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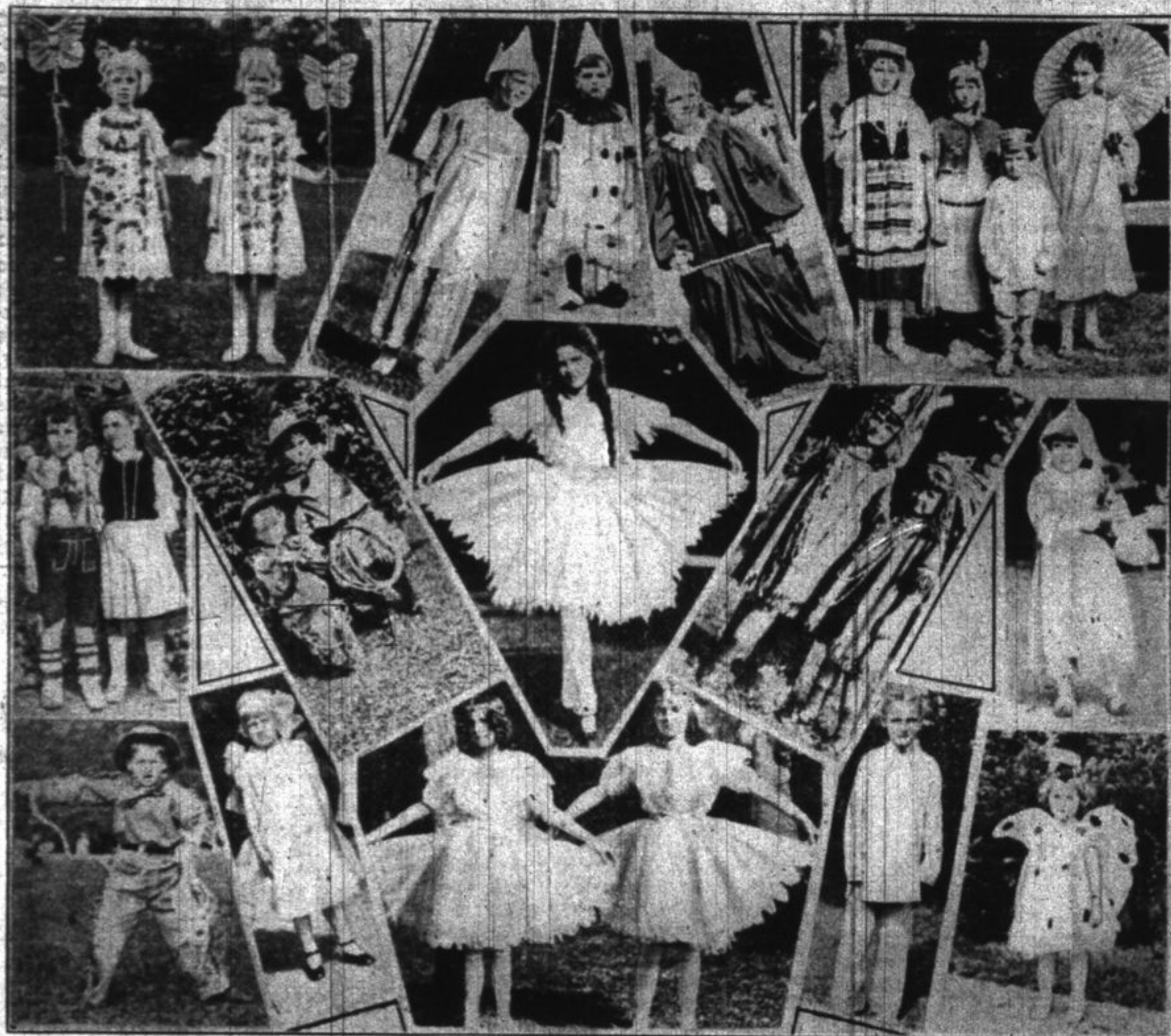
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## CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL at RAVINIA PARK



The most attractive to the spectators, and probably the one which aroused the most enthusiasm among the children, in the series of children's day programs presented by the Ravinia Club at the park this season was the Children's Carnival held last Thursday. Nearly five hundred children in costume gathered on the well-kept lawn in front of the stadium and open air stage and participated in a series of parades and dances which made the grounds seem a playground for children of all nations. The staff photographer and the editor of THE PRESS snapped about thirty views of Highland Park children present with the above result. As is usual in such cases the photographer "lost" many that he hoped to get. Numbered from left to right the children in the above group are: Top row, 1—Anita and Olga Lihme; 2—Dorothy Gardner; 3—James Munro 4—Catherine Martin; 5—Marjorie Merritt, Sarah Kerfoot, Ward Willetts and Helen Willetts. Second row, 1—Richard and Catherine Rosenwald; 2—Arthur McGregor Lowrie and Gertrude Abercrombie; 3—Betty Bacon; 4—Elizabeth and Constance Duffy; 5—Victorine Day. Third row, 1—Arnold Mason; 2—Margaret Siljstrom; 3—Caroline Willetts and Josephine Faxon; 4—Elizabeth Doty; 5—Edith Vail.

## THE FIRES OF THE CAMP FIRE GIRLS

Y. W. C. A. Organization which Plans to do for Girls what the Boy Scouts does for Their Brothers

### LOCAL CAMP ALREADY LARGE

"Press" will Publish Three Articles giving the Work and Ideals of the Members

So popular have the Boy Scouts become that it is only natural a similar organization should be formed for girls. Life in the open is not attractive to the male youngster only. His sisters enjoy a carefully moderated roughing it in which the hardest features of unroofed existence are eliminated. The tomboy is encouraged in this wise generation. How long a time has passed since the fragile, delicate, nervous girl or young woman was the ideal!

Through the Camp Fire Girls the Y. W. C. A. proposes to do for girls what the Boy Scouts organization is doing for boys. It is the outgrowth of a summer camp, but it is more than a mere summer outing camp. It tempers the value of outdoor life and sports, but it also adds a touch of romance to home work, and it bestows honors for prowess in both.

The law of the Camp Fire Girls is: Seek beauty, give service, pursue knowledge, be trustworthy, hold on to health, glorify work, be happy. Their password, Wohelo, is framed from the first two letters of work, health and love—the three best things in life—and it rings like an Indian call. When they hold a monthly meeting it is a council fire, with ceremonies gathered from Indian customs but symbolizing nobler ideals than Indians ever knew. Their official costume of brown galatea is Indian in its cut and its fringes and each girl is required to make her own from a pattern furnished by the National headquarters. Many of these costumes have been seen on Highland Park streets lately for the local camp is already a large one.

The Camp Fire Girls are divided into three divisions, as are the Boy Scouts. First come the Wood Gatherers, then the Fire Makers and last the Torch Bearers. THE PRESS plans a series of three articles, of which this is the first, which will give a general idea of the work and ideals of the Camp Fire Girls. These articles will take up each division in turn and it is hoped that the succeeding ones will be illustrated with pictures posed by local members of the organization.

**The Wood-Gatherers**  
 New members are admitted as Wood-gatherers who are expected to provide the food for the fire. Before a Wood-gatherer is promoted to be a fire-maker she must know how to light the Council-Fire as the Indians did, by rubbing sticks together, and she must advance many steps in Work, Health and Love.

She must have bought, cooked and served two meals—either at home or in camp—without advice or help; she must know how to mend stockings and hem dish-towels; she must keep an account of all money received or spent for at least a month; she must know how to tie a square knot five times in succession quickly and correctly. So much for Work.

Among the requirements for Health, she must sleep with the windows open if it is winter, or outdoors if it is summer; take half an hour's daily exercise outdoors, give up candy and sodas between meals for at least a month.  
 And then comes the service of Love, which gives the last two letters of her password, Wohelo. She must be able to help others in their hour of need. So she learns what to do in cases of accident by fire, drowning, open cut, frost-bite or fainting. She learns, too, the principles of bandaging and what a girl of her age ought to know about herself; she studies the cause of infant mortality, and how they have been reduced in some American cities.

Besides these "honors," for each of which she receives a bead, every prospective Fire-maker must present twenty other "honors," won from six different departments; and they do not all stand for summer fun nor for winter sports. In winter the Camp-Fire Girl may turn her attention to Handcraft, which means sewing, weaving, basketry, etc., or to Homecraft, which includes housekeeping and entertainment knowledge. Piano lessons count and so does learning to scrub the floor, and mending the furniture and taking care of the baby. There are fifty different ways of earning an orange bead. Or she may study the history of her own locality, learn a patriotic poem, or plan a celebration for a holiday, or even effect the beautifying of her own front yard, any of

## MORE ABOUT PURE WATER VS. SEWAGE

### LONG ARTICLES IN NEARBY PAPERS

Waukegan, the City which Voted Against the Sanitary District Faces big Expense for Intake

Nearly every paper on the North Shore last week printed a long article about the sewage disposal question and its relation to pure drinking water. Portions of the articles are reprinted here because it is well for the citizens to know what the citizens from other towns think about a question which concerns them all equally.

**This is from the Evanston Index**  
 The Evanston Index harbors no pessimism, but it invites you to do a little thinking.

Get your first thought to the problem of drainage. Possibly you didn't know it, Mr. New-resident, but there is. It is a fact which far sighted citizens of North Shore villages have long had on their minds, that unless the sewage of those villages is properly taken care of the North Shore will not be delightful at all fifty years from now. It will be desolate. It will have a name so ugly it is horrible to think of. For the North Shore will have the reputation of having poisoned its residents.

Yes, poisoned them. There is a poison just as deadly as cyanide or arsenic. It is the kind that gets into drinking water when that water contains sewage. Right now the North Shore is engaged in emptying its sewage into its drinking water. The lake of which we are all so proud is becoming our worst enemy. We are making it so. We are poisoning it, and it is poisoning us. This is a fine way to establish a home, is it not? You look with scorn upon a man who takes his family to live on top of a swamp and is too indolent to try to cure the swamp. But how are you going to regard yourselves, when you have laid out towns, and attracted thousands to them, and pictured the advantages for their children, not to speak of their children's children, and in the meantime you look calmly upon a condition of affairs ten fold worse than any swamp ever created.

### This is from the Lake Forester

It is certainly desirable to make Lake Forest more beautiful, but we want it sanitary as well as beautiful. Two subjects are of vital interest not only to Lake Forest but to the entire North Shore. First, What shall we do with our sewage? Second, How obtain pure and uncontaminated Drinking Water? Our rapidly increasing population compels us to solve these problems speedily.

### This is from the Waukegan Sun

Readers will remember Waukegan as the city which defeated the proposition for a North Shore Sanitary District. Waukegan is now frantically endeavoring to devise some means of purifying its drinking water and preventing the regular visits of typhoid fever.

"An extension of the present intake to a point 12,000 feet from shore at an estimated cost of \$150,000, is the recommendation made by the special water committee, recently appointed by Mayor Biding. This report will be presented at the next regular meeting of the city council."

### NEW GAS PLANT IN OPERATION

North Shore Company Starts Manufacture of Gas in \$100,000 Plant at Waukegan

The first delivery of gas from the North Shore Gas Company's new \$100,000 plant, recently completed at Waukegan, was made to North Shore towns last Thursday. The plant is at present manufacturing 500,000 feet of coal gas per day and this is run into the pipes with the crude oil gas which is manufactured at the old plant. The daily output of coke from the plant will be from 65 to 75 tons. This by-product will be offered to local consumers through the various dealers on the North Shore. Two new by-products, ammonia and coal tar, will also be manufactured.

A report has been circulated that the name of the company is to be changed but this is a mistake probably caused by the fact that the stockholders of the present company have formed a new organization, with a capitalization of \$6,000,000, which will be known as the Chicago Suburban Gas and Electric Company. The formation of this company will not effect the management or name of the North Shore concern.

which will give her a clouded red, white and blue patriotic bead. Or, if she earns any money, she also earns black and gold business beads, which mean the hard and the bright side of earning ones living.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Accept Recommendations of City Attorney that They Proceed With Laurel Ave. Improvement in Manner Planned

### ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON WORK

Minor Matters up for Discussion Take Back Seat When Subway Improvement Comes up

At the regular meeting of the City Council Tuesday night a report from the City Attorney, in reply to the letter, prepared following the special meeting two weeks ago, regarding the financing of the Laurel Avenue subway improvement, was received and read. It will be remembered that at this meeting the question came up as to the advisability of completing the improvement by special assessment, an ordinance for which had been passed at the previous regular meeting. In view of the considerable deficiency shown by the report on the special assessment, accounts many aldermen were of the opinion that it would be better to pass an ordinance for the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$3,300, the city's portion of the cost of improvement, and submit the same to the voters at a special election.

The City Attorney's reply to the letter is substantially as follows: In reply to the question as to whether it would be advisable to continue with the improvement in the manner called for by the ordinance, he says in part that he believes it advisable to do so as fast as possible under this ordinance. He calls attention to the fact, stated in THE PRESS a few weeks ago, that the present condition of the special assessment accounts is such that there is no way of telling whether the deficiency as shown in the report is correct or not. "In some assessments," the report reads, "when proper records are completed it will probably be found that an insufficient assessment was made to pay for the cost of the improvement in which even a supplemental assessment should be levied upon the property benefited. In cases where a sufficient assessment has been levied and there is a deficiency the city may be liable if the money was wrongfully used." The Attorney further says that the deficiency should in no way influence the plans as originally made and that he deems the arrangement the best that can be made under the circumstances.

In connection with this it is advisable to state that the report referred to is the one printed substantially in THE PRESS a few weeks ago and that it is correct as far as the records stand. It is made up from the monthly reports of the city collector. At the present time auditors are working on these accounts and are putting the special assessment accounts on an individual basis. When this audit is completed it is hoped that the books will show just how each assessment stands and what the exact amount of the deficiency is. Many are of the opinion that unless this can be done it will be impossible to levy a further assessment on any of the improvements because it will be impossible to show how the money already collected was spent.

In reply to the question of how the city can obtain the money to meet the first installment of \$701.50 which will be due July first if the improvement is made by special assessment the City Attorney says that it can be done by issuing corporate bonds and he calls attention to the fact that the city's portion of special assessments for the years 1910, 1911 and 1912, amounting to \$18,000 was met in this manner.

In reply to the question as to whether it would be advisable to pass an ordinance calling for \$3,300 bond issue to be submitted to the voters at a special election the attorney says: "No," and explains that the city's portion can be cared for as stated above. As stated in THE PRESS two weeks ago many believe it would be cheaper to issue bonds and thus be able to pay the contractor cash and save the discounts usual where he is paid in bonds but the attorney points that the cost of a special election would be double the saving and suggests that this election can be called at the general election next April.

The last question was as to whether it would be advisable to spread a new assessment assessing the total cost against the C. & N. W. Ry. To this the attorney answered no, without explanation.

The council accepted the report and an advertisement appears in this paper calling for bids on the work.

Other Proceedings  
 A communication from A. W. Fletcher requesting a sewer on Deerfield Av., from Oakwood to the railroad tracks was referred to the Sewer Committee.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NEARBY CITIES

### BUILD CHURCH IN LAWLESS DISTRICT

Raps Mrs. McCormick's Venice Plan. To Improve Glencoe Depot Property

### Raps Mrs. McCormick's Venice

Every once in a while a story breaks out in a Waukegan paper that Mrs. Harold McCormick is planning a lake front Venice on her Lake Forest shores. It is to cost anywhere from one to three million, a mere bagatelle for us. While the plan is beautiful and worthy of Mrs. McCormick in every detail, the writer of these stories must remember that while Chicago has one Montgomery Ward to guard the shore, we have many of him scattered along the old bluff, all in good "barking" order. Then too we have, once in a while, a mayor (and council) who hand one to these cliff dwellers, whole streets running down to the lake. This further isolates the inlanders and to get them to enthuse on a lake Venice idea one would have to furnish airships so they could have a look at the place designated. Until these are furnished, and Mrs. McCormick secures one approval to the plan, she is hardly likely to sink a few millions in the drifting sands of the wave beat shore. Dream on writers. *Lake Forest Correspondent, Evanston Index.*

### Build Church in Lawless District

Polish priests, as apostles of law and order, are to try to accomplish what Evanston has failed in for years—the taming of the "blind pig" outlaw region to the west of the city limits. It is said to be the most lawless spot in Cook County.

It became known last week that an Evanston real estate dealer has consummated a sale to the Catholic church of a half block of property lying between Florence and Wesley Avenues and Wilder Street.

### To Improve Glencoe Depot Property

According to the Glencoe Record the Northwestern Railway Company will spend about \$25,000 in a proposed improvement at Glencoe. All freight tracks south of the freight depot will be taken up and the land from Park Avenue south to Hazel Avenue will be made into a park. Two tracks will be laid north of the depot and Milton Avenue, on the extreme limit of the property which will be used for unloading and the other for storage, leaving space enough between for teams to drive in but not to turn around. All freight will come in and go

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## STABBED IN FIGHT SOLDIER MAY DIE

### NO TRACE OF ASSAILANTS FOUND

Good Opportunity for Investigation of "Blind Pig" said to be Operating near Highwood

### Private George McClue, the soldier who

was stabbed in a street fight in Highwood early Saturday morning is at the post hospital and the doctors now believe he will recover. No trace of his assailants, said to be Italians with whom a group of soldiers had been having trouble earlier in the evening, has been found. The men engaged in the brawl were all, according to reports, in an intoxicated condition after a night's carousal in a "blind pig." This is only one of the cases through which a few men catering to a lawless element gathered from all parts of the North Shore are putting Highwood's reputation back to the place where it used to be in the days of the wide open town. Although there are many reports of hilarious affairs, held in the city it seems that a majority of the "blind pigs" are operated outside the limits and that a glorious opportunity is thus afforded Mr. Quayle and the members of the Law and Order League to distinguish themselves. They may rest assured that they will have the cooperation of two thirds of the citizens of Highwood. There is also an opportunity for States Attorney Dady and his assistants and for Sheriff Green and his deputies.

### CHANGES IN RAVINIA OPERA COMPANY

Illness of Mr. Baron Necessitates Engagement of Joseph Sheehan

Beginning tonight and continuing to the end of the season, Mr. Joseph Sheehan will be the tenor of the Ravinia Opera Company, taking the place of Mr. Baron whose illness compelled a change of bill last night from Faust to Thais. Mr. Baron today is scarcely able to speak.

### PROGRESSIVES HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

Seek Men for Nominations to Senate and Legislature from Eighth District

The Bull Moosers from the Eighth Senatorial district will meet in Chicago tonight for the purpose of selecting nominees to the State Senate and Legislature from this district in opposition to Olson, Shurtless et al. The nominee for Congress in the person of Alderman C. M. Thomson, of the 25th Ward, Chicago, has already been selected.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SCHOOL OPENINGS

### DEDICATE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUNDAY

Highwood School Opens Monday as does Deerfield-Shields. Ravinia School is Opened

We are unable to obtain an account of the improvements which are said to have been made at Deerfield-Shields but the following announcement regarding the opening was given us for publication:

The Deerfield-Shields high school opens next Monday, September ninth. Regular recitations begin the first day at nine o'clock. It is especially important that those intending to enter for the first time this autumn call at the office and secure assignments to classes before Monday. The building will be open during school hours on Friday and Saturday for this purpose.

Entrance examinations for pupils who have not regularly graduated from the eighth grades of schools within the district, will be held on Saturday morning and afternoon, September seventh.

The Highwood school will open Monday with one or two changes in the teaching staff. Up to the hour of going to press these changes have not been made as the directors have experienced difficulty in selecting teachers to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations noted by this paper last spring.

The directors of Ravinia school decided at the last moment to open school in the old building and continue there until such time as the new building, the plans for which are now ready, shall be completed.

The dedication ceremonies for the Catholic school will be held Sunday and the school will be open to receive pupils the following day.

### NEWS OF THE POLICE COURT

Justice Phillips Fines Fox Lake Resort Keeper \$50.00

On a charge of engaging girls under 16 years to work in a combination dance hall and saloon at Fox Lake Gotfried Johnson, Catherine Lynch and John Lynch were fined \$50.00 and costs by Justice of the Peace Phillips Tuesday afternoon. The warrant was taken out by Officer McCarthy of the Illinois Humane Society and served by Constable Rudolph.

The North Shore Gas Company is laying mains from Waukegan to Zion City and expects to have the city supplied with gas before cold weather.