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## A MUNICIPAL WILD FLOWER PRESERVE

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The following is a clipping taken from the November issue of "BillERICA" and deals with nature in Highland Park

(By Everett L. Millard)

Highland Park is a city of ravines. It has five times as many bridges as Lake Forest; more, in fact, than any city in Illinois except Chicago. This fact, with the high wooded bluff of Lake Michigan and the tributary ravines, form the dominant landscape features of the city.

Forty-five years ago, a young surveyor realized the beauties of these natural features, and utilized them to the fullest extent in laying out the roads through the newly subdivided territory. While his main thoroughfares led without undue waste of time to the heart of the town, the railway station, he followed the ravines in gentle curves wherever he could, and crossed them freely. He saved public outlets to the lake at frequent intervals, both by roads ending on top of the bluff and running down the ravines to the shore. This young surveyor was William M. R. French and he later became the beloved director of the Art Institute of Chicago.

One of the three deepest ravine systems of the town begins at the north and south limits, and runs a mile easterly till it reaches the lake. Along, over and down this ravine runs the most beautiful street on the North Shore, called Ravine Drive. It is now under the jurisdiction of the Highland Park East Park District, organized about five years ago. The Drive winds down the ravine side about a quarter of a mile west of the lake, and then follows the bottom until it opens onto the lake. The pavement is twenty feet wide, of macadam, with an unfortunately high concrete curb, making a somewhat stiff outline, ten inches in height. On one side, the road is protected by a flat limestone rock wall, penning in the creek three or four feet below, dry in summer, but often unruly in the springtime. Both of the winding banks of the drive are heavily clothed with hardwood timber, of White and Red Oak, Maple, Linden, Ash, Hickory, Butternut, Walnut, Canoe Birch and Beech, with an appropriate undersetting of Hop-hornbeam, Blue Beach, Witch Hazel, Hazelnut, Gray, Red and Round-leaved Dogwood, Sheepberry, Plum, Crab and Thorn trees. The crowning glory of the timber is the Beach grove on the south bank, the only colony between Chicago and the Wisconsin line, except for a scattering collection at Pettibone's Creek at the Naval Station. The legend is that the Indians planted them for refuge from lightning, as the tree is supposed to be free from its visits. While there are no giants among the Beeches, like there are in the northern woods, some of them are twenty inches in diameter, and they are flourishing, with hundreds of saplings pushing along among the Oaks and Maples. Only four saplings have crossed to the other bank of the ravine. Perhaps the prosperity of this wonderful grove is evidence of the theory that the Beech is dispossessing the Maple and Oak on rich, shady humus.

The flora underneath this covering of the banks is unusually rich, especially on the south bank. Countless Hepatica, Trillium, White and Yellow Doogtooth Violets, Bloodroot and Corn-flowers brighten the banks in the spring. In the autumn, various Golden-rods and Asters on the sunny borders show nature's master hand in color effects. Rare colonies of Showy Orchis delight some who visit them every year, and they have not yet been despoiled. The Ferns are abundant, the Maidenhair, Sensitive, Lady and Shield varieties.

The top of the retaining wall, between the curb and the stream, ranging from two to six feet in width, received a careless deposit of a few inches of mixed earth at the time the road was paved five years ago. It is of great interest to observe the vegetation that has voluntarily clothed it since. The Park District this year has allowed the self-sown plants to grow as they would in order to break the stiffness of the low rampart. They have also experimented

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## LOCAL STORES ATTRACT CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

SHOW WINDOWS IN HOLIDAY DRESS

Do Your Share in Helping to Make Highland Park the Most Progressive and Attractive Home Town

Never before has there been greater effort put forth on the part of Highland Park merchants in getting ready for the greatest Christmas business ever done, than this year. The show windows have their holiday dress and the stores which are fairly jammed with gifts for everyone will remain open evenings until Christmas for the convenience of late shoppers.

It is at Christmas time more than at any other of the whole year that we all join in spirit of good will toward everybody and to make it more impressive, we send tokens along with our good wishes.

Up to a few years ago our town didn't have much in the way of stores handling suitable gifts for Christmas, but a demand created them and today one can find as fine a display of Christmas presents here as anywhere.

Purchase what you can at home, there is a double satisfaction in it, you not only make the recipient happy, but also the storekeeper who will appreciate your thoughtfulness in recognizing his desire to please you.

Patronize the men with the attractive show windows of our town, do your share in helping to get Highland Park the most progressive, beautiful and attractive home town and your Christmas day will be happier for it.

Earnest and sincere efforts on our part toward a better world to live in, a higher state of civilization and a better fellow feeling toward mankind, all that should begin at home. Everyone of us who buys an article need not a real necessity in Chicago because it is a few cents cheaper belongs to the only real poor citizens of Highland Park.

## ATTRACTIONS AT THEATRE

Mary Pickford, Marie Dora and Frank Keenan to appear in Different Roles

Motion pictures at the local theatre promise a great attraction for next week. On the nineteenth, "The Woman Pays," a stirring drama of social and financial problems, will be given. The twenty-first, Tuesday, Julius Stenger gives his famous play, "The Fifth Commandment," a popular photoplay in five acts. Mary Pickford can be seen on Wednesday the twenty-second, in "A Girl of Yesterday," a pretty drama of a generation past in which Miss Pickford takes different parts and has made a great success of it. On Thursday evening, the twenty-third, America's most distinguished actor, Frank Keenan, will appear in "The Long Chance," a drama of western pioneer days. Friday evening will bring forth, "From the Valley of the Missing," presented by William Fox, a thrilling story of the east. Saturday evening, Christmas night, Daniel Frohman will present Marie Dora in "The White Pearl," a fanciful romance of the Orient.

## YOUNG MEN'S CLUB VAUDEVILLE

Monday Evening, December 20th at the Highland Park Theatre

On Monday night at seven-fifteen the decks will be cleared and ready for action for the local boys, members of the Young Men's Club, will again demonstrate their talents at the Highland Park Theatre. The stunts they are offering are wonders for home talent and the show promises to be a "corker." The program will be as follows:

1. Another Monologue.....E. Gourley
2. The Payne Children Consisting of Banjo Playing, Singing and Dancing
3. "See America First" H. Eichler and W. Fitzgerald
4. "Way Down South" Negro sketch Frank Walker, John Gallagher, Fred Gallagher

These four acts with moving pictures between acts, will conclude the program. There will be two shows, one at seven-fifteen and the other at nine-fifteen.

## LEAGUE OFFICERS FORM TWELVE BOWLING TEAMS

POSITION DETERMINED BY AVERAGES

The Season Opened Monday with Four Teams Starting. Albert Workman Won Last Week's Prize by Scoring 245.

By "Cub" Moon

The officers of the league have worked very hard the past week forming the teams, and the sixty men are placed so that the twelve teams appear to be about evenly matched. Some teams may be a little stronger than others, but this is only the first year of this undertaking, and everything possible was done to satisfy the bowlers. The teams were chosen with much care, the averages of the bowlers determining their position. There are five different classes, ranging from those who average 170 or better, who are called first class men, down to the fifth class, or those who average 130 or less. So the sixty men are divided into five classes, twelve men to a class. Below is a list of the teams, the classes being shown by the position in the line-up. Reading up the classes are first, second, third, fourth and fifth.

Grant	Sullivan
Smith G.	Decker
Skidmore	Keuper
Bowden G.	Brand R.
Evans "Doc"	Ori

Sheahan	Genty
Greenslade	Cobb
Evans E.	Swanson
Wahlman	Clark T.
Conrad	Richards

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## OSOLI CLUB PLAY SPLENDID SUCCESS

"Untangling Tony" as Given Last Night Pleases Large Audience.

"The play's the thing," such was the case last evening at the Highland Park Club when the drama committee of the Osoli Club gave "Untangling Tony," a delightful comedy in two acts by Helen F. Bagg. There must be some of our citizens who have missed their calling as was proved by the display of extraordinary talent last evening. Miss Charlotte Yoe, the rich but anxious Mrs. Addison Ray, carried her part from start to finish, with admirable ease and assurance, while Mr. Raymond Lovell as Anthony Ray, her son was exceptionally good in his very difficult part. Mrs. George A. Mason, as Mildred Carew, and Mr. Daniel Cobb, taking the role of Mr. Fenwick Van Alsten were very amusing, and at times during the play their plans became very trying. Miss Adele Everett as Mrs. James Manning, and Mrs. A. C. Torbert as Gladys Manning surely were very good, and played their parts to perfection, sustaining the interest of the audience at all times. Mrs. Charles Merritt as Mrs. Brown a "temporary sun" and Miss Gladys Spencer as Miss Carolyn Carroll, a bright star of the chorus were both very good indeed and the contrast between the characters was quite marked. Mr. Frederic Ullmann took the part of Thompson, a butler, much to the amusement of all. To much credit can not be given those who worked hard to make this play so pretty and successful. Miss Marion Mason sang a group of songs between the acts, which were charmingly sung, and received much applause. After the play Miss Portia M. Sweet appeared in, aesthetic dancing, with piano and violin accompaniment. The evening was one of the most artistic affairs of the season.

## C. & N. W. CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

Mrs. J. L. Davis, Colored, Meets Death in Highwood, Sunday

Mrs. J. L. Davis, 2611 Chicago Avenue, Chicago, was instantly killed by a Northwestern train at Highwood Sunday evening about 5:45 o'clock. Mrs. Davis had been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Mamie Martin, in Highwood, just north of Highland Park, and was waiting for an interurban to return to the city, when she remembered she had a letter to mail. She crossed the Chicago and Northwestern tracks to the postoffice and, after posting the letter, started back to the interurban. In her hurry she attempted to cross in front of a fast train, about 150 feet from the crossing at which a flagman is stationed. Her body was carried several hundred yards on the pilot of the locomotive.

## HOSPITAL COMMISSION HAS MEETING TONIGHT

MAYOR HASTINGS TO BE IN CHAIR

Addresses by Doctors Henry B. Favill and Arthur D. Bevin to Form Part of Program. Musical Numbers Also to be Given

By Publicity Commission

Why is Thursday, December 16th, marked with a Red Cross in the Highland Park calendar? Because it is Hospital Night, and at eight o'clock Highland Park citizens expect to meet Mayor Hastings and Doctors Henry B. Favill and Arthur Dean Bevin in the Girls' Gymnasium of the Deerfield Shields High School. Mayor Hastings will tell us some of the reasons given to him by residents of Highland Park for the necessity of a small, well equipped hospital, and Doctors Favill and Bevin, known by name at least to all of us, will tell us why they favor a hospital in this North Shore city. The musical program promised will be furnished by Mrs. Carleton M. Vail and Mr. and Mrs. George R. Jones. At this mass meeting we hope to get more than one point of view on this subject, there are always two sides to every question and it is incumbent on us to weigh the matter carefully before undertaking a great responsibility. We would like to hear what those persons, well endowed with this world's goods, think about the subject, and we also wish to know how those less fortunate feel about it; therefore come each, come all, you can leave your purse at home, as no subscriptions or donations will be asked for tonight; if you have facts that experience and knowledge have brought to your understanding let us all have the benefit of them; this is the time for discussion—after the set program.

## SATURDAY DEC. 18th IS "GOOD ROADS DAY"

ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT GRAYSLAKE

The Women of Lake County Especially Invited to Attend this Meeting. Permanent Organization to be Perfected

Saturday, December 18th, will be good roads day all day long at Grayslake, where the Lake County Good Roads Association will hold their meeting on that date.

Secretary R. N. Magill of the Good Roads Association, reports widespread interest throughout the county in this meeting and with every indication of a large gathering.

One feature of the meeting is the interest being taken in the good roads movement by the women of the county who appreciate the big advantage of good roads in bringing the schools, churches and neighbors nearer to the home. The women of Lake County are specially invited to hear the Honorable A. D. Gash, president of the State Highway Commission, deliver his splendid address on the part of the state in facilitating the building and reducing the cost of good roads. In addition to Mr. Gash, Superintendent of Highways C. E. Russell, Circuit Clerk L. O. Brockway and others have been invited to address the meeting.

The work of perfecting the permanent organization of the Lake County Good Roads Association will be interspersed with the addresses and a very interesting and instructive meeting is looked forward to.

The Grayslake Commercial Association has arranged for the meeting to be held in the Opera House which insures ample seating capacity and comfort for all who attend the meeting.

The morning session begins at 10 a. m. and the afternoon meeting at one o'clock.

There is nothing before the people in Lake County of more importance than the development of good roads. There is nothing that will add more to the comfort and pleasure of living in Lake County and nothing that will do more to increase the values of Lake County's splendid farms than will the betterment of our roads. The Saturday meeting of the Lake County Good Roads Association should therefore tax the seating capacity of the Grayslake Opera House.

## NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

"GOOD FELLOWS" ASSIST FIRE VICTIMS

Winnetka Plans \$40,000 Theatre in Spite of Ordinance Prohibiting Motion Pictures. 3665 Cattle Victims of Slaughter

Helping the Unfortunate

Five hundred men of the Chicago Hardware Company, headed by John Sherwin, proved themselves Good Fellows, in the Christmas sense of the term, Saturday and Sunday when they raised \$157 for the relief of Alphonse Doyek, who with his family was burned out of his little home west of the Naval Training Station, Friday. His little two-year-old son, Cyril, was burned to death at that time. Not only did the men raise the money, but they put it to the best use possible. It was turned into lumber, which Sunday was erected into a home for the Doyeks. Under the eye of Albert Jern, boss carpenter of the Foundry Company, several score men worked in shifts Sunday morning, building a home for the fire victims. Weather conditions, as unpleasant as they were for carpenter work, were not sufficient to deter the men, who went at their job with a will and did not cease until the building had progressed far enough to permit it to be called a home for the family.

In an editorial comment on the above act of charity the Waukegan Gazette says:

"The citizens of North Chicago who took it upon themselves to build a little home for the unfortunate people of their city who lost their home will probably enjoy the holiday season which is to come a little more than they would have had they not performed this worthy act of charity. If one is to believe the teaching of the great book of God, it points out in many passages where work of this kind calls for the highest praise and the greatest reward. Not only has the unhappiness of the poor family been lessened, but a community has proved itself capable of grasping the thing in life which makes for better citizenship."

Winnetka Plans \$40,000 Theatre

In spite of the ordinance passed by the Village Council prohibiting motion picture shows in Winnetka, plans have been completed for a new show house to be erected on Lincoln Avenue just north of the building now occupied by the Winnetka Motor Company.

A petition is now being circulated asking the Village Board to grant a special permit to allow the building and the operation of motion pictures, and is being rapidly filled with signatures. In the proposed new theatre, accommodation is provided for 750 people. The whole building will be absolutely fireproof and there will be six direct exits leading from the auditorium. The interior will be large and airy, with a special ventilating system which will provide cold air for summer and hot air for winter. The building itself will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000 and the lot \$10,000, which will make the total investment \$40,000.—Winnetka Talk

3665 Cattle Victims of Slaughter

It cost the state and national government \$149,245 to battle the foot and mouth disease in Lake county during the summer of 1915. It cost each government—state and national—one-half that sum, or \$74,622.75. The federal government has already paid its share of the total; the state will pay its share when the legislature gets around to appropriate the big amount that has been fixed as necessary to meet the situation in the state.

The total losses of cattle, swine, etc., in Lake county during the epidemic was as follows:

Cattle, 1956 head; Swine, 1650; Sheep, 47; Goats, 3; Deer, 9; grand total, 3665.—Waukegan Sun.

Install Liquid Chlorine System

The equipment for the treatment of North Chicago's water supply to eliminate the typhoid fever germs by liquid chlorine was installed Friday and those who like water for other than cooking and bathing purposes may use it copiously without fear of contracting the dread disease. The liquid chlorine treatment has been proven very effective and its adoption by North Chicago is a step in advance.—Times Review.

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

LEWIS ASKS FOR PLAT OF SUBDIVISION

Fire Department to Install Bells in Homes of all Members. Purity Ice Co. Given Permission to Improve Street

By Publicity Commission

Council Meeting convened December 10th with all members present. Nearly every chair in the visitors section was occupied and among those present were lawyers B. W. Schumacher, E. S. Gail and George Phillips. In the presence of so much legal talent the business of the day moved smoothly along from start to finish, as usual.

After routine business was disposed of the City Clerk read a petition from Mr. A. O. Lewis asking that the plat of his property north-east of Vine Avenue station be approved by the Council. As there was some question as to the ownership of a part of this property, the matter was referred to the Commissioner of Public Property for investigation. Lawyers Schumacher and Gail represented the parties concerned. Commissioner Hitchcock moved that the bill presented by Edward M. Laing Company amounting to \$344.50 for extra labor and materials furnished in constructing 106 feet of concrete culvert in St. John's Avenue, be approved and a voucher drawn against the sewer fund for said amount. The motion prevailed.

Report on the Becker garage sign was deferred until next meeting. Permission was granted to the fire department to have the alarm bells installed in the houses of the present members of the department.

The City Clerk was authorized to send a note of thanks to the Aaron Brick Company for their check for fifty dollars received in acknowledgment of the services of the fire department at their recent fire. Motion to pay the rebate due on Special Assessment Nos. 103, 101, 112, 113, 124, and 153 as soon as possible, was carried. Policeman Holt's bond for \$500 was approved.

Mr. Raabe representing the Purity Ice Company, informed the Council that Deerfield Avenue between Green Bay Road and Oakwood Avenue at times was impossible for team traffic and requested that he be given permission to improve same by placing stone on the roadway at the company's expense.

Commissioner Bahr moved that the request be granted with the understanding that the work be done under the supervision of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements. Motion carried.

Mr. H. Denzel reported that he had received complaints about the smoke from the Parochial School. Mr. Huber, Commissioner of Public Health, was requested to present written complaints to the Council for action. Meeting then adjourned.

## KILLED AT GLENCOE GRADE CROSSING

James H. Clifford Dies When Car Hits Auto, Sunday

A fatal grade crossing accident in Glencoe Sunday which cost the life of James H. Clifford, a chauffeur, caused Judge Landis to consider an order Monday limiting the running time of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric railroad to eight miles an hour through the northern suburbs. Accidents have been frequent since a new one hour and fifty-five minute express service was installed between Chicago and Milwaukee, October 11. The Glencoe fatality was only one of several serious accidents on grade crossings near Chicago.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS QUICKLY

John H. Benson Family Have Scare. Fire May Have Proved Serious

About eleven-thirty Tuesday night the fire department was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Benson on Wood Path. The family had retired, someone forgetting to turn off the electric iron which was standing on the ironing board and which after being left for some time filled the house with smoke. Awakened from their slumbers and smelling smoke, Mrs. Benson called the fire department, which responded to the call promptly. Fortunately no serious fire resulted.

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