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Communication.

The following extract taken from the city records may be interesting to thoughtful taxpayers:

"The Mayor stated that during his absence in Scotland several matters of importance had been acted upon, necessitating a large expenditure of the public funds which he deemed uncalled for at this time, namely the resurfacing of the Green Bay Road from North to South City Limits, Central Avenue West, to the City Limits, and St. Johns Avenue from Laurel Avenue to Highland Avenue. The power vested in the Street and Alley Committee to have this work done, he claimed did not justify them in doing so for the following reasons:

1st. The Green Bay Road did not require it, having been made only four years and not yet paid for, and if it did require anything it should have been done by the Foreman of Streets for one fourth of the amount.

2nd. It is a street not so much used by our citizens, as many others, but more of a driveway through our city for the benefit of the Automobilists who do not contribute a dollar towards the maintenance of our city and he considered it an injustice to the tax payers to ask them to put the street in thorough repair for their benefit, using the tax payer's money to do it, when there was no necessity for doing so at this time.

3rd. The Chairman of the Street and Alley Committee who was instrumental in having this done, knew or they ought to have known that there was not money in either the Street and Alley Fund or the Street Improvement Fund to pay for said improvement without exhausting both funds.

The Mayor quoted figures taken from the records, showing, as he claimed, mismanagement of the funds under the present Chairman of the Street and Alley Committee as compared with those of former years, stating that no time in the history of the city has such an expenditure been necessary for the whole year, as has been expended in the first five months of the year 1908 under the present Chairman of the Street and Alley Committee. At no time in the past has more than \$3,000 ever been levied for the Street and Alley Fund until this year, when a levy of \$4,500 was made, an increase over former years of \$1,500, which sum and the balance of \$117.37 left over from last year is all used up in five months, except between \$200 and \$300 leaving nothing to work upon until next May 1909. If \$3,000 was found sufficient in the past to run the whole year, always leaving a balance over, surely \$4,500 ought to run longer than five months.

The Mayor also stated that during his absence the Street and Alley Committee were empowered to enter into a contract with the North Shore Electric Company to light our city for five years, the present rate prevailing and for the second time he expressed his disapproval of the binding of the city to that or any other company for five years, as during that time it would be debarred from accepting cheaper rates from any other company if the opportunity was offered us, also from installing our own plant if we saw fit. The Mayor explained how the City of Winnetka had installed their own plant eight years ago at a cost of \$46,000, all of which has been paid except \$600 so that they now own plant and the equipment, have had their city lighted for eight years and have \$10,000 to the credit of that fund, all of which we could do before the expiration of five years if deemed advisable and were not bound by contract.

The Mayor also expressed his disapproval of granting two weeks' vacation to each and every appointed official of the city as being too much."

If the Mayor was of the opinion that \$4500.00 was extravagant then what would he have thought of over \$7000.00 in seven months as was expended last year.

TAX-PAYER.

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The Prosit Club gave a very delightful St. Patrick's party on Thursday evening at the home of Leslie and Goodridge Schaffler.

Preparations are being made by the different schools for Arbor Day. Arbor Day will be observed at the Railroad Men's Home, under the direction of Mrs. Benjamin A. Fessenden.

The Woman's Auxilliary of the North Avenue Church met on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Bell of North Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. James McClellan and family have rented the George B. Cumming's house on Central Avenue. Mr. McClellan is contemplating building in the near future.

Mrs. Frank B. Green gave an afternoon on Saturday at her home on Central Avenue. This was the first of a series of afternoons that Mrs. Green is planning on giving.

Mr. August Benson, 116 Green Bay Road, candidate for Town Collector, is making a strong fight for this coming election.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Knapp have returned from the South where they have been for several weeks. Mr. Raymond Lovell and Mrs. Lovell are still at Oklahoma City.

Mrs. J. E. Bittenger entertained the Ladies of the Academy on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Carolyn Shields who has been visiting Major and Mrs. Mann of St. Louis has returned to her home.

All advertisements intended to be inserted in the NORTH SHORE NEWS-LETTER must be handed in no later than Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Albert Paul Smith made public last Monday the betrothal of her daughter Bessie to Sellar Bullard of Chicago, until recently of San Francisco. The announcement was made at a card party given by Mrs. Marion Mason.

And still they are using the beautiful ravine just north of the Ravinia depot for the purpose of dumping old tin cans, barrels, ashes, bed springs, etc. Unless this is stopped, the owner of this piece of property who resides in Milwaukee, will most assuredly be informed of the use people are making of his property. Have you property? If so, how would you like us to use it as stated above?

Mrs. C. A. Fossbender and her son William Fossbender were the guests of her daughter Mrs. Frank Wunderle of Indiana Harbor, last Sunday.

Mrs. Frances Barton of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Beardsley also of Chicago spent the week-end as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Beardsley of South St. John's Avenue.

Mrs. Buckner of Glencoe Avenue entertained the Ladies of the Academy on Monday afternoon.

We are very glad to learn that Mr. Jessie Boyer of North Sheridan Road, who has been ill for several months is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schumacher have as their guest their cousin, Miss Mitchell.

The new house of Mr. A. A. Putnam is well under way. It is to be a colonial house and a very handsome one too.

Miss Esther Baker is confined to her home on account of whooping cough.

To the voters of east Deerfield: I am a candidate for Town Collector, will appreciate your assistance and support.

Respectfully,
AUGUST BENSON.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Salyards and family of Du'uth, Minn., while on their way to French Lick Springs, stopped over a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Salyards.

A jolly party of young people from Chicago spent the week at the Moraine Hotel, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Francis North: The Misses Margaret Herrick, Preston, Owsley, Isabel Chandler, Reilly, Bridgman of Staten Island, Grace Hatch, Virginia Chandler, Ruby Chandler, Eleanor Babcock and Messrs. John Koehl, Theodore Sheldon, Wallace Campbell, Krebs Beebe, Roy Shaw, Charles P. Kellogg, Buckingham Chandler, Charles Talbot, Joseph Comstedt and Herrick Hammond. They returned to the city Monday morning.

Judge Grosseup has given permission to open Ravinia Park as a place of entertainment. Frank R. McMullin, chairman of its managing committee, is at the head of an aggressive campaign along the North Shore to insure a large advance sale of tickets. Through an arrangement, ten per cent of all tickets sold before the opening of the Park, will be given to the Gad's Hill Benefit. The North Shore is very fortunate to be able to have Ravinia Park again as a high class musical centre and the people have it in their power to either retain or lose Ravinia Park as the sale of tickets this year will decide.

Land-Mark Burns.

Thursday morning at five o'clock the old Carver home on Laurel Avenue was discovered to be on fire. The cause was traced to the crossing of electric light wires. Although the fire department came, the home could not be saved, and was completely destroyed. The Carver house was one of the first houses built here, and during the recent years has been rented. Mr. Everingham has been the occupant of it during the last two years.

Services at the Presbyterian Church.

The following services have taken place at the Presbyterian church during the past week:

Palm Sunday.—The World's Christ—Special music.

Palm Sunday.—Evening service.—Dr. Andrew C. Janos. Theological. Miss E. Fern Smith sang.—Seminary. Monday evening.—Dr. W. Bross Thomas, Lake Forest University and Miss Charlotte Yoe, sang.

Tuesday evening.—Dr. W. S. Plumer Bryan, Belden Avenue, Presbyterian church, and Miss Marion Mason, sang. Wednesday evening.—"The Cross." The Pastor.

Miss Pearl McCord, sang. Maundy Thursday.—"The Blood of The Lamb." The Pastor. Communion service. Good Friday, evening.—Dr. James G. K. McClure, President McCormick Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Goodson, sang. Easter Sunday.—10:30 a. m. "Easter The World's Hope."—The Pastor.

Easter Sunday, 5:00 p. m.—Vespers Special music.—Short sermon. "His Victory. The World has gone after Him."

ALUMNI PLAY

The Alumni Association of Deerfield has selected April twenty-ninth as the date on which they will present their annual play at Ravinia Park Theatre. "Pink Dominoes," a comedy in three acts, by A. Delacour and H. Hennequin, is the play which the Association has chosen.

Much interest is being taken by the cast and other members of the Alumni in making this production excel any previous one and the public will find it well worth their while to reserve the twenty-ninth. This comedy gives opportunity for many ludicrous situations and is exceedingly interesting and full of fun from start to finish.

The following is the cast:

Mr. Walter Goodwin—William B Wrenn A retired business man.
Mrs. Anastasia Goodwin—Helen K. Coale His wife.
Henry - Lester Levin Goodwin's nephew
Mr. Paul Andrews - Charles F. Smith A Milwaukee merchant.
Alice - Katherine Dorothy Anderson Mrs. Goodwin's niece.
Mr. George Decker - A. R. Williams A wealthy Chicagoan.
Marion - Gertrude Nevins His wife.
Peters - Tom Gail Butler at Deckers
Hannah - Maud Chamberlain Maid at Deckers
Mlle. Pomoua Fin of the Casino - Alice L. Baker
Phillip - George Elmendorf Phillips Head waiter.

One can see by reading over the cast the names of some who have taken part in former alumni and school productions. Tickets will be put on sale April second at Schumacher's Drug Store. Arthur McCaffrey has charge of the tickets.

Woman's Club.

One of the most enjoyable meetings of the year was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Woman's Club. The program was under the management of Mrs. W. M. Goodridge and it was an unusually interesting one. The following program was beautifully given:

1. Paper - Mrs. A. O. Mason
 2. The trend of modern music
 3. Piano - Miss Hazel Everingham
 - (a) Murmuring Zephyrs - Jensen
 - (b) March Mignonne - Poldini
 3. Songs - Miss Clara Page Ongawa
 - (a) Drink thou deep of the purple wine - Rogers
 - (b) Stolen Wing - Williby
 - (c) Love, the Peddler - German
 4. Songs - W. M. Goodridge
 - (a) Peace of Mind - Spoonholtz
 - (b) Brightest Eyes - Stigelli
 5. Songs - Miss Pearl McCord
 - (a) Phyllis is my only joy—Whelpley
 - (b) "Mother O' Mine" - Touss
 6. Piano - Miss Hazel Everingham
 - Valse Caprice - Chaminate
 7. Songs - Miss Pearl McCord
 - (a) I know a Land - Whelpley
 - (b) A May Morning - Manney
 8. Songs - W. M. Goodridge
 - (a) Sing me to sleep—Edwin Greene
 - (b) Katie Strang - Wallace
 9. Songs - Miss Clara Page Ongawa
 - (a) My lover is a weaver—Hilbaugh
 - (b) A birthday - Cowan
- The accompanists were Miss Jennie Maud Bliss and Mrs. Chas. F. Everett. The hostesses of the afternoon were Mrs. Jessie Boyer, Mrs. Finney, Mrs. James Grant, Mrs. Ernest Gail and Miss DeRoo.

Mrs. E. F. Brown has as her guest Miss Frances Brinckle of Wilmington, Del.

Lieut. Cameron returned on Wednesday from Fort Riley, where he recently was examined for promotion.

WANTED—by two young men in private family. Address Post Office Box 624.

Tenth District Ill. Federation of Woman's Clubs Meets.

All day meeting of the 10th District Federation of Women's Club was at the Parish House, Waukegan on Friday. The Sesame Club being the hostess. A very delicious luncheon served by the Sesame Club. Following the luncheon an interesting and useful afternoon was spent.

The programme being as follows:

- 12:15 Luncheon.
- 1:15 Business Meeting.
- Address of Welcome Mrs. Webster J. Stebbins Sesame Club, Waukegan.
- Response - Mrs. Chas. Thompson Pres. Clubs, 10th District.
- Report from Officers and Committees
- Music Mrs. U. S. Grant
- Reciprocity and Literature Mrs. Daniel Cobb.
- Pure Food - Mrs. C. H. Betts.
- Art - Mrs. C. S. Raddin
- Ravinia - Mrs. Frank McMullen
- The Drama League Mrs. A. Starr Best

2:00 The Philanthropies of the Chicago Woman's Club Mrs. E. L. Upton.

2:10 The Value of the District Organization. - Mrs. Francis D. Everett,

2:20 The North Shore, Mr. Jens Jensen

3:10 Work done by the North Shore Sanitary Association.

Mr. David H. Jackson

3:30 Junior Civics, Miss Ellen E. Foster

The next meeting of the District will be with the Ossoli Club, Highland Park, Oct. 27, 1910.

CITY CLUB OF HIGHLAND PARK.

On Friday, March 18th, at a general meeting of the Fellowship Club, held at the library, a new Constitution was adopted. This Constitution contained important features:

1st. The name was changed to the City Club of Highland Park.
2nd. The purpose of the Club is to discuss questions and matters of public interest, to promote good citizenship, to secure good, economical and efficient municipal government; to initiate, advocate and support movements for the general interest of the city and community; and to advance the general welfare of its members and their fellow citizens.

3rd. The Club is to be non-sectarian and its affairs conducted by (15) Governors, who were empowered to elect officers.

The following Governors were elected for one year:

C. T. Hastings, Samuel Slade, Anson Morg, Fred M. Steele, R. C. Jacobson, V. Norcross, Geo. H. Merry, Henry M. Bacon, C. P. Goodson, P. Sedgwick, Ira J. Geer, Everett Jacob Brand Geo. L. Vetter, F. S. unroe.

Alderman Denzel, Alderman McPherson and Alderman Bahr were present and addressed the meeting concerning the affairs of the city.

It was the unanimous sentiment of the meeting that the City Club had a great performance; that under its new constitution its powers were broad enough to include all matters pertaining to civic welfare and progress and that there should be enrolled among its members every citizen of Highland Park who desires improvement and advancement.

It is the purpose of the City Club to enter into reform as the term is usually employed; nor is it its purpose to advance any particular plan or to foster the interests of any person or section; but its purpose is rather to unite all organizations which have for their object the betterment of the town, into one strong body.

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