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## MAYOR ADDRESSES LETTER TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

### RECOMMENDS THE ABOLISHMENT OF SEVERAL OFFICES

Other Important Matters Taken up at Regular Meeting of the City Council Tuesday Night. City Attorney Gail Objects to Litigation

Highland Park, Ill., Mar. 26, 1913.  
To the Honorable Members of the City Council, of the City of Highland Park.

GENTLEMEN:  
I wish to call your attention to the following matters which I consider important and which should receive immediate attention:

1. The present ordinance, providing for a City Auditor should be repealed. In lieu thereof, an ordinance should be passed requiring an audit of all city accounts by a certified public accountant, which audit should be made and published during the month of March prior to the expiration of the term of office of mayor, city clerk and city treasurer.

2. It has developed from the audit of special assessment accounts that the city has been at a great disadvantage in redeeming special assessment improvement bonds of large denominations.

The council should pass an ordinance requiring that all special assessment improvement bonds be in denominations of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each, and the due date be fixed at August 15th instead of July 1st, which will enable the city to call in bonds more readily, and thereby save considerable loss of interest to the taxpayers.

3. I wish to call to your attention and urge that the complete system of books and reports recommended by Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Company be fully installed immediately, and kept pursuant to such recommendations.

4. The council has adopted the recommendation and report of Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Company contained in their audit of December 10, 1912, relative to the gradual discontinuance of the special general expense fund. There was about \$223,000.00 of uncollected special assessments, audited from Nos. 72 to 199 inclusive, at the time that this report was made and adopted. It will require approximately \$4,000 to pay for the collection of the amount remaining to be collected in these assessments. The balance in the Special General Expense Fund at this time is about \$4,000.00, and following out the recommendation of the auditors, this money should be set aside to pay for the collecting of the uncollected portion of these special assessments, and further on all future special assessment improvements, the expense incurred in each special assessment improvements, be charged the respective assessment, and any expense incurred in any particular assessment which may be abandoned be paid from the miscellaneous fund.

5. There are too many fixed salaries of superintendents and heads of departments, who have little work to do during the winter season. I would recommend that the expenses of the city be so curtailed as not to exceed the income from the general taxes and the road and bridge tax. A large saving can be made by discontinuing the office of Commissioner of Public Works, and hiring the engineering in Local Improvements Special Assessment work, as may be necessary from time to time, which would permit of such expense when incurred, being charged to each special improvement instead of being paid from the general fund. This would be in accord with the recommendation of the auditors and the policy of the city as now fixed.

I also recommend that the office of the city teamster be abolished, and that it be made the duty of the fireman in charge of the fire station to feed and care for the horse now owned by the city, and further recommend the discontinuance of the annual hiring of a horse in the sewer and water department and instead that the city horse be used for this work unless otherwise employed in that event the necessary cartage could be done by local express.

6. I would recommend that an ordinance be passed making it the duty of the City Attorney to act as the Attorney of the Board of Local Improvements and making it the duty of the city clerk to act as Clerk of the Board of Local Improvements without additional compensation, over the amount fixed by the salary ordinance for the city attorney and city clerk.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN OLIVER, Mayor.

City Attorney Objects to Litigation

A third plat of the proposed Bungalow Subdivision was presented to the City Council by Alderman Stevens, on behalf

of Mr. Lewis, who has an office at the Highland Park Hotel. Mr. Lewis admits that a portion of the ground that he wished to dedicate for a street is in possession of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railroad, and in use for right-of-way and depot purposes. Mr. Lewis states that there is a dispute as to the ownership with the Railroad Company, and that it will cost him several hundred dollars to settle the matter in the United States District Court. He wishes the City to accept a plat of the subdivision at this time, and institute a condemnation suit to condemn the property in dispute for a street. This would involve the City in expensive litigation with the Receivers of the Railroad Company, for the benefit of Mr. Lewis's Subdivision.

Alderman Kimble Agent for Mr. Lewis has presented the two former plats, which were rejected.

The City Attorney has given an opinion that the City should not be put to the expense of litigation, as an experiment to settle the dispute, at the expense of the taxpayers.

### Recommendation of Fire and Water Committee

The council approved the recommendation of the Fire and Water Committee that the fire whistle at the pumping station be blown for giving alarms only between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m., and not blown from 9 p. m. to 7 a. m., system that test be made of the fire alarm also daily.

### Other Proceedings

The ordinance creating the office of auditor of City accounts was repealed and another ordinance providing for an audit and examination to be made of all records and books of account by a certified public accountant, during the month of February in each year in which the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer are elected was adopted. It provides for the publication of such report.

Other ordinances were presented and engrossed, which if adopted will carry into effect the recommendations contained in the Mayor's message.

A petition signed by a large number of citizens was presented requesting the legislation requiring the use of mufflers on automobiles. An ordinance was presented and was ordered engrossed pursuant to the petition.

### STAR COURSE OF MUSICAL EVENTS

To take Place at Moraine During April and May. Local People Interested

The people of Highland Park and vicinity, are taking great interest and will have an opportunity to enjoy a course of musical events at the Moraine hotel.



ISAAC LEVINE, PIANIST

The first to take place on Thursday evening, April 17 when Marie Sidenius Zentz who has a lovely soprano voice and is a soloist of the Apollo club, will sing Swedish and English songs, attired in Julius Claussen Swedish costume. Isaac Levine, pianist, will play Russian and Levine compositions. The second event is scheduled for May first when Herbert Miller, baritone, a soloist of the Apollo club and Sarah Sherman Maxon, a contralto of the Arion club, Milwaukee, who will sing Scotch songs, will appear on the program with Elsie De Voe, pianist. In the same course of musical events will be a program at the Fine Arts Theatre, Chicago on May 11, when Jenny Du Fau will make her first appearance in song recital. Miss Edith M. Barnes of the Moraine has the sale of tickets for this course in charge.

## NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

### MILLION BLACK BASS TO STOCK RIVER

Plans for the new Evanston Filtration Plant have been accepted by the City Council, to Cost \$186,000

### Report Good Catch Fresh Lake Salmon

A catch of fresh lake steel-head salmon, the spawn deposited in Lake Michigan during the World's Fair, ranging in size from two to twenty pounds, were taken in gill nets a mile from shore, opposite the Evanston water works. This is the first heavy catch since the World's Fair year. A few of the catch have been shipped to Chicago. The remainder are to be marketed in Evanston.—Lake Shore News.

### New High School Bill Passed by Senate

Last week the senate passed the Magill bill extending the high school privileges to pupils in townships not having high schools. Eighth grade pupils shall be allowed under term of the act to attend a high school in another district, the parents or guardians selecting the school and the district in which the pupil lives to pay the tuition.

### One Million Black Bass to Stock River

Knights of the rod and the reel in this congressional district will be elated to learn that 1,000,000 young black bass and the same number of pike will be sent to this district by the bureau of fisheries of the department of commerce and labor in Washington. Congressman I. C. Copley secured the assignment. Each anglers' club in the district has already put in a bid for some of the young fish. The majority of the fish will be put in the Fox river and McHenry county lakes.—Woodstock Republican.

### Accept Plans for Filtration Plant

Plans for Evanston's new filtration plant have been accepted by the city council and advertisements for bids sent out. The bids will be opened by the city council April 14, and the specifications require that all the work be completed and the plant ready for operation by May 1, 1914. The estimated cost of the new plant is \$186,000.

### Estate \$1,600,000, Taxed on \$20,000

Illinois has been enriched by \$62,624 as the result of the discovery of property valued at \$1,600,000 following the death of Alfred M. Barber of Crystal Lake. That amount has been remitted to the state treasurer as the inheritance tax on the estate. It is declared that it is the largest amount ever paid on an estate outside of Cook County, and that only seven estates of Cook County paid a larger sum. Efforts are now being made to collect from the Barber estate back taxes. For thirty years Mr. Barber had been taxed on only \$20,000.

## UNION LABEL FOR THE HIGHLAND PARK PRESS

### CONTRACT SIGNED WITH WAUKEGAN

After two years Negotiations with the International Typographical Union and Waukegan Local, Press Signs Contract

Although THE PRESS has always employed union printers, we have not had the privileges of the union label. Highland Park not having a local union and being out of the jurisdiction of either Waukegan or Chicago unions. At a recent meeting of the Waukegan Typographical Union, application was made to the International Union to extend its jurisdiction to cover Highland Park. This request was granted and last week THE PRESS signed a contract with the Waukegan Union whereby we are privileged to use the Union Label on any printed matter desired.

Following is a notice for publication received from the president and secretary of the Waukegan Union:

### Notice to Public

John L. Udell, publisher of THE HIGHLAND PARK PRESS, having signed a contract with Waukegan Typographical Union No. 294, a branch of the International Union, is hereby entitled to use the Union Label on any or all printed matter carried out at his plant situated at Highland Park.

DEWEY HAMILTON, President  
HENRY BRETLESTONE, Secretary

Following is a copy of the Label which, if requested, will be put on printing done at this office.

## SECOND AND THIRD WARDS HEARD FROM

### ANOTHER HIGHWOOD TICKET FILED

Frank B. Green, George L. Vetter and Byron J. Stevens Withdrawn as Candidates for City Offices

### Second and Third Wards

Petitions have been filed by George R. Nicholas, on the Independent Municipal ticket, and Martin Ringdahl, on the Non-Partisan ticket for alderman from the second ward, John O'Keefe on the Non-Partisan ticket and Dudley Putnam (no ticket named) for alderman from the third ward.

### Byron J. Stevens Withdraws

Having served the city for a number of years as alderman from the fourth ward, Byron J. Stevens has decided to withdraw as candidate for re-election. He believes there is too much work and too little pay and his business requires more of his attention.

### Frank B. Green Withdraws

Following the action of the city council Tuesday night to cut the salary of city treasurer from \$50 to \$25 per month, Mr. Frank B. Green addressed the voters as follows:

To the Voters of Highland Park Friends:

When I announced that I was a candidate for the office of city treasurer, I did so supposing that the salary was something more than the cost of the bonds required. As the city council at their meeting held April 1, 1913, engrossed an ordinance to cut the salary of the city treasurer to \$25 a month, I wish to withdraw my name. I do not care to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office of treasurer of the city of Highland Park as a part-time and put up a bond of \$80,000 for the privilege. Thanking you most heartily for the many expressions of your intended support at the coming election,

I am, yours truly,  
F. B. GREEN.

### Another Ticket for Highwood

Petitions have been filed in Highwood by the Progressive ticket headed by A. J. Walsh for Mayor, A. W. Himmler, for city clerk, Emil Carlson, for city treasurer, W. H. Burke, for alderman from the fourth ward, Frank Mowers, for alderman from the second ward, and John Sheridan, for alderman from the third ward.

### Announcement for Alderman Vetter

I want to thank the citizens of Highland Park, for the confidence placed in me, by nominating me for the office of city clerk. It is exceedingly gratifying that this honor should be conferred on me unsolicited, and would be pleased to accede to the wishes, but, owing to poor health which demands attention I have, after careful consideration, been led to the conclusion that, in justice to myself and the citizens of Highland Park, I withdraw my candidacy for city clerk.

Yours very truly,  
G. L. VETTER.

### Clear Field for E. A. Warren

The withdrawal of G. L. Vetter leaves a clear field for E. A. Warren whose services as city clerk for the past two years, well deserves his unanimous re-election.

### FOSS BANQUET AT HOTEL LA SALLE

Many Highland Parkers enjoy Speeches of Prominent Men

A number of Highland Park and Deerfield friends and staunch supporters of ex-Congressman Edmund Foss were guests at the banquet given at the Hotel La Salle on Friday evening in honor of Mr. Foss tendered in appreciation of the services he has rendered his district during the past eighteen years during which time he has been chairman of the Naval Committee. A silver loving cup was presented to Mr. Foss and during the course of the entertainment a large battle ship of ice illuminated by electric lights was placed upon the banquet table.

Many men of prominence throughout the country made addresses which were a treat to hear. There were four hundred guests present and among those representing Highland Park were: S. A. St. Peter, Orville St. Peter, Byron J. Stevens, Hugo L. Schneider, Frederick Greenslade, Fred Schaefer, Oliver Schaefer, Arthur Johnson, Colonel R. P. Davidson, B. A. Fessenden, H. M. Bacon, W. E. Cummings and Walter Bartlett. Representing Deerfield were: S. P. Hutchison and Edward Bleimehl.

We wish to sincerely thank all who personally have assisted us in the illness of father; also, wish to sincerely thank those who by tributes of flowers and otherwise have shown their sympathy in our bereavement.  
MRS. J. VETTER AND FAMILY.

## NON-PARTISAN TICKET WINS WITH BUT ONE EXCEPTION

### FRED RUDOLPH FOR CONSTABLE ONLY CITIZENS WINNER

Theodore M. Clark Receives 622 Votes for Supervisor, Fred Schaefer Receives 449, Giving Mr. Clark a Plurality of 173. Sheahan Wins over Clavey

Tuesday's election for township offices was a sweeping victory for the Non-Partisan ticket, which was headed by Theodore M. Clark for Supervisor, which office he has held for the past four years and who, for the past year has been Chairman of the County Board. Fred Rudolph for Constable was the only Citizen's Party candidate elected. Following is the vote by precincts:

FOR SUPERVISOR		Fred Schaefer, Citizens Party	
T. M. Clark, Non-Partisan			
1st Precinct	194		96
2nd Precinct	128		166
3rd Precinct	300		187
Totals	622		449

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, NON-PARTISAN TICKET			
Edward F. Stuenkel	Ansel E. Smith	Julius Laeeger	Wm. Hundley
1st Precinct	175	177	161
2nd Precinct	75	77	120
3rd Precinct	261	237	226
Totals	511	491	507

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, CITIZEN'S TICKET			
O. S. Gooch	A. W. Himmler	Geo. E. Phillips	Martin Kimble
1st Precinct	76	77	107
2nd Precinct	194	192	123
3rd Precinct	144	169	154
Totals	414	438	384

The four highest for Justice of the Peace are: Edward F. Stuenkel, Ansel E. Smith, Julius Laeeger and William Hundley.

FOR CONSTABLE, NON-PARTISAN TICKET			
Wm. F. Edwards	J. H. Sheahan	Geo. W. Wing	Oscar Freberg
1st Precinct	159	187	133
2nd Precinct	82	162	84
3rd Precinct	210	293	244
Totals	451	582	461

FOR CONSTABLE, CITIZEN'S PARTY TICKET			
Fred Rudolph	R. E. Moore	M. J. Gibbs	
1st Precinct	132	85	85
2nd Precinct	135	173	198
3rd Precinct	238	145	187
Totals	503	403	470

The four highest for Constable are: Fred Rudolph, John H. Sheahan, George W. Wing and Oscar Freberg.

FOR COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS		
James E. Sheahan, Non-Partisan	F. D. Clavey, Citizen's Party	
1st Precinct	158	120
2nd Precinct	152	119
3rd Precinct	269	215
Totals	579	454

Sheahan's Plurality 125

## BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE

### Fire Department Responded Quickly but Flames had too Good a Start

A fire which caused considerable excitement on Tuesday afternoon, was the burning of a large barn owned by Mr. Frank Thorn and situated at the rear of his residential property on Hazel and St. Johns Avenues. Although not ascertained the cause of the fire is believed to have been due to crossed electric wires on the roof of the barn. The fire alarm was turned in at half past two o'clock and despite the efficient work of the fire department which responded promptly to the call the building which was entirely frame, burned to the ground and with it were destroyed the house screens, porch furniture, many valuable garden tools and various other articles which were stored in the building. The insurance on the barn amounted to three hundred dollars which does not cover the loss.

## DRAINAGE CONGRESS ENDORSED

President Wilson Sends Telegram to Chicago Headquarters

President Wilson strongly endorsed the National Drainage Congress, which convened in St. Louis at Planter's Hotel, April 10, 11 and 12 and of which Frank E. Knight of our city is one of the National Board of Government. In a telegram, under date of March 27 to the Chicago headquarters, the President says, "I regret that it is impossible for me to attend the session of the National Drainage Congress. The calamity in Ohio and Indiana makes clearer than ever before the imperative and immediate necessity for a comprehensive and systematic plan for drainage and flood control. I very earnestly hope that your deliberation may mark a long step forward in this direction. Accept my best wishes for a successful meet."

Signed  
WOODROW WILSON.

## KILLED AT GLENCOE BY C. & N. W. FLYER

### MRS. GORDON MEETS DEATH INSTANTLY

Open Verdict given by Coroner Gillespie as result of inquest held at Glencoe Wednesday Morning

On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Mary Gordon, the widow of Mr. Charles Gordon of this city was killed instantly by a North-western flyer directly in front of the Glencoe station at half after three o'clock. Mrs. Gordon's face was so badly crushed that it was beyond recognition but she was identified by her daughter from her clothing. An inquest was held in Glencoe at ten-thirty o'clock Wednesday morning at which an open verdict was given by Coroner Gillespie as the result. Mrs. Gordon was the mother of four daughters, two of which are married and living in Chicago. The two smaller daughters, Gertrude and Mary, will make their home with Mrs. Gordon's sister Mrs. Shroeder of Chicago.

## PONEY AND COW DESTROYED BY FIRE

### Barn Owned by Vencel Muzik at Highland, Burned Early Wednesday Morning

About four o'clock Wednesday morning fire was discovered by Mr. Salmon in the barn of Mr. Vencel Muzik of Highland. The flames had gotten a pretty good start before the fire was discovered. While Mr. Salmon tried to save the poney and cow which were in the barn he was badly scratched. No one knows how the fire was started but it is believed that being election day some one, unable to get home, entered the barn and spent the night there and probably a spark from match was the cause of the fire. The entire loss amounted to five hundred dollars, as the barn, poney, cow and six tons of hay were destroyed.

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PIANOS

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