Treasury last fiscal year, to the order of the Village Attorney for services etc, a total amount of \$1,052.66. ALSO—Warrants on the Treasury for carriage hire, police clubs, stop watches, special Constables and special police, a total amount of \$547.60. Also court costs, Stenographers etc., \$396.02.

It is urged that all people of Glencoe competent for membership in the North Shore Musical Festival, will apply to the conductor of the Glencoe section, Mr. Arthur G. Bennett, for a place in the big chorus. It is a wonderful privilege to be allowed to sing in this great musical event of the year with such soloists as Schuman, Heinks, David Bispham, Percival Allen, Margaret Keyes, Dan Beddoe and Arthur Middleton. If you have a voice, communicate with Mr. Bennett. The training you will receive is well worth while. The rehearsals are held at the Woman's Library Club on Monday evenings.

The mass meeting held in the Village hall, March 13th, by a large majority, decided in favor of Mr. Oscar J. West, for President of the Council—the men of Glencoe spoke their minds and then voted with the result, sure and strong for Mr. West an unusually competent man and well qualified for this trust. The men present at that meeting most of them know Mr. West personally, they voted for him a year ago, for the office of President of the Council. Many voters in Glencoe believed him to be the most popular candidate for President. Some say he was fairly elected, others he was counted out, or missed by a half dozen ballots—another vote this year and a fair count will settle the whole question.

Survivors of the "People's Party" claim that the large meeting of Glencoe men, held in the Village hall, March 13th "was not entirely representative of the people's will," although nearly all the men in the Village were present. The Glencoe men there, nominated Mr. West for the office of President of the Council by a decisive vote of 136 for West and 78 for Calhoun. Mr. Hughes was one of the platform speakers at this meeting and placed in nomination the retiring

president, Mr. Calhoun, for another term—without avail. But it was the neat complimentary remarks in his speech which won over enough men to cast a favorable vote to retain Mr. Hughes as a member of the Council, although the head failed of nomination. Mr. Hughes disrespects this compliment and now withdraws his name for reelection to the Council—thus, he will be president or nothing—hence the "peoples party" ticket, with a president and one council member—great party this.

In building up a new community such as Glencoe the service of a competent engineer is of vastly more importance to the success of the municipal improvements undertaken than no mistakes be made—and is of more consequence than the moving of a barn or adjusting the automobile speed as indulged in by the passing administration and when such men with reputations in the engineering world as enjoyed by Frederick Sargent, August Zeising and Oscar J. West offer their service free to the good of the community in which they live and own homes. Why should any one for a single moment oppose such generous offers especially of men whose service in their profession command as much money in a week as most of us get in a year.

Mrs. J. R. Case gave a delightful talk on birds at the Woman's Library Club at their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon. Her subject was the "Bird Lover's Year." A large number of people gathered to hear her, among them were the 8th grade pupils of the village school. Mrs. Case handled her subject in a very interesting manner and started many in the audience on the way of learning more of birds and bird life. Most of the birds mentioned were those seen and studied in Elmhurst when she resided there. She told of the enormous number slaughtered every year for the purpose of adorning hats. An amusing tale was related of a woman who reprimanded a small boy in one of the parks who was shooting at the feathered songsters with a sling shot, when on her hat was an entire bird of rare and gorgeous plumage.

THE ELECTRIC ROAD REFERENDUM.

The Glencoe Council has asked for an advisory vote of the people on the following question: "Shall the franchise granted to the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railroad Company be cancelled?"

Inasmuch as this vote will have no effect beyond an expression of the will of the community, the exact phraseology of this proposition is of no importance so long as it is understood.

It should therefore be borne in mind.

First. That a cancellation of the present perpetual franchise through Glencoe can be brought about only in case its grant was illegal, in which event it most certainly should be revoked, annulled or cancelled; and

Second. If it is cancelled, because it is unlawful, the Electric road will not be left without a franchise, but its prior 25 years franchise granted in 1898, to operate a Street Railroad, will remain in full force.

Aside from these considerations the following reasons are advanced why the terms of the present franchise are against the public interest:

It is perpetual. It includes a general railroad franchise and a street railroad franchise, when frontage consents were obtained only for a street railroad, and when the State law prohibits the grant of a street railway franchise for longer than 20 years.

It confirms the illegal appropriation of part of a public highway, by the construction of the track above grade and in deliberate violation of the terms of the original franchise which was in force at the time the Electric road was built.

It grants the right to lay and maintain four tracks.

It was obtained upon the promise to make, without cost to the village, extensive public improve-

ments estimated to cost over \$200,000.00, including a steel highway viaduct, a public park, and over a mile of highway, paved, sidewalks, and provided with sewer and water pipes.

These great public benefits have not been provided and cannot be had because they were not included in the franchise but were provided for in a personal contract with the President of the road, Albert C. Frost, who is now unable to perform his obligations.

Roughly summarized, these objections are that the present franchise is: Perpetual. Illegal. For a general railroad. For four tracks. Confirms private appropriations of a highway.

Has not been paid for as promised.

It is true that this franchise contains various provisions as to street lights, &c., but it should be remembered that except for the annual payment of \$1,000.00, the original 25 year franchise contains practically all of these minor benefits to the public and also the obligations to keep Green Bay Road in repair. The perpetual franchise only obligates the Electric road to bear one half of this expense on Green Bay Road.

So far as the present writer has been able to learn, the arguments in favor of the perpetual franchise are:

It pays the village one thousand dollars per year. Mr. Frost would have made the \$200,000 worth of improvements he promised if he had not become financially embarrassed.

Some future council will grant a perpetual franchise, if the present one is annulled, and without any compensation to the village.

The question of expediency is of more importance than that of legality.

The road, at present, has hard work to carry its bonds and so the \$1,000.00 per year which it is paying us, is at present, a big payment for the benefits received.

But when we are considering a perpetual franchise, matters of today or to tomorrow are of small concern. How will it be when Glencoe has 10,000 or more people? How will it be when the road is operating its four tracks through the thickly settled North Shore, with the present franchise still in force and beyond the control of the men of those days?

But after all, the controlling question is this: Is the present perpetual franchise a lawful grant?

If it is, it cannot be revoked. If it is not, it should not be allowed to stand.

And since it is admittedly of very questionable legality, the Council should have the matter legally determined and settled.

A vote "Yes" means that the franchise should be cancelled if it is an unlawful grant.

A vote "No" means that the franchise should not be disturbed whether lawful or not.

O. R. BARNETT.

THE SMITH FAMILY

Glencoe gave the "Smith family" a rousing welcome at the Woman's Club last Thursday night, fully one hundred and fifty people greeted the company of singers; the applause could be heard blocks away. Who would have thought that such a program could be rendered by the family of such a common name.

In order that you may be able to distinguish them from any other Smith, we give their full name as they appeared.

- Pa Smith, Armour; Ma Smith, Ethel DeLang; Uncle John Smith, Arthur Newhall; Sonny Howard; Sissy Smith; Bobby Smith, Helen Prodigy, May Trade; Family, Alden Crank; ager, Sidney Bennett; ist, Mary Andrew; Mus O'Brien, Highland Park; Director, Miss

A great deal of time preparing this program, people of the Congregation whose auspices it was much credit and Glencoe pleased with it that the people of credit is given and well deserved. Mrs. Burton D. Nichols who showed training such a chorus.

Political Announcements.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for Supervisor of Deerfield Township, and earnestly solicit your vote.

THEODORE M. CLARK, Highland Park Ill,

AUGUST BENSON.

HIGHLAND PARK, ILL. Candidate for Town Collector election, April 6th 1909.

GEO. L. VETTER

Announces himself as candidate for Assessor of Deerfield Township. Election April 6th, 1909.

Classified Advertisements

Wanted

- HOUSES furnished and unfurnished. Parties waiting. Mrs. Aldridge, Telephone 2522. MAN or man and wife to take care of garden, lawn and automobile. Apply News-Letter office. 668. WANTED: Girl for general house work. Two in family. E. R. PHELPS. 327 Prospect avenue. Highland Park. 680. FLORIST, now employed, wants position as gardener on private place. Life experience. The best of references. Address, C. N. CAUSSEN 850 N. Talman avenue, Chicago, Ill.

For Sale

- ABSOLUTELY fresh eggs. Tel. 1071. Highland Park. 658. OLD Grandfathers clock in good condition. Address Mrs. W. box 197. 660. BARGAIN, 50 foot lot on the East side, all improvements, very cheap. Telephone 2532, Mrs. Aldridge. FOR SALE: Eight room cottage on Bloom Street. Cash and time. Tel. 2532. MRS. ALDRIDGE. GOOD family seven room house. Centrally located in Highland Park easy terms. Enquire News Letter Office. FOR SALE: Splendid opportunity. Fifty dollars down and ten dollars a month for 50 and 100 foot lots. For particulars see Mrs. ALDRIDGE. 418, Glencoe avenue or Tel. 2532. FIRST Class home with modern conveniences, garage or stable, garden. Mrs. Aldridge, Tel. 2532. FOR SALE CHEAP: Two improved corner lots in Lloyd's subdivision, Highwood. Apply at 128 McGovern St., Highland Park.

Miscellaneous

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For Rent

FURNISHED Rooms electric lights, bath and etc., two, three and four dollars. Address Mrs. Aldridge Tel. 2532

Lost and found

- FOUND on the shore of the Lake a watch. Please send all descriptions by mail to Ivy Breakwell, 240 Park ave. 667. LOST white bull-terrier, year old, black spot inside right hind leg. Reward. C. W. BUCKLEY. 679.

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