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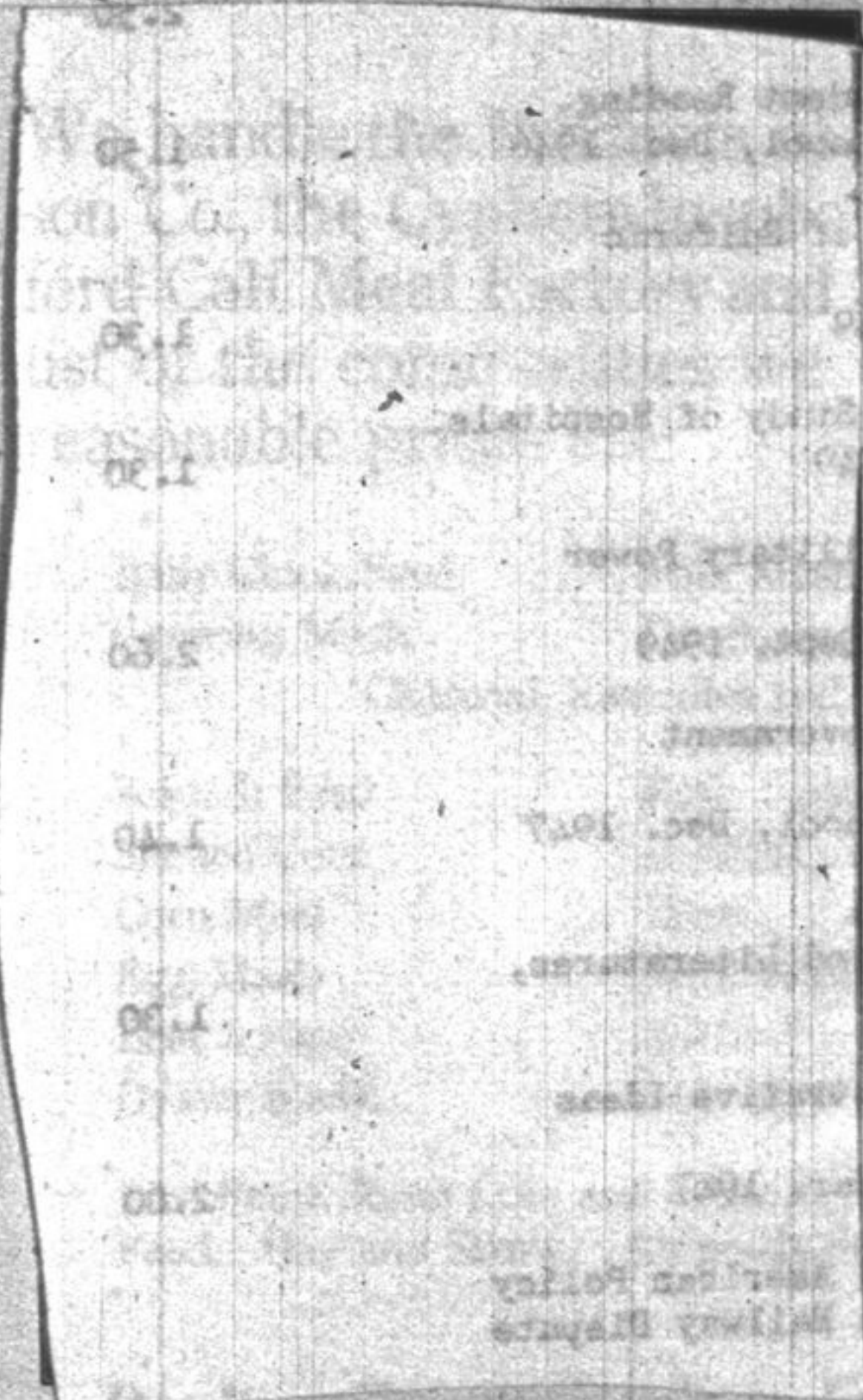
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SIGNOR MILLO PICCO, Baritone

Now Singing at Ravinia Park. "A Caruso Voice in a Lower Key"



A native of Turin, the Paris of Italy, Sig. Millo Picco was a pupil of Italy's foremost conservatory of music, the Accademmi di S. Cecilia in Rome. His teacher was no less a man than the greatest baritone of his day, Cotogni.

Sig. Picco made his debut at the Argentina Theatre in Rome as Tonio in "Pagliacci," winning instant favor. His rise to fame thenceforth was rapid. After singing in Milan, where he created a sensation, he was proclaimed an equal of Battistini, then the idol of Italian audiences.

Seeking new worlds to conquer, Sig. Picco came to the United States where he became affiliated with the Boston Opera Company as one of that brilliant organization's most dazzling

luminaries. A sure harvest of delight is garnered by those who are so fortunate as to be numbered among the discriminating audiences that greet this eminent artist.

Sig. Picco has appeared with much applause at Ravinia as Count di Luna, Trovatore; Germont, La Traviata; Alfio, Cavalleria Rusticana; Rigoletto, and always is greeted with admiration. Next week he will sing, Escamillo, in Carmen; Alfio, in Cavalleria Rusticana. The following has been said of Sig. Picco's rendition of the "Barbieri di Sevigia," "What shall we say of Picco? He is a great artist. His emission is beyond reproach, his singing a delight, and his voice control masterful."

RAVINIA BEACH SCENE OF DROWNING

Capsize Fishing Skiff and Heavy Surf Causes Death of Carl Selwitz of Chicago

Carl Selwitz of Chicago drowned a half mile off Ravinia Park Saturday night when a fishing skiff capsized in the heavy surf of a northeaster. His companion, Max Smaller, connected with the Chicago Hebrew Institute, swam half a mile to shore after vainly attempting to save Selwitz.

Selwitz could swim but little and smaller buffeted the waves for fifteen minutes with his friend in tow, but, realizing that his strength was ebbing, had to let him go.

After a short breathing spell Smaller dashed once more into the lake in an effort to rescue his companion, but was induced by the crowd on shore to turn back.

The body was discovered Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock by a man fishing on a pier and informed Mr. Charles Rafferty, who immediately went to the rescue. The body was taken to Chicago in the afternoon by the father who arrived at noon.

The Young Men's Club life saving crew spent Saturday night in search of the body and continued the search from Monday noon to ten o'clock the same night. The club is anxious to render any service to those in trouble and stand ready to answer calls for help turned in at any time.

LOCAL THEATRE BILL

Saturday Evening, Marguerite Clark To Appear in "Silks and Satins".

Travel Pictures
The local theatre is offering next week the following attractions: Sunday, "The Deserter"; Monday, beginning a feature series of comedy dramas, weekly news and a comedy. Tuesday, "The Crucial Test" and a comedy. Wednesday, "Flirting with Fate," with Douglas Fairbanks. Thursday, "The Heart of a Child," with Edna Flugrath and weekly news. Friday, Edna Godrich in "The Making of Maddalena," and Gloria's Romance. Saturday, Marguerite Clark in "Silks and Satins," Burton Holmes Travel Pictures and a comedy.

INSULL AT HEAD OF MILWAUKEE ELECTRIC

PLANS DIRECT ENTRANCE INTO CHICAGO

New Management Aims to Improve the Service and Make Improvement in Roadbed and Equipment. Baitan I. Budd, Pres.

After eight years of litigation, reorganization of the financial affairs of the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railroad has been completed, and extensive improvements, including direct entrance to the heart of Chicago, are contemplated by the new management.

The reorganized road will be known hereafter as the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad. Samuel Insull will be directing chief of the new interurban, and Brittan I. Budd will assume the presidency and have charge of operation.

Three voting trustees for the new property have been chosen, as follows: George M. Reynolds (President of the Continental and Commercial National Bank), Samuel Insull and R. Floyd Clinch.

The officers and directors of the new road will be: Samuel Insull, Chairman of the Board.

Brittan I. Budd, President.

R. Floyd Clinch, Vice President.

Board of Directors: Samuel Insull, R. Floyd Clinch, Brittan I. Budd, H. S. Oaler and E. A. Shedd.

New capital to the extent of \$3,620,000 in bonds and \$400,000 in one two and three years notes will be issued immediately.

As the territory along the North Shore is developing rapidly, it will be the aim of the new management to improve the service and make betterments in roadbed and equipment to keep pace with such development. The new officers expect to give much personal attention to rehabilitating the road.

While the interurban line has run direct to the heart of Milwaukee for a number of years, its southern terminus is Evanston. Negotiations are now under way to bring the cars down to the heart of Chicago; and when these arrangements have been completed, it is anticipated that the earning capacity of the company will be greatly increased.

The plan of reorganization contemplates the issuance of the following securities:

An authorized issue of \$10,000,000 First Mortgage, 20-year, 5 per cent. bonds, which will be a first lien on the entire property; but no bonds can be issued in excess of \$5,000,000, except for additional property acquired by the new company, at not more than eighty-five (85) per cent. of the cost or fair value thereof.

Of the first \$5,000,000 bonds \$3,620,000 will be issued immediately, and, in addition, \$400,000 one, two and three year notes (callable at par on any interest date, and to provide for the retirement of which \$440,000 (Continued on page 7)

HIGHLAND PARK WEEK AT ARDEN SHORE

This Week to be Filled With Entertainment for Children. Naval Cadets Appear in Drill

The towns on the north shore have each year given the children of "Arden Shore Camp" some sort of a simple entertainment through the week and our town has the privilege this week. On Sunday Mr. George Green of Highland Park gave a very interesting "Chalk Talk" appropriate to the day and Rev. Mr. Umbach and Miss Brand took charge of the music. One day this week the children will have all the ice cream that will be good for them. Through the courtesy of Commander Moffett on Saturday morning at 9:45 two hundred boys from the Great Lakes Navy Station will give a drill at the camp. All are invited to attend. One of the guests at the camp on Sunday said that if the public could see these little pinched white faces so filled with the joy and happiness of an outing at "Arden Shore," Arden Shore would never have to ask for financial help. Ten dollars will keep a mother and child at Arden Shore two weeks.

Twenty-five dollars will keep a homeless or delicate child at "Arden Shore" all summer.

OUT-DOOR GREEK THEATRE DEDICATED

IDEA OF MR. BEN GREET REALIZED

Estate of Mr. Moritz W. Boehm in Ravinia, the Scene of this Attractive Feature. "See Ravinia First"

The estate of Moritz W. Boehm was the scene of a gay party of people Saturday afternoon who attended the dedication of the outdoor Greek theatre. The Misses Van Vlissingen, dancers, gave a program of classic dances under the direction of Mrs. Arend Van Vlissingen.

The dancers were girls of all ages and the interpretations which the little girls put into their dancing were really very remarkable.

The stage is the result of a great deal of thought and work, and is the idea of Mr. Ben Greet, who is well known throughout theatrical circles as a famous out door actor. A number of years ago Mr. Ben Greet suggested to Mr. Boehm that his estate was the ideal location for an out door theatre. Following their conversation Mr. Boehm and this well known actor made several trips into New England, visiting many estates on the coast from Maine to New York. After all this travel Mr. Boehm returned home and spent days and nights planning the shrubbery decoration and color schemes. Just in front of the stage and dividing it from the green on which the spectators sit is a bubbling brook, which flows from a mirror like pool, and drops finally to an immense swimming pool below. This charming little brook formed a pretty part of the musical accompaniment for the dancers. In the middle of the stage stands a double oak tree which owes its existence to Mr. Ben Greet and may some day bear a plate with his name on it. It may be interesting to friends and admirers of Mr. Greet to mention the fact that he has turned his house in London into a hospital for the use of the soldiers.

After the dancing refreshments were served by the hostess, Miss Boehm, assisted by Mrs. John McDougal and Miss Edith Oakley.

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FORMER HIGHLAND PARK RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. James McDonald of Wilkesboro, N. C. Burial at Lake Forest, Tuesday

Mrs. James McDonald, aged seventy-three years, a former Highland Park resident, died August tenth at Wilkesboro, N. C., after a two weeks' illness. Mrs. McDonald lived in Highland Park about twenty years, and has spent the past four years in Wilkesboro. Funeral services were read at the grave before the burial on Tuesday at Lake Forest. Mr. McDonald, who has been dead a number of years, conducted a general store on the site where the Erskine Bank now stands.

BLIND PIGGERS GET JAIL SENTENCE

Six Violators of Local Option Law Must Also Pay Fine Which Totals \$5250

Fines ranging from \$50 to \$1850, and a jail sentence ranging from 30 to 70 days, were meted out in the county court last Wednesday morning by County Judge Perry L. Persons, in the cases of the former saloon keepers who were found guilty of having sold liquor in violation of the local option law. Five of the six defendants were present in person to receive their sentences. Michael McGuire alone was absent. Five of the defendants were placed in the county jail immediately and started serving their jail sentences, and McGuire was locked up Friday.

The sentences imposed were as follows: William McCanney—Fined \$1850 and sentenced to serve 60 days in the county jail. Joseph Polansek—Fined \$1,100 and (Continued on Page 10)

MUNRO OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

TOURING NORTHERN ILLINOIS THIS WEEK

In His Campaign He Proposes to Show in Detail the Enormity of State Waste and Extravagance. Other Facts

Fayette S. Munro, of this city, the man who instituted the so-called Ferguson suits which have resulted in saving the state annually at least \$500,000.00, has started his state-wide campaign for the Republican nomination for Attorney General. Mr. Munro announces himself as a member of no faction or clique of the Republican Party and plans a straightforward campaign on his merits. He believes that the present campaign in Illinois up to this time has lacked anything of compelling interest and declares that, in his opinion, the average voter doesn't care a snap whether Mr. Deneen is a "rebel," politically speaking, or whether Messrs. Lowden, Thompson and Brundage are renegades, politically speaking, from the standpoint of Mr. Deneen.

"The public is not interested in knowing which faction of the Republican party wears the dirtiest linen," is the way Mr. Munro put it. "In both state and city affairs, the question the voter and taxpayer are asked to have answered is this: Do these political combinations feed on our money. If so, is there any way that we, as tax payers and citizens, can obtain greater return for our money from them?"

Mr. Munro in his campaign for Attorney General proposes to show in detail the enormity of state waste and extravagance. As the man who, without remuneration save his bare expenses, started and conducted the Ferguson suits, he learned much that bears directly on that subject. He accomplished the following—and the end is not yet:

Caused 166 legislators to pay back \$21,069.00 which they illegally had appropriated to themselves.

Abolished "special attorneys," one of whom drew from the state treasury \$85,629.00 in less than two years.

Knocked out fourteen moving legislative committees which were about to spend over \$200,000.00 of the State's money.

Exposed the Barratt O'Hara \$10,000 Vice Committee appropriations.

Caused to be stopped the practice by legislators of giving to themselves at each session about \$25,000 worth of jack-knives, combs, brushes, stationery and other gifts.

Exposed padded payrolls; stopped joy-riding by state men with a pull; exposed the forging of official state journals and contested deficiency appropriations amounting to \$428,804.00.

Mr. Munro started his campaign Tuesday with speeches at Libertyville and Waukegan. During the rest of the week he plans touring the northern tier of Illinois counties. In his first speeches he declared that Governor Dunne refused to prevent by the exercise of his veto power the grab of \$21,000 by which Lee O'Neil Browne and other state men planned to "reimburse themselves" for the loss of railroad passes. The governor, according to Mr. Munro, informed him that he would sign the bill giving Browne and his friends the money because, as the governor put it, he thought it best to "Let the boys have it."

Mr. Munro's speeches and campaign are attracting widespread attention not only in Illinois, but in other states where vigorous efforts to achieve efficient and honest government find a sympathetic response.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS REUNION

To be Held in Foss Park, North Chicago on Wednesday and Thursday August 23 and 24

The thirty-eighth annual reunion of soldiers and sailors of Lake County will be held at Foss Park, North Chicago, on Wednesday and Thursday, August 23 and 24. A very interesting program has been arranged. Free accommodations over night have been arranged for old soldiers and their wives.

HIGHLAND PARK DAY HALTED BY DOWNPOUR

TO CONTINUE CELEBRATION TODAY

Free Prize Drawing of Dozens of Useful Articles, Games, Basket Picnic and Dancing to be Leading Features

At a meeting of the Highland Park Business Men's Association on Monday evening, it was decided to hold a second Highland Park Day celebration this afternoon beginning at one o'clock, and lasting until midnight. Last week's celebration was unceremoniously halted by the rain, and if the elements favor our townsmen today the free prize drawing contest, the raffling, games and dancing will be continued.

The horticultural show at the Highland Park club, fortunately was not in any way affected by the rain, and every one who visited it was pleased with the variety of the exhibits. In the collection of perennial plants exhibited by Mr. W. C. Egan in which twenty-three named varieties were shown, was a distinct novelty of merit. A new dwarf pilox which will be introduced to the public next spring by H. A. Dreer under the name of "Wala." It is a dwarf branching variety with large flowering trusses of the purest white. Experts pronounce it the best introduction of recent years.

The committee wish to thank all those who sent exhibits, especially Mr. W. C. Egan, Mr. Wm. R. Kuffner, Mr. Julius Rosenwald, Mr. Geo. Peck, Mrs. Sleeman. To the judges special thanks are due for their interest in helping us to establish an Annual Floral Display.

The prizes for best parade floats were given as follows: Best decorated automobile, first Mrs. W. R. Ruffner, second Miss Edith Hanson. Best decorated auto truck, first Norrien Brothers, second F. D. Clavey, Ravinia Nurseries. Best decorated float, first Independent Order of Vikings, second Mr. Albert Larson. Best decorated wagon, first E. R. Reid, second August Haak. Best equestrian, first Miss Edith Ingdahl, second Miss Dorothy Supple. Best decorated bicycle, first Barbara Tapper, second Mary Baker, Cliona Uden and Gladys Udell. Best novelty, first Michael Rogan, second Harry Richards. Best comical bicycle, first Clifford Ferguson, second Francis Everett. The judges were Messrs. F. P. Hawkins, R. G. Evans and Alexander Robertson.

Prizes for the games were won by Richard, O'Brien, Mary Berube, J. R. Buxton, John Kelley, Mrs. Berube, Ben Siljestrom, Richard Martin, Mrs. Lacy McIlwaine. Water sport events were won by Martin Hart and Emmett Maroney.

The dance on Saturday night was a complete success, everybody enjoyed the dancing and other attractions to the fullest.

The business men are trusting that everyone will turn out this afternoon and aid in making this as pleasant and profitable an afternoon as possible.

A Few Observations by the General Chairman
I am now a firm believer in the power of concentrated human thought on belief. Every man, woman and child looking forward to Highland Park Day expected rain on that day and sure enough after nearly a month of drought the elements pick out the (Continued on page 7)

LETS CONTRACT FOR SHERIDAN ROAD

Village Board of Wilmette Expect Now Paving to be Ready in Sixty Days

The Chicago-Milwaukee highway project was given strong impetus on Tuesday night when the village board of Wilmette ratified a contract for the construction of pavement in Sheridan road from the sanitary district boundary to Kenilworth. The cost will be \$78,135.

The contract was awarded to John A. McGarry & Co., and the work is to be completed in sixty days.

The board meeting was attended by George Donoghue, engineer, and Francis O'Shaughnessy, attorney for the Lincoln park board, to whom maintenance control the paving will pass.

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