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## OPINION REGARDING NEW SCHOOL SITE

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does not seem to be any laxity in this respect at any of these crossings. There is an ever present danger from lawless automobilists but in that respect Green Bay Road is probably as dangerous as Sheridan Road. It would seem that in our present stage of civilization we must all take our chances at dodging automobiles. It may well be argued that the railroad crossings at Elm Place and Central Avenue are safer now than many of the ordinary street crossings.

Another important argument for a west side school is that it would bring school facilities much nearer a large proportion of the school children of the District. This is true. It would bring school facilities of a certain kind nearer the homes of many of the children but I believe the value of the argument is much over-rated. Is this so urgent a matter that it should be pressed even if it involves the loss of certain educational advantages which the Elm Place School possesses? This loss is involved, I think, and I will endeavor to show this in another article. The question of distance from Elm Place of certain points west of the railroad tracks was discussed in a previous issue and it was contended that none of these points was unreasonably remote from the school. In these days when so much is said in favor of out-door life for children there surely can be little urged against children walking a half a mile or even more to school. On severe days in winter one sees governesses and maids out on walks with small children expressly for the health of the children. So far as older children are concerned, it would seem that, as a rule if they are not able to walk a reasonable distance to schools they are probably physically unfit for the work of the school room.

The views of those who favor a west side school in order that children need not incur possible danger at grade crossings or in order that the school may be nearer the homes of the pupils are entitled to serious consideration, but I believe they may be led to modify these views when they consider more fully the changed conditions at the railroad crossings and the unique opportunity our district has to centralize its educational facilities. This opportunity and its great advantages I wish to set forth in another issue of this paper. I might add here what has doubtless been evident to all who have read these articles that I am writing them on my own responsibility. I am simply availing myself of the privilege I have greatly enjoyed ever since I came to Highland Park setting forth with perfect frankness my conclusions as to the best educational policy to pursue in District 107.

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## HIGHWOOD POLITICAL STRIFE STARTS

Citizen in Contributed Article Praises Clean Administration of Highwood's Politicians

Again the political field is open to the navigators of political fame, in the City of Highwood. At present there are being constructed 3 full fledged Political Ships manned from the upper deck to the lower cabin with men, who aspire to the following offices: Viz: Mayor, Aldermen, City Clerk, City Treasurer and sundry other positions less important. This being the first dash for the annual spring election the sails on each prospective Ship show an inclination to jab forth in a small bulge of eloquence called "Expectancy," no doubt as time passes and with it come the balmy days of April, the bulge in the jib top sail will no doubt grow larger, for today commences with who is who and what is what only to end with the big "I" and little "u." The heads of the ticket are as follows: For Mayor, Joseph Severson, Julius Laeger, A. J. Walsh.

Mayor Joseph Severson certainly is the minds of right and unprejudiced persons has accomplished a great deal. From a depleted Treasury and Bankrupt Funds he has in the past 4 years accomplished a reform as the following statement indicates. (To verify this statement the books are open for public inspection, and were willingly thrown open to the writer.)

Statement of receipt prior to 1911. \$17,639.13.  
Total Disbursements, 2 years ending Apr. 30, 1911, \$14,230.65. Surplus of receipts over Disbursements, \$3,408.48. Old debts incurred prior to May 1, 1909, \$2,496.37. Net surplus prior to May 1, 1911 including payment of old debts and all other expenses, \$912.11.

Street and Alley, \$675.69. Library Fund, \$77.39. Bonded indebtedness, \$740.39. Special Water Fund, 1,560.40. Total \$3,053.87, and all bills paid.

On hand May 1, 1911, 912.11.  
Balance net gain for a period of 1 year and 9 months, \$2,141.76. Received from Town Collector, \$926.88. Showing to date in hands of City Treasurer not including special assessment funds a total of \$3,068.64.

To accomplish this excellent result good financing and patient work was necessary for which credit is due Mayor Severson and his aldermen. Today if bonds

were issued by the City of Highwood there is no doubt a brokerage firm which speculates in such business would gladly grab them up. Can our sister cities say as much? No methods were applied other than the simplest but they were straight forward and the best of judgment was used.

The formerly disreputable reputation of Highwood has been replaced by the best and in consequence has won a high place in the political and financial world. The nightly brawls once so common on the streets have been overcome and the homes of the citizens and property owners remain unmolested and their families appreciate the sociability and friendliness which pervades the atmosphere.

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## The Highland Park Club

The annual dinner for men on Saturday evening, April nineteenth will be of unusual interest and a large attendance is expected. There will be entertaining remarks pertaining to club affairs. This is a time when the members of the club gather and end the winter season with a jolly get-together dinner at which there will be a musical program in which popular songs will play an important part. Those wishing to attend the dinner and spend a most enjoyable evening are expected to send in for reservations not later than the seventeenth. Dinner will be served promptly at six-thirty o'clock, in the ball room. There will be an election of officers for the ensuing year.

The moving picture exhibit of last Friday night was, as these entertainments always are, extremely popular and well attended by young and old alike.

The last dance of the season will take place on Tuesday, the fifteenth at half after eight o'clock.

The final card party of the season took place on Tuesday evening and was well attended and a jolly affair. Mrs. Henry Doty was hostess and among those taking prizes were: Mr. and Mrs. William French, Mrs. Harry L. Taylor and Mr. J. V. Norcross.

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## Highland Park Woman's Club

Rev. W. F. Davies who as the organizer of Community House in Winnetka astonished the residents with his phenomenal success, a little over a year ago, with his work among the boys and girls lent about an hour and a half of his valuable time to the members of the Highland Park Woman's Club on Tuesday afternoon speaking upon Community Opportunity which included the understanding of the youth (he dwelt especially upon the boy in this) and the consequent control and guidance by those older than himself who must be, although leaders, his chums.

He discussed the boys and girls at length and the right and wrong attitude of the parents. This the speaker followed by a history of the organization of Community House in Winnetka which was full of interest and his stories of the struggle of the boys to organize and build a club contained much realistic detail. The audience was of good size and there was abundant enthusiasm and expressions of willingness among the members to work for a Community House in Highland Park.

For some time the Press has been occasionally calling attention to the crying need of some such Community House here as Winnetka enjoys through the generosity of its citizens. Although those interested in establishing a Community House may not find the socialistic spirit here that prevails in some of the villages to the south of us it seems that if organization of the many clubs and societies which now live, in the majority of cases, a struggling life could unite under enthusiastic leaders to work for one club house wherein to meet and hold entertainments and enjoy a gymnasium the citizens could be gotten to donate money for this purpose. It would be a step gained in this direction if the people here, who do not know just what a Community House is, know just what it could be brought together to hear Mr. Davies speak upon the subject of the young people in the communities.

A discussion during which Mr. Davies answered many intelligent questions followed his address. Mrs. George R. Dean of Highland Park and a member of the board of Directors of the Juvenile Protective Association spoke briefly of the needs of the young people and the conditions found to exist in this city. Mr. R. L. Sandwick, also a director, spoke briefly



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The musical program was given by Miss Estelle Clark who sang delightfully a group of songs accompanied by Mrs. James Watson at the piano.

To Mrs. Maud Shannon the club gave a vote of thanks for the splendid program she had arranged. The afternoon was in her charge and was the final social meeting. The hostesses who served tea at a table prettily decorated in yellow flowers and lighted by yellow shaded candles were: Mrs. A. G. McPherson, chairman; Mrs. A. Leslie McPherson, Mrs. Clarence Smith, Mrs. E. A. Turpin, Mrs. Alfred Olson and Mrs. C. P. Woodcock.

## Obituary

The death of Mrs. Hannah Charlotte Carlbon one of the well known and old residents of Highwood occurred on Sunday, morning, April sixth at half after five o'clock. The cause of death was paralysis. Mrs. Carlbon was born in Tolo Sweden, Holland Lane, Sweden, December 4, 1870. Her marriage to John Carlbon took place in Evanston, August 14, 1895 and they came directly to Highwood where they resided permanently. Surviving Mrs. Carlbon is her husband, a daughter Linnea Carlbon, a son, Herbert Carlbon, a brother and a sister, Mrs. Carlbon was a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church and an active worker in its interest. The funeral services took place at the Swedish Lutheran Church at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. C. G. Lundgren officiated. Interment at Lake Forest.

## Notice

In compliance of Section 16, Chapter 139, Revised Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Highway Commissioners will meet on Monday, April 21, in the Town Clerk's office at 7 p. m., for the purpose of dividing the Town of Deerfield into 3 road districts.

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