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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE MOTOR FIRE TRUCK?

OPEN NEW PARISH HOUSE WITH BAZAAR

TRINITY LADIES CLEAR OVER \$3,500

Thousands Delighted with Building Completed Seven Months After Subscriptions are Started

The new Parish House of Trinity Church was opened on Friday at half after eleven o'clock by a bazaar which continued until late Saturday night and the thousands of people who thronged there expressed their approval of the building which, connecting with the church, forms the north side of a quadrangle open to the south. In May, 1910 the Vestry, anticipating the needs of the growing parish, bought the fifty feet of land east of the rectory lot and adjoining it, giving the church property a frontage of two hundred feet on Laurel Avenue and two hundred feet depth to the alley. The next year the growing need of suitable accommodations for the Sunday school began seriously to be considered as well as the needs of the guilds and societies of the parish, and at the annual parish meeting held May 6, 1912, the plans for a new Sunday school building and parish house were formally approved. The building was started in May and completed about a week ago when on November 22 and 23 the bazaar was given for the purpose of raising money to complete the building fund. Mr. Robert E. Seyfarth, of Sheridan Road, was the architect chosen to design the building which consists of a large hall, 38 by 40 feet, with a balcony opening from the rector's study on the second floor at the west end. Adjoining the large hall is a kitchen 10 feet square and a store room in the basement complete the rooms. The wood-work is dark English oak and the indirect lighting fixtures with candles are of wrought iron. The building, which is heated by steam from a new plant which has been installed to furnish heat for the church as well as to be used only for charity and benevolent purposes and church affairs. The complete cost is approximately fifteen thousand dollars. The ladies who had worked so diligently for the success of the bazaar were highly pleased when they found that nearly four thousand dollars had been cleared.

The festoons of deep purple and dark red leaves, silvered grapes and heavy cords which formed an artistic and elaborate decoration for the main room, tea and smoking rooms, were furnished by Mr. D. F. Kelly of Mandel Bros. The many gay booths with their trellises overgrown with vines and flowers, the artistic lighting effect, the ladies in costumes, some as Japanese, Dutch, Chinese laundymen, Spaniards, Italians, Gypsies, trained nurses, and waitresses, all added to the fun and general gala effect of the bazaar. In the tea room, a wonderfully attractive place, luncheons, tea parties and dinners were the order of the day and the waitresses were most professional in manner. The fortune telling booth, a room whose oriental hangings and eastern lanterns shedding a soft glow lent mystery to the place, attracted many an unbeliever to learn of his future fate. Many were the attractions and services rendered that can not be enumerated here but certainly the least was not the messenger service composed of the boys of the church who were busy almost continually running errands. A majority of Highland Park's residents and many people from the North Shore town attended the bazaar and purchased generously, giving their hearty support in a manner which must have been gratifying to the workers. To the advisory committee of which Mrs. Frank L. Wean was chairman, and to the assisting committees who contributed so much time and work, and the cooperative assistance of the many friends in this city and in Chicago, the success of the bazaar was due.

NORTHWESTERN PAYS ASSESSMENT

Check for \$3,400 Received in Payment of Laurel Avenue Subway Improvement

Cause for thanks arrived at the City Hall last week in the shape of a check calling for a little over \$3,400 from the Northwestern Railroad as payment in full for the road's proportion of the Laurel Avenue subway improvement. The subway is about completed and will be open to traffic within a few days.

NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

KENOSHA FAVORS BIG FILTER PLANT

Will Erect Mausoleum at Libertyville. Public Service Seeks McHenry County Franchise

Mausoleum at Libertyville

Libertyville, the town selected in the first place for the first public mausoleum in Lake County, but abandoned when the village council passed an ordinance prohibiting the erection of such structures inside the corporate limits, is to have a mausoleum and work may start on its construction inside of 30 days. The village council having rescinded its previous ordinance, the promoters are given the right to proceed with plans.

Kenosha Favors big Filter Plant

On Monday of last week a special committee of the Kenosha common council which has been at work for the past two years devising plans to secure purer water for the city made a report recommending the installation of a filtration plant at a cost of \$150,000. The report says that an investigation of the water in the lake off Kenosha shows that the water is contaminated from sewage to a distance more than six miles. This would make the extension of the intake practically of no value in securing better water. The question of issuing bonds or the construction of a pressure filter with a capacity of 12,000,000 gallons of water a day will be submitted at the next city election.

Survey Soil of Entire State

What is now considered one of the most gigantic tasks ever undertaken by any group of agricultural experts in the interest of scientific farming is the compiling of soil reports of every county in Illinois, now under way under the direction of Professor C. G. Hopkins, J. G. Mosier, J. H. Pettit and Superintendent J. H. Redhimer of the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois. These soil maps are issued in the form of a bulletin for each county. It is expected to continue this work until all of the counties of the state have been surveyed.

Seeks Franchise in McHenry County

Events of last week in McHenry county throw interesting sidelights on plans of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, which is a branch of the Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago. This company, which already controls the situation up the North Shore, is seeking to extend through McHenry County. The comparatively small Equitable Electric Light Company of Lake Geneva is competing with the large corporation for territory. Both companies are after franchises in Richmond. The Public Service corporation has already extended its system from McHenry to Johnsbrough and plans to extend to Spring Grove, Solon and Ringwood.—Elgin Courier.

Northwestern Train Derailed

Because Engineer Laco failed to observe the signal telling him that there was a train in the section ahead, the towerman at Mulford Street, Evanston, derailed the Northwestern train which left Chicago at 5:42 Friday evening. The train ran a short distance on the ties and then the tracks under the engine wrenched loose. The tender broke away and rolled down the embankment, and the first coach jumped at the same time and threw itself lengthwise down the siding. One passenger was slightly injured.

Nearby Locals

The City of Rockford has won its fight against the gas corporation and as a result will get 95 cent gas commencing with the first of the year.

Although the matter is not generally known trains are being run over the line of the Waukegan, Rockford & Elgin Traction company on a regular schedule, three trains going over the line daily. At the present time the road has been completed between Lake Zurich and Palatine and the trains run between these two towns daily.

Marion, the eldest daughter of County Treasurer Carl Westerfield, came down with diphtheria Saturday and as a result the county treasurer and his wife and four children are in quarantine.

WILL EXTEND CONTEST TO CHRISTMAS DAY

Y. W. C. A. GIRLS GET SUBSCRIPTIONS

New Subscriptions to Press put Money in Association Treasury. Girls get Prizes

We have received several orders for subscriptions to THE PRESS to be used as Christmas gifts and the suggestion has been made that we extend the Y. W. C. A. contest until after Christmas in order that the members may have the opportunity of securing subscriptions in this manner. Outside of those who have given subscriptions to the girls of the Y. W. C. A. during the past two months few residents knew that we were conducting a contest in which the association was interested but the members who were working to secure the cash bonus we offered the association and one of the watches we offered the contestants knew it, as our greatly increased subscription list will prove. With the extension of the time until December 25th the members should be able to get the total of 200 new subscribers which will bring the association an additional gift of a complete set of dumb bells and Indian clubs. Every member of the Y. W. C. A. or any of the directors will receive new subscriptions and renewals of old subscriptions and from every dollar collected a handsome percentage will be deducted and placed in the treasury of the association. In addition the girl in each division securing the greatest number of subscribers will receive a gold watch. A contest well worth while and every citizen interested in the Y. W. C. A. should assist the members in making it as successful as possible.

LAKE FOREST'S PLAN TO BEAUTIFY CITY

ONCE MORE SAID TO BE COMPLETED

When Completed Business Section will have Appearance of old English Village

Lake Forest's plan to beautify that portion of the city that is seen first by visitors is again said to be completed. The most important part of the plan, as outlined in this paper some time ago, is to convert Front Street into a street like one in an English village. It will cost nearly \$2,000,000 to carry out the plans, but none of the members of the committee appear to be worried about this little detail.

With the exception of one building the entire block on Front Street from Westminster Avenue to Deerpath Avenue is to be torn down. The exception is the new building recently erected by James Anderson & Sons, at the corner of Westminster Avenue and Front Street.

The other buildings are to be set back 68 feet from the sidewalk, one slightly back from the next door neighbor, giving a step-shaped street. A canopy will extend from the front of all the buildings so that the shopper may travel from end to end of the block without being disturbed by the elements.

The Chicago and Northwestern railroad is said to be co-operating in the plan by causing several coal companies to remove unsightly sheds from their right of way and arranging for the routing of all freight trains over the Niles Center branch.

ORGANIZE FELLOWSHIP CLUB

Men of St. Mary's Parish met in School Hall Monday Night

The men of St. Mary's Parish in a meeting Monday night in the school hall laid plans for an organization which is to be known as St. Mary's Fellowship Club and which is designed as a social and working organization to further the best interests of the church and the city. The new school hall has been equipped with billiard and card tables and is an admirable meeting place which the club members plan to take complete advantage of. At the meeting Monday the fifty or more present were entertained with an impromptu program for which Charles M. Schneider, Wm. Dooley and Will Green offered stories and songs. Dr. John P. O'Neil an instructive talk on the protection of our water supply and Rev. Dr. O'Neil an interesting story of his recent trip east. Following the program a short business session was held and refreshments served.

ST. JAMES CHURCH BAZAAR IS SUCCESS

HIGHWOOD LADIES CLEAR OVER \$1000

Big Crowds Attend Each Evening and Enjoy Unique Entertainment Features

Throngs of people from all the north shore visited the new St. James Catholic Church of Highwood Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week eager to attend and enjoy the unique entertainment features of the bazaar given by the ladies of the parish in the church hall. These features being designed to earn money to pay for future church improvements, the visitors went away minus much small change but plus many handsome and useful articles which the ladies had placed on sale. Local people and merchants as well as the members of the society had been generous in their donations and the articles placed on sale were eagerly purchased by the visitors. This together with the receipts from the excellent suppers served each evening and the sale of dance tickets enabled the ladies in charge to close their accounts with a balance of over \$1,000 in their favor. On Saturday evening, while the closing ball was in progress, the drawings were made for the sixty articles on which chances had been sold during the days the bazaar was open.

Mrs. Mary Morren, general chairman, Mrs. P. J. Hahn, chairman of the married ladies' committee and Miss Katherine Kenry, chairman of the young ladies committee, are receiving the congratulations of their hardworking assistants, a complete list of whom was given in THE PRESS last week, on the successful outcome of the bazaar.

PUT BUSINESS MEN ON CORONER'S JURY

TO INVESTIGATE STARCH EXPLOSION

7 Known Dead, 3 Missing and 25 Injured in Fourth Big Explosion at Waukegan Plant

In an effort to make a thorough examination of the cause of the explosion which destroyed the Starch House of the Corn Products Co. of Waukegan Monday afternoon, as a result of which seven men are dead, three are missing and twenty-five seriously injured, Coroner Taylor has called a jury of the following business men of Waukegan: William Watrous, Fred Buck, S. E. Arnold, Jos. Parker, Theo. Meyer and Theo. Durst. These men began their investigation Tuesday and it is probable their work will extend over a period of several days.

The building which blew up was three stories high and 125 feet square and at the time of the explosion contained 75,000 pounds of starch. Ordinarily only a dozen men are employed there but as Monday was shipping day the force had been increased to 30. Spontaneous combustion is given as the probable cause of the explosion which is the fourth big one the plant has experienced in the past seven years.

McAlister Hospital is filled with victims who are being cared for by the regular attendants and several Waukegan women who have volunteered for the work. Under the Employer's Liability Act these men will receive part pay for the time they are confined and in case of loss of limb a stated sum. The families of the dead men, under this act, will receive four times as much as the victim has averaged in the matter of salary during the past year except that the amount shall not be less than \$1500 or more than \$3500.

STAMPS FOR PARCELS POST

All Fourth Class Matter After January 1st, must have new Stamps

Postmaster General Hitchcock has issued a communication to postmasters calling attention to regulations for the parcels post system, to begin January 1, 1913, and especially the effect of the innovation upon the present system of mailing merchandise packages. Notification is given that all fourth class matter after the first year will require a regulation parcels post stamp. Such matter bearing ordinary postage stamps will be treated as "held for postage."

This means that if you wish to send a package of any kind in the 4th class, such as merchandise, you must not use ordinary postage stamps as has been done in the past, but must buy special stamps to be used for that purpose only.

\$3,667 of the \$5,500 Subscribed has Been Paid but Balance Must be Collected Before the Purchase is Made

IS INCENDIARY WORKING IN CITY?

Two Most Recent Fires Appear Work of Firebug. Firemen and Volunteers Pull Trucks to Scene of Fires

With the exception of the fact that there is no rope attached and a few firemen pull it this city is back in the dark ages when the volunteer firemen ran to the station when the alarm sounded—and there is also the exception that we have no adequate alarm—and, by means of a long rope, pulled the fire truck to the scene of the fire, usually arriving some time after the building attacked had burned to the ground. The last three fires have been serious ones and in all cases the firemen and volunteers have pulled the truck to the scene because there were no horses to do the work for them. What would have happened had the fires occurred any great distance from the station can only be conjectured.

Are Incendiaries at Work

The second fire to attack the Siljestrom ice house during the month occurred about 2 a. m. Saturday and this was followed by a blaze which destroyed a barn in the rear of 145 S. Green Bay Rd. at 10 p. m. Monday, and the report that incendiaries are at work seems justified. In the earlier fires employees, careless with matches, cigars or lanterns, might be held responsible but in both fires at the Siljestrom place employees are held blameless for, so far as can be learned, none had been on the premises for some time previous and in the latest fire both house and destroyed barn owned by Mrs. Henry Elvey, of Douglas, Arizona, were empty.

In the case of the Siljestrom fire good work by the firemen confined the loss to the shed containing several sets of sled runners, the south wall, a portion of the roof of the ice house and the wall of a barn just west of the shed. This barn is the property of John Happ and was empty at the time of the fire but it is a queer coincidence that up to the day of the fire Mr. Goldberg had used it to house a team of mules which he purchased to replace the team lost in the fire a week previous. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Frank Lennis who lives opposite the building on Elm Place. Fireman Lindstrom rather than await the arrival of a team, pulled the truck as far as Second Street where he was joined by Carl Geiser. These two made the rest of the distance, two blocks, and were attaching the hose when other firemen arrived, only a few minutes after the alarm was turned in.

The Fire Monday Night

The fire Monday night which completely destroyed the barn mentioned was not discovered until too late for the department to be of use except in saving nearby property, many houses to the east being endangered by the sparks scattered by a strong wind. Several versions are given of how the alarm was turned in but the first to report to the telephone operator was Policeman Wins whose attention was attracted by the whistle of a Northwestern engine to the yards two blocks east of the scene of the fire. At

the same time two boys, William Gerhardt and William Salyards who were standing near the city hall, saw the reflection and they called the members of the Fire and Water Committee who were holding a special meeting in the City Clerk's office. This was at 10 o'clock in the evening and still there was no way of securing horses so the city officials, Fireman Lindstrom and the two boys pulled the two trucks.

Committee Recommended Changes

Nearly two months has elapsed since the Fire and Water Committee recommended the purchase of a horse to replace the one which died some time ago and the same time has elapsed since the same committee instructed the Commissioner of Public Works to draw plans and estimates of cost for the work of putting stalls in the rear of the fire station so that both horses could be kept handy. Two months ago the council instructed the Fire and Water Committee to get information and report on an adequate fire alarm system. Since that time one meeting of the council has been held. At this meeting the Fire and Water committee reported that it had nothing to report in regards the fire alarm system. The other propositions are not mentioned in the report of the council proceedings.

Need the Motor Truck

Since the first month of its publication this paper has urged the purchase of a motor fire truck as a solution of the problem of getting our fire apparatus to the scene of the fire. It has printed articles, copied from other papers, showing the good service given by the motor trucks in use in other cities and it has made many plain statements of the valuable time consumed in getting horses to the station and harnessing them before the trip to a fire could even be started. Mayor Oliver made a pre-election promise that he would secure a motor truck for the city if elected, and to that end he started the subscription list which was closed about two months ago after nearly \$6,000 had been subscribed. In securing this amount he was ably assisted by several public spirited men and by this paper which gave much valuable space to the project and was the means of collecting a considerable sum. \$3,667 of the amount subscribed had been collected up to Monday and a second request for immediate payment has been sent out. This city needs the motor truck and if you have not already paid your subscription you should do so at once.

This paper does not believe that the purchase of this fire truck will solve all the problems of fire fighting equipment. It will not furnish an alarm which will tell the firemen, an able and willing lot of men, when and where there is a fire nor will it catch a firebug, but it will, if properly operated, get the equipment to the scene of the fire in time to be of some use.

NEW MOVING PICTURE SHOW SOON TO OPEN

STORE NEXT TO POSTOFFICE RENTED

W. L. Dugdale of Evanston Secures Building and is Installing Fixtures

The Fletcher building next to the postoffice will soon be the home of a moving picture theatre, the exact date of the opening depending on the length of time necessary to complete the changes in the building and to install the fixtures. Mr. W. L. Dugdale of Evanston, who has rented the place and will operate the theatre, believes that everything will be in readiness about December first. Carpenters are now at work laying the inclined floor, upon which about 200 opera chairs will be placed, and changing the entrance so that there will be two doors in the front of the building. Extensive alterations recently made by Mr. Fletcher,

the owner, including the installation of steel girders and a steel ceiling, make the building nearly fire proof and as it is also well ventilated it seems an admirable location for a picture show. Mr. Dugdale will secure the best film service possible and will make a specialty of Saturday matinees for children.

WILL GIVE BASE BALL DANCE

New Club to Hold First Dance in Goldberg's Hall December 5

At present Highland Park has two ball clubs in prospect for next season but it is believed that before the first game is called next spring the two organizations will get together and work for the best interests of the sport here. The new organization has taken the name of the Highland Park Crescents and secured a lease on the Lincoln Avenue grounds and already posters are out announcing a benefit dance to be given in Goldberg's Hall on the evening of December 5. Pritchard's orchestra, formerly Fulton's, will furnish the music and the boys are preparing to entertain a big crowd.