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FURTHER NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

BUSINESS NOT REPORTED LAST WEEK

Decide not to Hold Primary Election. Pass Many Supplemental Assessment Ordinances and Repeal Others

Further proceedings of the city council, in meeting March 4, omitted from last week's report.

Want Trees cut Down

A communication from occupants of Griffin Block on E. Central Ave. requesting that an order be issued for cutting down trees in front of block and extending sidewalk to road line was referred to Street and Alley committee.

Will not Hold Primaries

By a unanimous vote the council repealed the motion, passed at the preceding meeting, calling for a primary election for city officers. Polling places for the city election, April 15, were selected as follows: Fire Department building, Schaefer's plumbing shop, D. C. Purdy and Sons, and Highland Park Press.

Would Extend Waukegan Avenue

A recommendation from the Board of Local Improvements that condemnation proceedings be started for the extension of Waukegan Ave., 40 feet in width, from the southerly line of Orchard St. to the northerly line of Vine Ave. was referred to the Street and Alley committee.

Supplemental Assessments

Ordinance repealing Sheridan Rd. and Supplemental, Nos. 72, 73 and 74, ordinances were ordered engrossed.

Ordinance providing for a supplemental assessment in No. 78 was ordered engrossed.

Supplemental Assessment ordinances were passed as follows:

Ald. Kimble voting "No." 79, paving Vine Ave. Sheridan Rd. to First St., amount \$91.28; 86, paving Morse Rd. Sheridan Rd. to Waukegan Ave., amount \$385.64; 88, paving Linden Ave., Maple to Forrest, amount \$532.05; 94, paving Green Bay Rd., south limits to First St., amount \$1217.45.

Others Business Transacted

A petition presented by Charles Holmes requesting concrete walk on south side of Chicago Ave. was presented and ordered granted.

City Collector Evans reported that he had not been able, from records available in his office, to prepare statement of principal and interest due from H. H. McCaffery, W. J. Obee and Olaf Lindblom for paving Walnut St., Assessment 96. He was ordered to get desired information from files in County Clerk's office.

Allowed city collector \$30.00 for purpose of engaging clerk to assist in preparing delinquent list in special assessment accounts.

LECTURE ON SCHOOLS AT RAVINIA

Advanced Methods at Francis W. Parker School to be Explained by Principal

On Friday evening, March 21, at eight o'clock in the Ravinia school house, residents of Ravinia and Highland Park will have an unusual opportunity that all who are interested in education cannot afford to overlook. Miss Flora Cook, principal of the Francis W. Parker school of Chicago will talk on the educational methods used in that institution, which has a national reputation. It is a practice school that attracts educators from all over the country.

Miss Cook is an authority on modern education. She was associated many years with Colonel Parker and her talk will be inspirational. A prime object in arranging for this address is to ascertain how far it may be possible to apply to the new school house, about to be built in Ravinia, the advanced ideas and methods used with such extraordinary success in the Francis W. Parker school. Admission free.

LOCAL BURGLARS TO PENITENTIARY

Two Men who Entered Sidney P. Cahn Residence Plead Guilty

Otto Mentz and Frank Englert, the two men who entered the Sidney P. Cahn residence on County Line road Friday, December 20, and departed with a quantity of silverware and miscellaneous articles and were later arrested in Chicago, plead guilty in the county court last week and were given indeterminate sentences.

Thomas J. Maskell, who broke into a fruit store in Highwood, plead guilty and was allowed to go upon his promise to quit drinking.

NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

CHEMICAL IN WATER KILLS FLOWERS

Supervisors Join in Movement for Soil Expert in County. Court Upholds Zion Anti-Smoke Law

Detectives Investigate Recent Fires

Detectives have been employed by the ice companies and are working in the western part of Lake County attempting to get evidence in regard to recent fires which is declared were of incendiary origin. Three weeks ago one of the largest ice houses in northern Illinois was destroyed by fire. The loss to the owners amounted to fully \$100,000.

Supervisors In Soil Expert Movement

The county of Lake officially entered into the movement for adopting the plan of having a soil expert who shall advise farmers of the county how to get the most efficiency out of their soil, when the supervisors voted that chairman Clark should name a committee to confer with Samuel Insull, president of the Lake County Agricultural society about the best methods of procedure to bring about this important innovation.

Chemical in Water Kills Flowers

The loss of thousands of dollars' worth of fine roses and other rare floral plants by Evanston florists who use city water in sprinkling their flowers, has just been reported, following tests which show that the chemical placed in the water to purify it has a killing effect on plant life.

Another Lake County Farm Sold

John Griffiths of Lake Forest this week closed a deal for the sale of the Byron Colby farm just north of Libertyville to Dr. W. B. Ames of Chicago, a wealthy man who is thus added to the Libertyville colony of rich agriculturists. The purchase includes about 600 acres of land and it is said, the consideration is a large one.

Upholds Anti-Smoke Law

Circuit Judge Charles Whitney Tuesday afternoon upheld the validity of the ordinance in Zion City which prohibits smoking on the public highways, in public parks and in public places. By the decision, Overseer Voliva has won a big victory in his fight to have this much talked of ordinance sustained.

Nearby Locals

Dr. Proxmire of Lake Forest has been appointed physician at Fort Sheridan during the absence of the regular physicians. When the troops left the fort for Mexico they took with them all the surgeons and left a hospital full of sick.

There are nineteen cases of scarlet fever in the city, all having developed since the first of February.—Waukegan Sun.

Miss Hanna Welch who died a few weeks ago at Waukegan, left an estate of \$10,000. One of the bequests of the will which has just been probated is—Lak-Bluff Orphanage \$1000.

On account of the prevalence of crime in Waukegan the Lake County Bar Association has endorsed the movement on foot for the passage of a curfew law by the city council.

At about noon on Wednesday of last week a fire started on the Kretschmer farm, south of Grayslake which destroyed several small buildings and cremated 32 hogs and about 85 chickens.

Chas. Harbaugh, whose lumber yard at Fox Lake was destroyed by fire last week, plans the erection of a larger and modern building on the present site. Mr. Harbaugh contributed \$100 for the benefit of the Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department as a token of his appreciation of their all night vigil in fighting the fire.

LECTURES ARE FAVORABLY RECEIVED

Public Invited to Hear Course on Social Economics at Trinity Parish House

The second in the series of lectures on social problems which is being given in Trinity Church parish house Sunday evenings at eight o'clock is entitled, "Housing, or Where the Other Half Lives." These lectures were written by Dr. W. D. P. Bliss and are being delivered by Mr. Sandwick. Nearly one hundred persons heard the first in the series, given last Sunday, and all were deeply impressed with the subject matter, the manner in which it was put forward, and by the stereopticon views with which it was illustrated. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to all.

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Highland Park Woman's Club

The members of the Woman's Club and their guests on Tuesday afternoon enjoyed a paper written by Mr. William Hard of New York, concerning the women and children of the home and the laws of this country which concern and have application to their welfare, and read by Mr. Everett L. Millard who substituted in place of Mr. Fayette Munro who is in Springfield attending the Legislature. Following the reading the ladies of the club asked many questions about the laws which were keen and exceedingly intelligent and must have greatly pleased Mr. Millard, who is a splendid worker for the Progressive party which so ardently advances Woman's Suffrage.

Mrs. Long of Evanston, who is the president of the Tenth District of the State Federation of Women's Clubs was present and spoke briefly of the work of the Women's Clubs throughout the district and expressed a desire that as many of the ladies as could possibly do so, would attend the district meeting to take place on Thursday, March 13, in the new Woman's Club of Evanston. Among the ladies who were appointed to represent this club at Evanston today are: Mrs. G. H. Campbell, president; Mrs. Maud Shannon, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. A. B. Holabird, Mrs. John Bell, Mrs. Sidney Yarbrough, Miss Collins, Miss De Roo, and Mrs. Robert Pease. Two vocal selections were sung by Mrs. George Nichols who has a lovely soprano voice and her renditions of "A Barque at Midnight," and "The Creole Love Song" were particularly pleasing to the piano accompaniment played by Mrs. James Watson. Tea was served by the following hostesses: Mrs. Payne, Mrs. E. B. Metzger, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. C. A. Smith, Mrs. H. B. Roberts, and Mrs. Shannon.

Elm Place School Notes

The entire teaching staff of Elm Place visited schools Wednesday of last week, nearly all going to Gary, Ind. The Emerson school was visited in the morning and the yet uncompleted Froebel school in the afternoon. The principal of the latter, Mr. Brickley, had arranged beforehand for the reception of the Highland Park delegation and this insured a favorable opportunity for examining the unique equipment and system of administration of the schools. The Froebel school is situated in the center of a park of twenty acres. Two members of the Parents and Teachers' Association went to Gary with the party and others went to the Armstrong, Francis Parlier and Chicago Latin schools in Chicago. Reports from these various visits were made at the meeting of the Elm Place Division the following day.

The inauguration of President Wilson was duly celebrated at 11:00 o'clock of the morning of the fourth. At an assembly of all the pupils the method of electing a president and the ceremonies of inauguration were explained by upper grade pupils. Lantern views were then thrown on the screen showing the state house and the hall of representatives at Springfield, the Capitol and the White House, etc. On last Monday morning the pupils were greatly entertained by the report of Harlan Pingry, a first grade boy, of what he saw at the inauguration ceremony at Washington.

The plant house has been filled the past three weeks with the bulbs which had been buried in flats in a pit in the school yard until February 18 and then brought in for forcing. Hyacinths and tulips in full bloom have now been transferred to the various class rooms. Snowdrops and crocuses have bloomed and gone.

The nature study classes of the first three grades under Miss Rose Miller's leadership are conducting a "sugar camp." Twenty or more sugar maples about town have been tapped and are now yielding several quarts of sap daily. The boiling down process has already yielded some maple molasses.

A set of six swinging frames is being fastened in place on the wainscoting in the upper hall to display memorials of Abraham Lincoln, photographs, prints, fac-similes of documents, etc. These frames are such as are used at the Art Institute to display prints and drawings for ready reference. For the purpose of raising a fund to provide the necessary prints and photographs for the Lincoln collection and to install some much needed pictures elsewhere, the upper grade boys are preparing a musical entertainment to be given exclusively by boys. The Elm Place Boys' Glee club will furnish several of the musical numbers. A prominent feature of this program will be a "tragic cantata" entitled "The Grasshopper." It is hoped to give this entertainment in about three weeks.

WANT CASH FOR BETTER ROADS

Highway Commissioners Want Vote on Proposition at Town Election

The highway commissioners of Deerfield township are circulating petitions in which they ask Town Clerk Farmer to submit to the voters attending the annual town meeting a proposition to raise money, by a tax of one dollar on each \$100 of assessed valuation, for the purpose of building stone, gravel or macadam roads throughout the township.

The club life at the high school is one of the unusual and excellent features of the pupils course. There is the Girls' Glee club, the Boys' Glee club, the Forum which is a debating society, the Garrick which is a dramatic club, the German and the French clubs, the Art and Needle Work club, the school orchestra and the basketball team.

PROBABLY TWO TOWN TICKETS IN THE FIELD

ELECTION FIGHT GROWING WARMER

Several Candidates for City Offices Also Declare Themselves but no Complete Tickets are Announced

While the situation in the race for neither city nor town offices can be said to be hot it is growing warmer every day and the pot is expected to boil publicly, there are suspicious persons who say that it has been boiling privately for some time at a very early date. Rumor reached this office yesterday that two tickets for town offices would be in the field and that the names upon them would read something as follows:

First ticket: Supervisor, T. M. Clark; Assistant Supervisor, Louis Rerube; Commissioner of Highways, James Sheahan; Justices of the Peace, E. A. Smith, Edw. Stuenkel, Mr. Huntly and Julius Laegler; Constables, Wm. Edwards, George Wing, John Sheahan and Oscar Freberg.

Second ticket: Supervisor, Fred Schaefer; Assistant Supervisor, Martin Ringdahl; Commissioner of Highways, Fred Clayey; Justices of the Peace, O. S. Gooch, Martin Kimble, George Phillips; Constables, Fred Rudolph, Roger Moore, A. W. Perry.

Candidates for City Offices

Petitions are being circulated bearing the names of E. A. Warren for City Clerk and F. B. Green for City Treasurer on a ticket styled the "Nonpartisan." A. A. Moses, Thomas Sleeman and A. B. Hill are announced as candidates for aldermen from the first ward; Martin Kimble has circulated a petition for Mayor as has John Conrad for Police Magistrate. Otherwise there nothing but rumors upon which to base a story of the city election.

NATURE'S GRAND OPERA BEGINS

Song Birds Arriving and Performances are Being Given Daily

Nature's grand opera performances have begun, the stage is set in every field and bit of woods and the songbirds are arriving by the airline from the south where they have been giving performances before the "crowned heads" of Kentucky, Georgia and other principalities during the winter months. It is true the settings as yet are crude, the birds having arrived as usual before the scene painters put the green in, but the performances are quite up to the standard set in other years and Mlle. Meadow Lark, Mon. Robin and Mr. Kentucky Cardinal, assisted by a large chorus and a regular "duck" of a ballet are giving all the old favorites in a manner that is attracting favorable notice from the critics. It is true that the general public, as is generally true of the general public, is somewhat backward in acknowledging the worth of these operatic stars and the attendance so far is confined to the regular "first nighters."

LEGENDS OF THE INDIANS

Told in the Songs and Basketry of North American Tribes

Those in Highland Park who are interested in the legends of the North American Indian are eagerly awaiting the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Brewster Humphries, who will make their first appearance before a western audience, since they have been engaged in their present work in the Elm Place school auditorium Monday afternoon at three o'clock under the auspices of the North Shore Chapter, D. A. R. Rev. and Mrs. Humphries are founders of the American Indian League and the entertainment they will offer Monday is entitled "The Songs and Basketry of the North American Indian." During the first part of the program Rev. Humphries will give a group of Indian folk songs which he has harmonized while in the second part Mrs. Humphries will explain the meaning of the pictures, which tell the legends of the various tribes, which the Indian women weave into their baskets. After the entertainment the baskets which are used will be placed on sale and there will also be a candy and tea table conducted by the ladies of the D. A. R.

MAY CELEBRATE AT RAVINIA PARK

Business Men Considering Holding Highland Park Day Outing there

It is understood that the Business Men's Association is considering a plan to hold the annual Highland Park Day celebration at Ravinia Park this year. The heavy rain last year which caught the people without shelter and spoiled the days sport, is the principal reason advanced for the change.

QUESTION OF SCHOOL SITE IS UNDECIDED

PETITION FOR NEW SITE PRESENTED

Statement is Made that Neither Site Proposed Received Majority of Votes and Board has Power to Select

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education of District 107 on Monday evening the matter of the selection of a school house site came up for consideration but final action was deferred until the presence of the entire membership of the Board could be secured. At this meeting a petition signed by 181 voters was presented urging the Board to select for a school site the property fronting on Green Bay Road and Glenview Avenue owned by the parish of St. Mary's Catholic Church. The petition recited that at the election of February 15 neither of the two sites submitted had received a majority of all the votes as required by law, and that therefore the selection of a site devolved upon the Board of Education. The parish site was urged as being much cheaper than the Sheahan site, which is the site that received the greater number of votes at the election, and as being more conveniently situated with reference to the homes of a majority of the pupils that would be enrolled in a west side school. The rapid growth of population in Exmoor addition was cited as an excellent reason for locating the school in that addition and the parish site was named as the most available.

In the informal discussion that followed the presentation of the petition it was brought out that the parish site had been carefully considered by the Board before the decision to submit the Sheahan site at an election had been made. The parish site, it was shown, lies within a half block of the railroad tracks at a point where the whistling of engines and the roar of express trains is very noticeable. The Sheahan site is more than 450 feet farther from the railroad and is screened from it by several rows of houses. The difference in price of the two sites was explained as largely a difference in area. At the rate at which the Sheahan site is offered, the parish site would cost only six hundred dollars less. The natural beauty of the Sheahan site was urged in its favor, the land sloping gently back to the crest of the ridge overlooking the Skokie and still covered in part with native forest. With reference to the legal points involved it seemed to be generally agreed that the statement of the petitioners with reference to the powers of the Board of Education was correct. The state law provides that if at an election for determining the location of a school house no site receives a majority of all the votes cast, the Board may choose a site, there being no express requirement that the site selected be one that had been submitted at the election. A meeting of the Board has been called for Monday evening and, if all members are present, it is probable that some definite action will be taken.

The next article by Superintendent Jesse L. Smith on the needs of District 107 will appear in next week's issue. The boundaries of the district and the distribution of school population within it will be considered.

CITY PERMIT FOR CAR PLATFORMS

Street and Alley Committee Reports Favorably on Proposition of Business Men

At a meeting of the Street and Alley committee last Friday night the members voted to give the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric permission to build platforms on the north side of Central Ave. and on the north and south sides of Elm Place as suggested by the Business Men's Association and reported in these columns last week. Supt. Bock, of the electric line, stated Tuesday that, while he did not entirely favor platforms on the north side of Central Ave. because of the lack of a suitable waiting room on that side, he was ready to cooperate with the city in any way the officials deemed best and that the platforms would be built as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

CHANGE NAME TO RAVINE DRIVE

Property Owners Favor Change from Avenue in Mail Vote

The commissioners for the East Park District recently sent a communication to all the owners of property on Ravine Ave. suggesting that the name be changed to The Ravine Drive. Out of the twenty-one owners sixteen reported in favor of Ravine Drive and three wanted it called The Ravine Drive—no reply came from the other two. The change will probably be made at the next board meeting.

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