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THE DISAPPEARING SHRUBS AND TREES

NATIVES ARE RUTHLESSLY CUT AWAY

Something Should be Done to Preserve Them and "Press" asks Opinion of Authorities on Subject

At one time there were about 35 varieties of native trees and 45 varieties of native shrubs in Highland Park. In fact, a man might be able to find that number now, but according to well-known local authorities, would have a search on his hands which would make the well-known detective work indulged in by Digenes appear amateurish. The reasons for this thinning out of many and actual loss of some of our very "early settlers" are many and are found on the persons of the new settlers who buy and build and clear and who, when they clear do a thorough job of it; cutting away all the under-brush, which probably contains at least half the 45 varieties of shrubs mentioned, and putting foreign borers in their places—though one or two cases are known where men have bought from the nurseries varieties of the very shrubs they ordered cut away. Foolish, you say? Yes very. But those men had to spend their money, they had to buy something or, in their minds, they wouldn't be building a country place. The pity of it is that in cutting and slashing the new settler destroys the very thing he came to the country to find.

But the new settler is not the only offender, examples of the work of the fool hand that destroys may be found in the city's parks and along any street where the Public Service or the Telephone companies have been allowed to stretch their wires.

And What is the Remedy?

If asked to point a remedy for these faults this writer would plead a too small knowledge of his subject to qualify either as a diagnostician or prescriber, but he knows that in other cities ours has been found in the appointment of a city forester. This may seem an expensive remedy to this city, which is at present very poor, but, for the present at least, one or perhaps more of the men in this city who have a thorough knowledge of the subject should be willing to act in that capacity without compensation. This paper would like to hear from some of these men and offers the use of its columns for a campaign with "restore" as its slogan, and "destroy" as its enemy.

TRAIN KILLS MAN AT FT. SHERIDAN

Unidentified Greek Laborer Struck Last Week Wednesday

An unidentified man was struck and instantly killed by a Northwestern train just south of Ft. Sheridan depot at about five o'clock last Wednesday night, the body being so badly mangled that the whole was not recovered until the following day when station agent Brownke found a portion of a leg and foot. According to witnesses the man stepped out of the way to allow a south-bound train to pass and the noise made by this train prevented his hearing the approach of the north-bound train which struck him. No articles of value or papers which would serve to identify him were found but he appeared to be a well dressed Greek workman. At the inquest held in Prior's undertaking rooms the jury exonerated the company.

WINNETKA FIRE LOSS \$35,000

Merchandise Co. Building Is Destroyed Tuesday Morning

Fire, starting from an unknown cause about eight o'clock Tuesday morning destroyed the building and contents of the Winnetka merchandise co. located on the northwest corner of Elm and Railroad Aves., Winnetka, and partly destroyed the M. K. Meyer bank. The total loss is estimated at about \$35,000. Although smoke and flames forced the clerks from the bank early, the bank room was saved by hard work on the part of the local department and those from Evanston, Wilmette and Glencoe which answered early calls for help. The fire was under control by noon.

HOME FOLKS LIKE HOME GOODS

Quarter Ton of Local Made Candy Sold for Christmas

Home folks evidently like home goods for they bought nearly 600 pounds of Schumacher's candy and kept the recently re-opened little factory working night and day. In addition to the local sales about 200 pounds was sent to nearby towns although the factory did not get started until most of the dealers had stocked up.

NEARBY NEWS NOTES OF LOCAL INTEREST

THREE ESTATES PAY INHERITANCE TAX

Body of Missing Waukegan Barber Found in Lake at Glencoe. Gazette Starts Recall for Mayor Julius Bidinger

Glencoe and the Village Manager
At its next meeting, Jan. 13, the village board of Glencoe will probably decide whether or no it will engage one of the numerous applicants for the position of village manager. The board elected in Glencoe last spring is of the progressive type. Practically all of the members are young business men with their interests in Chicago. Naturally they cannot sacrifice their time during the day for the mere pittance of a salary they receive. They are willing to burn the midnight oil in village trustee meetings, but hold that they cannot give their time during the day to look after the interests of the village. Thus, they declare that a village manager to supervise the different departments in the little municipality would bring about a systematized and business-like administration.

Body of Missing Barber Found
The mystery surrounding the disappearance from Waukegan on the morning of Nov. 15th of Joseph Clapham, employed in Brand's barber shop, was solved Friday night when John and Charles Clapham, brothers, and Phil Brand, his employer, went to Glencoe and positively identified the body of a man washed up by the waves as the missing Waukegan barber.

Three Estates Pay Inheritance Tax
County Treasurer Westerfield has sent to the state treasurer these sums of money which come as the state's share of the inheritance tax:

George R. Lyon estate \$852.89.
Helen Underwood estate \$597.93.
Alex McDougall estate \$424.79.
After the exemptions were taken off, the Lyon estate showed \$91,000; the Underwood estate \$63,000; the McDougall estate, \$44,000.

Want Recall for Mayor

Following nearly a month of quiet investigation, met by the earnest approval of the leading citizens of Waukegan, the Committee of Fifteen, which on Dec. 2 was appointed to investigate the sentiment of the voters of the city, have decided that the time is now ripe for drastic action if the city is to be saved from the rut it has fallen into, and with this in view petitions asking for the recall of Mayor Julius F. Bidinger and Commissioner J. J. Dietmeyer will be put into circulation tonight.—Waukegan Gazette.

Nearby Locals

The members of the First Congregational church of Evanston intend to build a new edifice on the site of the present structure.

Because they are nearer to the Winnetka department than to their own several residents in the south end of Glencoe have asked the Winnetka council for the use of its fire department, Glencoe should get an auto fire truck.

Kate M. Dalton has sold to Albin Nelson for \$50,000, a big farm tract in Newport township, near Rosecrans, lying in Sections 9, 10, 15, and 16.

CARY-STEVENS CASE SETTLED

Justice of Peace Stuenkel holds Defendant in \$200 Peace Bonds

The long drawn out Cary-Stevens case was settled in Justice Stuenkel's court Tuesday when, after a trial lasting all day, the Justice bound Cary, in the sum of \$200, to keep the peace on the disorderly conduct charge and dismissed the one of malicious mischief. Both charges grew out of the many attempts to oust Cary from the Green Bay Road portion of the Stevens property which ended in an alleged encounter July 9.

At the present time the Cary family are said to be occupying a tent on ground near Sheridan Road and the county line.

TICKETS NEARLY FULL BARREL

Winners in Merchandise Contest Selected from Thousands of Numbers

A barrel, two-thirds full of small tickets, each representing a fifty cent purchase during the past month, was rolled about the floor in the Raymond W. Schneider store Friday night and given a thorough shaking before the youngster who was going to officiate was allowed to draw out the four winning numbers in Mr. Schneider's merchandise drawing. The winners and their prizes are as follows: First, Carl Olson, No. 2,086, gold watch; second, E. E. Larson, No. 4131, five dollars in merchandise; third, E. W. Geell, three dollars in merchandise; fourth, S. B. J. Young, two dollars in merchandise.

A COLUMN FOR THE USE OF EVERYBODY

"PRESS" STATES ITS WANTS FOR 1914

"Civil Service" Warns Against Second Democratic Attempt to Annul Civil Service Rule on Assistant Postmaster

The Administration and Civil Service
Before this accidental Democratic administration is allowed to think of federal ownership of railroads or even the further manufacturing of armor plate or ammunition we hope to see it so thoroughly frightened by the loss of a few of the congressmen who got into Washington by dropping through the hole in the Republican party, that it will have more respect for the existing Civil Service laws, even though it fails to place any new branches of service under them.

What We Want in 1914
Three things THE PRESS believes the city of Highland Park should get during the year which starts today and they are:
1. A city forester, to save the trees.
2. A community house, to save the boys and girls.
3. Brick paving, to save money.

LEAGUE TO ENTER WAUKEGAN FIGHT

Law and Order Members Plan Campaign for Local Option

At a meeting of the Lake County Law and Order League held in Chicago last week it was decided that the league would take an active part in the coming local option election in Waukegan. The members believe that they can defeat the "wets" and later, on the strength of their showing, get the legislature to pass the five mile zone bill.

An officer of the league in speaking of the matter said: "This is exactly what we succeeded in doing at Champaign. There was some complaint about allowing the students to vote but we succeeded in getting a court order which permitted fully three-fourths of them to cast their votes. The saloons were voted out and we then got the legislature to pass a four mile dry zone around the university. It has been the history in many cities that saloons do not stay out of a city after it is voted dry. It is like a pendulum—it swings both ways. For two years a town will be dry and then it will vote in the saloons again, and vice versa. This is very expensive and should be avoided wherever possible."

This same officer declared that next fall the league intends to send out circulars in which the candidates for legislature and for county offices will receive endorsement from the league.

To those who followed State Senator Olson in his campaign a year ago and who remember that the league gave him its endorsement, such an endorsement would seem a doubtful honor.

SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

New Plan for Campaign Outlined At La Salle Hotel Monday

At a meeting of the executive committee of the North Shore Sanitary District Association Monday a plan was adopted where by a local committee, to be composed of an equal number of men and women, will be appointed in each town. In Highland Park the total number on the committee will be twenty and other towns will be represented in proportion to size. The mayor of each city was given the appointing power.

MILWAUKEE SCHEDULE NOT LIKED

Thirty Minute Wait for Cars a Long Time for Highland Parkers

People of this vicinity are not taking kindly to the new schedule of the Milwaukee Electric. Previous winter schedules have given this city a fifteen minute service during the early morning and afternoon and a half hour service at other times but the one put in effect Dec. 30 runs all our cars at half hour intervals. The fifteen minute schedule is maintained between Harbor St., Glencoe, and Evanston.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS MAIL TWENTY TONS

SEVEN HUNDRED SACKS IN TEN DAYS

Increase of Last Year Almost Doubled but Force Works Overtime and Keeps Decks Cleared, Postmaster Carried Sack

The man who "had nothing to do 'till tomorrow" had nothing on the postoffice employee, who went to bed late Christmas night happy in the knowledge that every Christmas package, letter and even postcard had been delivered only to be awakened Friday morning by a call to duty and the news that forty delayed bags of mail had arrived at the office over night.

During the ten days ending Dec. 26 700 sacks of mail were dispatched and delivered, at an average of seventy sacks a day. The total weight of the sacks approximated twenty tons. There were over 18,000 pieces of parcels post, 500 parcels were insured at the office and 150 pieces of 1st, 2nd, and 3d. class mail were registered. There was heavy increase over last year in the amount of ordinary mail received and sent, particularly first class matter which almost doubled the record for the same period in 1912. A large portion of this latter was probably post cards and booklets, one local dealer, Albert Larson the Stationer, reporting a sale of nearly 6000 of these Christmas remembrances. Extraordinary measures to avoid congestion were adopted, the situation being thereby kept in control and the office cleared of mail every day at 6 p. m.

The newspapers of the country have been publishing statements of the enormous quantity of parcel post matter handled by the postoffice department during the Christmas rush. Reports from every section of the United States bear unquestionable testimony to the popularity of this new enterprise. Estimates made prior to the beginning of the rush, concerning the probable magnitude of the business to be handled, were ruthlessly shattered and it is safe to say that even the highest estimate was not greatly exaggerated.

Preparations for the prompt dispatch and delivery of mail were made well in advance of the rush season, instructions issued by the department and published from time to time in the newspapers were quite generally observed and the public is entitled to a generous share of the credit and congratulations for the success that has been achieved.

Here in our own local office the work performed and the results obtained were highly commendable in every particular, there was no shirking or complaining, every employee understood the exigencies of the occasion and faced them with a determination to make a record that would not suffer by comparison with the record of any other office of its class and size.

The postoffice department has successfully weathered the initial crucial test in its management of the parcel post system and there need be no further fear of its ability to continue the work, the people should study its advantages, they should become more familiar with the methods, rules and regulations that govern its conduct because it has come to stay and is bound to grow as no enterprise ever has grown and when next Christmas with its increased volume of business rolls around the difficulty of handling that business will be lessened because of the knowledge thus acquired.

NIGHT SCHOOL RE-OPENS MONDAY

Tuition Free and new Pupils will be Received in Many Classes

The second session of evening classes at D. S. H. S. will open Monday, January fifth. Sessions begin at seven-thirty-five and last until nine-forty-five. New students will be received in classes of typewriting, natural English, commercial arithmetic, public speaking, mechanical drawing, dressmaking and millinery. Tuition is free, but by a vote of the school a fine of twenty-five cents is paid for unexcused absences. The money received for fines provides social entertainment for the school. All young people not already in attendance are earnestly invited to join the classes.

15th CAVALRY NEAR FIGHTING

Major McNamee in Command at Presidio near Mexican Border

Members of the 15th Cavalry, under command of Maj. McNamee, who recently left Ft. Sheridan are mentioned in the Tuesday morning dispatches as driving back the Mexican federals who sought refuge in the United States when they were whipped by the rebels at Ojinaga.

WILL PAVE SHERIDAN ROAD WITH CONCRETE

DECISION MADE AT MEETING MONDAY

St. Johns Ave. from Laurel Ave. to Sheridan Rd. Included in Vote Taken at Meeting of Property Owners

Concrete was selected as the paving material for St. Johns Ave. from Laurel Ave. to Sheridan Rd. and for Sheridan Rd. from St. Johns to Dean Ave. at a meeting of property owners and the Board of Local Improvements Monday night. About twenty-five property owners were present and considerable surprise was expressed at the presence of a representative of a cement company. This gentleman made a speech favoring his product as did also Ald. Fearing. Many informal talks were made by others interested and the final vote was taken by the use of ballots on which the voters were requested to write their names and the frontage represented. These will be filed and retained for reference.

During the evening estimates were submitted and they showed the approximate cost of the two materials as: Per front foot; brick \$8.50 and concrete \$6.90 for a 25 foot roadway.

PLAN FOR SKOKIE DRAINAGE DISTRICT

WANT TO RECOVER LOCAL SWAMP LAND

Project in no Way Connected With North Shore Sanitary District will Embrace Nearly 3000 Acres of Land

NOTE: The drainage project discussed in the following article, contributed by those interested, is in no way connected with the proposed North Shore Sanitary District.

East Skokie Drainage District

For the past few years and especially since farm lands in the vicinity of Highland Park, Highwood, and Lake Forest have become so valuable, there has been much active discussion about the proposition of draining what is known as the East Skokie. This is the great swale and watercourse extending up through Deerfield and Shields townships, lying parallel with and from one to three miles westerly from Lake Michigan, and widening out into a great morass extending for miles south of the county line.

It is proposed to start at or near the county line with a large open ditch and to extend north narrowing the ditch as conditions warrant, to Deerpath Avenue west of Lake Forest. This movement has been started by some of the owners of land lying west of Highland Park, and they have interested the county surveyor in the proposition and a preliminary map and surveys have been made, from which a petition for the organization of a farm drainage district has been prepared.

The proposed drainage district will provide an outlet for the surface water of this territory and for tile and its proposed name is East Skokie Drainage District, Lake County, Illinois. It embraces approximately 3000 acres of land, represented by about 200 different owners, there being no large land owners that own any extensive areas of land in the district.

After the petitions are signed all further proceedings are had under the direction of the County Court of Lake County. There are at present ten different farm drainage districts organized or in the process of organization in Lake County. The work done in the majority of these districts is of the same nature as contemplated in the East Skokie, although in two of the districts the outlets consist of a large drain tile instead of an open ditch. In none of the districts are the lands so valuable as those in the East Skokie, in fact in the majority of cases the average price asked for the lands included within the districts before the improvement, was not to exceed seventy-five dollars an acre. The engineers' figures show that in none of the other drainage districts was there as large a proportion of sour land as in the East Skokie.

Those interested in the present movement contend that if a combined system of drainage such as is proposed in the petitions prepared is a good thing in a community where lands are valued at \$75.00 per acre and less, that its value would be greatly appreciated in a locality where lands are held at a figure rarely less than \$500.00 an acre and in some instances reaching as high as \$2000.00 an acre. With proper drainage this large area of swamp land at present practically valueless can be made the garden spot of Lake County.

ADVANCE REPORT OF DISTRICT TAX RATES

THIS CITY IS BELOW COOK CO. TOWNS

Decrease in County and School Offsets big Increase in State Tax. Rates for two Deerfield Townships

Advance reports from the county treasurer's office show that in spite of the big increase in the state tax the two Deerfield townships have a decrease in their rates. This is largely due to a decrease in the county and school taxes although the decrease in District 107 was not large enough to offset the increase in city bonds and the state tax also. As compared to last year the rates for 1914 are 8.54 to 8.28; 108, 7.89 to 8.15; Highwood, 6.55 to 7.53; Deerfield about 5.63 and Lake Forest about 6.00. Cook county towns on the shore are all in advance of this city, some of the rates being: Winnetka, 9.49; Wilmette, 9.57; Kenilworth, 10.25 and Glencoe, 10.64.

Highland Park Rates

	1912	1913
Highland Park	1912	1913
State tax	\$.38	\$.70
County tax	.56	.51
Town	.06	.05
Road and bridge	.61	.31
High school	1.04	.96
City tax	1.20	1.20
City bonds	1.04	1.50
City library	.12	.12
City parks	.27	.27
School District 107	3.00	2.92
School District 108	2.87	2.27
Total for District 107	\$8.28	\$8.54
Total for District 108	8.15	7.89

Highwood and Deerfield Rates

	1912	1913
Highwood	1912	1913
State, county, town, road and bridge and high school same as Highland Park.		
City tax	\$1.70	\$1.20
Bonds	.65	.65
School District	3.00	2.26
Totals	\$7.35	\$5.11
West Deerfield Twp	1912	1913
State	.38	.70
County	.56	.51
Town	.14	.07
Road and bridge	.61	.59
Gravel tax	.60	.60
High school	1.04	.96
Village	1.20	1.20
School District 109	2.11	3.00
School District 110	1.09	.88
School District 112	.31	.09

Those portions of Deerfield and West Deerfield Townships within the corporate limits of Lake Forest pay the following city taxes:

City	.68	1.77
Library	.12	.13
Parks	.11	.11
Schools	1.67	1.51
School bonds	.04	

ELECTRIC ROAD EARNINGS \$214,000

Report of Receiver Shows Slight Decrease in Earnings

Earnings of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric railroad for the year will be approximately \$214,000, after payment of interest on the receiver's obligations. Profits are slightly below those of 1912, which was a record year for the company. After paying interest on the \$1,000,000 first mortgage bonds, the balance will be equal to about 2 per cent on the Illinois division bonds, of which there are \$5,000,000 outstanding, and which are quoted at 90 bid, 50 asked.

The income amount of the receiver for the ten months ended Oct. 31 follows:

	1913	1912
Total operating revenue	\$802,472	\$818,200
Operating expenses	507,328	496,693
Net operating revenue	295,143	319,507
Other income	15,488	13,921
Gross income	310,631	333,429
Taxes	44,166	42,500
Interest on receivers' obligations	52,019	54,894
Deductions	96,187	97,294
Net income	214,444	234,034

WANT TO FIND BABY'S MOTHER

Abandoned Child Will be Legally Adopted if Mother is Found

In order that it may be legally adopted, local women who have interested themselves in the fate of the baby who was left on the rear porch at the Arwater home a week ago Sunday are making every effort to locate the mother and they promise that she will not be prosecuted nor will her name be made public if she makes it known to them. The child is being cared for at the Arwater home at present and is fast gaining a large circle of friends and protectors.

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