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TWO COLUMNS FOR THE USE OF EVERYBODY

JENS JENSEN MAKES PLEA FOR TREES

Noted Landscape Gardener says They are Being Ruthlessly Destroyed. Also Refers to Curved Sidewalks and Roadways

Ravinia, Illinois.

To those who for more than a quarter of a century have watched the gradual disappearance of the beautiful forest along the North Shore every additional stroke of the axe hurts beyond description. It pulls out by the roots a typical piece of American landscape, that every patriotic American should love. This thoughtless extermination often turns into sheer vandalism and may be compared to the complete extermination of the carrier pigeon, that in times past was an annual visitor to these regions. One would rather expect that the woods, that call out the city dwellers to build homes under their leafy shade, would be safe, in the hands of friends. Who would think of cutting down a venerable giant that has seen several generations pass below its leafy canopy? A monument in itself telling the story of a vanished race and of the pioneers who followed. These trees are our greatest friends and it takes generations to grow them into maturity. They fit the soil and form an important part of the American landscape. They have a right to ask for protection and it is ignorance, pure and simple, that destroys them—a sad commentary of our civilization. The only excuse for the removal of trees is where man's habitation makes its removal absolutely necessary. A road, path or sidewalk can pass a tree with a pleasant curve without interference with the public rights or ease of travel. The North Shore indeed might have become a unique and most beautiful residence section, if the character of the forest and the topography of the land had been considered as a motive for man's improvements and it is hard to comprehend why a scheme, say for an entire street, is not worked out and agreed upon by the property owners affected, before street or sidewalk improvements are ordered done by the village trustees, or still better, why not have a careful survey of the lands to be platted and improved, a plan determined on, that fits the existing conditions brought out by the survey and this plan conscientiously carried out. Judging by the citizens found along the North Shore this can be expected.

Let us all at once rise and protest against any vandalism perpetrated toward our beautiful trees, shrubs and flowers. They alone have given the North Shore the charm and beauty that called us away from the city, they alone can maintain this charm and they are the only ones to make it forever an American landscape, typical to the western shore of Lake Michigan.

JENS JENSEN.

ALDERMAN FEARING WRITES OF PAYING

Says Concrete on Roger Williams Ave. is "Going to Pieces", and Points out Difficulties of Board of Local Improvements

July 28, 1914

Editor, Highland Park Press, Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Sir—
In your column entitled "The Man Across the Street" you make some remarks about the Roger Williams concrete paving, saying that it is "going to pieces," etc. I wish some of you editors might have a chance to really delve into the difficulties surrounding the construction of roads and other public works by special assessment, you would get an inkling of the things that are at the bottom of such difficulties. Let me tell you what I have discovered after several years' work on the Board of Local Improvements and on the Council in this matter. We will use the Roger Williams and Dean Avenues paving as an illustration.

The Board of Local Improvements and the property owners in Ravinia in 1912 realized that macadam was no good for automobile traffic. They turned to concrete. They went over to Detroit and saw what was being done in Wayne county; they were more than impressed—they were enthused. They came back and decided to practically copy the Detroit type of concrete road, but the people down in Ravinia demanded a bituminous covering for the roadway on the ground that it would otherwise be too noisy. The Board yielded.

When it came to the letting of the contract to do this work the Board let the contract to a firm of Waukegan contractors. They did not know any more about these people as contractors for concrete roads, or as men of responsibility, than they knew about the man in the moon; but were influenced in awarding the contract to them by the fact that they were the lowest bidders, and it was thought unadvisable to ignore this. The fact is that the law requires that a contract of this sort shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

After this contract was placed, and the work had begun, an inspector was put on this work who seemed to the writer to be the best man we could find at the time, but who had had no previous experience in building concrete roads. There was nobody in Highland Park who had had such experience at that time. There were a lot of people who knew something about concrete, but they knew nothing about concrete ROADS. This inspector did the best he could, but his

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THE ENFORCEMENT OF OUR SPEED LAWS

ARE LOCAL POLICE RIGHT OR WRONG?

Petition, Signed by 100 Citizens and Addressed to Mayor Says They are Wrong. Others Have Other Opinions

The Illinois State law governing the speed of automobiles in cities, says that they shall not go faster than 20 miles an hour on certain residence streets, or 15 on others, according to population; that they shall not go faster than 10 miles an hour along a business street, such as the block on St. Johns, between Laurel and Central and that they shall not go faster than 6 miles an hour around a corner. Some time ago the council police committee, Aldermen Nichols, Fearing and Moses, addressed a very courteous letter to the various automobile clubs in Chicago stating that, because of the heavy traffic and many dangerous crossings there, the city desired to maintain a speed limit of 12 miles an hour through our business district; for a distance of two short blocks the driver was asked, not even to obey the law but, to observe a reasonable amount of caution in order that his life and property and the lives and property of others might be protected. This letter, we understand, was posted on club bulletin boards and many letters commending it and offering cooperation received here. The police claim that they do not arrest or even stop a driver at the St. Johns, Central corner unless his machine is going faster than 15 miles an hour. And yet the names of 100 Highland Park residents are attached to a petition addressed to Mayor Hawkins and asking him to curb the police in their regulation of the auto traffic. The petition, claims that the "present method is unfair and unjust" and is "damaging to our business;" a business man asked the writer today how much business he thought a man who feels that he must drive faster than 15 miles an hour in order to get through it will do in a town.

An article in the Chicago Herald of last Friday stated that the petition has been presented to Mayor Hawkins but the Herald is wrong again for the petition had not been received by the Mayor at the time this article was begun, Tuesday at 11 a. m. In regard to it the Mayor states that he does not know its contents nor who has signed it but, he says, "Petition or no petition the police will continue to arrest those autoists who break the law which, I believe, is what they are doing now."

The Herald article states that the local police have "inaugurated a campaign to 'get' automobilists" and that the merchants are attempting to end a boycott established by the autoists in consequence but we have heard several merchants say that they are perfectly willing to be boycotted by autoists who cannot obey the law.

We hold no brief for the local police and we know that they are not always right, we ourselves have found them wrong on many occasions, in fact any time when their views did not coincide with ours. We believe that "rough language" should be tabooed, but we know of no city that maintains a department for teaching its police how to be polite when making an arrest.

We sympathize with some of the petition signers too, those who have had guests arrive late for dinner spluttering over being stopped by the police and growling over the "unfair methods" used. One of those men, perhaps, who as soon as they reach Evanston give orders to "look out for the motorcycle cop." Going through Wilmette he spies one and so obeys the law; from here on the road is clear, no motorcycle behind, and he opens up and comes up Sheridan Rd. and St. Johns Ave. at such speed as he thinks is necessary to uphold his position in life and is stopped at the corner by a policeman who has "stop watched" him for the most dangerous block in the town. Of course that's "unfair," he has obeyed the law when he knew the law was watching him and would have at this point had he known the officer was watching him, but here he is stopped in front of the grinning citizens on the corner and by a mere country policeman, not even the satisfaction of an exciting chase. From a close watch, kept last year and part of this, the writer judges that the above suppositions statement would fit 7 or 8 out of 10 of the cases, 7 or 8 in which the police are right, the remaining 2 or 3 being the ones where the police are wrong and it is probably these which the petition aims to protect.

Following is a copy of the petition:
FRANK P. HAWKINS, Esq., Mayor, City of Highland Park, Ill.
The undersigned business men, taxpayers and citizens of Highland Park

RAVINIA CROSSING NOT IN CITY LIMITS

COULD NOT FORCE ROAD TO PROTECT

City not to Blame for Fact That There are no Gates at Crossing Where 5 People Were Killed When Train Struck Auto

Criticism of city officials for failure to force the Northwestern Railroad to protect its crossing at Roger Williams Ave. where five people lost their lives when a train struck the auto in which they were riding Monday night, is unwarranted for this crossing is not in the City of Highland Park; the boundary line at this point being the east line of the Northwestern right-of-way.

The accident occurred at about 8:30 Monday evening when the auto, carrying eight people coming from Chicago to the Moraine hotel and going west on Roger Williams Ave., was struck by a north bound train and carried about 200 feet up the track before the train stopped. As a result four of the passengers were almost instantly killed, one, the driver, died in Alice Home hospital a few hours later, two are in the hospital suffering from many bruises and broken bones but said to be on the road to recovery, while one, Miss Catherine Barler, who was found on the engine cowcatcher, is at the Moraine hotel the least injured of all. Local police were quickly on the scene and the fire truck called out to be used in carrying the victims to places where they could be cared for but, with the exception of Miss Barler who was taken in the truck to the Moraine, the victims were placed on the train by road officials and taken to Lake Forest where the injured were taken to the hospital and the dead to an undertaking establishment.

Coroner Taylor gathered a jury on Tuesday and the inquest was started by an investigation of the place where the accident occurred and then postponed until it is possible for the injured to testify. Following is a list of the victims:

THE DEAD:
BENHAM, JAMES W., 2332 Commonwealth avenue.
BENHAM, MRS. JAMES W., his wife.
BOWRING, WILLIAM P., 1219 North State street.
TERTS, MATHIAS, 1323 North State street; chauffeur.
WUNDERLE, EDMUND H., 2944 Broadway.

THE INJURED:
BARLER, MISS ALICE, 436 Arlington place.
MILLER, GEORGE H., 1707 Hinman Ave., Evanston.
SAGER, CATHERINE, Moraine hotel

REV. DOBSON LEAVES ON VACATION

List of Ministers Who will Occupy Presbyterian Pulpit During His Absence

Rev. R. Calvin Dobson and family left last Monday for Harbor Point, Mich., where they will attend the Golden wedding anniversary of Mrs. Dobson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Duncan of St. Louis the fourth of August. Following this Mr. Dobson goes to Limestone, Tennessee to attend the Golden wedding anniversary of his father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. N. Dobson the following week, when it is expected that the six children and their families in part at least will be present. Mr. Dobson will return to Highland Park the first of September. During his absence the pulpit will be supplied as follows: Aug. 2, 6 and 19, Rev. Frederick N. McMillin, D. D., Pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio; Aug. 23, Rev. Wilson Aull, D. D., Pastor of the First Presbyterian church, East St. Louis, Illinois; Aug. 30, to be announced later.

PAPER ON WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK

This Office Will be Closed Highland Park Day, Aug. 6

Along with other business houses of the city THE PRESS office will be closed all day next Thursday and the employees will join in the celebration of Highland Park Day. In consequence the paper will be printed Wednesday and all news items and advertisements must be in the office not later than 5 p. m. Tuesday.

LOCAL BOARD HOLDS MEETING

Prepare for Paving of Skokie Avenue With Macadam

About the only business of importance transacted by the Board of Local Improvements at their meeting Monday night was the origination of an ordinance for the paving of Skokie Avenue. The material is to be asphalt-macadam and the cost is estimated at \$3,620. Public hearing will be held August 10.

REGULARS LOSE 3-1 CRESCENTS WIN 9-2

BOTH GAMES PLAYED AWAY FROM HOME

Crescents Give Waukegan Team Second Defeat at Waukegan While Glenview Beats Regulars at Glenview

By "Regular Fan"

The Regulars journeyed over to Glenview Sunday and got a neat trouncing by a score of 3 to 1. The game itself was very interesting and close all through, but the Regulars did not play the game as they are capable of playing it and Glenview took advantage of every slip, therefore the defeat. Nevertheless, fans who missed Sunday's treat will be given an opportunity of seeing these same two strong teams in another battle Sunday, Aug. 9, to be fought at Central Park, the home of the Regulars. "Bob" Greenstade pitched his usual excellent game while Reed received him.

Eddie Rugan, the mainstay for Glenview opposed "Bob" on the mound and pitched elegant ball. Rugan has faced Highland Park teams five times and has scored four victories. Some record. He will undoubtedly twirl for Glenview Sunday, Aug. 9, when they make the trip to Highland Park. Last Sunday's game was truly a pitchers battle, each team securing 6 hits but Glenview was lucky to get their's when needed, whereas the Regulars fell down. Four different times the home boys had a chance to win the game, practically speaking, and each time the batter failed to deliver the wallop.

The Regulars have signed a new man for first base, and this man is none other than Roger Kelly, the hard hitting man from the St. Mary's team of Evanston. Nearly every fan along the shore knows Roger's ability as a ball player. He will be seen in next Sunday's game.

By "Crescent Fan"
The Crescents bumped the sturdy Waukegan's three-time Lake county champions, 9 to 2, last Sunday at Waukegan. This was the soundest spanking that McCann's aggregation has suffered on its own grounds in years. More than that, it was a trimming entirely unlooked for by the losers after the Crescents dropped those two games to the Regulars, whom Waukegan downed easily.

Waukegan, with all its slugging ability never had a look-in. Potter twirled a bang-up game; he was unbeatable. The defeated players volunteered the remark after the game that the Crescent star showed them more stuff than any twirler they have been up against this year. And they've faced some rattling good ones. Ralph had his victims so completely at his mercy that thirteen times they failed to connect at all with his assortment of smoke and benders, and only seven times did they get the ball past the infield.

The Crescents' hitting, too, was a revelation. They hit safely nine times for a total of twenty-one bases—2 homers, 2 triples, and 2 doubles being part of their collection of bingles—some clouting! The large crowd of Highland Park followers had ample opportunity to cheer and it did cheer. It seemed as if half of the players were Crescent rooters. Howard Flinn and his cohorts felt that they simply had to win, and they busted into Lindquist's offerings with grim determination and deadly effect. They showed that they had broken loose from the slump which had the toe-hold on them for several weeks; they're back in their stride again.

Here's how they did it:

First Inning
Crescents—Lindquist showed some fine benders and fanned Schmidt. Richards bounced a grounder over shortstop for a hit. W. Duffy failed to locate Lindquist's spitters and whiffed. Cronin cracked one to the left of third-baseman and was retired by a swell stop and peg—1 hit; no runs.

Waukegan—Potter opened up with terrific speed and fanned King. Wilkenson poked a short liner to right but had to slide into the bag to beat Chambers' throw. Whyte bressed. Wilkenson swiped second. Bronkie struck out—1 hit; no runs.

Second Inning
Crescents—Hillman closed center fielder back to get his long clout. Lindquist's twisters were breaking J. Duffy and he struck out both J. Duffy and Flinn—No hits; no runs.

Waukegan—Ahlstrom shot a fast grounder over second. Williams sacrificed, J. Duffy to Flinn. Ahlstrom kept right on for third, Flinn's throw, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 5)

BIG CELEBRATION IS ONLY ONE WEEK OFF

HIGHLAND PARK DAY NEXT THURSDAY

Will be a Great Home Coming Day with a Basket Lunch and Opportunities to Visit as its Chief Feature

While there will be a parade in the morning and games and contests of every sort all day long, concluding with dancing in the evening, an opportunity for visiting and a good basket lunch on the side is the big feature of the Highland Park Business Men's celebration next Thursday. For those who neglect to bring their lunch there will be a refreshment stand and Jesse Sobay, who has charge of this feature, has promised that it will be filled with good things to eat to be sold at reasonable prices.

The parade in charge of S. A. St. Peter will leave the city hall at 9:15 a. m. and nearly all the local organizations will be represented in the line. Because of the vast amount of work and expense involved the floats have been abandoned this year but several prizes are offered for the best decorated bicycles. The line of march will include only that portion of Central Ave. between the city hall and the park so the marchers will arrive at the park early, and the games begun in the morning. Earl Purdy is in charge of this feature and he has secured many handsome prizes for the winners. In the evening everyone who registers will have a chance to secure one of the free drawing prizes which have been selected by A. A. Moses, who will have charge.

Dancing, with Archie Johnson in charge, will take place on a large platform which is to be built under the direction of W. E. Clark. Brun's orchestra will supply the music.

Dedicate Life Saving Station
The Life Saving Crew has always been one of the chief features of the programs of past years but this year they will supply even more for they have arranged to have an elaborate ceremony and dedicate their new quarters during the day. Speeches will be made by prominent men who are interested in this venture of the Young Men's Club and the crew will give several drills.

WHO WILL GET THE VACANT JUDGESHIP?

WAUKEGAN PAPER NAMES LOCAL MAN

Although B. W. Schumacher is Abroad and Probably Does not Know of Circuit Court Vacancy Gazette says he is Candidate

Attorney B. W. Schumacher, who is at present in Europe and can scarcely know as yet that a vacancy exists, will probably be somewhat surprised when he learns that, according to the Waukegan Gazette, he is a candidate for the circuit court judgeship made vacant by the death of Judge Whitney. Following is what the Gazette says of the "candidacy."

"Reports from other parts of the county state today that there has been a move started to place a Democrat in the fight and to this end Attorney B. W. Schumacher of Highland Park has entered the field. He is declared to be one of the few Democrats in the county who has any desire to contend for the place and it is thought that in view of the fact that there is Democratic administration in force in the state and at the present time he may be in a position to make the other candidates hustle."

While there would be no surprise over such an announcement, if Mr. Schumacher were here to make it, there is considerable over the fact that a Waukegan paper makes it for him. Both the dailies published at the county seat have been offering Gov. Dunne "ideal candidates" from Lake County for the past week but heretofore, as indeed they do in all such cases, they have considered Waukegan as Lake County, quite ignoring the rest of us and also the fact that there are three other counties in the district from which the Governor may get a Democrat, the Waukegan candidates, so far, being Republicans.

Many of Mr. Schumacher's friends expressed the wish that he was here to make an effort to secure the position, should he desire it, as they believe that his chances would be good. It is said that several have written him concerning the matter.

According to the Gazette, State Attorney Dady, who announced his candidacy a few days ago, has decided to stay out of the race. The Gazette's favorite candidate at present is Claire G. Edwards, while it is reported that the petitions for Judge Persons are receiving but few signatures.

BENEFIT GAME FOR BOAT HOUSE FUND

CHAMPIONS AND MANDELS SUNDAY

D. F. Kelley Will Send the Strong Commercial Leaguers to Meet Regulars and Raise Money for Life Saving Crew

If the new quarters of the Life Saving Crew are to be dedicated, next Thursday, free of debt, \$500 must be raised and to accomplish this all hands have been piped on deck for instructions and a hard fight started with the battle cry of "no quarter." That means that "no quarter" will be given but, as F. W. Schumacher told the boys, a quarter may be taken wherever it isn't possible to get a dollar.

In order to do their share in gathering the quarters and other small amounts the City Champion Regulars offered to play a benefit ball game and Mr. D. F. Kelley, who is one of the crews most enthusiastic supporters, promptly volunteered to send the Champions of the Commercial League, the Mandel Bros. team to meet the locals Saturday at the Regular's park on West Central Ave. This will be an excellent opportunity to see a good ball game and to benefit a good cause for the entire receipts will be given to the boat house fund.

The Business Men's Association, thru these columns, invites you and asks you to invite your friends to come early and stay late—if it doesn't rain.

GRAND OPERA GETS GOOD START AT PARK

PATRONS LIKE THE ARTISTS ENGAGED

Singers, Conductors and Orchestra all Receive Praise From Large Audience. Vast Amount of Work in Preparing Scenery

Minor criticisms, where indeed there has been any criticising, have been all that have been heard regarding the artists engaged for the six weeks season of grand opera which opened Monday at Ravinia Park. Good crowds are attending nightly and in addition to the principals, conductors and chorus, the stage management and the excellent settings are getting their share of praise this year. As there are several new operas on the program and as almost the entire opera is given each evening, new scenery had to be provided for each. And there has been no opportunity to rehearse this feature; chorus, principals and orchestra could all be rehearsed in various rooms about the park but the scenery must wait until the stage was built, meaning that the two sets used in "The Tales of Hoffman" Monday night were not put together until the minute they were to be used. As an evidence of the system built up by Manager Lowrie and Stage Manager Schuster it may be noted that during the twenty hours elapsing between the time the park was emptied Sunday night and the time for the curtain to go

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