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MORE LIGHT URGED AT MASS MEETING

Citizens are told by Juvenile Protective Association that one Cause of Immorality is Poorly Lighted Stations

IMMEDIATE ACTION IS URGED

President of Association Says Idleness Breeds Evil Habits Among Children of All Classes on North Shore

One of the first results which will follow the mass meeting held Sunday afternoon will be an effort to secure better lighting for the subways and electric road stations, especially at Vine Ave. and Moraine Rd., where the conditions are said by the investigators representing the North Shore Juvenile Protective League which called the meeting, to be particularly bad in so far as they effect the morals of the young of this city and Highwood.

As was stated last week this meeting was an outgrowth of similar meetings held in the towns to the south of us where the association was formed and where investigators found a state of immorality among the young which started a vigorous crusade. The principal thought of the speakers who addressed the meeting seemed to be that children of the North Shore towns do not have enough good work to do and therefore turn to evil. These conditions are not confined to the poorer classes. Said Ralph R. Lounsbury of Wilmette, who is president of the association:

"It was not the children of the hoi polloi, the people living west of the tracks in Wilmette among whom such shocking conditions of immorality were found in our investigations last summer. It was among the children of the so-called aristocracy east of the tracks.

Prof. Allan Hoben of the University of Chicago, who was the principle speaker of the day, stated that: "Those who offend against children, are generally those who can interest in their behalf certain political aid, and without organization effective work cannot be done, against them."

Prof. Hoben holds the office of field secretary of the association and is especially interested in organizing local leagues as a means of letting citizens know the conditions which surround their children.

Prof. R. L. Sandwick, who is a member of the local committee, said in part that: "A change has come in our civilization. We have to provide more work for our children. Outside the few hours in which they are in school they have absolutely nothing to do. It is an absolute necessity to provide them with something to keep them engaged, to furnish something to satisfy their craving for excitement, or they will supply the deficiency themselves."

Other speakers argued for a community house and Mrs. G. H. Campbell, the club's president, drew the attention of those present to the fact that the Highland Park Woman's Club has already opened a subscription list for the purpose of erecting such a building.

Through the investigation the local committee is said to have obtained the names of delinquent boys and girls and of places which are said to have contributed to their delinquency. The sale of cigarettes and tobacco to minors was pointed out as an evil to be suppressed at once.

EASTER SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES

Special Music in All Knights Templar Services in Presbyterian Church Passion Music at Trinity

The choir of Trinity Church under the direction of Mr. Herbert Macfarren, Choirmaster is to give Maunders sacred cantata, "Olivet of Calvary" on Good Friday night at 7:45 o'clock with the assistance of the following soloists: Mrs. Geo. R. Nichols, Soprano; Mr. Calkins, Tenor; and Mr. Charles E. Weeks, Bass. An invitation is extended to the public to be present.

Knights Templar at Presbyterian
Evanston Commandery, No. 58, and Waukegan Commandery No. 12, will this year hold their combined Easter Service in the local Presbyterian Church. The services will begin at three thirty o'clock and will be led by Sir Knight David Park, of Evanston Commandery, and Rev. R. Calvin Dobson. Special music will be supplied by the church choir.

TUITION PUPILS IN ELM PLACE SCHOOL

TWENTY-SIX ARE NOW IN ATTENDANCE

From Twenty-five to Fifty Dollars each is Paid as Tuition Fee for Fort Sheridan Children says Mr. Smith in Article

In the issue of the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS for March 6, the reduction in attendance at Elm Place school due to the opening of the parochial school was set forth. It was shown that the withdrawal of 112 pupils formerly enrolled at Elm Place and the diverting of 20 or more beginning pupils—a total, possibly, of 135 pupils—had not made it possible to dispense with the services of more than two teachers. It was shown that where due regard to the classification of pupils is maintained the number of teachers to be employed in a school can not be determined by a simple method of dividing the total number of pupils by the number a school room of a given size may be made to accommodate. Uniformity of numbers in the different rooms may be secured at the expense of a crowded program and of reduced opportunity from time and attention of the individual pupil. For example, forty pupils evenly classified within a single grade may receive more careful instruction from one teacher than would twenty-five pupils belonging to two different grades.

This article is to consider the enrollment of pupils from different portions of District 107. In doing this it may be well to refer first to an open letter published in THE PRESS some weeks ago and signed by Mr. O'Brien in which the complaint was made that the tax payers had not been furnished with certain information. It seemed, for one thing, information relating to the number of pupils attending Elm Place but living outside of the district was desired. The desired information is that there are two pupils from Ravinia and twenty-four from Ft. Sheridan. The enrollment of these twenty-six pupils in our sixteen class rooms is here given, consecutively, beginning with the lowest room: 1-2-2-1-2-2-1-1-3-2-3-1-1-0-0-1. From this it is clear that the above enrollment does not appreciably affect conditions at Elm Place. The two pupils from District 108 were admitted some years ago and are being permitted to finish their course. Only a few other applications for admission from that district have been made in the past four years and these have been consistently refused.

For fifteen or more years pupils from Fort Sheridan have been received at Elm Place. The United States government does not provide educational facilities for children at army posts like Ft. Sheridan, and a decision to exclude those now at Elm Place would have unfortunate consequences not only for the children of the officers but for those of civilians and non-commissioned officers who make up nearly half the enrollment from Fort Sheridan. All pay tuition, the total receipts being not far from five hundred dollars a year. Some of these patrons pay twenty-five dollars a year, some forty and some fifty. This is hardly a "meager" payment when it is considered that probably not more than three out of ten of the tax payers in Dist. 107 pay fifty dollars tax a year for the support of Elm Place school.

Referring again to the letter by Mr. O'Brien it would seem fair to admit that the letter was prepared under the serious handicap of a lack of information for in it was hazarded the statement that nearly as many pupils attend Elm Place from the Exmoor addition as from the east side. Now the fact is that there are at present 81 pupils coming from Exmoor to Elm Place, and that 223 pupils come east of the railroad tracks, or two and three fourths times as many. From all the area west of the railroad, and not including Exmoor, there are 161 pupils in attendance, or about twice as many as from Exmoor. It is thus seen that the present enrollment at Elm Place includes 223 pupils from east of the tracks and 242 pupils from west of the tracks.

Some reference to the geography of Dist. 107 may be in place here. Its northern boundary is that of the city and borders the government reservation. Its western boundary coincides with that of the city as far as Deerfield Ave. Here its southern boundary begins and follows the section lines due east to the lake, coinciding with Deerfield Ave., west of the railroad, and crossed and recrossed east of the tracks by the winding course of Ravine Ave. Some of this description may be repeated in outlining that part of the school district known as the "west side."

The west side lying within District 107 is a right-angled triangle, the railroad

forming the diagonal side, and the base being an east and west line coinciding with Deerfield Ave. and little more than a half mile in extent. The other side of the triangle is a north and south line coinciding throughout its extent of somewhat more than a mile with the west boundary of the city. The apex of this triangle is at the point where the railroad tracks pass out of the city just north of the viaduct at Bloom St. By the Exmoor addition is usually meant the area bounded by West Park Ave., Green Bay Road, and the east line of Exmoor Country Club. It occupies the apex end of the triangle just described and includes almost exactly one third of the area of the triangle, meaning the "west side."

Within the other two thirds of the triangle is the Sheahan tract, one half as large as the entire Exmoor addition. This has not been opened up in settlement but the possibility of this and its almost certain rapidity of development must be considered in gauging the future distribution of population in the school.

The figures given above show that the present school population of Exmoor is one third of the total of the entire west side. With the Exmoor, however, in grouping areas of population might be included the triangular strip north of an east ward extension of West Park Ave., and lying between First St. and Green Rd. This would make an area with a considerable increase of population but still much inferior in numbers to the remaining portion of the west side area.

The term "east side," as applied to the portion of Dist. 107 east of the railroad is clear enough but it is customary to give special name to that portion included between the ravine immediately south of Bloom St. and parallel to it, and the north boundary of the city. This is usually called the Port Clinton division. Within this division Dist. 107 possesses a school site with a one-room school building thereon on Marie St. within 400 feet of the north limits of the city. On this site the first school house within the present limits of Highland Park was erected. It was a log house and was later on succeeded by the present school building known as the Port Clinton school. When Dist. 7, later known as 107, was incorporated in 1876, it was made to include the Port Clinton school and its tributary territory. For a number of years thereafter a school was maintained there somewhat irregularly. Later the policy was adopted of sending only pupils of the first three grades there. This continued until October, 1906, at which time there were 24 or 25 pupils there under the care of one teacher. At that particular time it was necessary to employ an additional teacher for the Elm Place school. It was seen that if the Port Clinton teacher and her pupils were transferred to Elm Place the pupils would naturally be distributed among five class rooms and the teacher would be free to fill the vacant position. Accordingly the Port Clinton building was closed, and since that time the smaller children within the Port Clinton division have been hauled to and from school in a bus making one trip daily, this at the expense of the district. To maintain the school usually involved an outlay of about a thousand dollars a year. The only expense today is bus hire which is four hundred fifty dollars a year.

The school population in the Port Clinton division has remained practically stationary in the past six years. If the building were to be reopened for the first three grades next week there would be 23 or 24 to enroll. By way of contrast the school population in Exmoor addition within six years has caught up with that of the long-settled Port Clinton division and is now not far from double it. Thus it happens that in considering the location of a new school building, there is today much talk of Exmoor and little reference to Port Clinton. The Board of Education, however, has retained the property on Marie St. with the idea that a modern primary school will be needed there some day. The pupils in the Port Clinton division have much farther to go to reach Elm Place than have those from any other part of the district. This suggests a consideration of the position of the Elm Place school with reference to the location of groups of population within the district. This will be included in the next article.

JESSE L. SMITH.

SCHOOL LECTURE FRIDAY NIGHT

Ravinia Audience to Hear Talk on Advanced Methods

Ravinia residents and all people interested in the new school house about to be built in Ravinia will have an unusual opportunity to hear a fine lecture on Friday, March twenty-first at eight o'clock p. m. in the Ravinia school when Miss Flora Cook, principal of the Frances W. Parker school of Chicago will talk on the educational methods used in that institution.

COMPLETE TICKET FOR CITY OFFICERS

Candidates File Petitions Under Non-Partisan Head for Mayor and Other Officers Including one Alderman

ONE HIGHWOOD TICKET IN FIELD

Political Notes from Nearby Cities and Local Notes. Will Give Banquet for Fees at Hotel La Salle

Non-Partisan Ticket Made Up

Following are the names of candidates for city offices of the Non-Partisan ticket, as filed with the city clerk: Mayor, R. G. Evans; City Attorney, S. S. Holmes; City Clerk, Edward Warren; City Treasurer, F. B. Green; Police Magistrate, Jas. Bolan; Alderman 4th ward, R. J. Stevens.

Petitions Filed in Highwood

One complete ticket is in the field for the Highwood city election, petitions, to date, having been filed by the following candidates: for mayor, Joseph Severson; city clerk, Harry Olander; city treasurer, Richard Shannon; city attorney, O. S. Goosh; police magistrate, Gen. Rettig; alderman, 1st ward, E. P. Spellman; 2nd ward, Albert Olson; 3rd ward, Nick Stegeman.

Four Tickets in Waukegan

Nomination petitions for complete tickets in the Waukegan town election have been filed by the Progressive, Democratic and Republican parties. The Socialists have candidates for Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor.

Hot Fight in Zion City

Zion City promises to add its usual share of excitement and additional expense to the county through the approaching election. With cases still pending against Volva on the charge of importing voters at the last election and perjury in a former trial there are rumors of work of the same kind for the city election, April 15. Charges that "floaters" are already in Zion City are made and it is said that troops may be necessary to assist the sheriff in preserving order.

Two Tickets in Wilmette

A lively contest in the selection of village officials in Wilmette is promised at the coming election, with two full tickets in the field. Both sets of candidates are out for office nominations by petitions only. One ticket is styled the "villagers," who declare themselves "opposed to making a village office a perpetuity and the other is under the caption of the "Community" ticket.

Banquet for George Edmund Eoss

Friends and supporters of George Edmund Eoss will tender the ex-congressman a banquet at Hotel La Salle, Friday evening, March 28. Speakers of national reputation will address the gathering which will be composed of voters from the Tenth District having three dollars to spend in appreciation of their former representative.

Political Locals

Friends of W. J. Obee are circulating a petition for his nomination as candidate for alderman from the 4th ward. Mr. Obee stated Monday that he is not after the office but if his friends wish to make him a candidate he will make the race.

In the notice of candidates for Justice of the Peace, published last week, initials were transposed making the article state that E. A. Smith was a candidate when it should have read A. E. Smith.

OBJECT TO LAKE AS GARBAGE DUMP

Sanitary Association Endorses Bill Prohibiting Dumping Sewage into the water supply

The Lake Michigan Sanitary association in convention, which convened at Racine last week, endorsed the bill in congress prohibiting cities on the shore of Lake Michigan from dumping sewerage into the lake and also a bill now before the Michigan legislature for a state supervision of water supply for domestic use. The association will seek to arouse people of all cities on Lake Michigan to work for legislation to insure pure water supply.

Fifty delegates representing cities of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana were present. The discussion was led by Dr. W. A. Evans, Chicago; Mayor G. A. Bading, Milwaukee; R. L. Dixon, secretary of the Michigan state board of health; W. G. Hibbard and W. R. Humphrey, Chicago, and others.

NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

MUCH SCARLET FEVER IN WAUKEGAN

Evanston Woman's Club Opens Beautiful new Home with Reception Attended by One Thousand Persons

New Woman's Club Building Opened

Over one thousand persons attended the reception last week, Tuesday evening which formally opened the splendid new home of the Evanston Woman's club which stands on the northwest corner of Church Street and Chicago Avenue. The building, which is the oldest colonial style of architecture, cost \$80,000, and the site itself \$15,000.

Much Scarlet Fever in Waukegan

Records at the office of the city physician show an unusually large number of cases of scarlet fever, the largest of the year. These cases are located in all parts of the city. Every effort is being made to prevent a general epidemic.

Nearby Locals

James Ryan, a gardener, who made his home in a box car at Hubbard Woods siding in North Winnetka, was burned to death last week in a fire which destroyed his one-room home.

Beginning with the spring term, the children of the graded schools of Wilmette are to have a physical director and play supervisor.

There are now seventeen cases of scarlet fever in Evanston, according to the health department.

Former County Judge D. L. Jones is in a critical condition at the Jane McAlister hospital. He was operated on for bladder trouble last week. He had been ill at his home for several weeks and the operation was decided on as the only hope of saving his life.

Brain fever, superinduced by being frightened into hysterics by a big dog, resulted this week in the death in Zion City of the three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Hoyt.

That saloons are a benefit to Waukegan, was the decision reached by the judges who listened to the debate held by the second year, English classes in the Waukegan Township High school on Friday.

The Gazette says that a business block to cost fully \$100,000, will be erected at the corner of Sheridan Road and Madison Streets, Waukegan within a short space of time by the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois.

The Chicago & Northwestern railroad is said to be encountering considerable difficulty in securing passenger brakemen for the reason that the wages are so small and the regulations so hard that the average man does not care to bother with the positions.

DRAMA LEAGUE BENEFIT

Leading Actors to Appear at Garrick Theatre next Thursday Afternoon

We are in receipt of an "item" requesting us to publish the fact that the Drama League of America is to hold a "novel" entertainment to raise funds for its budget. As the "item" is two pages in length we are compelled to confine ourselves to the statement that the entertainment is to be given in the Garrick Theatre, Thursday, the 27th, at 2:30 p. m. and that leading actors who are appearing in "bulletined plays" in the city will present it. As most of our readers know, the Drama League is an organization which is attempting to make it possible for good plays to play to good business and through its bulletins it attempts to let the general public know when a good play, or one that is adjudged good by its committee, is on view. Through this method the league has undoubtedly assisted in getting some business for many good plays which would otherwise have played to entirely "empty benches" but the "general public" has stayed away from "bulletined plays" in which it was not particularly interested in the same manner in which it stays away from any play in which it is not interested and for this reason much of the work of the league has been without result.

As the appearance of many actors whose names are on the program for the entertainment depends on whether their attraction is in Chicago next week only the certainties are named here. These include Mr. William Faversham and Miss Odette Tyler, Mr. R. D. MacLean, and Mr. Edwin Arden and Co. The tickets are priced from 50 cents to \$2.00 and may be obtained at the League office Marquette Building, Dearborn and Adams Streets.

DISCUSS AFFAIRS OF CITY AT CLUB

Mayor Oliver and City Attorney Gail Address Representative Gathering at Highland Park Club, on the City Funds

WILL MEET ON NEXT SATURDAY

Committees are Formed to take Action and Arrange for Further Discussion of Affairs

A meeting of citizens was held at the Highland Park Club, to consider the welfare of the City and discuss its financial needs for the coming administration period. A permanent organization was formed with Alderman Doty, Chairman, and Dudley Putnam, Secretary, and a committee of five appointed to investigate the situation and probable candidates for the coming election, at an adjourned meeting on Saturday, March 22, at the Library Hall.

Mayor Oliver addressed the assembly and gave a report of the work that had been accomplished during the last two years, giving figures and facts which were very instructive and gratifying. He told in detail of the completion of the Laurel avenue subway, the settlement of the Stevens Construction Company matter, the new bond books and records and the auto firetruck. Following this he referred to the special assessment accounts and the work which has already been done toward settling them, but requested that City Attorney Gail be asked to address the meeting. Upon being called to the stage, Mr. Gail gave some figures and facts as they appear from the records, and the audits, one made in December, 1910, and another of special assessments accounts Nos. 72 to 109, in December, 1912, showing conditions on October 1, 1912, and estimates made by the Mayor as required of him as President of the Board of Local Improvements.

In his remarks Mr. Gail described the procedure of levying and collecting special assessments and the records and methods used for years in Highland Park, and the progress made toward better records and systems, which has been adopted by the Council.

"Local improvements are constructed upon an estimated cost, which may be too high or too low. If the contract price," said Mr. Gail, "should exceed the estimate a second assessment should be levied to make up the deficiency in the first assessment. Property is assessed for local improvements in the amount that its actual cash value is enhanced or the amount of private benefits to the property. The public benefit or City's proportion of local improvements is the amount charged against the City by the County Court in the judgment of confirmation in each special assessment, and is a public obligation."

"The benefit," he continued, "is to be paid by the property as a private or personal obligation. A city can appropriate money for corporate purposes only and provide for the payment of debts and expenses of the corporation by general tax levy or the issuing of general bonds. An amount not to exceed 6% of the estimated cost of an improvement can be levied and collected for the cost of levying and collecting the assessment and is a part of the cost. Where an assessment is payable in installments and interest-bearing bonds are issued to evidence the contract price and cost of the improvement, the interest becomes a part of the cost of the improvement."

"In an assessment payable in installments bonds are drawn against each installment and payable only from each installment, thus necessitating an account of the collection and disbursement of each installment of each assessment, as the bonds in each installment may be held by different individuals or banks and to take the funds from one installment and pay them upon the bonds drawn against other installments is a wrongful diversion of the funds and works an injury upon the bondholder of the

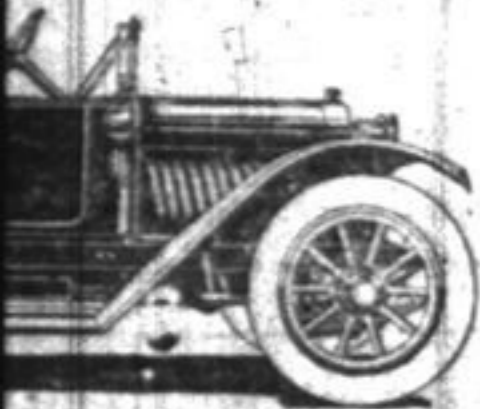
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