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LAKE COUNTY AND NEARBY NEWS NOTES

O'NEILL'S MIND UNBALANCED

Vernon Township to Vote on Saloon Question. Old Lake Co. Resident Dies. Stock Harbor With Fish

O'Neill's Mind Unbalanced

Relatives of Joseph O'Neill, a well-known hardware merchant of Lake Forest, have found it necessary to send him to Florida for the winter in the hopes of improving his mental condition. They left with him on Friday, January 26. For some weeks O'Neill has been showing marked times of mental abberation. Lately he has carried some sensational advertising and made remarkable claims about the sale of a certain brand of washing machine.

He claimed to have sold $10,000 worth of machines inside of a week, and dozens and dozens of machines were delivered at homes where they were never ordered and where the people in the house had never had any negotiation with him.

O'Neill would call people up at midnight or two, three or four o'clock in the morning and converse with them relative to the prospective purchase of one of the washing machines. He seemed to have washing machines "on the brain" and while he sold a number of the machines in question, the orders for hundreds of machines which he sent into the company which manufactures them, it so took them by surprise that they made an investigation and accordingly later refused to ship any machines.

To Vote On Saloons

Lake county will probably have one community which will be split wide open again, with a fight between the wet and dry forces, for Vernon township now has the right to vote on this question.

The stand which Mrs. Maude Knoll —popularly known as "Maude of Vernon", through the publicity she received last spring on the question, has been definitely decided in the negative by a supreme court ruling.

As the town clerk of Vernon, she refused to put on the ballot, the question calling for the wet and dry vote. As result, the election went by without voters of that district stating their views and the township remained in the dry column, accordingly.

Judge Edwards ruled that she did not have the right to prevent the balloting. The case was appealed, and his decision was affirmed. From the appellate court, it went to the supreme court, and the members of the highest tribunal sustained the lower courts in their rulings.

As result, the entire process is expected to be repeated by advocates of the saloon, and a stirring fight is anticipated. Other townships, which voted on the question last spring, are prevented from repeating their efforts for another year, at least.

Old Resident Dies

John Rouse, who would have been 88 years old had he lived until next March, passed away Sunday night at 8 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alice Mann, 325 Sherman place, Waukegan. Death is attributed to senility. Mr. Rouse was one of the oldest residents of Lake county.

John Rouse was born March 2, 1828 at Lincolnshire, England. He landed in New York in 1848 and went almost directly to Quincy, Ill. The trip required 15 days. 1853 he drove eight yoke of oxen to Chicago, remaining there three months, and then proceeding to Libertyville where he had lived ever since up to a short time ago.

Stock Harbor With Fish

Upwards of 6,000,000 fry were put in Lake Michigan off Waukegan Monday. This stocking of the lake with fish, followed consistently for the next few years, it is felt, will make the fishing ground of Waukegan as good as it was 20 or 30 years ago.

The fish fry were brought to Waukegan from the Spring Grove in a special car, constructed for that purpose. There were about 5,000,000 white and about a million trout. Henry Van Meteren, state game and fish commissioner together with C. B. Whitford, state fish culturist, and four assistants, came to Waukegan to supervise the depositing of the fry.

$60,000,000 FOR GOOD ROADS

County Seats of Illinois to be Connected by System of Permanent Highways

That Lake county may not need to pass its million dollar bond issue for good roads is a possibility through contemplated step by the legislature of the state of Illinois, by which there may be passed a state appropriation of $60,000,000 for improvement of highways in the commonwealth.

This word was brought back Saturday by County Clerk Lew A. Hendee, who as one of the legislative committee of state County Clerk's association has been in Springfield in the interests of that organization. He declares that the bill, which is nearly ready for introduction, seems to be favored among the legislators and that it will be passed this winter.

The aim of the bill is to connect all county seats by a system of highways of permanent nature. This will mean that outside of Sheridan road, there is to be a connecting link between Chicago and Waukegan and between Waukegan and Woodstock.

It is the understanding that the state will pave the roads and also maintain them, spreading the cost over the entire commonwealth. The state tax will pay for the cost of the improvement, and being spread over millions, will not be heavy on any individual.

Licenses from automobile owners yield millions to the state, and this revenue, it is expected, will be put into the improvement fund, lightening the burden on the taxpayers. The county would be unable to obtain the benefit of such a help, acting by itself.

Lake county's share in the great bond issue would be approximately $840,000.

Concrete is the material contemplated to be used in the construction.

FIREMEN APPOINTED

Council Passes Ordinances for Three Concrete Bridges and Two Brick Pavements

At Friday night's council meeting Mayor Hastings announced the appointment of Britton I. Budd and the members of the Fire Department Commission as Special Police Officers who will be furnished with the Mayor's Special Police Star.

Upon the recommendation of the Fire Department Commission the following persons were appointed members of the Fire Department:

Chief, E. E. Farmer.

Assistant Chief, Elmer Evans.

Driver No. 1, day man, Wm. Cummings.

Driver No. 2, night man, Fred Lindstrom.

Pipemen, John Frakes, Gus Leffert, Otto Loverntz, Richard Loverntz, George Loverntz, Oswald Schaefer, Charles Sheahen, James Sheahen, Lloyd Sheahen and Harold Root.

The ordinance providing for the paving, with brick, of First Street and Oakwood Avenue, was finally passed, having remained on file in the office of the City Clerk for one week as provided by law.

Ordinances were also passed for the construction of three concrete bridges, one in St. Johns Avenue, between Bloom Street and Moraine Road; one in Hazel Avenue near Dale and one in Linden Avenue between Ravine Avenue and Sheridan Road, all to remain on file in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection, until finally passed.

An ordinance for the paving of Sheridan Road from its intersection with Dean Avenue, south to the County Line Road, was passed and is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

MOVIES FOR NEXT WEEK

Clara Kimball Young in "The Rise of Susan" Tuesday, and "The Secret Kingdom," Friday

Next week's movie bill includes the following: "The Shine Girl", Sunday, Four acts of Vaudeville, Monday, "The Rise of Susan," Tuesday, "The House Built Upon Sand", Wednesday, "The Phantom Buccaneer" and a Black Diamond Comedy, Thursday "The Yellow Pawn", and "The Secret Kingdom", Friday, and "Nanette of the Wilds", and Cartoon pictures on Saturday evening.

FEBRUARY AT THE HIGHLAND PARK CLUB

BURBANK LECTURE, 13th

Exceptionally Fine Motion Pictures During the Month. Illustrated Lectures on the 13th and 15th

Society is beginning to feel just a little fatigued at the present time, and the coming of Lent, the "forty days and forty nights" of quiet, on the twenty-first of this month, will no doubt be welcomed by the "gay goers".

The Highland Park Club, though it has just passed through a very active season of "affairs", has issued the February program card, and it is full of activities for the coming four weeks.

Ossoli days are to be, the first (today) a study class, Saturday evening at eight o'clock, an open meeting to hear Dr. Edward A. Steiner, Thursday afternoon the fifteenth, a study class, and on Tuesday afternoon, the twenty-seventh, "The Changing of the Orient" by Dr. Herbert L. Willett. Notices of each of these Ossoli meetings will be found in another part of the paper.

Motion pictures are to be given on the second (tomorrow evening), Paul Rainey's Hunt", Thursday the eighth at four and eight-thirty o'clock, Oliver Goldsmith's Masterpiece, "The Vicar of Wakefield", Friday the sixteenth, Andrew Mack in "The Ragged Earl", and on the twenty-third.

Dances will be given on the ninth and on the twentieth, the latter being a pre-lenten dance.

Cards will be the features of the evening on the sixth.

Two of the special features of the month are, Luther Burbank's stereoptican lecture on "The Man and His Method", on the sixteenth and, Harry C. Osterander's illustrated lecture, slides and motion pictures on "Ninety Minutes Around the World."

FREEZE-UP OF GAS MAIN

Entire North Shore South of Waukegan Inconvenienced by Shortage of Gas Tuesday and Wednesday

On Tuesday afternoon the North Shore Gas Co. discovered that the large main just south of Waukegan, which supplies all the North Shore Cities to the south, was gradually going out of gas, due to a freeze up, but it was not until six o'clock that evening that the gas was entirely out. All night Tuesday and all day Wednesday every available man was put on the job in the attempt to thaw it out, and at 6:15 last night the task was accomplished.

There was some gas in the mains at all times, but not enough to supply the consumers at meal times when the "pull" is the heaviest. Cold lunches were very much in style yesterday and great inconvenience was suffered by many, The Press being one of them. Our linotype machine was idle for several hours, there not being enough gas to keep the metal hot enough to "cast," which requires 550 degrees.

VESPERS ON SUNDAY

"King Robert of Sicily" Poem to be Read by Rev. Zydeman of Evanston, at Presbyterian Church

The February Vesper Service at the Presbyterian Church is a very unique one and promises to usher in a series of very interesting services. Just how these services can be made more attractive than they have been seemed impossible, but those in charge have introduced an idea which tends to make a good thing even better. The plan is to have a reading in place of vocal or instrument selections. Rev. John N. Zydeman who is assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Ill., will read, "King Robert of Sicily", by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, with a musical setting by Rosetter G. Cole

The organ, which is always a delight to hear, will, on this occasion be heard in a beautiful program of selections. The hour is set for four-thirty and the service lasts one hour.

NATION-WIDE PUBLICITY

Saturday Evening Post Devotes two Pages Describing Association of North Shore Municipalities

The experiment in cooperative government, tried out by the eleven North Shore municipalities, the organization formed last fall with Samuel M. Hastings, mayor of Highland Park as the leading spirit, has been given national publicity.

Will Payne is the author of the article, which takes up two full pages in the Saturday Evening Post.

After relating the way in which the Association of North Shore Municipalities developed, the author describes the organization in detail, telling of its objects, and the unique idea involved. The article announces the experiment of linking separate cities which do not wish to be placed under Chicago's corrupt domination, and which prefer to maintain their own identity, into one really large business corporation, is unique in civic history. Payne declares the idea a "business man's scheme," holding that efficiency is the dominating idea. He dwells on the proposed project of one filter plant for the North Shore, of cooperative buying of supplies, of uniform engineering methods, etc.

NEW TELEPHONE SERVICE

No Longer Necessary to Call Long Distance Operator to Talk to Glencoe

On Saturday night, January 27, The Chicago Telephone Company put into effect a new method if handling toll calls beteween Highland Park and Glencoe. Hereafter when a Highland Park subscriber wishes to call a Glencoe number, he may give his call to the local operator. It will, therefore, not be necessary to call the long distance operator.

The telephone company has had this method in operation in several of the north shore exchanges and is now extending it to Highland Park. It is of value to subscribers inasmuch as the connection is made without delay, while the subscriber is still at the telephone.

In its February bills the company sent notices to its Highland Park subscribers that it will hereafter be unnecessary to call for long distance to get Glencoe connections.

OSSOLI OPEN MEETING

Dr. Edward A. Steiner of Grinnelle College to Speak Saturday Evening at Highland Park Club

On Saturday evening at eight o'clock the Ossoli Club will present Dr. Edward A. Steiner of Grinnelle College, Grinnelle, Iowa, who will speak on "The Challenge of the American Spirit", at the Highand Park Club. The meeting is an open one, there being no charge for guests.

Those who heard Dr. Steiner at the Fathers and Sons Banquet at the high school last winter are going to make an effort to hear him again. Dr. Steiner has a message which is sure to please all who hear him, and his coming to Highland Park is deserving of a large audience.

PUSH PAY-UP WEEK PLANS

Business Men's Association and Residents Enter Into Nation-Wide Campaign

The plans for the Highland Park Business Men's Association to take part in the national Pay-up Week, which is to be held, February 19 to 24, are meeting with great success. Nearly every merchant in Highland Park has signified his willingness to take part in the campaign, and the work in the publicity end is progressing rapidly.

MORE NEW STEEL CARS

C. N. S. & Milwaukee R. R. Continue to Receive Cars of the New Type Recently Adopted

The Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee R. R. received last Friday, five more of their new type steel cars. This is part delivery on their recent order of fifteen. They expect three new dining cars within ten days and seven combination passenger and baggage cars before the end of the month.

MEETING OF ASSOCIATION OF NORTH SHORE MUNICIPALITIES

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO PLAN FOR EQUALIZATION OF TAX VALUATIONS

General Order of Business Transacted and Reports Received from Standing Committees. Large Attendance

The regular monthly meeting of the Association of North Shore Municipalities was held on Friday evening, January 26th, with a large attendance of the members from the various municipalities belonging to the Association.

Several matters of interest in connection with the work of the Association were discussed particularly that with reference to the "Equalization of Tax Valuations," which seemed to be foremost in the minds of many of those present, due, no doubt, to the fact that all had been the recipients of tax bills from the Town Collectors for 1916 taxes.

President Hastings said that the Association would accomplish invaluable good to the tax-payers of the municipalities belonging to the Association if they would follow the suggestion of Mayor Lewis of Lake Forest, made at the last meeting, with reference to employing an expert on real estate to make a scientific valuation on all property from Wilmette to Waukegan, for the purpose of aiding the assessors in placing valuations on property for taxing purposes.

Replying to President Hasting's remarks, Mr. Fred D. Jackson, President of the Glencoe Park Board, in the course of a very interesting address revealed many startling facts and features in substantiation of these suggestions and of the good that had been accomplished in New Trier Township by having the valuations made precisely along the lines suggested by Mayor Lewis.

Mr. Jackson jokingly remarked that he had been the principal goat under the old regime of improper valuations, and had tried for a great many years to get a scientific re-valuation, having found in Glencoe houses that had been built about 40 years without ever being on the tax book and a number that had been carried as vacant lots.

"Having given this matter a great deal of thought and consideration we decided to elect an assessor who was in sympathy with our movement," said Mr. Jackson, "and then employed Mr. Terry of Murray and Terry, who had more knowledge than anyone else of the actual real estate valuations in the Township. Their first step in this connection was to make a record of every person owning property in New Trier Township. A duplicate set of books was made up which contained only the legal descriptions. The valuation on vacant property was first fixed at so much per front foot and afterwards the actual value on a conservative basis. They then took the water lists of the various towns, figuring that a house that didn't get water was not worth putting on the books, and in that way went over every piece of improved property. Then they took last year's tax books and checked up to see that those of last year were on this year's books. I hate to tell you that 30 per cent of the buildings were not on the tax books. We had cases where a lot would be divided into two pieces, one-half being placed at a high value and the other half at a low value. We also found property, not a great deal of it, that was assessed at more than its full value. They found also that it was vitally important to keep a memorandum of all new buildings erected during the year in order that the assessor may be informed. It is a physical impossibility for any assessor to make a proper assessment without full facts and assistance of this nature. These gentlemen did the work for $1200.00. The total cost to the Village Government of Glencoe was $74.94 and to the Park Board—$23.77 and $100.09 to Glencoe School Board, which represents our proportion of the cost."

"The assessor when he found the difference between the value of the property as shown by Mr. Terry's statement and the value as shown by his predecessor got "cold feet". He was afraid of the terrific amount of advance, and in order to reconcile his conscience and the increase in valuations adopted the method of taking as the entire value, ⅝ of the full value fixed by Murray and Terry and 1-3 of this ⅝ to cover the assessed valuation, which the different taxing bodies used as a basis in making their annual tax levy. While this is in accordance with the provisions of the taxing laws the method employed by the assessor necessitated a high tax rate, in order that the different taxing bodies could get sufficient funds for their needs. The comparison of these rates with other municipalities is misleading."

"The real estate experts had the valuations at anywhere from 80 per cent to 100 per cent of what they really should have been, so that the assessed value was anywhere from 10 per cent to 12½ per cent of the actual value of the property. Our rate was 9.82 so that our taxes were

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REV. P. C. WOLCOTT HONORED

Religious and Social Gatherings Yesterday Mark Long Epoch of Loyalty Between Pastor and Congregation

Wednesday, January 31st was red letter day in Trinity Church, for it marked the completion of twenty-five years of unbroken and affectionate relations between pastor and people and the expressions of loyalty and good will which came from every side made a wonder demonstration of the influence for good exerted by a long pastorate.

In the morning at 10:45 there was a solemn Eucharist in the church at which Dr. Wolcott was the celebrant. Bishop Anderson preached, the Suffragan Bishop, Dr. Griswold was the gospeler and Father Kinney, the oldest priest, but one in the Diocese, was the Epispoler. About fifty of the clergy of the Episcopal church came from Chicago and took part in the service.

The church was filled by a devout congregation and the music was beautifully rendered by the regular choir, reenforced by volunteers.

After the service in the church, the ladies of Trinity Guild served a bountiful luncheon to the visiting clergy in the Parish House. At the close of the luncheon the Rev. J. H. Edwards of Lake Forest, acted as toastmaster and introduced the speakers in a happy way. Mr. John V. Norcross, spoke on behalf of the vestry. Mr. R .L. Sandwick spoke for the high school and emphasised Dr. Wolcott's civic activities on the school library boards. The Rev. E. J. Randall and Rev. Dr. George Craig Stewart of Evanston, spoke for the clergy and the Suffragan Bishop, who came to the Parish for the first time spoke for Dr. Wolcott's friends outside the Diocese, and with well-chosen words thanked the ladies for the gracious and abundant hospitality.

In the evening in spite of the inclemency of the weather about two hundred and fifty attended the reception given in honor of the Rector and his wife. The Parish House was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flags, flowers and smilax by Mrs. W. C. Egan. Refreshments were served and music was provided during the evening by Mr. Webster and the gentlemen of the choir, the Rev. Mr. Kimball of Milwaukee, an accomplished violinist, Mrs. George Lytton, Mrs. George Nichols and Miss Priscilla Carver. Bishop and Mrs. Anderson were present again and the Bishop spoke a few words of greeting to the company.

Friends were present not only from every church in Highland Park, but from other North Shore towns.

It was socially a brilliant affair and a remarkable demonstration of affection and loyalty for Dr. and Mrs. Wolcott, who in addition to the congratulations were the recipients of many handsome and substantial tokens of esteem.