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COUNTY TAX RATE GETS BIG INCREASE

Raise in Rates Over Entire County due Largely to School Tax Increase. Highland Park at Top of List

HIGHWOOD SCHOOL AT LIMIT

Big Increase for Highland Park Bonds in Jump from 41c to \$1.04. Other Rates

Mainly through the increase, from 41c to \$1.04, in the rate for city bonds taxes in Highland Park get a substantial increase this year, according to figures furnished by the press by deputy treasurer James Hepburn. The rate for school district 107, where the school tax is 13c higher than it is in 1912, is \$8.28 for 1912 against \$7.33 for 1911. In district 108, where the school tax also took a good jump, from \$2.54 to \$2.87, the rate is \$8.15 for 1912 against \$6.87 for 1911. Following are the various rates for 1911 and 1912:

	1911	1912
Highland Park	1911	1912
State Tax	\$.35	\$.38
County Tax	.52	.56
Town	.07	.06
Road and Bridge	.37	.61
High School	.97	1.04
City Tax	1.23	1.20
City Bonds	.41	1.04
City Library	.11	.12
City Parks	.30	.27
School District 107	3.00	3.00
School District 108	2.54	2.87
Total for District 107	\$7.33	\$8.28
Total for District 108	6.87	8.15

Highland Park has Highest Rate

The above figures place this city at the top of the list of Lake County corporations with Highwood, \$7.53, second. The rate in other cities is as follows: Waukegan \$6.78; Zion City \$6.06; Lake Forest \$5.99; Libertyville \$5.02; Antioch \$4.99; Grayslake \$4.30.

School Taxes Increase

School District 111, Highwood, has climbed to the \$3.00 limit where district 107 has been perched for some time and other districts show large increases, 108 going from \$2.54 to \$2.87; Lake Forest from \$1.28 to \$1.67 and Waukegan from \$1.54 to \$2.07. The Waukegan High School gets along with 88c on the \$100 while Deerfield-Shields will receive \$1.04.

Highwood and Deerfield Rates

	1911	1912
Highwood	1911	1912
State, County, Town, Road and Bridge		
High School		
City Tax	\$1.23	\$1.20
Bonds	.70	.65
Library	.03	.03
School District 111	1.75	3.00
Totals	\$5.99	\$7.53

West Deerfield Twp

	1911	1912
West Deerfield Twp	1911	1912
State	.35	.38
County	.52	.56
Town	.10	.14
Road and Bridge	.63	.61
Gravel Tax	.60	.60
High School	.97	1.04
Village	.75	1.20
School District 109	2.14	2.11
School District 110	1.09	1.09
School District 112	.29	.31

These portions of Deerfield and West Deerfield Townships within the corporate limits of Lake Forest pay the following city taxes:

	1911	1912
City	1.91	1.68
Library	.11	.11
Parks	.10	.12
Schools	1.28	1.67
School Bonds		.04

MINSTREL SHOW DATE IS SET

February 21 Selected for Young Men's Club Annual Performance

At a meeting of the Young Men's Club, held Thursday evening, the members selected Friday, February 21, as the date for their annual minstrel performance. Mr. W. M. Lowrie has been selected to stage the show this year and he is already at work preparing his material. A try-out for the selection of talent will be held next week.

ANNUAL Y. W. C. A. MEETING

Will be Held Saturday Afternoon in the Aldis Playhouse, Lake Forest

The Lake County Young Women's Christian Association will hold its annual meeting at the Aldis Playhouse, Deerpath Avenue on Saturday, January 4th, at three o'clock. All members and friends of the association are cordially invited to attend. Mr. J. W. F. Davies, Director of Community House of Winnetka, will give an interesting address on community life in the suburbs.

WHY NOT PREPARE A SKATING POND?

BEST WINTER SPORT IS NEGLECTED

Other Cities Flood Vacant Lots. Why Can't Highland Park do the Same?

Ice-skating is a fine healthful sport and should be encouraged among young and old. Most children in Highland Park have skates and tucked away in numerous closets will probably be found skates to fit their elders but where oh where is the ice, or a place for ice to form if the weather is cold enough? Just at present Skokie supplies a small skating pond but it is too far for the average youngsters to travel and this, outside of one or two private places, is the only place in Highland Park where the children can enjoy the best of winter sports.

In other cities the authorities flood vacant lots and in some cases build shelters, but in Highland Park nothing has ever been done and nothing probably ever will be done but THE PRESS never-the-less calls the attention of the citizens in general and the authorities in particular to the fact that there are any number of vacant lots which will hold water and that it would be an easy matter to stretch a lead of hose from the nearest hydrant to one of them. It is true that the weather just at present is not exactly 'skating weather' but we'll have the right brand before long and now is a good time to prepare for it. THE PRESS would like to hear from people who have or know of vacant places easily accessible, and large enough, which can be used for this purpose. As a starter we suggest that the athletic field at the high school would make an excellent pond.

RAILROAD MEN RETURN THANKS

Guests at Home Grateful for Entertainments Given During the Year

That they might express their appreciation of the many kindnesses shown them by the people of Highland Park the guests at the Railroad Men's Home requested the publication of the following note of thanks:

Highland Park, Dec. 29, 1911

To the ladies and gentlemen of Highland Park:

We, the guests of the Railroad Men's Home, wish to thank you for the enjoyment and good cheer made possible by your many entertainments the past year and for many beautiful floral gifts. We regret our inability to return in a more material way acknowledgement of our appreciation. However, one and all we extend our heartfelt wish that your new year and those to come may all be happy ones.

Cordially yours,

C. W. Tice, C. T. Whitehouse, O. E. Burke, I. H. Meeker, J. S. Southern, J. A. Henry, R. B. Perry, C. B. Glen, John Hancock, M. W. Webster, S. J. Mitchell, S. T. Maynard, J. S. Walker, J. W. McMassy, E. S. Boyd, M. S. Mannus, J. E. Smithers, Frank Durland, P. A. Ryan, Frank Alsprugh, Bert Sunderland, Ed. Burkholder, L. C. Duffee, E. Compton, E. Costello, C. F. Jenks, J. V. Buskirk, Wm. Delaney, F. M. Hansell, W. M. Cooper, T. P. Pay, F. M. Madison, E. S. Payne, F. F. Finney, W. O. Johnson, H. C. Park, J. Bellaire, J. S. Wilcox, J. C. Cunningham, J. A. Mertens, Fred Kraul, John Fanning, Frank Osterman, J. Messenger, Fred Fogg, M. M. Vail, T. A. Cogan, Wm. McPherson, C. W. Word, John Higgins, W. W. Snodgrass, A. W. Crawford, Edmund Burke, C. B. Lindsey.

Y. W. C. A. PRESS CONTEST CLOSES

Three Gold Watches Awarded by This Paper in Subscription Contest

With the closing of the Y. W. C. A. contest for subscriptions to THE PRESS three girls are made happy by the receipt of handsome watches and the Association profits by a handsome bonus which THE PRESS will pay into its treasury as a result of the good work done by the members. In the senior division Miss Manie Siljeström, with a lead of about 5000 votes over her nearest competitor, Miss Esther Nelson, wins a diamond set, solid gold case, Elgin movement watch; while the two watches, one an Elgin and one a Crown movement, both with handsome gold filled cases, awarded to the junior division will go to Miss Carrie Gerken, first and Miss Marie Cauley, second.

With the closing of this contest and the addition of the many new subscribers THE PRESS just about covers its field. Starting on March 1, 1911 with a few over 400 this paper has gained a few over 900 and lost less than 50 subscribers, leaving a total of about 1300.

SEARCH FOR CAUSE OF LATEST FIRE

BLAZE IN WAREHOUSE SUNDAY NIGHT

Window and Door in Highland Park Fuel Company Building Pried Open

A blaze which more closely resembled the work of an incendiary than any of the recent fires in Highland Park was discovered Sunday night at about 11 o'clock in the North First Street warehouse of the Highland Park Fuel Company. The fire department arrived in good time and the blaze was extinguished with small loss about \$200 according to Mr. Denzel, manager for the company.

The fire started in a pile of plastering fiber on the second floor of the building and was first seen by a group of young people returning from Ebenezer church. Two of the group notified Mr. Denzel and the department while the others opened the door of the building. Ray Brand, one of the party, states that the door opened easily and later it was discovered that a window had been pried open. This, coupled with the fact there was no apparent cause for the fire leads many to believe that an incendiary started it. About 500 bushels of hair and plastering fiber were stored in the building.

MODERN WOODMEN BIRTHDAY

Thirtieth Anniversary of Society's Organization to be Observed in January

The Modern Woodmen of America will be 30 years old on January 5. This date falls on Sunday and local camps throughout the country will celebrate the occasion at their first meeting in the new year.

The Society operates in forty-six states, the District of Columbia, and the four western provinces of Canada, and has members in Alaska, our island possessions, and all parts of Europe, Asia and Africa to which civilization has penetrated. The Society's statistical record, published the first of the current year, shows the following: Beneficial members, 1,183,733; social (uninsured) members, 35,576; insurance in force, \$1,863,194,000.00; local camps or lodges, 15,265; death claims paid in 1911 numbered 6,918, representing disbursements of \$11,613,843.35; actual expense of management, 93 cents per member.

NEW QUARTERS FOR BOYS' BAND

Given use of Room Over Fire Station and are Practicing Diligently

Now that they have secured the room over the fire station as a place for practice only one thing is needed to complete the happiness of the members of the boys' band and orchestra and if some one will make them a present of a second hand piano that some one will gain a place in a very select hall of fame. Heretofore the boys have practiced in a room which contained a piano but in the new quarters, which are most desirable for their purpose, the boys will have to supply their own instruments and at present the members are subscribing for the purchase of a base drum. Mr. Florent is giving his services as director and with a little encouragement this group of young musicians will build an organization of which the city will be proud. We respectfully recommend it to the Business Men's Association or to the trustees of the Boy Scouts.

DEALS IN RAVINA REAL ESTATE

Sales Aggregating \$41,750 are Recorded. Julius Rosenwald Buyer

Sales of Ravina property aggregating \$41,750 were recorded last week when lot 70, comprising 34 acres at the east end of Cary Avenue and having a frontage of 329 feet on the west side of Sheridan Road was transferred to Julius Rosenwald by O. H. Morgan, N. B. Lauren, and G. C. Ebeling for a total of \$32,750 and lot 115, South Highland Addition, was sold by Joseph L. Peering to O. H. Morgan for \$9,000.

WINNERS IN MERCHANDISE CONTEST

Holders in First Drawing Numbers Claim Prizes in C. M. Schneider's Contest

Holders of the winning numbers in Chas. M. Schneider's contest were easily found this year and the prizes have been distributed as follows: First, W. R. Ruffner, number 284; second, H. Radloff, number 3770; third, Miss E. F. Brown, Kenosha, number 3574; fourth, James Whipple, number 1950. Last year three drawings were held without the winner of the first prize being found.

SHOULD ATTEND LECTURE JAN. 9

Everyone Should Hear Mr. E. G. Cooley on Vocational Training

Citizens generally are urged to remember the date Jan. 9, and to hear Mr. Cooley's lecture on Vocational Training which will be given in the Elm Place School. This is a live topic as our next legislature will be asked to establish Vocational Training Schools in Illinois. An outline of the lecture was given in last week's Press.

PULMOTORS BOUGHT BY GAS COMPANY

ONE LOCATED IN HIGHLAND PARK

Two Recent Deaths Inspire Purchase of Machine which Saved Two. For Public Use

Following the death by asphyxiation of two Waukegan men the North Shore Gas company has purchased two pulmotors, one of which will be placed in this city, for use along the North Shore. The machines are the same as those used in Chicago by the Commonwealth-Edison company, one of which was instrumental in saving the lives of two in the recent accident in Waukegan which caused the two deaths mentioned.

The second machine will be kept in Waukegan and Mr. Goodnow of the gas company, said today that the machines will be free for use by doctors or by others who know how to handle them. No special autos will be maintained for conveying the machine about, but the central location of the offices in the two cities, makes them available quickly.

Frequently the employes of the gas company are overcome by gas and up to the present time it has been the custom to revive them by artificial respiration and first aid to the injured. By use of the pulmotor it will be possible to revive them more quickly and surely. Then, too, there are many times during the winter time when the houses are closed tight up that people are overcome by escaping gas from coal stoves. The pulmotor will prove very effective in reviving them and may be the means of saving many lives.

The pulmotor has also proved very effective in reviving supposedly drowned people, provided it is used as soon as the bodies are drawn from the water. In cases of supposed drowning it will be possible to have a pulmotor on the ground within a few minutes. To take it to any of the lakes in the county in an automobile would not consume many minutes and the result may be the saving of many lives in the future. Physicians say that it may be possible to save half a dozen lives a year in the city and county as the result of the company's purchase.

TWO WEEKS SCHOOL IN AGRICULTURE

State University Offers Special Course for Farmers Jan. 13 to 25

How much can a young man learn in two weeks? A practical experiment along this line is to be conducted at the University of Illinois from January 13 to 25. The method will be to present in two weeks time a condensed but practical course in Agriculture. Every hour will be crammed full of information. There will be three lectures every day and two laboratory periods in which crop production, farm machinery, dairying, poultry, corn judging, soil testing, stock judging, animal husbandry and other things will be studied.

The two weeks course has been planned especially for those who wish to make some practical use of the work. It is hoped that ideals will be carried back to the farm and put to work. At the same time that the Corn Growers and Stockman's Convention is in session a School for Housekeepers will do the same for the young women.

Following is the outline of the program: Lectures on sheep, hogs, horses, farm stock, heating and water supply systems, feeding and management of horses, draining of Illinois lands, poultry, vegetables for the home garden, cooking for threshers, farm menus, the country woman's club, etc. Laboratory work in corn judging, feeding and breeding dairy cows, farm mechanics, crop production, poultry, milk testing, soils, etc. All this work of the two weeks' courses is in addition to the regular work of the College of Agriculture. The lectures are all given by authorities in their respective fields and are therefore of permanent value. The courses are open to all residents of Illinois and there are no fees. Further information may be obtained by writing to the College of Agriculture.

MUST RAISE \$34,054.32 TO BALANCE ASSESSMENT

AUDITOR'S REPORT SHOWS ACCOUNTS THAT FAR OFF

Many Reasons Advanced for Deficiency, Principal One Being System of Keeping Accounts. This Sum is in Addition to \$18,000 Already Raised

According to the report of the Guthrie Auditing company Highland Park will acknowledge a New Year's guest who is likely to remain a long, long time. His name is Liabilities and he hails from Special Assessment Nos. 72 to 199. Evidently we have been entertaining this guest for some time but, like other evils we have always with us, we have feared to cast him out and feared to own that he occupied a room in our house or put his feet under our table and he is now grown from an infant of a few dollars to a healthy strapping woodchopper of \$34,054.32. He might have been much larger had we not placed him on a diet when we authorized a bond issue of \$18,000 some time ago. However, we are none the better off for in keeping this chap thin we fattened his brother.

The Guthrie company is the concern which took the contract for auditing the special assessment accounts of Highland Park. The concern completed its work about six weeks ago and the report referred to above, after elusively dodging the limelight, possibly by burrowing into the inside pocket of somebody's coat, was uncovered at a meeting of the Finance Committee Friday night. The last line of the report, which shows the totals after special assessments from number 72 to 199, covering a period of 19 years or from 1902 to 1912, were audited, is as follows:

Original Assessments	\$627,020.67
Cancellations, collections and rebates	32,732.66
Net assessments	594,288.01
Collections	370,769.40
Uncollected	223,518.61
Balance in funds, Oct. 1, 1912	38,599.13
Total resources	262,117.74
Bonds outstanding	272,400.00
Vouchers outstanding	638.63
5 per cent Reserve unpaid	7,408.40
Total Liabilities	260,447.03
*Excess of Resources over Liabilities	15,723.03
Excess of Liabilities over	

NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

VILLAGE MOURNS WOMAN'S DEATH

Fund for Evanston Hospital for Contagious Diseases Reaches \$95,000

Other News

Village Mourns Woman's Death

The village of Lake Bluff is in mourning on account of the death of Mrs. Lucinda A. Howard, wife of John A. Howard, a wool merchant of Chicago and president of the village board. The flag on the village hall remained at half mast during the holidays in her memory. The funeral was held Saturday, the day on which she had intended to celebrate her wedding anniversary. Mrs. Howard had been for years identified with church and charity work in her home town.

New "Blind Pig" Suppression Society

The North Shore Citizens' Association has issued circulars, sending them out to the citizens along the North Shore. Through their committees they are working for the prevention of illegal liquor selling, and the solutions of the problems of drainage and water supply. By paying \$1.00 one becomes a member, and one thousand are needed.

Hospital Fund now \$95,000

The Evanston Press states that the required amount of \$100,000 for the contagious hospital will be raised before the beginning of the year. The amount is already above \$95,000. When sufficient pledges are in the plans for the new hospital will be completed and the construction will be begun as soon as the weather permits. The Evanston Hospital association has the matter in charge and will push the construction as rapidly as possible.

Nearby Locals

Members of Westmoreland club, located near Kenilworth, have let the contract for the erection of a \$50,000 club house.

Resources 34,052.32

*This amount is made up of unpaid rebates.

The first line of the report is a severe arraignment of the method of keeping these accounts which has been in vogue, with the exception of the past 18 months, for the ten years covered. The report makes a few suggestions for bettering the system, most of which have been mentioned in this paper at various times since the accounts have occupied the limelight. It does not say how we are to raise the \$34,000 and THE PRESS has been unable to find anyone who does. The Finance Committee recommended that supplementary assessments be made on a number of the accounts where the original assessment did not cover the cost of the improvement. Failure to make these supplementary assessments at the time the original was found to be too small was one of the grave faults of the system and to a large portion of the shortage is due. Another reason, our guest is so large is because the city has never paid the interest on its portion of the assessments. Another fault of the books is that the rebates were never shown. In order to find the amounts of rebates ordered by the court the auditor had to consult the county clerk's books.

But the principal fault to be found with the old system and the principal reason the city is in such a bad way financially is the manner in which money has been borrowed from one assessment in order to pay the bills of another. This statement will probably meet with considerable opposition as there are many who believe that the city should continue the old method. The reason advanced is that the city's credit must be protected. But the reply that is made to that is that "the way to protect the city's credit is to proceed from now on in the manner devised by the law and to make arrangements as soon as possible to raise money to make up discrepancies caused by divergence from the law in the past."

Christmas Day was one of more than ordinary importance to Mrs. Ellen Jenkinson of North Burdick Street, Waukegan, for it marked her 104th birthday. She is by far the oldest resident of Waukegan and Lake County and one of the oldest residents of the United States. Mrs. Jenkinson spent the day quietly.

An unidentified man was struck and instantly killed by one of the fast trains on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at Gurnee, Ill., early Thursday morning.

The lack of proper accommodations in Chicago for scarlet fever patients has caused the sending of twenty-seven patients infected with that malady to the St. Francis hospital in Evanston.

On January 9 the doctors of the County Medical Association will meet in special session at which time a resolution asking the state board of health to cancel the license issued to Dr. L. N. LaRose of Zion City, to practice medicine in Illinois, will be drafted.

Mortimer Bain and Joe Mantkus were seriously injured Friday afternoon when a team of colts which they were hitching to a hayrack broke away, throwing them to the ground. The wheels of the wagon passed over Bain, crushing him and Mantkus was trampled on by the team. The accident occurred on the farm of Charles Mantkus near York House, and the injured men were taken to McAllister hospital where it is said they will recover.

WAUKEGAN ADOPTS WHEEL TAX

Ordinance Passed by Commissioners at Meeting Last Week

The Waukegan commissioners last week adopted a Wheel Tax Ordinance which they believe will add \$5,000 to Waukegan's annual income. Following are the fees provided by the ordinance: 1-horse wagon, \$2.00; 2-horse wagon, \$3.00; 3-horse wagon, \$5.00; 4-horse wagon, \$8.00; 6 or more horse wagon, \$10.00; 25-horsepower auto, \$7.50. Autos of more than 25-horsepower, \$10.00; motorcycles, \$5.00; auto trucks, busses, etc., \$15.00; auto delivery wagons carrying one ton or less, \$10.00.