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Highland Park News

Park Board Meets.

The Park Commissioners of the Highland Park East Park District met Monday evening at the Moraine Hotel for the purpose of organizing. Mr. Wm. C. Egan was elected president, Herbert Moon, of the Highland Park State Bank, secretary; John C. Duffy, of the Erskine Bank, treasurer, and George A. Mason, attorney. The commissioners then drew lots to determine the length of term in office with the following result:

Joseph L. Fearing, five years.
Fred M. Baylies, four years.
Wm. C. Egan, three years.
F. W. Cushing, two years.
W. W. Willis, one year.

Last Wednesday afternoon the commissioners took a drive over the district to determine what improvements should be made.

Mrs. Jennie Daggitt and children have gone to Benton Harbor, Mich., to visit Mrs. Daggitt's sisters, Mrs. Lulu Ballinger and Mrs. Estella Burbank. They expect to be gone two weeks and will spend part of the time on their farm near Pipestone lake. Mr. and Mrs. Daggitt and family came here from West Point, Virginia, where they lived for the past four years. They will make their home with Mrs. Sarah D. Howe of 543 Oakwood avenue.

Miss Edna Van Riper is visiting friends in Iowa for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Seward gave a dinner at Ravinia Park last Thursday evening.

The Travel Club of the Presbyterian church gave a picnic on the beach Tuesday.

Miss Charlotte Yoe left Tuesday for Denver where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. John Glass left Saturday for the East where she will remain for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Yoe spent the week-end at St. Joseph, Mich.

Mrs. N. B. Struble and daughter Marjorie have been the guests of Mrs. A. B. Holabird of Ft. Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Seward have been spending the week in Michigan.

Miss Katherine Schumacher of Laurel avenue has returned from Jackson where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Mrs. Calro of Fort Sheridan has as her guest her sister of Chicago.

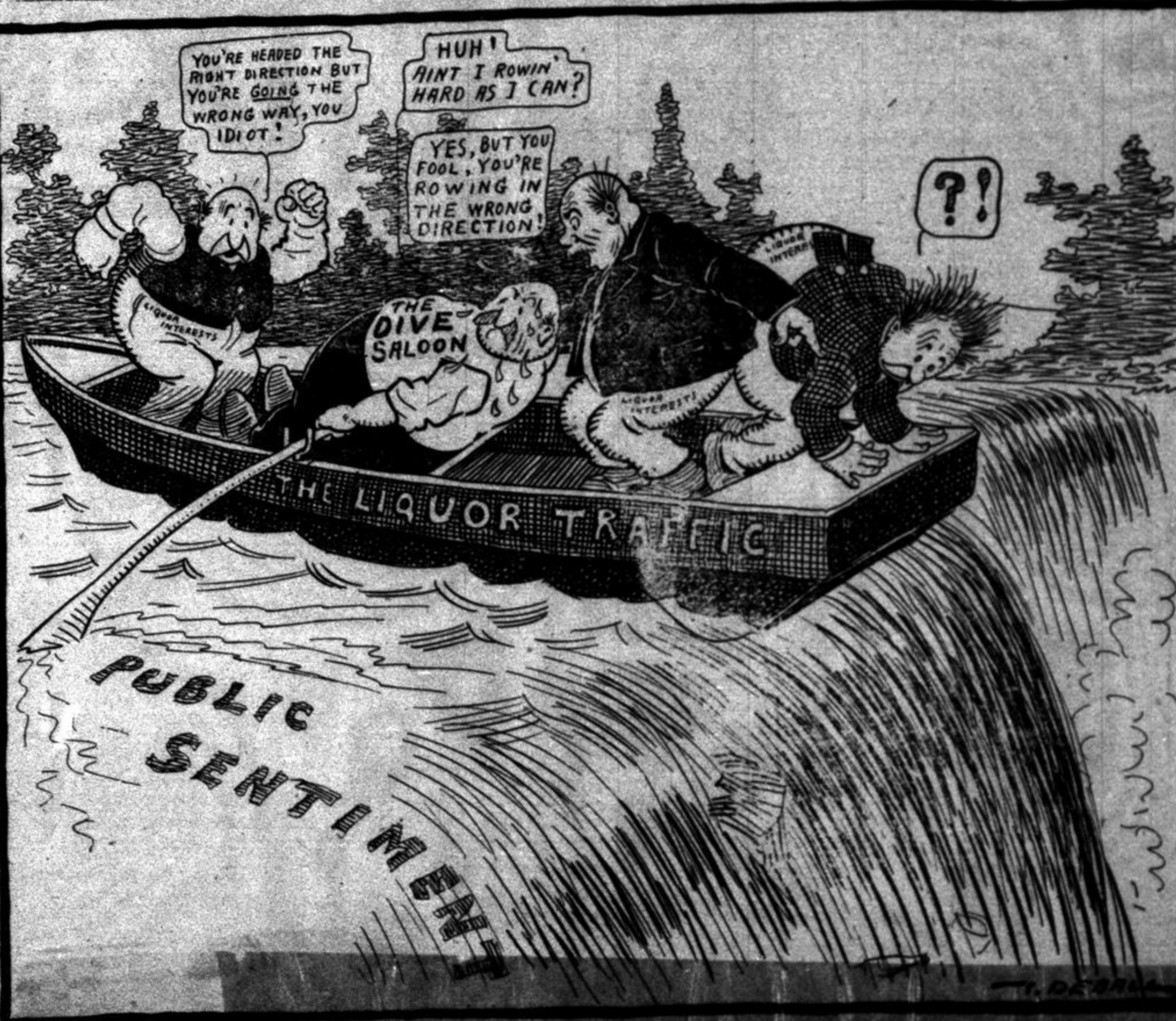
Miss Mildred Gale is visiting Miss Grace Johnson of Irving Park.

Miss Mary Pillsbury, who has been visiting Miss Mary Sedgwick, has returned to her home in Chicago.

Mrs. William Ruffner has as her guests Mr. and Mrs. Howard and child of New York.

Helen—Of course he clasped you in his arms when the boat upset?
Hazel—No; just the opposite.
Helen—Just the opposite? What do you mean?
Hazel—Why, the boat upset when he clasped me in his arms.

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You makers and sellers of drink,
Too long you have trifled with fate,
Your boat is half over the brink,
Your talk of "reform" is too late.

Yes, over the brink you must go,
And you and your turbulent boat
Will sink in the torrent below,
But you'll rise to the surface and float

You'll be tossed in the swish and the swirl
Of the flood in its oceanward sweep,
You'll be caught in its eddying whirl
As you drift toward the limitless deep.

There's a thought that may comfort your mind,
If you'll take it as coming from me:
Though you always have been rather blind,
Now at last you are going to sea.

And I also believe, if you try,
Some comfort from this you may get:
Though the earth is quite sure to go dry
The ocean will always be wet.

As I signal "Good bye" with my pen,
O makers and sellers of drink,
Remember the millions of men
That you have sent over the brink.

By permission of the Anti Saloon League of Illinois.

An Important Business Change.

Geo. B. Cummings Retires After a Long Business Career in Highland Park.

Thirty-six years ago a young man came to Highland Park and decided to open a drug store. The town was small then with only one physician, the late Dr. Baker, and he a homeopath. The prospect was not dazzling, but this young man had courage and tenacity that came of New England ancestry. By strict attention to business and honest business methods which were appreciated by the people, this "pioneer drug store" was a paying enterprise. The owner, Mr. George B. Cummings, has now decided to retire, and has sold his store to Mr. Earl Gsell, who takes possession next week. During all these years Mr. Cummings has never made a mistake in filling a prescription, and no one has ever been refused medicine even when he knew that it would never be paid for. It is not known whether Mr. Cummings retires a rich man as the world regards such matters, or not, but he can retire with a clear conscience, and he has the good will of his patrons and colleagues in business.

REPORT OF THE HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

For Year Ending May 31, 1909.	
To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Highland Park:	
Gentlemen:—I have the honor to present herewith the annual report of the Public Library of the City of Highland Park, for the year ending May 31, 1909.	
Total number of books in the Library, June 1, 1908.....	5533
Added during the year—	
Fiction.....	157
Juvenile.....	98
History, travels.....	30
Literature, science.....	47
Biography.....	21
Poetry.....	7
Reference books.....	45
Bound periodicals.....	71
Total number added.....	476
Volumes in Library June 1, 1909.....	6009
Fifty-six volumes of those above enumerated were presented to the Library during the year, and no book has been lost or stolen.	
During the year we have loaned 16,922 volumes, about 55 for each day the Library has been open. This is an increase of 1,381 over the circulation of last year. The Fiction circulation has been.....	
Juveniles.....	5682
Classed books.....	1570
Total.....	16922
The financial report is as follows:	
Balance on hand June 1, 1908.....	\$ 105 33
Tax levy for 1908.....	1,200 00
Rent of Library hall.....	123 00
Fines & miscellaneous receipts.....	126 63
Tax levy for 1909, credited May 1, 1909.....	1,500 00
Total.....	\$3,054 96

Expenditures.	
Salary of Librarian and Assistant.....	\$ 475 50
Salary of Janitor.....	180 00
Purchase of books.....	413 40
Binding and repairing books.....	145 52
Fuel.....	120 45
Lights.....	118 16
Periodicals.....	53 70
Repairs.....	21 40
Supplies and incidentals.....	39 87
Balance in City Treasury, June 1, 1909.....	1,421 06
Balance Cash in H. P. State Bank, June 1, 1909.....	65 90
Total.....	\$3,054 96

The Library has been open daily except Sundays and the more important legal holidays from two to five o'clock in the afternoon, and on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening from seven to nine o'clock.

The reading room which is well supplied with periodicals has attracted a larger number of visitors than in any previous year and is generally well filled, especially evenings.

As indicated by the increasing circulation the usefulness of the Library to the community is increasing month by month and we are using every endeavor to make it more serviceable to readers and students.

In this effort we think that we are succeeding as rapidly as our limited income permits and we think that our townspeople have reason to be proud of their library.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Public Library Board by
P. C. WALCOTT, President.

Gads Hill News.

Prominent People Visit Gads Hill.

Mr. Jens Jensen, the well known landscape gardener, who for several years was superintendent of the West Side parks in Chicago, met with the special park commissioner at Gads Hill today. Mr. Jensen gave the boys and girls a very interesting and instructive talk on the care of trees, reminding them of the fact that of these trees, many of them were hundreds of years old. The Indians had rested under them and had left them in good condition. They now were serving as a shade and place of rest for us.

Mr. Jensen reconstructed the plan of the grounds of Gads Hill this spring, laying out the walks with an eye to the artistic as well as the practical side, and directing what should be destroyed and what should be preserved. He has promised to come up some evening in the near future and have a bonfire. Mr. Jensen makes these bonfires a very interesting affair and the campers are looking forward to it with a pleasurable anticipation.

Mrs. Upton, chairman, accompanied by other members of her committee, were also on the grounds. Mrs. Upton has for many years been deeply interested in the Forestry movement—in fact, she is the pioneer of this movement among the Woman's Club—trying to create an active sentiment in favor of forest conservation. Mrs. P. S. Peterson, another member of committee, a woman very prominent in club circles and chairman of the Forestry Committee of the Woman's Club of Chicago and present. She is also a delegate from Mt. Holyoke College to Seattle, Wash., to attend the conference of the committee on conservation of natural scenery.

Some Things that Gads Hill Association is doing.

"Their good deeds shall live after them." The inspiration of the lives of those who are gone sometimes becomes a tremendous force for good. From this inspiration large institutions are erected as memorials, which help thousands of people morally and physically; and strengthens nations, by training the boys and girls to become better citizens.

The spirit of helpfulness that prevades the camp is wonderful. It is not to be wondered at, either. Mrs. Martin, the able superintendent, has the happy faculty of attracting to her assistance only those of the highest type. Her workers are all men and women of unusual character and ability—people of education and culture, who are in deep sympathy with the work. One of the workers said: "I can't help it; I just feel as if I wanted everyone to know the great need of this work. Why, we often have to furnish even the clothes they wear so that they can come out here."

Some instances: and there are so many of the same kind! One woman whose husband deserted her with four small children; she was simply worn out and on the verge of a complete breakdown, with four little helpless children. They brought her out here with her children for rest and recuperation, kept the children three weeks and then sent them to the Home for the Friendless, and will keep her until she is able to go back and battle with life again in order to support her children. Another case is that of a mother whose husband deserted her, and who sent her children here. She could not come with them at time because her mother was seriously ill and she had to care for her. Her father and brother drank and abused her until she fell sick, Gads Hill Center again came to the rescue, sent her to the Holiday House at Lake Geneva to recuperate her strength, and sent the children to the Home for the Friendless; one of the workers, Miss Sheahan, took the youngest child to her home to have it cared for until the mother got back to work. Gads Hill Center also sent the mother to the hospital and afterwards to the convalescent home. Now the mother and children are here at the Encampment.

Seven hundred and eleven persons have been cared for in the three weeks the camp has been open.