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## A COLUMN FOR THE USE OF EVERYBODY

### SLAMS SHERIFF AND STATE'S ATTORNEY

Writer intimates that they are responsible for Non-Enforcement of Gambling Laws in Lake Region

The following article was brought to us by a member of the Law and Order League who evidently intended that we publish it as a news item under the following suggested head: "The Disgraceful Conditions at Fox Lake are a Handicap to the County. A Magnificent Enterprise Halted." One glance at it will show it is a grand little knock at existing conditions and so, of course, belongs in Everybody's column.

"We have been recently informed of a conference that was held in the Westminister building, Chicago, of the representatives of the Young Women's Christian Association of the U. S. along with the Young Men's Christian Association representatives concerning the proposal to establish a permanent camp or institution in Fox Lake. A wealthy lady of Chicago has offered lands and buildings and offered to acquire and gain more if necessary for the enterprise. The project is to have about 500 young women from Chicago at one time. They will be brought out and will stay a week or ten days, and then they will return and another 500 will be brought out and this will be kept up through the whole season.

Fox Lake was the unanimous choice. It is the most beautiful place in Illinois and it is near Chicago. The distance to Lake Geneva makes such an increase in the individual expense as to be prohibitive. Many of these young girls are engaged in earning their own living in the city, some of them give help in the support of members of their families so that ten days by a summer lake would be bills indeed, but entirely beyond their purse.

The only question which causes them to hesitate was the moral condition. It was said in the conference that at present a crowd of people with a large number of disreputables, go out on Saturday afternoons and stay until Sunday night, and that in order to fleece these foolish visitors the bars are wide open every Sunday, all day long, in defiance of the State law, and that gambling machines are everywhere.

Unwilling as we are to admit it, we must confess that Mr. Dady, the State's Attorney, and Mr. Green, the Sheriff, are not doing their duty. Mr. Dady did excellent work in Highland. The work he did in co-operation with Mr. Quayle of the Lake County Law and Order League, and Mr. Joseph Severson, mayor of Highland, is beyond all praise. Where the fault is we cannot tell exactly, but we know at the time of the election of Sheriff Green, Mr. Dady was his sponsor. The guarantee that Mr. Green would enforce the laws and it was largely through Mr. Dady's influence that Mr. Elmer Green obtained his election. If this open sore; this greatest assembly of gambling machines in the State of Illinois, (and trust machines at that) is the result. Then the decent men of this county and that great assemblage of decent women whom we have recently welcomed to their new enfranchisement will ask the question "can we attach any great importance to Mr. Dady's guarantee in the future when he recommends another candidate for sheriff?" One Sunday at the close of the season this summer three young girls all under 18 were seen drunk in one place at one time. About 50 young men were seen staggering about the streets drunk; one hotel had seven slot (trust machines) in its saloon, yet we are convinced that if the laws against Sunday tipping houses, and against gambling machines were enforced, the disreputable hotels would close their doors and this is all we ask. But we do protest against our county being advertised in Chicago as one in which a magnificent movement cannot be established on account of immoral conditions.

—Contributed.

**C. & N. W. MAY BUILD THIRD TRACK**

Rumor out That Road Plans Addition to be Laid in Spring

Numerous North Shore papers are printing a story to the effect that the Northwestern Railway will next spring lay a third track on its right-of-way from Evanston to Milwaukee. The article claims that need of additional trackage is caused by the increased freight traffic. No definite information could be obtained at the offices of the road but several interested persons suggested that, if the track is laid it will be part of the west right-of-way where there are few depots and platforms to be moved.

## EIGHT CITIES FORM A HEALTH COMBINE

### WOULD PLAN WORK ON NORTH SHORE?

Dr. Evans in Tribune Describes Massachusetts Plan and Evanston News Believes we Could Adopt It With Success

Combining the health departments of nearby towns is an experiment being tried in several Massachusetts communities and one which should be of interest to residents along the North Shore. In a recent article in the Tribune Dr. W. A. Evans gave an extended description of how the proposition was being worked out by eight cities with a combined population of 5000 and an appropriation of \$6,300. According to Dr. Evans a central laboratory is maintained and there is an administrative officer, a chemist, a plumbing and sanitary inspector and the necessary clinical force. The force is provided with an automobile and a motorcycle.

The milk supply of each town is examined chemically and bacteriologically once a month. The results, good and bad, are published in the local papers. No attempt is made to prosecute for bad samples or even to enforce a milk law. The facts are published and it is left for the people to support the high grade dealers and to starve out the dirty. There is some rating and scoring of other business places, especially where food is sold, and the scores are also published.

The editor of the Evanston News sees in such a combination an opportunity for his and other North Shore cities to improve the efficiency of their health bureaus without adding to the cost. His comment is as follows:

"There are four features to the combined health departments of these Massachusetts towns—co-operation, publicity, the presence of the administrative officer with his retinue of scientific experts under his control, and the inclusion of sanitary inspection in the duties of the health department.

To the north of Evanston there are a number of municipalities, small in most instances, but still each with its public health problem to be solved.

Evanston, herself, has not yet reached the maximum of perfection in the administration of her troubles in sanitation matters. We have yet to find some means to combat successfully the non-observance of the rudiments of sanitary law, the flies, for instance, which find in our city a multiplicity of places in which to breed in conditions perfect for that purpose.

We have yet to devise some means to end the practice in which some of our citizens indulge—spitting on the sidewalk, on the station platforms and on the stairway leading thereto.

We have still to find some way to enforce the various sections of our sanitation ordinance.

May it not be, that in some such manner as the eight towns of Massachusetts are attempting to meet their problems, we may find our own solution to our problem?"

## TWO SPECIALS AT NEW THEATRE

Boy's Band Concert Friday and One Act Play Saturday Night

Special attraction at the Highland Park Theatre are numerous this week, tomorrow night, Friday, the Boy's Band and Orchestra giving its first anniversary concert while on Saturday a good dramatic attraction will appear. The boys will offer a special program which they have been preparing for some time and in addition the usual moving picture show will be given. The admission for the evening will be twenty-five cents and fifty per cent of the proceeds will go to the band and will be expended for new music and defraying general expenses.

The Saturday night special will be Miss Martha Russell and company in a comedy sketch entitled "The Yellow Streak." Miss Russell is new to vaudeville but is well known to devotees of the moving picture for she was for three years leading woman with Essanay Film Co. Her sketch was written by a Chicago newspaper man and concerns a "scoop" by a "cut" reporter, a story of a stolen diamond necklace which involves a woman high in society. If the story is printed several people will be ruined and the owner of the necklace with the assistance of the police endeavors to suppress it. He succeeds but the interesting part of the play is the method he uses and to learn that, you will have to go to the theatre.

## A Red Cross Christmas Seal



By placing one of these seals on the back of a letter or package you show that you are doing your share in stamping out tuberculosis in your town, county and country. 77% of the amount raised through their sale in Highland Park will be used by the Lake County Tuberculosis Institute. They cost one cent each and are on sale at the Gsell, Sweetland and Shumacher Pharmacies, Albert Larson's Stationery Store, Chas. H. Warren & Co. or they can be obtained from the local secretary, Miss Helen Conrad, at the Press office.

## NEARBY NEWS NOTES OF LOCAL INTEREST

### 3-WEEKS OLD BABY WEIGHS 3 POUNDS

Improvements Under Way on Skokie Golf Club Links. New Winnetka Course to be Opened Early Part of July

### Improve Skokie Golf Links

Members of the Skokie Golf club are anxiously awaiting the completion of the extension and practical rebuilding of the golf links, which is now being done by a corps of workmen. The improvement has long been needed and when the work is finished experts declare that the course will be unequalled in the section. The two nine-hole courses are uneven in length, and it has been determined to balance them.

### 3 Weeks Old Baby Weighs 3 Pounds

Probably the smallest baby in Illinois is installed in a large incubator room at the Michael Reese hospital. He is 3 weeks old, and just weighs 3 pounds. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville E. Babcock of Lake Forest, a grandson of the late John R. Walsh. The child is fed every two hours with a few drops of sterilized milk and is doing fine, the physician says.—Lake Forest.

### Nearby Locals

President Douglas Smith of the new Winnetka Country club announces that the course would be ready for play in the early part of July. The clubhouse is in course of construction and will be ready by next June.

The city of North Chicago has issued 30 licensed saloons, which is one to every 166 inhabitants, counting men, women and children. It is said another saloon is to open there in the near future.

## WOULD OPEN EXMOOR AVENUE

First Ward Protective Association Discuss Proposition at Meeting

At a meeting of the First Ward Protective Association, held at the Reliable Laundry building Friday, the principal matter discussed was the present condition of Exmoor Avenue. As many members pointed out the street is now practically closed to the public and the only places where it is not a small swamp are where owners of corner lots have made that part of it which adjoins a part of their property.

In many cases this was done in self defense as it was the only way the street could be kept clean but it was the sense of the meeting that the entire street be opened up and a sidewalk of some kind laid. This it was said, would prove of advantage to delivery men and would also furnish a promenade for those who might wish to view the Exmoor grounds.

The Association also voted against the Sheridan Road-Lincoln Park Board plan and it was decided to circulate a petition of protest and present same to the City Council.

The next meeting will be held in the High School building the first Monday in December. Matters to be discussed will include street lighting and the general betterment of ward conditions. It is the desire that every resident of the ward become a member.

## Ossoli Club

Last Thursday night, Nov. 20th, Miss Jane Addams of Hull House fame, delivered an address before the Ossoli Club and its guests speaking upon "Some Recent Social Movements." First, the study of the young criminal and his habit, at which she said, was a departure from the old custom of attending only to the punishment of the criminal and had thrown a flood of new light on the subject of criminology, for example, the majority of criminals had been found to be sub-moral or actually feeble minded. Secondly, the effort to standardize modes of living through the passage of a minimum wage law. The promise of good that the passage of such a law professes a community was elucidated by the story of an august committee of Englishmen who classified the trades as follows: The subsidized, the life-deteriorating, the bare existence and the efficiency trades. None but the last was held to contribute to the welfare of the state; the remaining classes were a burden which became much lighter with the passage of a minimum wage act. Woman's Suffrage was touched upon narratively in an interesting account which Miss Addams sketched of the recent International convention at Budapest. The fourth and last movement considered was that of housing the poor in towns and cities. The city lot 25x125 was declared an abomination and Miss Addams told of instances where good work had already been done along that line and of hopeful plans for the future. We felt that she was a great teacher, as well as writer and worker. The large and responsive audience was graciously invited to remain for coffee and sandwiches at the close of the address. The hostesses were Mesdames F. D. Everett, Samuel H. Bingham, G. H. Campbell, Eugene Andrews, Kenneth Cowan, Charles Buckley, William S. Forrest, Arthur Jerrens, Jacovy, and Martin J. Insull.

The next regular meeting of the Ossoli Club will be held in the club rooms Thursday afternoon, Dec. 4th. Mr. Earl H. Reed will lecture on Etchings with Exhibit.

## UNCLE SAM BELIEVES IN SANTA CLAUS

Promises to Deliver the Cheery Gentleman's Mail in Future

Having made \$30,000,000 clear profit out of his Parcel Post since it began service January first Uncle Sam is inclined to believe in Santa Claus, in fact he has publicly announced that letters consigned to his care and addressed to Santa Claus will be delivered in the future. Of course Santa Claus hasn't a box or any of Uncle Sam's rural routes so the postmaster has been instructed to give the letters from the children anxious to communicate with Saint Nick to such charitable persons or organizations as may care to receive them.

## TRINITY CHURCH MUSICAL SERVICE

Special Program by Choir at the Five O'clock Service Sunday

Mr. Herbert MacFarren and the choir of Trinity Church will give a special musical program at the five o'clock service next Sunday afternoon, November 30th. The service itself will be brief and will be followed by a short recital. The music will be of a high order of excellence and a cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

## AGRICULTURAL BOARD PLANS CORN SHOW

### BIG EXHIBITION AT LIBERTYVILLE

Will not Open Until January 15 but Members are Already Preparing Exhibits. Show Will Last Six Days

One thousand ears of prize corn are being sought to make up a monster exhibit that will be the chief feature of the Lake County Agricultural Board's corn show which will be opened at Libertyville January 12th. Ten ears or more will be on display from each school district in the county and suitable prizes have been offered for the best specimens. Attendance prizes also will be given, the township exclusive of Libertyville that scores up the greatest attendance being given a suitable trophy. Tempting meals, consisting entirely of the products of the corn and comprising every corn dish from soup to pudding, will be served to visitors by the women of Libertyville. As an additional feature Saturday, January 17th, will be market day, upon which the farmers, with their produce, will deal directly with the consumer, with his cash. The market basket will be the only delivery wagon. Butter, eggs, poultry and every reasonable farm product will be on sale at prices that will make the city head swim, with their reasonableness.

Among the speakers at the daily afternoon lectures will be Forrest Crissey, Grace Carolan, Bert Ball, G. Y. Gregory, and P. G. Holden. Donald S. Blair, Lake County's soil expert, is in charge of the general arrangements and persons in search of future information about the show should address him at Libertyville. The corn show, like every other event that the Lake County Agricultural board is planning in its farm improvement work, is open to the public without admission fee.

## NEWSPAPER BREAKS POSTAL LAW

Evanston Publication Floods Town with Copies Not Subscribed for

Many local people have made inquiries at THE PRESS office as to whether the publishers of an Evanston newspaper, who have been flooding the town with their publication, could force collection on the ground that they have accepted copies of the paper when delivered by the post office department and we have given our opinion that they cannot be forced to pay unless they have subscribed. This opinion was upheld by Postmaster Dooley who also stated that if the publishers were delivering these papers to persons who were not subscribers they were breaking two rules of the post office department under which they are allowed the privilege of second class rates. These rules are to the effect that publishers may mail only three sample copies to one person in one year and that all such copies must be plainly marked "Sample Copy."

## ORNAMENTAL LIGHTS FOR NO. CHICAGO

City also Figures on Municipal Lighting Plant

North Chicago officials have closed a contract with the Public Service Co. for an ornamental lighting system in the city's business district and conduits are now being laid. The company furnishes power at the rate of five cents per kilowatt hour with an additional charge of ten dollars per month for installation. The lamps and posts are furnished by the business men and Mayor Christensen states that the expense of laying the conduits will be borne by the city so far as to insure the installation of ornamental lights next spring whether a municipal plant is installed or the contract for the city is awarded the Public Service Company.

## CALLS SCHOOL SYSTEM OUT OF DATE

County Superintendent Advocates Abolishment of Present District

Speaking on the subject of "Schools" before the Women's Christian Temperance Union Friday afternoon, T. Arthur Simpson, county superintendent of schools, declared that the school system of Illinois is too local. He pointed to Lake County as an example.

In this county, he said, there are 100 school districts, with three directors for each district. The conditions of these schools depends entirely upon these directors. He pointed out that the state of Wisconsin has done away with these school districts and advocated that the same course be followed in this state.

## RAVINA OPENS ITS COMMUNITY HOUSE

### SOUTH END SHOWS "WE WILL" SPIRIT

Old School Building Turned into Pretty Neighborhood Club With Money Raised by Many Workers

The Chicago Tribune is running a periodical column entitled "Where WE will there is a way," which does seem to fit not only the needs and possibilities of the large city but in a lesser way of lesser cities. Every beginning must be small, but in Ravinia much has been started toward a realization of all that it may mean when "We will."

Two years ago the mothers and other civically inclined women organized a Woman's Civic Club of Ravinia to further, primarily, the interests of the school as the community had long since outgrown the small one located there. When good women are earnest in an earnest work it takes but a short time to enlist husbands, fathers, and brothers in their aid—and in a few months bonds were floated, plans accepted and the new four room building with most approved heating, lighting, and ventilating systems was under way. These plans left the old building standing, but not contemplating any present use to be made of it. Some one conceived the idea of remodeling its interior and turning it into a community center to be used for all community purposes. For one person in Ravinia to have a good idea means that at once every one is ready to help further it along, and so a committee was appointed by the Woman's Civic Club to investigate cost and furnishings for an attractive and adequate village house. It was found that a sum approaching \$700.00 would be required and the committee appealed to the residents to each earn, not give, what money they could during the summer toward the fund. So both women and men members of the seventy (or thereabouts) families turned to and evolved plans and schemes for earning—outside their regular work—at least \$10.00 each. Many interesting, and some amusing, ways were adopted and within a month enough money was pledged to enable the project to be actually undertaken. Aid on Saturday evening, Nov. 22nd, the village house was opened and dedicated with a most unique and unusual program. A pageant was given illustrating the growth of the community from the time of its first settlement by the Indians to its present occupation by its present residents. Indians came before the audience as in early days. The squares setting up their tepees and doing the work while the chiefs in gorgeous beaded costumes and feathered headdresses smoked their pipes in luxury and according to tradition. Then came the Jesuit Priests in robes and carrying crosses to deal with the strange and savage tribes. Then followed the Spaniards in satins and plans to take their part in the early history, and lastly came the early American settlers the men with bearded faces, coon-skin caps and high boots, carrying guns and axes, and the women with old time costumes of homespun and linen. Our earliest Ravinia settler, Naomi Comstock touched the match to the fire that really dedicated the building as the breaking of a bottle of wine usually christens a ship. As the bottle started, the audience, which numbered over two hundred, burst spontaneously into "America." Then followed the presentation of the keys of the village house by the President of the Woman's Civic Club—their acceptance in a concise form by the representative of the school board; a report of the chairman of the committee which had the remodeling in charge. A neat speech by a Highland Park representative in the state assembly, some folk games and folk dances given on the splendid stage, refreshments served by righteously willing and competent men of the community, fantastically gotten up as waiters singing by a band of troubadours that had earned a goodivium toward the village house fund during the summer, and finally general ballroom dancing until Sunday morning.

Ravinia feels justly proud of its achievements at the same time only beginning to realize its possibilities for development. It is a community unusual in its personnel in many instances, optimistic to the last degree regarding future work, living toward an ideal which is distinctly realized by all—and all else, happy and grateful for the oneness of spirit which possesses the community.

E. K.

## Woman's Club

The next regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Tuesday afternoon, December 2nd. The day will be in charge of Mrs. Benjamin A. Foxenden.