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## SHERIDAN ROAD TO PARK BOARD

Commissioners now Have Charge From Lincoln Park North-ern Limits to Devon Avenue. Seek Further Control

## PLANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Mr. E. L. Lobdell Furnishes "Press" Complete Summary of Plans for Road and Progress Made to Date

In order that its readers may have a clear idea of the purpose of the Sheridan Road Improvement Association THE PRESS prints herewith a complete summary of the original plans of the association and the progress made to date. The data is furnished by Mr. E. L. Lobdell, president of the association, and is printed without comment except to say that the first portion of the road to be taken over by the Lincoln Park Commissioners has been provided for from the north limit of the present park control to Devon Avenue. A little later it is hoped to have control of the road through Rogers Park turned over to the commissioners.

**Purpose of Organization**  
The Sheridan Road Improvement Association was organized in the summer of 1911 for the purpose of devising some remedy for the intolerable conditions existing along the thoroughfare.

**Engineers' Report**  
Engineers were employed who devoted nearly five months time to a study of these conditions so that a practical plan could be worked out to cure them. A report was submitted by these engineers, which is now in the possession of the commissioners of Lincoln Park. A study of this report led the directors and members of the Sheridan Road Improvement Association to the conclusion that any plan to succeed must provide for the systematic maintenance of the road and the adoption of uniform regulations, which would be enforced, governing traffic.

**Evolution of the Lincoln Park Idea**  
The course of their investigations it is discovered that the Commissioners of Lincoln Park had the power to take over the road and maintain it with the consent of the various town councils and a majority of the owners of property fronting on it. As soon as this was learned negotiations were commenced with the Park Commissioners by the late Daniel H. Burnham, Chairman of the Executive Committee, who, perhaps better than any other, appreciated the practical possibilities of making Sheridan Road one of the most beautiful drives in existence; these negotiations resulted in the passage of a resolution (upon the petition of several thousand residents of the various towns through which the drive passes) providing that the Commissioners would take it over as soon as the necessary formalities, legal and otherwise, were complied with. This law giving the necessary authority to the Commissioners is found in Section 26, of the General Park Act of 1871. (See Hurd's Revised Statutes of 1908, pages 1580-81.) This law provides, among other things, that where a road to be taken over by Park authorities lies in a territory which is not taxed for the maintenance of such park, it shall be lawful for the corporate authorities, as aforesaid, to levy a special tax or assessment on property benefited, for a sum of money sufficient for the cost of such improvement, and for the maintenance and repair thereof, as estimated by such board of park commissioners.

It is also provided that the maintenance and repair of any such driveway may be made by special assessment or by general taxation, or partly by special assessment and partly by general taxation, as may be determined by such corporate authorities.

**Legal Obstacles to be Overcome**  
There are legal obstacles to overcome there are park districts in control of the drive, as in Rogers Park and Evanston. Some towns may desire to relocate part of the road, Evanston and Lake Forest, which is a delay.  
**Length of Time to Complete**  
It will require probably two years time to build the road after it is acquired by the Park Commissioners. In order to save and to save what there is left of the road that may be worth saving, the directors of the Sheridan Road Improvement Association recommend that temporary repairs be made which will give the drive possible use for one or two years, that it be entirely recon-

structed by the respective towns under specifications to be furnished by the superintendent of Lincoln Park. Steps are already started to build a new road around Calvary Cemetery by the Evans-ton authorities; Wilmette is preparing to rebuild at once and Highland Park has plans for rebuilding in the near future.

**Advantages of the Plan**  
Under the direction of the Commissioners of Lincoln Park, the drive would be maintained at small cost—instead of being neglected so as to necessitate rebuilding every few years at the expense of the frontage owners.

Where necessary to rebuild, the park commissioners have the experience, the organization and the ability to do the work better and at much lower cost than the towns can do it separately.

As Sheridan Road is a thoroughfare, the expense of reconstruction and maintenance should be shared by the entire community. Under the proposed plan, this cost would be distributed so as not to be burdensome to anyone.

A fine drive will cause a more rapid gain in population of the best character. This means more people to pay taxes and a considerable increase in revenues of each municipality—(while it is impossible to make exact estimates, yet good judges of conditions have expressed the opinion that the gain in population of the North Shore towns would be equal to any previous five year growth—within two years after the drive is finished and control assumed by the Lincoln Park Commissioners.)

Such an increase in population would mean more customers for merchants and shop keepers; more work for contractors, builders, laborers, and all other classes of society.

Owners of real estate would have a broader market and probably much better prices.

**Objections**  
Objections may be found to any contemplated improvement, but the advantages to all the people far over-balance the disadvantages to a few.  
**Summary of Conclusions**  
The directors of the association believe that the present deplorable conditions exist and must be remedied; that a fine drive can be built and maintained at a much lower cost than the present poor one; that the plan outlined is the most practical one yet suggested, and that every citizen of every town from Chicago to Waukegan will be benefited directly or indirectly by its adoption.

**Obituary**  
**Mrs. Ellen Winchester Hipwell**  
The many friends of Mrs. Ellen Winchester Hipwell are grieved to hear of her death which occurred Friday night at Pasadena, California. She passed quietly away during her sleep after having suffered for a number of years with heart trouble. She was a member of one of the oldest families here, the Winchesters and a sister of Mrs. Carver. After the death of Mr. Hipwell which occurred in Pasadena one year and eleven months ago Mrs. Hipwell remained in Highland Park for several months and while here she was very ill but upon returning to Pasadena her health was improved. Surrounded by three devoted sisters, Mrs. William Ranney, Mrs. William Holmes and Mrs. Hubbard Francis Bannard and a nephew, Mr. Fitch Winchester Ranney, the last days of her life were made pleasant in a home beautifully situated. Mr. Ranney will bring the remains to Highland Park and the funeral will take place at Trinity Church at two o'clock Saturday afternoon. Burial at Rose Hill.

**Peter A. Nelson**  
Mr. Peter A. Nelson of Highwood, died Thursday afternoon in Augustana Hospital to which place he was taken on Tuesday after being suddenly stricken with throat trouble the day before. Mr. Nelson had no relatives in this country and the funeral services, held in the Swedish Lutheran Church at Highwood Sunday were attended by only the few intimate friends which he had made. Interment was in Mooney's cemetery.

## FIND BODY OF BABY IN LAKE

Second to be Discovered Within Week. Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict of Murder

The second infant to be found on the lake shore in this vicinity within the week was discovered late Sunday by a boy near the pier between the county line and Ravinia Park. The first discovery was that of a new-born babe wrapped in heavy paper near the shore at Lake Forest. The body of the babe found Sunday was wrapped in an apron and around the neck was tied a rope which looked as though it might have been attached to a weight of some sort. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder by parties unknown. The body was buried in the potato field at Mooney's cemetery.

## TWO GAMES ANNEXED BY HIGHLAND PARK

AHLSTROM STRIKES OUT 16 IN SECOND

Saturday's Game Won With Ninth Inning Rally, 4 to 3. Sunday's a Riot, 20 to 0

The Highland Parks won two games Saturday and Sunday, beating the Comptometers on Saturday, 4 to 3 and the Harland Whites Sunday, 20 to 0. Saturday's game was featured by one of the greatest finishes ever pulled off on the home grounds, the score being 3 to 2 in the 9th inning in favor of the visitors with 2 down and none on base and while the spectators were about to leave the grounds, Flinn cracked a single to center, Glader followed with a clean hit to left sending Flinn to second. With a man on first and second E. Ahlstrom smashed a corking home run over the fence in left field winning the game.

The game was won at a great cost to the home club as Glader, one of the star pitchers received a badly sprained shoulder in the 9th inning and will be out of the game for some time.

**Saturday's Score by Innings**

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|          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | R | H | E |
| Hi'nd Pk | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 2 |
| Cop'ters | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Batteries, Glader and Maroney; Soder and Ryan.

SO by Glader 6—by Ahlstrom 1—Soder 5. B. B. off Glader 2. Two base hits Sandeman and Ahlstrom.

Sunday's game was a walk away for the locals as the visitors showed very little ability in the field while at bat Ahlstrom had their measure all the time, striking out 16 in the nine innings played.

Saturday the locals meet the fast Mandel Bros. team and on Sunday Bailey's Colts will be their opponents. Both games will be played on the Lincoln Avenue grounds.

## ORGANIZE FOR JUVENILE PROTECTION

North Shore Towns Form Association to Better Existing Conditions

Under the spur of conditions which are said to exist in some of the villages south of us a Juvenile Protective Association has been organized in the townships on the North Shore and Deerfield township has as its representatives three people from Highland Park, Mrs. George R. Dean, who is secretary of the Chicago Juvenile Protective Association, Mrs. Marshall Sampson, and Mr. Richard L. Sandwick. The object of the organization is to promote and preserve the welfare of the children along the lake shore and to fight all conditions that are detrimental to the moral, mental and physical welfare of the children. The association will also see that the law is enforced where some one contributes to the dependency or delinquency of any child. The organization will also cooperate with all child welfare organizations and do everything within its power to help wherever possible. They claim that the greatest need is proper recreation for the children and the first action to be taken will be to start agitation for play grounds and other forms of amusement.

Startling stories were given the parents of Wilmette young people a few weeks ago and many tales are told of conditions prevailing along the beach in Wilmette and Winnetka. Local authorities in Wilmette claim that the conditions there are due to the closeness of the elevated terminal. Wilmette police have driven many rowdies off the beach and arrested a few during the past week. Save perhaps in a few isolated cases the conditions which these officials are combating do not prevail in Highland Park.

## BUYS NEW MOTORCYCLE FOR CITY

Man Whose Auto Bumped Policeman Wing, Also Pays Doctor Bill

Wm. H. Hogrewe, the Waukegan man whose auto ran into Policeman Wing and his motorcycle at Sheridan Road and County Line a week ago Sunday, reported to Chief Genest last Friday with an order for a new motorcycle to replace the one damaged and a check for the amount of the doctor bill. Officer Wing says that the new machine more than pays for the shakedown he received in the collision for it is a 1912 model with many improvements over the old one. To prove its worth the officer went to work with it Saturday and arrested one H. Metz a Chicago man who seemed to think twenty-five miles an hour the proper suburban speed. He discovered his mistake when Magistrate Boylan fined him twenty-five dollars and costs. In part return for the money he expended on the new machine Mr. Hogrewe was allowed to keep the damaged one.

## LAKE FRONT FOR USE OF PUBLIC

Suits Started by State to Reclaim Made Land in Evanston are of Great Interest Locally

Article by George Packard in Chicago Evening Post Gives Much Information on Riparian Rights Question

## PARK BOARD SHOULD CONTROL

A suit recently brought by the state to recover "made land" along the lake shore in Evanston is of interest to local people who have long held that the Park Board should take over the lake shore within the confines of Highland Park, which it has authority to do under a recent act of the legislature. Reasons for the immediate control by local authorities are found in the apparent disinclination of the various states attorneys to protect the states rights. From an article in the Chicago Evening Post, regarding the delay in building the new Chicago harbor, written by Mr. George Packard, who is the asso-iate of Judge Edward O. Brown in the settlement of a number of riparian right questions for the Lincoln Park Board, we reprint a few statements which can be applied to the local situation. In connection it can be stated that the East Park Board plans a continuation of the paving on Ravine Drive as soon as the leak in the sewer pipe which leads to the septic tank at the foot of the drive can be repaired. If the board had control of the lake shore for park purposes this drive could be extended on up the Lake to the Moraine, giving the people for all time possession of the valued frontage. Also a suggestion has been made that the city would do well to investigate the title to the stub ends of streets leading to the lake. Mr. Packard's statements, which follow, are interesting:

"This proposition rests upon the popular but wholly false assumption that people have gained precedence, within the last few years that reclaimed land becomes by some hocus-pocus the property of the state because the title to the land under water, the submerged land, is in the state. This fallacy seems to have permeated and actuated the so-called Chiperefield commission which a few years ago went up and down the lake front laying plans and making threats for a mighty invasion of property that had been added to the shore by filling as well as by natural accretion. It is too important a factor in our municipal development to be allowed to rest on a mere assumption or on misinformation however widely spread.

**No Authority for Belief**  
"As an associate of Judge Edward O. Brown, who was attorney for the commissioners of Lincoln Park, I had much to do with establishing the law of riparian and littoral rights in Illinois as final developed in the Kirk case and the Revell case, and have watched with particular interest the subsequent development of the principles there laid down. Accordingly I am not indulging in idle surmises when I unhesitatingly say that there is no authority whatever in this state for the proposition that seems to give Mr. Sexton pause that reclaimed land belongs to the State of Illinois.

"Indeed our Supreme Court has at least twice held just the other way, as I later show.

**Submerged Land Belongs to State**  
"There is no question whatever that the title to the submerged land of Lake Michigan, so long as it remains under water belongs to the people of the State of Illinois for public uses. That is to say, the people through the legislature cannot sell the bed of the lake for private uses. They can, however, dispose of it for public purposes as was done in the case of Lincoln Park.

"It is further a well-established principle of common law, which our Supreme Court adopted in the Revell case, that any unauthorized intrusion on the submerged land by a riparian owner in the form of a pier for the purpose of making land by the action of the wind and waves was a perpetration, subject to removal as a nuisance on information filed by the attorney general, and in no other way. The cause of the increment in the land could be removed, but not the land so made. That depends in turn upon the principle that all accretions—that is, all additions—to the land of a riparian owner, however made, belonged to him.

**As to Riparian Rights**  
"That is the fundamental riparian right which, together with the right of access to the water, constitute the only riparian rights of value today in this state. So that under the established law in this state today the moment submerged lands become uncovered they cease to be submerged land and also cease to remain

the property of the State of Illinois. By the same token, when land has been reclaimed and a rise in the water level or the action of a season's storms covers it up or washes it away, the title to that land rests again in the state so far as it becomes submerged land, and it ceases to be a part of the riparian owner's domain.

**Defines the States Rights**  
"Now it is very true that a riparian owner has no right to fill in below his water line, any more than he has a right to build out a pier for the same purpose below his water line. But where land is actually made without let or hindrance from the proper authorities, and whether with or without sanction of law, it becomes his land and no one can take it away from him except through condemnation. There is nothing in the document of purprestures that allows the state to step in and confiscate the piers that make the land. The state's right is confined to their destruction. So with filling, the state may stop the filling, but it cannot take away the title to the land once it is reclaimed. The preservation of the public rights in the submerged land is to be accomplished by eternal vigilance on the part of the attorney general—not by sitting back and seeing land made on the theory that it by so doing becomes the land of the state.

## THE SECOND ANNUAL CELEBRATION IS ON

HIGHLAND PARK DAY IS AGAIN HERE

Business Men's Association Receiving Congratulations on Excellent Advance Preparations

Today occurs the second annual celebration of Highland Park Day, one day in the year on which the Business Men's Association invites all the city and the city's friends to cease work and make merry. Last year's celebration was a great success but it was only the first. This year the members of the various committees believe that the advance arrangements and the enthusiasm of the citizens will make a celebration which will top any product of the North Shore cities. The decorating committee has done its work well and the business houses have followed its lead until the town is gay with flags and bunting. The committees in charge of the games, the parade, etc., have all completed their arrangements and as THE PRESS is being distributed the people are gathering to take advantage of the good things they have prepared. Owing to the general closing of the business houses and the past office and the desire of the publishers of this paper to give their employees a holiday and at the same time get their paper to its subscribers on the regular day of publication THE PRESS was printed last night and in consequence all reference to the displays in the parade and the winners of the games will have to be deferred until next week. THE PRESS congratulates the city on its possession of a progressive Business Men's Association and the Business Men's Association on its progressiveness.

## CONTRIBUTE BOOK TO SERIES

W. C. Egan Author of Handy Volume on "Making a Garden of Perennials"

"Making a Garden of Perennials" is the title of a handy little volume which W. C. Egan of this city has contributed to an excellent series being published by McBride, Nast and Company. It is a contribution to garden literature, at once terse and comprehensive, which should prove a true friend to the flower lover who desires to add the element of permanency to the other attractions of his garden. The good little work begins at the beginning and conveys much practical information concerning the preparation of beds, winter and summer mulching, weeding, plant combinations and good lists of dependable perennials. Because of the fact that the majority of works on this subject have been written by eastern writers, with references principally to eastern conditions, Mr. Egan's book will be particularly interesting locally for it will be found notes on local soil conditions and lists of suitable perennials. The price of the book is fifty cents.

## FIRE CAUSES MUCH EXCITEMENT

Burns Little of Value but "Press" Employees Have Exciting Time

Much good kindling was consumed and considerable excitement raised by a fire which destroyed a small shed in the rear of THE PRESS office Monday. The fire started presumably from a scrap of burning paper blown from a steel cage in which the paper scraps are burned and was extinguished in a few minutes by the fire department.

## NEWS NOTES OF NEARBY CITIES

Many Items of Interest Concerning our Neighbors as Printed in Various Local Papers

## BIG SUIT AGAINST GAS COMPANY

Waukegan to Test Lake Water. Declares Fox Lake Navigable—Close Bridge to Street Cars

**Waukegan to Test Lake Water**  
Dr. Edward F. Bartow and Dr. Foley, the former being secretary of the Illinois Water Survey and the latter City Health Physician, will together make tests of the Waukegan water, taken from Lake Michigan covering a period of nearly two months. In this way they will determine which is the best, a filtration plant or the extending of the intake.

**Close Waukegan Bridge Again**  
After Saturday, August 31st all Milwaukee electric cars will stop on this side of the condemned Genesee street bridge in Waukegan. Plans are on foot for the building of a new structure and if the citizens, commissioners and railway officials can get together they probably will be carried out in the near future. Until then patrons going to Waukegan will have to walk an additional two blocks.

**Fight in Lake Forest Hotel**  
Two negro waiters, Frank Gordon and Sam Harvey, employed at Deeparth Inn, Lake Forest, engaged in a pistol duel at the hotel at a late hour Saturday night. The men were arguing over the ability of one as compared with the other, when suddenly one drew a "six shooter" and fired two barrels at the other. The second negro rushed from the hotel and raced all the way home. When he returned he also had a revolver in his hand. Before the scene and arrested the assailant. Both men were taken into custody and lodged in the Lake Forest jail.

**Sue Gas Co. for \$60,000**  
Four damage suits aggregating \$60,000 against the North Shore Gas Company were filed in Circuit court by Attorney Claire Edwards. The suits follow the fatal accident which occurred in Waukegan when four Italians were overcome by gas, two of them so seriously that they passed away in the Jane McAlister hospital, despite the efforts to revive them with the Pulmotor rushed there from Chicago by the Commonwealth Edison Co.

**Declare Fox Lake Navigable**  
The secretary of war has issued an order to the effect that Fox-lake constitutes navigable waters of the United States, and consequently is under federal jurisdiction. This means that all boats on Fox lake or any of its tributaries will be operated under government licence and subject to the requirements of the navigation laws.

**Nearby Locals**  
The Woodstock Sentinel prints the statement that Lake County leads in the production of alfalfa in Illinois. During the year 1910 this county raised 1,543 acres, McHenry county, second in the list raised 1,453 acres.

Before the end of the present week it is expected that the canning of condensed milk will be started at the new milk bottling factory at Grayslake.

## NOTHING IN ANNEXATION STORIES

Waukegan Paper Again Qualifies as Fiction Magazine

Denials of stories concerning Highland Park and Highwood as printed in the Waukegan papers must grow rather tiresome but the latest is laughable enough to deserve a place as a wheeze. The first chapter concerns alleged efforts of ten "millionaires" who are building "mansions" in Highwood, to have that city annexed to Highland Park. The second chapter states that Highwood citizens are up in arms against the proposition, claiming that when they wished to be annexed this city would not take them in but now that we are in debt, the article claims that we are trying to float a bond issue of \$175,000, we would like to have them help us out. The ten "millionaires" are the seven gentlemen who are planning rather handsome homes to be built north of the river and the \$175,000 must be the gross proportions of the \$50,000 bond issue we voted for some time ago. As far as annexation is concerned we doubt if any one in either town desires it as both towns are getting very nicely in such a shape.